

Moulton Primary School Newsletter

Friday 9th January 2026



Dear parents and carers,

We welcomed all of our lovely children back to school this week. As you will know, it's been a chilly few days with some unexpected challenges thrown our way but as always, the school community has rallied together and demonstrated all of our important school values to overcome them.

At the end of last term, we said goodbye to some long-standing members of staff who have moved on to pastures new and will be greatly missed by all at Moulton Primary. We wish them good luck in their future endeavours.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome some new members of staff to our team; we recently recruited Mr Marshall to the Ready to Learn Team as well as Mrs Howells and Mr Alexander as support staff in Years 1 and 2. This week, Miss Barton and Miss Sterling have joined the Early Year's team as support staff and Miss Bate will join Moulton next week as our new School Business Manager.



We are looking forward to an exciting Spring Term here in school, packed full of enriching opportunities for everyone.

I do also have some sad news to share with you. Unfortunately, over the Christmas holidays, our headteacher, Miss Jones, was unwell and has been admitted to hospital for emergency surgery. She is now recovering so will not be in school at this time.



The children have been informed today and are making cards to send to cheer her up. I am sure you will join me in wishing Miss Jones a speedy recovery and rest assured she will be back steering the ship at Moulton as soon as she is ready.

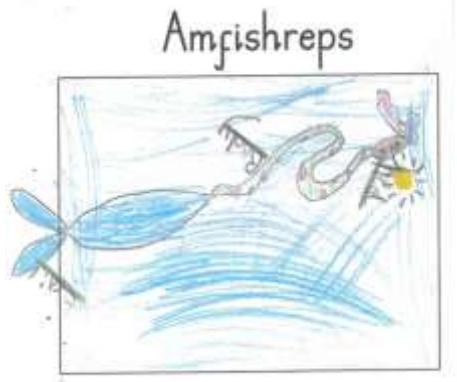
Miss Darby

Deputy Headteacher

Classroom News

Year 1

In Science this week, Year 1 have been learning all about different animal groups. We started by learning what an animal is and used a checklist to confirm that humans are animals too! Fancy that! We then explored how we know which animals fit into the different animal groups based on how they breathe, what they look like, how they give birth to their young and whether they are warm or cold blooded. The children then became creative scientists and designed an animal with features from different animal groups. Here is an example:



Year 3



Year 3 have made an excellent start to the new year! They have delved straight into identifying, sorting and investigating the properties of regular and irregular polygons. The children have thoroughly impressed us with some of the mathematical vocabulary they have been using, including vertices, angles, parallel, perpendicular and many more! We have even been using some online geoboards to construct polygons containing various properties.

Other School News

School Admissions Update

We would like to inform you of a recent statutory consultation on a proposed reduction to the Published Admission Number at Moulton Primary School.

The consultation was completed in regards to reducing our Published Admission Number (PAN) from 90 to 60 from September 2027, as published on both the school's and the West Northants website. This is a protective measure in response to the data provided by the local authority regarding the predicted falling birth rates over recent years. It also takes into account the significant increase in school places across the local area.

This decision has been carefully considered. It has been discussed in depth with the premises and planning team for Northampton and reviewed by our governing body, who have decided that this is necessary in light of the information we currently have available. Many other schools in the local area have also entered into this consultation process.

We want to reassure all parents that this is a proactive, future-proofing step, taken to protect the school's stability, budget and ability to plan effectively. If future application numbers were high enough to make three classes viable, we would adapt accordingly. The decision is to safeguard the school so that we remain in control of our intake and can maintain high-quality provision.

Should you have any questions about this, please email the school office and a member of the senior leadership team will be in contact with you.

Smart Watches

We have noticed a few children are wearing smart watches in school. In line with our Acceptable Use Policy, we politely request that children do not wear them to school. As they are considered smart technology, children wearing them would not be permitted to access them during the school day. Your co-operation with this is much appreciated.

Play leaders

On Thursday, some of the Year 5 Play Leaders had the opportunity to attend a training session led by Alex from Northamptonshire Sport. The Year 5's spent the morning learning a variety of new games that they can teach to other children at playtimes and lunchtimes. The children demonstrated our school's values of respect, responsibility and resilience whilst setting up and playing the games themselves. The staff are very excited to see the Year 5 Play Leaders applying all their training on the playground!

Well done everyone!



DATE	YEAR GROUP	EVENT	TIME
20th January	Year 5	School Trip - National Space Centre	8.50am - 4pm
26th January	4, 5 & 6	Young Voices	TBC
6th February	Year 2	Visitor Workshop	Normal School Hours
23rd April	Whole School	Class photo's	Normal School Hours
27th April	Spencer Family	Maths Morning	8.30 - 9.15am
28th April	Tull Family	Maths Morning	8.30 - 9.15am
29th April	Crick Family	Maths Morning	8.30 - 9.15am
11th May - 13th May	Year 4	Residential	TBC
11th - 14th May	Year 6	SATs	Normal School Hours

1st June - 5th June	Year 6	PGL	TBC
15th June	Crick Family	Maths Morning	8.30 - 9.15am
16th June	Spencer Family	Maths Morning	8.30 - 9.15am
17th June	Tull Family	Maths Morning	8.30 - 9.15am
17th June	Year 5	Workshop - Past Productions	Normal School Hours



**Piano lessons for year 2 upwards.
Restarting Tuesday 13th January
Contact Mrs Yarker for more
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