Moldgreen Primary School

Newsletter, Week 1

06 November 2026

I hope everyone had a lovely half-term break. I have really enjoyed welcoming the children back this week. One of the best parts of my job is being able to wander around school, pop into classrooms and talk to the children about what they are doing. This week, it has been particularly lovely to see how happily they have returned and how quickly they have thrown themselves back into school life.

I always enjoy this half term. The darker mornings may have arrived, but there is something rather special about the weeks leading up to Christmas. Before we get there, though, we have plenty ahead of us, including Remembrance, assessments and all the usual excitement of a busy school.

What I have enjoyed most this week are the little things: hearing laughter as I walk down the corridor, seeing children proudly showing me their work, catching up with families at the gate and watching friends excitedly reconnect after the break. Those everyday moments are easy to take for granted, but they are a big part of what makes Moldgreen Primary School such a lovely community.

We have a busy few weeks ahead, and I am really looking forward to sharing them with you.

Have a lovely weekend.



Stephen Lonsdale | Interim Headteacher

Remembrance event

On Wednesday 11 November, our Year 3 children will visit the war memorial at Ravensknowle Park to take part in an Armistice Day remembrance event. Across Kirklees, people are being encouraged to pause at 11am for the traditional two-minute silence, remembering those who have served and sacrificed in times of war and conflict. This will be a particularly meaningful experience for our children.

Ravensknowle Park itself has an important connection with remembrance: Tolson Museum was gifted to Huddersfield in 1919 as a memorial to the owner's two nephews who lost their lives during the First World War. We are very proud that Year 3 will have the opportunity to represent Moldgreen Primary School at this important community occasion. It is a chance not only to remember those who gave their lives, but also for our children to reflect on the values of **service, courage, compassion and peace** that Remembrance continues to represent today.

Children in Need - 20 November 2026

Children in Need is a charity dedicated to supporting children across the UK during times of need. Their mission is to ensure every child receives the right support from the right people, especially when it's most crucial. They strive to help children overcome challenges stemming from poverty, unequal opportunities, mental and physical health issues and unsafe or unstable home environments.

As a school, we're excited to support this important cause by organising a non-uniform day. Children are encouraged to wear anything spotted or colourful, while parents are welcome to dress their children in any clothes representing the charity. This day will be a celebration of unity and learning about how Children in Need helps other children thrive. We're asking the children to bring a donation of £1, which will be used to support the charity's vital work.

Wise Owl competition success

Wise Owl Club were given the opportunity to enter a Halloween drawing competition provided by Utilita Life with power where they had to draw an energy saving, planet loving monster. The children thought carefully about their monster and had to write why it was energy saving. We are thrilled that the Wise Owl club had won this competition and had three winners. The winners are:

- First place: Rhonen L (5LH)
- Second place: Ava M (4S)
- Third place: Harvey M-M (6H)

Winter disco

We are excited to be holding our **Winter Disco on Wednesday 2 December**. It will be a chance for the children to enjoy some music, dancing and festive fun with their friends as we begin the countdown to Christmas!

We will also have a tuck shop available, with a selection of treats for children to buy. Children are

welcome to bring some money with them on the day if they would like to purchase something from the tuck shop.

We'll share further details about arrangements for the disco nearer the time. For now, **save the date: Wednesday 2 December!**

Christmas activities

Christmas will soon be upon us, and preparations for our festive performances are beginning! We know these are always a special part of the school year, and we are looking forward to welcoming families into school to see the children perform.

Please make a note of the following dates:

- 🦌 **EYFS:** Ralph the Reindeer
  8 December 2026**, two showings**
- ⭐ Year 1 Nativity
  Wednesday 9 December at 13:30
- 🎶 Year 2 at Christchurch
  Date and time to be confirmed
- 🎄 Key Stage 2 Christmas Performance at the Moldgreen United Reform Church
  Date and time to be confirmed

We will share further information about tickets, timings and arrangements nearer the time. For now, please **save the dates** and get ready for plenty of festive cheer at Moldgreen Primary School!If you thought this half term was busy…

Every day matters…

As we begin a new half term, a quick reminder of just how important regular attendance is. Every day in school gives children opportunities to learn, build friendships and develop confidence. Thank you for continuing to support good attendance and punctuality, particularly as we head into the winter months.

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
11 Nov	Remembrance event (Y3)
16 Nov	PSP Year 2 play buddies
16 Nov	PSP Y1/2 invasion event (Dalton)
16 Nov	Odd Socks Day
20 Nov	Children in Need Day
20 Nov	Musica Big Sing
23-27 Nov	Parliament Week
24 Nov	Boccia competition (Y3/4)
26 Nov	Huddersfield train station visit (Y2)
30 Nov - 4 Dec	Assessment Week
30 Nov	Locala flu vaccinations
2 Dec	Winter disco
3 Dec	Rocksteady concert
4 Dec	Boxercise (Y4)
8 Dec	EYFS Christmas performance
8 Dec	Leeds Museum trip (Y3)
9 Dec	Church Christmas Concert (Y2)
9 Dec	Year 1 Christmas nativity, 13:30
10 Dec	Christmas jumper day
10 Dec	Kirkwood Reindeer Dash - raising money for the Kirkwood Hospice
18 Dec	Children break up for Christmas
4 Jan 2027	Staff training day
5 Jan	Children return to school
15 Jan	Road Safety: cross with care (Y2)
4 Feb	Mick Kirkby Geddes DT (Y2)
4 Mar	World Book Day
8-12 Mar	Science Week
8-12 Mar	Assessment Week
12 Mar	Roman workshop (Y4)
19 Mar	Red Nose Day
25 Mar	Children break up for Easter
12 Apr	Children return to school
10-14 May	SATS Week
20 May	Bronze Age workshop (Y3)
27 May	Children break up for half term
28 May	Staff training day
7-18 Jun	Multiplication Tables Check (Y4)
14-18 Jun	Phonics tests (Y1/2)
16-18 Jun	York residential (Y6)
21 Jun	Sports Day (R, Y1/2)
22 Jun	Sports Day (Key Stage 2)
9 Jul	End of year reports distributed
12-16 Jul	Tour de France week
15 Jul	Prom (Y6)
20 Jul	Leavers' assembly (Y6)
20 Jul	Children break up for summer
21 Jul	Staff training day