



“The World for our Children, our Children for the World”

Headteacher: Mrs C. Sánchez

Family Newsletter

17th October 2025

Dear Families,

Our children have had a wonderfully busy and productive week of learning! Classrooms have been full of enthusiasm, curiosity, and creativity as pupils have tackled new challenges and shared their ideas with confidence. It's been fantastic to see how engaged everyone has been — working hard, supporting one another, and showing real pride in their learning.

Alongside their academic achievements, we've been especially proud of the kindness and care our pupils show each other every day. Whether it's offering a helping hand, using kind words, or including others in play, their thoughtfulness shines through. It's this sense of teamwork and empathy that makes our school such a warm, welcoming place to learn and grow.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Sánchez



Autumn Fun Clubs next week!

We have some wonderful clubs on offer next week, designed as one-off opportunities for social fun and play. Booking requests can be sent to the School Office.

Day			Cost	Collect at
Monday 20th Oct	Autumn crafts Get creative with friends and have fun!		£8.50	5pm
Tuesday 21st Oct	Arts and Crafts Autumn wreaths	Microbit coding Get creative with our Microbits - code yourself amazing things!	£8.50	5pm
Wed 22nd Oct	Lego Masters An epic Autumn-themed challenge for fun with friends and to challenge creativity! A definite favourite.		£8.50	5pm
Thursday 23rd Oct	Fun with food - Pepper Pumpkin Faces Take home a tasty treat, creating your very own Pepper face.	Drawing club Refine your drawing skills ready for next term's art lessons. Enter our competition and win prizes!	£8.50	5pm

Reception and Key Stage 1 Parent Project sessions

Parents of children in Wrens and Swallows are warmly invited to join us in school to support maths learning at home. The Parent Project is a project established by the Maths hub which helps to give parents a greater understanding of the skills their children will be learning across Key Stage 1. The session involves an introduction to mastery and Maths teaching at South Moreton by Miss Crossan, Maths Lead and then a short session with parents and children playing games designed to develop number fluency. Each week following the session, the class teacher will send home a pack of games for families to play together. We do hope you can join us to support children's maths learning at home.

Reception parents - Monday 10th November at 2:15

Year 1 parents - Monday 17th November at 2:15

Year 2 parents - Tuesday 18th November at 2:15



South Moreton Primary PTA Presents: Sparkle & Shine School Disco!

The PTA is pleased to announce our **Sparkle & Shine School Disco** on **Friday 7 November**, from **3:15pm – 4:30pm** in the school hall.

Tickets are £5 per child, and include unlimited squash or water, popcorn, crisps, fruit, and a glow stick!

Friday 7 November will be a **non-school uniform day**, and children are warmly invited to wear their best disco attire (please make sure outfits are school-appropriate and comfortable for a regular school day).

Supervision & Collection:

Children attending the disco will be escorted to the school hall by their class teacher at the end of the school day, and will be supervised by staff during the event.

Parents should **collect their child from the school hall at 4:30pm**.

Children who are not attending should be collected as usual at 3:15pm.

How to Join:

If your child would like to attend, please **send £5 into school** in a clearly labelled envelope.

Let's get ready to **sparkle, shine, and dance the afternoon away!**



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 and we are looking forward to working together with you to celebrate progress and plan next steps for your child. Zoom details will be emailed out on the day of appointments for those with online meetings..

Reading Nights

Well done to Gryffindor house, who 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.





Family Learning Online Workshops Nov-Dec 2025

Workshops are held online using Teams.

These workshops aim to help you feel empowered at managing those tricky situations knowing you are doing the best for your child and yourself. You will gain insight into how to strengthen your family's self-esteem and resilience; and practise strategies to encourage positive behaviour. These workshops are aimed at parents/carers of primary school age children.

