



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

Headteacher: Mrs C. Sánchez

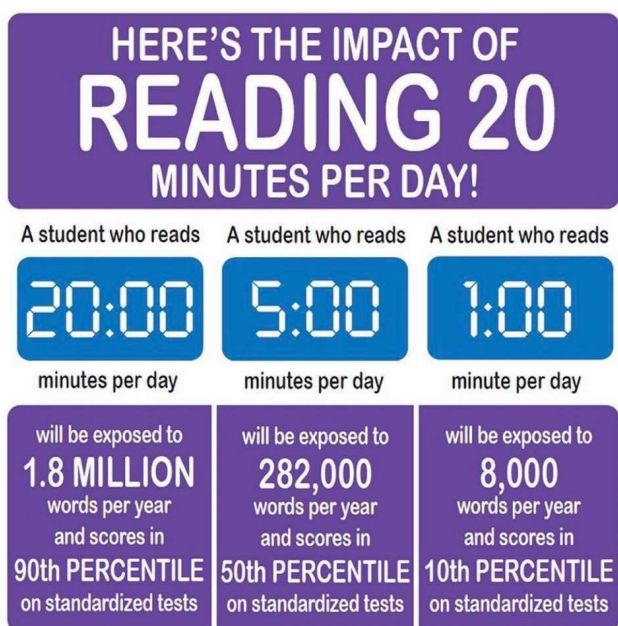
Family Newsletter 19th September 2025

Dear Families,

Launching South Moreton's Reading Nights

An important focus for the school this term is to support children to build better reading habits at home. This is because the attainment gaps created within cohorts are very noticeable where this isn't happening. We don't set homework at South Moreton, because research says that it isn't impactful at Primary level, and because when we surveyed families previously, you found homework to be stressful, disconnected and difficult to support.

However, you know that we are steadfast in our passion to ensure that reading at home is an embedded part of families' day to day lives. In contrast to homework, **reading is the single most important way that parents can support their child's academic success.**



We are launching our Reading Nights programme, supporting children to develop better reading habits that will build their education success, as well as valuable opportunities for rest, wellbeing and self-care. And let's not forget the emotional value of that snuggle time reading with parents!

4 Reading Nights in a week Monday - Thursday = 1 point for competition and prizes!
Diaries are checked and Reading Nights counted every Friday.

READING NIGHTS

AT SOUTH MORETON

**We don't set homework at South Moreton
(research says it's not impactful for Primary pupils, and
parents told us they agree)**

BUT - we do expect children to read at home.

1 night of Reading = 1 "Reading Night"

15 minutes R / KS1, 20 mins KS2

Recorded in their Reading Diary

4 nights = 1 point to win prizes

**Reading is the single biggest way parents can support their
child's academic success.**

HOW WE MEASURE

Engagement in reading at home forms part of our assessment of your child. Those that don't read, fall behind.

Children should read at home every day Monday - Thursday. Reading diaries are checked on a Friday.

Those with 4 Reading Nights will be entered to win prizes for their House and Class.



What do we need to do?

Wrens and Swallows parents: Please read with your child each evening, using the questions in the back of the book to build their understanding of what they have read. Our [ActiveLearn walk through here](#) gives more information on how books are laid out and how to use the online platform, and [this video shows how to pronounce sounds carefully](#) - arguably your most important role!

For Year 2 children moving away from the Bug Club scheme, please use the [VIPERS questions here](#) to support your child's understanding of what they have read.

Puffins, Herons and Red Kites: Please support your child to protect 20 minutes each evening to read, and use the [VIPERS reading questions here](#) to engage in conversations about what they have read. Children can independently record their reading in their diaries but please check that this is done correctly.

Here is an example of what a completed reading diary should look like:

Date	Book title and page number	Parent/Teacher/Pupil Comments
2/6	Percy Jackson book 1 p127-139	We predicted what would happen in the next chapter.
3/6	" p140-163	New words: vile, dire
4/6	" p164-end	I summarised the end events to us.
5/6	Bear Grylls Blizzard Challenge p1-35	We discussed survival skills! (finished over weekend)

Date	Book title and page number	Parent/Teacher/Pupil Comments
9/6	Bear Grylls Survival Skills Handbook	Lots of Learning and 'what if' questions!
10/6	The Land of Roar p1-42	I explained what he knew of the story you read in class.
11/6	" p43-62	Character discussion.
12/6	" p63-87	New words tendrils, ominous, summon.

Spellings get stuck in here

Spellings get stuck in here

Date: _____

Teachers are looking forward to celebrating the children's successes, and being able to engage better in discussions about books and children's reading progress. We really appreciate your renewed focus on this to further build your child's academic success. Thank you so much for your support.

Mrs Sanchez
Headteacher

Your child needs these labelled things every day!
(We already have a lost property pile of soft, brand new, unlabelled sweatshirts...!)

Water bottle
Waterproof coat
Plimsolls (these remain in school)
Reading diary and reading book
Correct uniform

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

Government assessment information for parents:

The Government has published information leaflets for parents, informing you of statutory assessments taking place for your child across the year.

Reception baseline assessment: information for parents

15 September 2025

Guidance

Phonics screening check: information for parents (Year 1 and Year 2 retakes)

15 September 2025

Guidance

Multiplication tables check: information for parents (Year 4)

15 September 2025

Guidance

Key stage 2 national curriculum tests and results: information for parents (Year 6)

15 September 2025

Guidance

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.

We have a few places left in clubs for this term - [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. **If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium funding, you may choose a club each half term at no charge.**

Day	Club offer	
Monday 8th Sept - 13th Oct 2025	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 9th Sept - 14th Oct 2025	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 10th Sept - 15th Oct 2025	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 11th Sept - 16th Oct 2025	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.

PTA Colour Run, Friday 26th September

Our wonderful PTA supports the school by organising fantastic fundraising events across the year. The colour run promises to be huge fun, and lots of children are signed up (closes today). **Please note that parents are responsible for supervising their own children during the event. Parents of participating children may collect them from their classrooms at 15:10 and proceed to the School Field. Children who are not attending the event should be collected from the school gates as usual.**



South Moreton Rainbow Run

Date:
Friday
26th Sept 2025
Time:
3.30pm to 5.30pm
Where:
School Field

WE NEED HELPERS!!

Please get in contact if you can help on the day.

- * Powder throwers *
- * Water throwers *
- * Field marshalls *

Entry Fee: £5
includes medal, certificate and sponsor form

Entry Fee & signed Waiver Form to be returned **by Friday 19th Sept**

Return **sponsorship forms** on **Friday 26th Sept**

Don't forget your:

- **White t-shirt**
- **Goggles or Sunglasses**

Email:
southmoretonprimary.schoolpta@gmail.com

ChatHealth Text Messaging Service

Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust School Health Nurses offers a secure and confidential text messaging service that connects healthcare professionals with parents, providing discreet assistance, guidance, and support direction. Messages are usually answered within one working day Monday-Friday, excluding Bank holidays. Text number: 07312263227.

ParentLine 5-11 years

School Health Nursing messaging service for parents and carers of children 5-11 years attending state schools or home educated in Oxfordshire



Text School Health Nurses for advice on issues such as:

- diet & healthy lifestyles
- toileting
- sleep
- bullying
- support with behaviours
- general and emotional health

Or scan QR code here to start a chat

Text **07312 263227**

to message a school health nurse

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

Don't forget to join our **@SouthMoretonPrimary** Facebook page!
We welcome you to search and 'like' so that you get the best insight
into the school day to discuss and celebrate with your child.
www.facebook.com/SouthMoretonPrimary

