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

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Family Newsletter
16th October 2026

Dear Families,

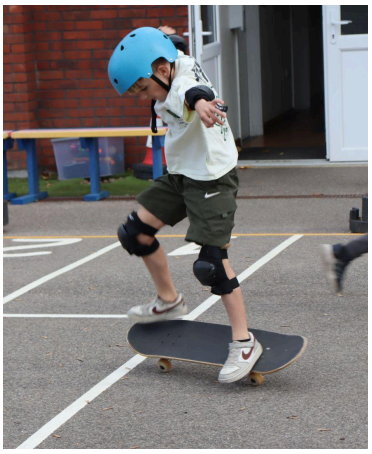


What a day! *Our school grounds were buzzing with energy as the children took on the challenge of Skate Day this week. It was so inspiring to watch them step out of their comfort zones, pick themselves up after a fall, and cheer each other on as they mastered new tricks. The resilience and determination on display perfectly captured the heart of our growth mindset ethos.*

If you are interested in purchasing a skateboard for your child, skatehut.co.uk has frequent sales. Look for a 7" width rather than 8" for primary age, and don't forget helmets and pads.

Huge thanks to the PTA for generously funding the event, and to all families for supporting fundraising efforts to provide these opportunities for pupils.

Mrs Sanchez















Parent Teacher meetings and SEND reviews

Teachers are looking forward to meeting with parents on **Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th November**, with appointments between 3.30pm and 5.30pm. Meetings in person will also allow you to see your child's work, although Zoom meetings are also possible if preferred.
SEND reviews will also take place during this time.
Appointments will have all been sent out by the end of today.



New Sports Kit

We are thrilled to reveal South Moreton's brand-new sports kit! Our Year 5 and 6 girls' football team will have the honor of wearing it for the very first time in their match today. They look fantastic and are ready to represent the school with pride, determination, and great sportsmanship — we know you will join us in wishing them the best of luck!

KS2 History workshop

KS2 pupils had a front-row seat to one of Europe's most pivotal stories this week, taking part in a live broadcast scheduled to coincide with the 960th anniversary of the Battle of Hastings on 14 October 2026.



Puffins and Red Kites children joined the session to discover how the Bayeux Tapestry shaped the story of 1066, and how narrative, perspective and bias affect the history we learn.

Hosted by Emma-Louise Amanshia, a familiar face from children's TV, and featuring experts Prof Michael Lewis, Dr Millie Horton-Insch, Dr Jeremy Ashbee and Callum Cockburn, this session gave students access to world-class expertise and extraordinary objects from their classrooms.

Thanks to Mr Matthews for organising such an exciting opportunity.

INSET day Monday 2nd November

A reminder of our INSET day after half term, where staff will be evaluating the latest pedagogical research to ensure our South Moreton teaching offer is always the best it can be for our children.

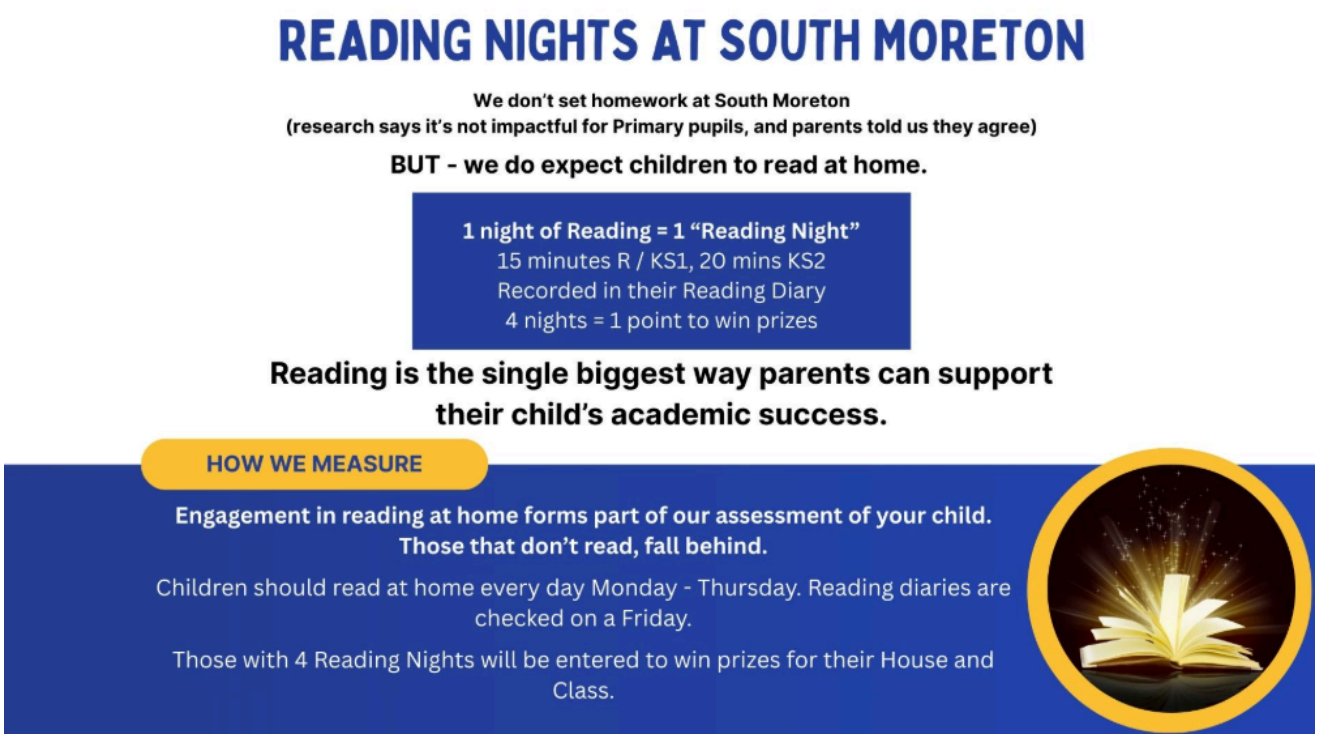
Non-Uniform Day

We will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 23rd October to raise money for the school. A donation of £2 will be added to MCAS or children can bring coins in a labelled envelope. Thank you for your support.

Lunch bookings

Next half term's menu is now available for booking on MCAS. Parents may find it helpful to book for the full half term. We have extended the daily ordering period for lunches to support you to make bookings. Lunch orders can now be placed **until 8.30am on the day.**

This means that there is no longer be an option to pay for lunches in arrears. **Any children without a lunch booking by the cut-off time are asked to bring a packed lunch.** We hope this makes bookings more straightforward for parents whilst still allowing us to ensure enough food each day.



Dates for your diary

Friday 16th October	Y5/6 girls football tournament	*Information emailed to parents*
Monday 19th - Friday 23rd October	Enhanced sports days	*Information to follow from class teacher*
Friday 23rd October	Non-uniform day	*Fundraiser - cost £2*
Monday 2nd November	INSET day	*School closed to pupils. Return to school Tuesday 3rd Nov.*
Tuesday 3rd November 3.30pm - 5.30pm	Parent Teacher Meetings and SEND reviews	*Appointments sent out today*
Wednesday 4th November 3.30pm - 5.30pm	Parent Teacher Meetings and SEND reviews	*Appointments sent out today*
Monday 9th November	Individual photos	*Information to follow*
Monday 16th - Friday 20th November	Anti-Bullying Week	*Information to follow*

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

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WHAT IS FAKE NEWS

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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.



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.

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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.



Our groundbreaking exposé on page 4 ...

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.

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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