Mondays			
To Book	COURSE TITLE and COURSE CODE	DATE	TIME
Visit website or phone	Emotional Regulation - P07906	Mon, 10/11/25	12:00 - 13:30
Visit website or phone	Positive Discipline - P07910	Mon, 17/11/25	12:00 - 13:30
Visit website or phone	Implementing Effective Routines - P07916	Mon, 24/11/25	12:00 - 13:30
Visit website or phone	Developing Resilience - P07918	Mon, 1/12/25	12:00 - 13:30

Fridays			
To Book	COURSE TITLE	DATE	TIME
Phone	Emotional Regulation	Fri, 14/11/25	13:00 - 14:30
Phone	Positive Discipline	Fri, 21/11/25	13:00 - 14:30
Phone	Implementing Effective Routines	Fri, 28/11/25	13:00 - 14:30
Phone	Developing Resilience	Fri, 5/12/25	13:00 - 14:30

To enroll, contact Oxfordshire Adult Learning by phone.



01235 216 278

Visit the website and search 'Family Learning'

***FREE Family Learning Courses with Abingdon and Witney College

Abingdon and Witney college are running some valuable courses for parents to support parenting, family life and children with SEND.

It is difficult to find parent 'training' like this, so we encourage parents to consider these online, free sessions.



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** 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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WHAT IS FAKE NEWS

Parven Kaur, Kids N Clicks Founder

Fake news can be false information, photos or videos purposefully created to confuse or misinform. It can also be genuine information that has been manipulated to deceive. It is important that children learn how to distinguish between real news and fake news, so that they don't inadvertently share something which isn't true or believe something which could be misleading.



For details, see page 13 ...



KNOW THE RISKS

SHOCK VALUE

Fake news can cause upset or shock to readers or viewers. Many fake news stories are written with appealing headlines and have content designed to create 'shock value', so the news spreads rapidly (common examples include the 'death' of a celebrity, company giveaways, news relating to supernatural events, or terror-related posts that provoke reactions).

EMBARRASSMENT

Fake news is often deliberately created to misinform people – whether for fun, out of malice or to support an ideological or political agenda. As it's often difficult to tell the difference, young people can easily believe what they see and then share something which is a hoax or a joke, leading to embarrassment or ridicule.

INFLUENCE BEHAVIOUR

Ultimately, fake news is designed to shape people's beliefs, thoughts and decisions: influencing them into believing something which has been misreported or which simply isn't true. This can shape how children think, behave or act in real life. It can especially affect their trust in the media or even in democracy itself.

FURTHER SUPPORT

REPORT THE CONTENT

Google and many social media platforms now have dedicated methods for fake news stories to be reported to them. This can range from sending a feedback message to Google via the page itself to the 'Report Post' buttons on Facebook and Twitter.

PROVIDE REASSURANCE

If your child feels as though they have been negatively impacted by a fake news story, or has suffered some form of embarrassment because of fake news, it's important to be supportive and reassuring. Discuss with them how not everything that's posted online is true.

IMPROVE THEIR DIGITAL LITERACY

If your child has been tricked by a fake news story, try to encourage them to think more rationally about what they see and hear on the internet. Advise them to question the motivation behind a story – such as why it's been written, and if it's trying to make them form a specific opinion or influence their actions.



SPOT THE SIGNS

CONSIDER THE SOURCE

Fake news stories can sometimes be identified simply because they are too ridiculous or outrageous to believe. Make sure that the website that published the story is a credible source, like a major news network or local paper which has the resources to fact-check published stories.

CHECK THE URL

Does the website address at the top of the page look real? An easy way to spot suspect stories is if they're located on a news site with an odd domain name. So check the URL. Some shady websites try to incorporate a legitimate news source into their URL (such as www.therealbbc.co.uk) or will slightly misspell a popular domain name.

VERIFY FACTS AND IMAGES

Authentic news is usually backed up by official data or surveys and previous, similar instances of the occurrence being reported. Similarly, fake news stories often include photos which have been manipulated. Perform a Google reverse image search to see if the picture has been stolen from another source and doctored.

RESEARCH THE WEBSITE

Be wary when a big story comes from a news organisation that you've never heard of. Some hoaxers will quickly set up a website just to spread fake stories and so-called 'breaking news'. Use the internet archive to research how long a site has been running – and check if the same story is being reported by more credible news outlets.

ARE ALIENS HARVESTING OUR WIFI?!



Suspected footage of alien craft.

Our groundbreaking exposé on page 4 ...

OUR EXPERT PARVEN KAUR



Parven Kaur is a social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of Kids N Clicks: a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.



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