



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

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Family Newsletter

10th October 2025

Dear Families,

Celebrating Community

A huge thanks to families who have provided food bank donations this week, in support of South Moreton Church's Harvest Festival this weekend. Swallows and children from across the school have put together artwork and harvest-inspired writing which will be on display across the weekend. Many thanks to Mrs Venn and Mrs Pocock for coordinating the work.

The Harvest celebrations start on Sunday morning with the Harvest Service at 10.30am, followed later in the day by the Harvest Funday at 2pm - 5pm. All families are welcome to join the fun and support events in our local community!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Sanchez



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Academic Excellence

Mental Health and
Resilience

Global Citizenship

Focus on: Global Citizenship

- We provide a wealth of opportunities to support children to experience and contribute to the world outside our South Moreton ‘bubble’.
- We passionately value the strong community we hold both in school and wider, and seek and provide opportunities to develop this at every level.
- We have strong themes of pupil leadership across daily life in school, with children being elected to lead and take on responsibilities within our school community.
- We have a weekly assembly focusing on current affairs, to give children an understanding of the world beyond their own. Children develop their voice to put forward their opinions, respectfully disagree, and to deepen their understanding of British Values. Our children contribute readily, with careful thought and mutual respect, to suggest solutions to real-world issues.
- We also come together weekly to explore Lyfta storyworlds, which lift pupils out of their everyday surroundings with transformative opportunities to explore different countries, languages, cultures and lived human experiences from all around the world. [Click here to see an example storyworld.](#)
- Our **Unique Tech Opportunities** support us to ‘bring the outside in’ for our pupils. All children from Y1 upwards have a Chromebook that they use daily in school as a tool for learning. We passionately believe that with the underlying support of strong digital skills, children’s talents can be enhanced and broadened, providing them with a multitude of options for a fulfilling future.

Dates for your diary:

Event	Date and time	Notes
Scoot ‘n Skate Day Part II (We’re all so excited!)	Tuesday 21st October	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	Send us your availability at the link above
Friday 24th October and Monday 3rd November	INSET days for pupils	School closed to pupils

Parent Teacher Meetings, Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd October

Appointments for Parent - Teacher Meetings have been sent out this week. We are looking forward to working together with you to celebrate progress and plan next steps for your child.

Reading Nights

Well done to Hufflepuff and Gryffindor houses, who jointly won the Reading Nights award this week, enjoying extra playtime together as a reward for their hard work. We are very proud that children have refreshed their reading routines and reflected together on the impact this is having on their learning in school. Thank you for supporting nightly reading at home so that the children earn their reading points! If your child isn't reading at home, they will be falling behind in their learning so please do speak to us if you need support with this.

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.





* 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 ***
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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](https://www.facebook.com/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.
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At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guidance, hints and tips for adults.

10 Top Tips for ... KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE FROM CYBER CRIME

We all want to continue being informed and inspired by the ever-expanding capabilities of the internet. But we also need to be able to safeguard ourselves against the growing amount of online hazards. Knowing what is fact, understanding what dangers exist and taking appropriate steps can go a long way towards protecting yourself and your family. National Online Safety has collaborated with the Yorkshire and Humber Regional Cyber Crime Unit to compile 10 pointers to help you keep your children safe from cyber crime.

- 1. Spot Phishing Bait**

Phishing messages are untargeted mass emails asking for sensitive information (e.g. usernames, passwords, bank details) or encouraging recipients to visit a fake website. It's safest to learn the warning signs of phishing and increase your child's awareness. Too good to be true? Spelling or punctuation errors? Odd sense of urgency? These are all red flags. Don't click on links or follow demands if you're unsure, contact the official company directly online to enquire further.
- 2. Don't Over-Share**

Is your child sharing too much on social media? Do they post things about their private life, upload images of your home, or discuss their friendships and relationships online? Criminals will gather this information and may try to use it for identity theft or other offences such as fraud. To combat this, ensure your child's privacy settings mean they are only sharing information with family and close friends. Use parental controls where appropriate.
- 3. Encourage Strong Passwords**

Weak passwords make it faster and easier for someone to gain access to your online accounts or get control of your device – giving them a route to your personal information. For a strong password, national guidance recommends using three random words (e.g. bottlegaragepylons). Consider paying for your child to access a password manager. Encourage them to have a separate password for their email account. Ensure the whole family uses two-factor authentication where possible.
- 4. Stay Updated**

People often put off installing updates to apps or software because they don't feel it's necessary. It can be time consuming, or could cause problems with programmes they rely on. But updates help protect users from recently discovered vulnerabilities to malware. You can usually set them to run automatically – encourage your child to select this option. Ensure updates are installed as soon as possible after you're notified they're available.
- 5. Back up Your Data**

Some cyber attacks can lead to the theft or deletion of important (and possibly sensitive) data or loss of files (like photos and videos) that can't be replaced. Backing up your data to the cloud – or to another device – will help prevent data loss if you ever become the victim of a cyber attack. Where possible, set your child's devices to back up automatically. Also encourage them to back up their data prior to installing any updates.
- 6. Be Wary of Public WiFi**

Free public WiFi is commonplace – but it's often not secure and sends unencrypted data via the network. A hacker on the same network could access personal data (like financial information) without you even realising they'd done so. To avoid this, suggest to your child that they use their 3G or 4G mobile data when they're out and about, rather than free WiFi. Consider purchasing a VPN (Virtual Private Network) where possible.
- 7. Take Care When Chatting**

Criminals may look to manipulate others online and coerce them into using their talents or cyber skills for unethical means. Try to get your child to be open about who they are talking to online. Communication tools such as Discord are popular among gamers – but be cautious of the other people using them, and ensure you know who your child is chatting with.
- 8. Recognise Warning Signs**

Often, budding cyber experts will relish the challenge of testing themselves or earning recognition from peers for their exploits. Even principled 'white-hat' hackers will look to test their skills online. If you think your child is interested in hacking, try to understand what their motivation is. You could encourage their participation in ethical competitions such as bug bounties.
- 9. Understand Their Motivations**

Those being influenced online to use their skills unethically may display certain key warning signs. Sudden evidence of new-found wealth (unexplained new clothes or devices, for example), secrecy around their online behaviour or boasting of new online friendships are all causes for concern. If in doubt, refer through to your regional cyber crime team.
- 10. Know the Consequences**

Many young people may feel that hacking is essentially a light-hearted prank, and not especially serious. So make sure your child is aware of the implications of a conviction under the Computer Misuse Act – not only the possibility of a criminal record, but also lifelong travel restrictions and damage to their future career or educational prospects.

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The Yorkshire & Humber Regional Cyber Crime Unit (YHRCU) works with the National Crime Agency (NCA) and other partners in the UK and abroad, to investigate and prevent the most serious cyber crime offences.

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