



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

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Family Newsletter

21st November 2025

Dear Families,

As we move through another lively week in school, it has been lovely to see children throwing themselves into their learning with such enthusiasm. The atmosphere around school has been wonderfully positive - full of curiosity, collaboration and those small moments of kindness that make our community so special. I wanted to share how proud I am of the way our pupils continue to engage, support one another and embrace new experiences. Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.

*Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Sánchez*

Personal Development at South Moreton

This week we have been discussing the 5 Keys to Wellbeing from the Inside Out project, on which we base key learning throughout the year, with a focus on the key 'Be Curious'. We had fun with some curious 'Would you rather...' scenarios to deepen thinking and broaden the eagerness to consider information in different ways. We reflected that our embedded Growth Mindset learning helps us to be curious every day.

'Be Curious' House Photography Competition!

House Captains invite entries to our exciting **House Photography Competition**, focused on our Wellbeing Key '**Be Curious**'. They hope that this will encourage families to continue conversation about the keys at home.

Children are invited to take a photo of anything that inspires their curiosity, using a camera or a parent device. Photo entries should be emailed through to the School Office, along with your child's name and house by **Monday 1st December**.

Every entry wins house points, and House Captains will award prizes for overall winners. Think about an interesting angle or composition to make your photo stand out. Good luck to all!

The 5 Keys to Happiness



Look Inside



Move Outside



Share More



Be Curious



Be Kind

INSIDE OUT

Thanks to North Moreton Parish Council

A special thanks to North Moreton Parish Council for their continued support for the school. Their recent donation supported us to purchase new Bug Club reading books for Swallows to supplement our collection - all linked to their phonics stage of learning.

Class Letters and Learning Webs

A letter from your child's class teacher is on their class page of the [school website](#), explaining arrangements for the term ahead, plus a learning web outlining children's learning this half term. Please take a look to ensure you are organised and so that you can support your child's learning as much as possible at home.



PTA Newsletter

The PTA have been working so hard to put together amazing events this term. There is so much to celebrate and to share that they have popped it into a separate newsletter. Please do take a look to see what is coming up in school and wider, including non-uniform day and donations day plus information on the Christmas Fete! [PTA Newsletter here.](#)

All parents are invited to join the new [PTA Facebook group](#) to stay informed of school events and fundraising here.

A visit from Perform

Wrens and Swallows were very pleased to receive a visit from [Perform](#) on Monday 17th November. The children had a wonderful time exploring the theme of [Castles, Knights and Princesses](#) and using drama, dance and singing to help develop their confidence, concentration and social skills.

To complement the workshop, there is a free educational app for iPhones and iPads based around the theme of *Castles, Knights and Princesses*. It contains fun games, creative tasks and videos of the themed songs and dances. Click [here](#) to download it free or [here](#) to find out more about the *Castles, Knights and Princesses* theme.

Perform run regular weekly classes in the local area and they are offering a special introductory discount to all parents of South Moreton School if they come along for a free trial session before Monday 2nd February. To claim your discount, just call Perform on 020 7255 9120 quoting OXMO020226 or book a Free Trial Session online at perform.org.uk/try. There are sessions in Didcot, Goring and Abingdon each week.

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.



Christmas event dates

By Wednesday 3rd December	Donations for Christmas Fete welcomed in school	See PTA newsletter for information
Friday 5th December	Non-uniform day as a thank you for fete donations received by 3rd December	See PTA newsletter for information
Friday 5th December 3.15pm	PTA Christmas Fayre	See poster below and the PTA newsletter here . All welcome!
Wednesday 10th December, 1.45pm	Pantomime in school!	PTA funded for pupils - further info to follow
Friday 12th December, 2.15pm	KS2 Concert (Puffins, Herons, Red Kites)	All KS2 families welcome. Children to wear usual uniform (not PE kit) with a Xmas jumper or Xmas colour top please
Wednesday 17th December, 2.15pm	Wrens and Swallows Christmas Performance	All KS1 families welcome. Please collect preschool children after the performance. Preschool will watch our dress rehearsal.
Thursday 18th December	School Christmas Dinner	Children are invited to wear Christmas jumpers for the day.

Term dates 2026-27

These are now available on the [school website](#). Please remember that the Government has strict attendance expectations that your child is in school every day, and term time holidays lead to penalty notices and further attendance support. We hope that releasing the information this far in advance allows you to plan your family breaks within a period of school closure. Thank you for your support.

Statutory assessments

Children in Year 1, Year 4 and Year 6 will be taking part in Government assessments this year - please see the parent [information published by the DfE here](#) to understand more about dates, content and expectations.

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

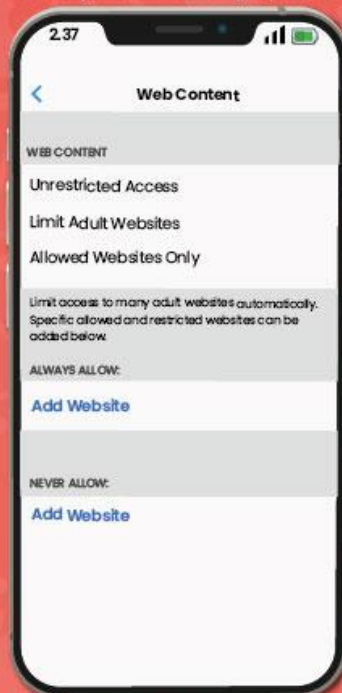
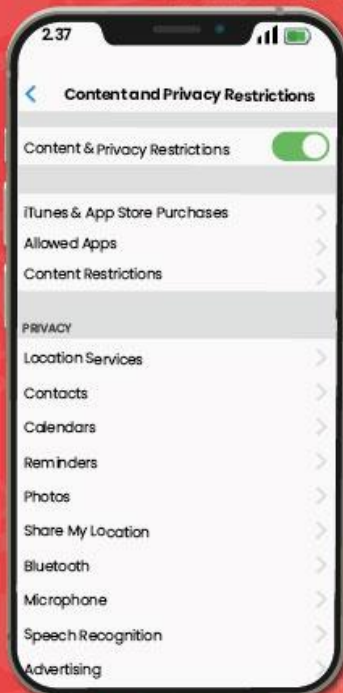




How to Set up PARENTAL CONTROLS to limit age-inappropriate CONTENT iPhone



The parental controls on iPhones allow you to block or restrict certain apps, features, content, downloads, or purchases. Setting limitations on content ratings, Siri and web searches enables you to filter out age-inappropriate content and vastly reduce the likelihood of your children being exposed to unsuitable material and information.



18+ Set up content rating restrictions

Content filters keep your child from viewing unsuitable material. They block apps, films and TV shows with specific age ratings, and music and podcasts with explicit content.

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Enable Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap Content Restrictions
- 5 Choose the Settings for each feature you wish to restrict



Set up web restrictions

Website content filters restrict age-inappropriate content on Safari. You can also blacklist certain websites or allow access only to approved sites.

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap Content Restrictions
- 4 Tap Web Content
- 5 Choose between Unrestricted Access, Limit Adult Websites and Allowed Websites Only
- 7 Choose which websites you wish to allow/block

Set up Siri web search restrictions

You can screen out explicit language to avoid Siri displaying inappropriate results. You could also disable Siri entirely, so your child can't use it to search the web.

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap Content Restrictions
- 5 Scroll Down to Siri
- 6 Choose to block either or both Web Search Content and Explicit Language