East Morton CE Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Friday 9th October 2026

THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

On Monday, we welcomed visitors from the Economist Educational Foundation, who met with our Year 6 Pupil Parliament and BDAT Youth Board representatives to hear pupils' views on how current affairs are taught and discussed in school. They led a current affairs lesson with Year 6 exploring the topic of 'Loneliness in the Digital Age', and were impressed by the pupils' thoughtful contributions.
On Friday, Year 2 enjoyed a visit to Skipton Castle as part of their History curriculum, bringing their learning to life through a hands-on experience. Meanwhile, Year 5 took part in a printing workshop with local artist Tom Duxbury, developing their creative skills and producing some beautiful prints inspired by their class text, 'The Angel of Grasmere'.
We also held our Friends (PTA) AGM on Thursday evening and appreciate their continued support.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday
- **Individual portraits** by School Photo Co.

Wednesday
- **Fluenz Vaccinations** – see link on noticeboard if not already signed up
- Friends of Morton Movie Night

Thursday
- Harvest Service
- **KS2 Cross Country race** at Baildon CE Primary
- **Year 5** residential information meeting for parents/carers, **5.30pm**

Friday
- **Year 4** Viking Day at Murton Park

SAFEGUARDING

With the clocks due to go back in a couple of weeks and the evenings getting darker, please help your children keep safe by making sure they are following the '**Be Bright Be Seen**' advice, which is to wear fluorescent or brightly coloured clothing (like neon pink, yellow, or green) during daytime and dusk (dull/foggy weather), but to be aware that fluorescent clothing does not work after dark or glow in the dark without an external light source. At nighttime and darkness, children should instead wear reflective gear or tape, as reflective materials bounce light back to motorists when car headlights shine on them, making children visible from a much greater distance.

Harvest Donations wanted

Next Thursday we will be holding our Harvest Service and we are once again inviting donations of dried or tinned food (non-perishable and in-date) to donate to the Keighley Salvation Army Food Bank. Please bring these into school by Thursday.



Thank you!

VALUES EDUCATION

On Monday, Mrs Proctor spoke to the children about the Ten Commandments and how they can guide us in living a good and caring life. On Tuesday, the Zephaniah Trust led worship, sharing a story of kindness and generosity. On Wednesday, we enjoyed another fun Open the Book worship. On Thursday, Bingley White Watch visited Year 5 and Year 6 to deliver an important bonfire safety talk. Mrs Petts also spoke to Reception and Key Stage 1 pupils on the same topic, while Years 3 and 4 took part in discussions about how to stay safe around bonfires and fireworks.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Page Turner Stars:
Henry (Y3)
Elizabeth (Y4)
Oliver (Y5)
Penny (Y6)

Sport Stars:
Amily (Y3)
Eliza (Y4)
Zahra (Y5)
Alirio (Y6)

Value Stars:
Beatrice (Y3)
Rafe (Y4)
Alexandra (Y5)
Rosalind (Y6)

This week's **Attendance Award Winners**

Year 3



NOTICEBOARD

Hall of Fame 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 next Friday, 16th October.



Fluenz immunistion Reminder
The seasonal flu vaccine will be administered in school on **Wednesday 14th October** by the NHS immunisation team. Please complete the online consent form, **even if you do not want** your child to be immunised:
https://www.bradfordschoolimmunisations.co.uk//Forms/Flu?schoolcode=BF145072

Squishy Danger!
Please do not send 'Squishes' into school, even as fidget tools, as they contain allergens and chemical irritants.



School dinners
Next week's menu will be **Menu 3** Visit the school website for current menus. For more detailed nutritional info, visit the caterer's website.

Diary Dates 2026-27
Here are the key dates for this half term.

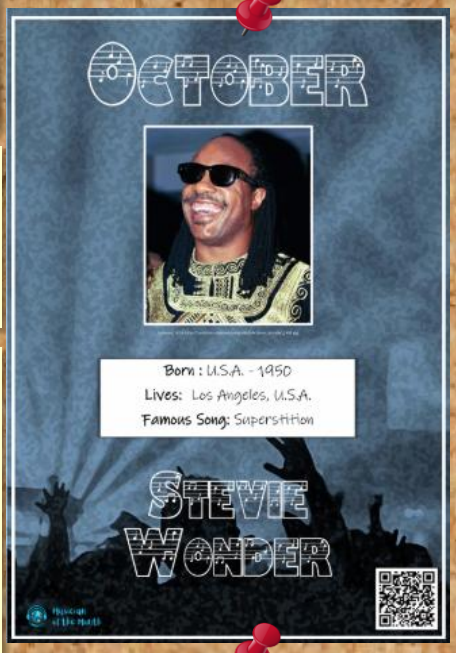
19-21 Oct	Year 6 Residential – PGL
20 Oct	Flouride Varnish Application – Nursery, Reception plus Year 1 continuation
22 Oct	Last day of term (break up for October half term)
23 Oct	School closed (Teacher Training)

Family Friendly Events at local arts centre
Bingley Arts Centre offers a programme of family-friendly events, many of which can be accessed through their 'Pay What You can' scheme.
For a full list of events suitable for families which are coming up this October to January, visit bingleyartscentre.co.uk/category/family

Follow us on Facebook for regular updates and news.

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.

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



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

Parking around school
Please be mindful of where you are parking at drop-off and pick-up time. We have had complaints from locals about people parking on pavements and also too close to traffic islands and junctions, making the road impassable. Please leave enough time to avoid 'panic parking'!

Friends of Morton
It was lovely to meet & see so many parents this week, during the parents' evenings…we hope the "Well Done Donuts" were enjoyed by the children (and quite a few dads!). Thankyou for your support.
Last night we held our **AGM**. Please find attached a copy of my report and our financial summary.
When I began writing this, even I underestimated how much we'd done in the last year!! I didn't want to miss anything!
Our main school investments have been purchasing the House Colour Gazebos, which will be put to good use during school events in years to come, the Sensory Outdoor Education Dome (located between the main school building & Nursery), subsidising the Yr 5 & Yr 6 Residential Trips, contributing to the Wonderlab Planetarium and paying for essential SEN equipment.

There are only a few spaces left for next Wednesday's **Movie Night**.. please see the flyer below. Please book to avoid disappointment. Dietary requirements will be fully accommodated.



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.

