East Morton CE Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Friday 16th October 2026

THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

On Tuesday, our Pupil Parliament came together for its first meeting of the year. The children explored the structure of the parliament and shared ideas about future actions, school priorities, and fundraising opportunities.

On Thursday, some of our pupils took part in a cross-country competition, demonstrating determination and resilience. Well done to everyone who participated!

On Friday, Year 4 enjoyed a fantastic visit to Murton Park for a 'Vikings Day experience'. The children had the opportunity to bring their history learning to life through a range of fun and engaging activities linked to their history topic. Year 5 also enjoyed an interesting and informative lesson in sustainability thanks to Alexandra's dad. Thank you for your expertise Mr Hellmund!

We were pleased to welcome pupils from Academy St James on Friday afternoon for our BDAT Brass Band rehearsal, where the children enjoyed making music together and developing their performance skills.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday-Wednesday
- Year 6 Residential

Tuesday
- Fluoride varnishing (Nursery/Reception)

Wednesday
- Year 5 Pupil parliament to BDAT Youth Board meeting

Thursday
- **Non-uniform for Oldside** (**orange** house), this half term's Dojo House point winners



Friday
- **School Closed** (Staff at BDAT Conference)

VALUES EDUCATION

Thursday was a special day as we celebrated our Harvest Festival. A huge thank you to all our families for the generous donations. Your kindness and support were greatly appreciated. Our Nursery children were also very proud to share the pumpkins they had grown, and it was lovely to see them enjoying the results of their hard work.

SAFEGUARDING

Simple tips to celebrate safely this Bonfire Night

As Bonfire Night draws near, West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service (WYFRS) is reminding residents across the region to celebrate safely and responsibly.

While bonfires and fireworks can be fun for friends and family of all ages, they also carry significant risks if not handled correctly. Every year WYFRS respond to incidents that could have been prevented with a few simple precautions.

This year firefighters are strongly encouraging people to attend organised public displays wherever possible. These events are professionally managed, adhere to safety standards, and offer a safer alternative to home celebrations.

However, if you do choose to mark Bonfire Night at home, it's vital to follow key safety guidance to protect yourself, your loved ones, Please follow this link for further information.



STARS OF THE WEEK



Page Turner Stars:

Zakariya (Rec)
Lola (Y1)
Xander (Y2)



Sport Stars:

Poppy (Rec)
Penelope (Y1)
Ollie (Y2)



Value Stars:

Diane (Rec)
Freddie (Y1)
Nelly (Y2)

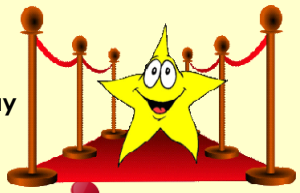
This week's **Attendance Award Winners**

Year 4



NOTICEBOARD

Final call for entries
If your child has achieved something outside of school that they are proud of, we would love to include a mention in Morton Mag's Hall of Fame.
Please email details with a photo of your child by Monday morning at the latest!



Fluenz Vaccinations Still Available
Following this week's Fluenz Vaccinations in school, the Immunisation Team have re-opened the online booking system. If enough children are signed up for the vaccine, they will arrange an extra session in school; if not they will contact you with details of clinics that you could attend. Please complete the online consent with **ref BF145072**.

School dinners
Next week's menu will be **Menu 1**. Visit the school website for current menus. For more detailed nutritional info, visit the caterer's website.

Please note that there will be **a new menu starting after half term**. Look out further details coming soon.

Valuables in School
Please could you make sure that children know that they should not bring valuables into school. We have had instances where children have been seen showing off £10 notes to their friends during break times.

Diary Dates for Autumn term 2
Here are the key dates for the next half term.

02 Nov	Back to school
11-13 Nov	Year 5 Residential – Castle Head
11 Nov	Remembrance Day
08 Dec	KS2 Carol service at St Luke's (2.00pm and 6.00pm)
10 Dec	Reception/KS1 Nativity performance (afternoon & evening)
14 Dec	Nursery Nativity
16 Dec	Rocksteady performance to parents
17 Dec	Christmas Music concert (6.00pm)
18 Dec	Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch Last day of term (break up for Christmas hols)

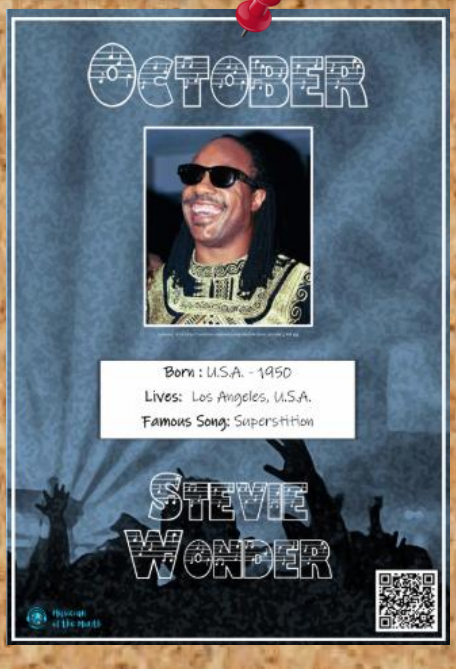
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Uniform reminder
Please can we remind parents/carers that leggings and trainers are not school uniform. We would appreciate your support in ensuring that children come to school in the correct uniform.

Absence requests
All requests for absence during school time, other than for medical appointments, should be submitted using **Bradford's online request form**.

Important Reminder for Year 6 parents/carers
The deadline for applying for a secondary school place for your child for next September is fast approaching. **Applications should be submitted online no later than the 31st October**. Deadline.

Polite notice
We love welcoming families and visitors into our school. Please help us keep it a safe, kind and respectful place for everyone. Thank you for working with us to make our school community the best it can be. Please follow the link to see the BDAT code of conduct for visitors



Friends of East Morton CE Primary School

Friends of Morton
On Wednesday, our fantastic PTA organised a movie night in the school hall, where 81 children enjoyed watching Toy Story 5 with their friends. Thank you to our PTA for putting together such a lovely event for the children to enjoy.

The team are now busy with their festive event planning. Look out for further announcements in next week's Morton Mag.

Spare clothes request
If you have any spare knickers in good condition and any school bottoms (particularly for girls) that your child has grown out of, which would be suitable for EYFS children, Nursery and Reception would appreciate them in case of unexpected 'accidents' at school, as our current supplies are running low.



If the clothes bin is full, please **do not leave bags by the bin** as these will not be collected.

Spaces available in school
We currently have spaces available in Nursery and Years 2, 3, 5 & 6. Please feel free to pass this information on to anyone who might be interested.

