



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

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Family Newsletter

26th September 2025

Dear Families,

Over the past couple of weeks we have spent time together as a school in assemblies, reflecting what makes South Moreton special. We have focused on the highest level of our vision with the children, who know our school promise, and that at South Moreton, children will be given everything they need in order to contribute to the world of tomorrow.

We break our promise down into 3 strands, and we focus everything we do in school on those:

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Academic Excellence

Mental Health and
Resilience

Global Citizenship

Focus on: Academic Excellence

- We teach all subjects within the National Curriculum, with mixed-age teaching that ensures equal, high-quality provision and bespoke feedback. Skills are broadened and deepened over time through our spiral model.
- Our curriculum is used as an example across Trust schools and as a School Improvement Advisor, I support other schools to design their own curriculum provision in line with best practice and evidence-based principles.
- Our curriculum is designed to meet the needs of all children in our school
- **Every subject is covered through core curriculum, plus additional provision - a 'supercurricular layer' to raise its profile across the school e.g. enhanced provision that doubles our sports teaching time; cultural weeks in art, music and languages; music, weekly singing sessions; competitions and awards to name a few. It means your child is receiving well over and above the country's curriculum at South Moreton.**
- Our staff team, both teachers and TAs, are highly trained to deliver our curriculum, and they use a range of research-based pedagogical strategies to ensure their teaching is of the absolute highest quality.
- Our staff are engaged in professional development at all levels, from apprenticeships to masters qualifications, and offer their expertise wider across the Trust to support other schools. We bring all this expertise into the classroom. We have such expert staff, and this is beyond doubt what makes South Moreton's provision exceptional.

Dates for your diary:

Event	Date and time	Notes
Enhanced PE sessions	W/C Monday 29th September	See email sent this week
Scoot 'n Skate Day Part II (We're all so excited!)	Tuesday 21st October	Details to follow Children to come to school in skate-inspired clothing or comfortable tracksuit bottoms and trainers.
Parent Teacher Meetings and SEND reviews	Wednesday 22nd October and Thursday 23rd October 3.30 - 5.30pm	Details and booking form to follow
Friday 24th October and Monday 3rd November	INSET days for pupils	School closed to pupils

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)
Correct uniform

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

Extra-curricular clubs - final place available

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.

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.



PTA Events

We hope you can join the PTA meeting next Tuesday, and the exciting Race Night planned for 21st November! We are so lucky to have a fab team of parents supporting the school through fundraising and fun! Thanks so much to Danielle and the PTA team for their organisation, planning and commitment - we're all looking forward to the colour run today!



You're Invited!



Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Meeting

Welcoming All New Parents!



Date: Tuesday, 7 October 2025



Time: 19:45



Location: School Hall

We warmly invite all parents—especially new families—to join us for our next PTA meeting. This is a wonderful opportunity to:

- ★ Meet other parents
- ★ Learn how the PTA supports our school
- ★ Find out how you can get involved
- ★ Share your ideas and feedback

Whether you're new to the school or a returning parent, your voice matters and your presence is valued!

We look forward to seeing you there!

✉ For more info, contact: Southmoretonprimary.schoolpta@gmail.com



* RAFFLE * BAR * FOOD *

SOUTH MORETON PRIMARY PTA'S FIRST

FAMILY RACE NIGHT

FRIDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2025
6PM - 10PM (FIRST RACE AT 6.30PM)
NORTH MORETON VILLAGE HALL, OX11 9AT

*** TICKETS ***

ADULTS £5 / KIDS £1

INCLUDES FREE SOFT DRINK & RACE PROGRAMME

*** CONTACT ***

VICKY - 07760 888227 OR DANIELLE - 07712 253707

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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



BACK TO SCHOOL

Online Safety Tips for Children

Wow, it's September already! The month when autumn officially starts and ... oh yeah, the beginning of a new school year. Every cloud has a silver lining though! Another term means new friends to make, different stuff to learn, fresh online trends to jump on and exciting new games to play on your phone, computer or console. We've compiled a list of our top tips to ensure that - whether you're going online to chat, research things or just have fun - you can do it safely.

Be cautious with your profile

Be careful not to give out too much info on your social media or gaming profiles. Details like your full name, address or school's name could all help strangers to actually find you offline. A trusted adult can help you make your profiles private - so only your family and actual friends can contact you.

Lock your devices

Taking your phone or tablet to school? Turn password protection on. It keeps your private info safe and stops anyone accessing your device without permission. Passwords should be memorable to you - but difficult for anyone else to guess. Get a trusted adult to write it down in case you forget it!

Be smart with screen time

Too much screen time, especially just before bed, can affect your quality of sleep. Losing sleep, or not sleeping well enough, messes with your concentration and energy levels. Try muting notifications so you don't get pinged late at night: you'll feel fresher and more focused the next day.

Know how to deal with bullies

Sadly there are people online who enjoy picking on other users. If you ever feel like you're being bullied online - by anyone, not just someone from school - talk to a trusted adult about it. Together, you can discuss possible steps, such as blocking or reporting the person who's targeting you.

Manage online relationships wisely

Most people in a relationship chat to their partner online. Just be mindful that once you send a pic or message (even if it's private), you no longer control who else might see it. Messaging someone you've never actually met - and who might not be who they say - is definitely best avoided.

React well to inappropriate content

When you're researching something online, there's always a chance of finding content that makes you feel uncomfortable or upset. If this happens, you can report it as inappropriate and (hopefully) get it taken down. Tell a trusted adult what happened: they'll help you decide what to do next.

Report offensive in-game chat

If you game online with your mates, you'll know things can get competitive and heated on the in-game chat. Playing against people you don't know (especially if they're older) raises the risk of offensive comments and even threats. Our advice? Find out how to block or mute those bad losers.

Learn to spot fake news

If you're looking into a topic for homework or a project, be careful not to get taken in by fake news: content that's deliberately created to mislead people. Check the story with credible sources, like the BBC or Sky News. Trust your instincts, too - if it seems too unbelievable to be true, it's probably fake.

Keep it 'real' with online friends

Everyone enjoys adding friends and followers on social media. It's important, though, that the people you interact with online really are your friends. If they're just random people you've connected with to increase your contacts, you can't know if they could be trolls or bullies (or worse).



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