



"The World for our Children, our Children for the World"

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Family Newsletter 5th September 2025

Dear Families,

Welcome back to the new academic year, and a special welcome to all families joining us, in Reception and further up the school. We really appreciate your hard work in preparing children to start the term smoothly and positively. The school has been buzzing with excitement right from the start! Reception children have settled in well, enjoying their classroom and new classmates, as well as being supported by their amazing Year 6 'buddies'! Year 6 children have relished this role, and we are very grateful for the care they have shown across the week.



A reminder that staff are always available for anything you need. Please email the office and they will get back to you outside of teaching hours to help. You can contact me in the same way.

Parent Welcome Meetings

We would like to invite you to a short information session with your child's class teacher to find out more about the year ahead. Class teachers will discuss routines and learning, intended to support you with organisation and how you can help at home. Sessions will also include information on supporting your child with reading at home and are invaluable for setting good reading routines.

Wrens and Swallows (KS1): Tuesday 16th September, 2.45pm in the Sports Hall.

Puffins, Herons, Red Kites (KS2): **Thursday 18th September, 2.45pm in Classrooms**

Handouts / materials will be available after the event for parents who are unable to join.

I am looking forward to reconnecting with each of you for the happy, busy and exciting term ahead!

Mrs Sánchez



Class and learning information available on the school website

Term 1 letters to parents and learning webs have been posted by teachers on the [school website](#). These can be found under the classes tab of the website menu. Please do take a look to find out about new routines, PE days, reading expectations and learning for the half term.

Drop off and pick up logistics

Thank you for ensuring that your child arrives settled and ready for the day at 8.35am. Learning activities are set at this time. **If your child misses this early morning work, they will be missing a full week, 31 hours, of learning across the year compared to their peers!**

Drop off and collection arrangements for each class are as follows:

- Wrens and Swallows (Reception, Year 1, Year 2): **Playground Gate**
- Puffins, Herons and Red Kites (Y3,4,5,6): **Front gate**

Where you have siblings within the school, please use the gate for the youngest sibling. Please adhere to the gate allocations above as this is how we ensure a safe handover.

Parents of Reception children - thank you so much for supporting such a settled morning routine into school. Your children have been so impressive in their attitudes and enthusiasm for their new school, and we know that you have put in lots of work preparing them for this. We really appreciate it.

From next week, we ask that you bring children to the garden and support them to enter through the classroom door independently - we will of course be on hand to help.

Food and eating guidance

It's wonderful to have Claire Greenaway back in the kitchen making her yummy lunches for the children each day. Lunchtimes are happy and sociable - and most children say it's their favourite thing about school!

New eating guidelines in schools are now in place, and we wanted to take the opportunity to remind parents so we can create healthy eating habits for your child.

- Fruit snacks are available to those who have purchased snack card in KS2, and fruit is provided free to children in Wrens and Swallows via the Government scheme. For those KS2 children who bring their own snack, these must be **whole pieces of fruit or vegetables**, or grapes / cherry tomatoes cut in half lengthways.
- **Water bottles must contain water only.** No squash is permitted due to sugar content and damage to teeth.
- **We are not permitted to give out sweets or cake for children's birthdays**, but we make their day special in lots of other ways.
- **We are a nut-free school** to ensure a safe environment for children with allergies. Please ensure packed lunches are nut-free (check no cereal bars, hazelnut spread, peanut butter).

Extra-curricular clubs now available for booking

We are proud to run over 30 extra-curricular clubs at South Moreton each year, with a variety of sports, skills and fun on offer.

Our [Term 1 club information is here](#) - it would be lovely to see as many children as possible taking up these opportunities at South Moreton, to develop themselves outside the usual curriculum. Clubs are lots of fun, providing downtime with friends - a playdate at school!

Please email the Office to book your child's place. Clubs will run for 6 weeks starting next week.

If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium funding, you may choose a club each half term at no charge.

Day	Club offer	
Monday <i>8th Sept - 13th Oct 2025</i>	Tag Rugby (All ages) Learning about Tag rugby rules and then participating in teams. In the last session the KS2 children will then coach the younger children showing their skills they have developed.	
Tuesday <i>9th Sept - 14th Oct 2025</i>	Robotics and coding (All ages) Come and develop projects with our fabulous robotics and coding equipment! Beebots, Micro:bits and our new gyro balls. Developing skills for tomorrow's world with lots of fun and creativity!	
Wednesday <i>10th Sept - 15th Oct 2025</i>	Lego Masters (All) A favourite at South Moreton! A creative wonderland of Lego challenges designed to develop critical thinking, teamwork and technical skills!	Chess/board games (KS2) A variety of games to challenge, inspire and enjoy downtime with friends. Learning different strategies during each game.
Thursday <i>11th Sept - 16th Oct 2025</i>	Art club (All ages) A variety of art projects to develop skills and use of materials.	Badminton (KS2) An exciting club to develop skills in a sport much-loved by our pupils.

Your child needs these labelled things every day!

Water bottle

Waterproof coat

Plimsolls (these remain in school)

Correct uniform

Teachers will be conducting uniform checks next week and will be in touch if your child does not have the correct items.

Our cloakrooms are not large enough for each child to bring a school bag, and these are not necessary.

Pupil Premium eligibility - help us to support your child

Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals and a variety of other financial supports, and school receives additional funding to support your child's teaching and learning. Please help us to claim this funding by contacting the Office if you are in receipt of one of the following benefits.

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400.
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance

- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

Parking request

For parents using the Clements Green / playground entrance, this is our emergency access to the school. **Access must not be blocked by parked cars.** Please also do not block parked cars belonging to residents in the village. We are grateful to all parents for driving and parking safely.

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into the school day to discuss and celebrate with your child.
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