Moldgreen Primary School

Newsletter, Week 2

13 November 2026

On Wednesday, our school fell quiet. At 11:00, children from Nursery to Year 6 stood still for two minutes to remember those who gave their lives so that we could live in peace. If you have ever tried to keep a room of four-year-olds silent for two minutes, you will know what an achievement that was. Mrs Lawrence was excellent! Year 3 did us proud at the war memorial in Ravensknowle Park where they presented their hand-made wreath.

That kind of silence is a gift. It says: we remember, we are grateful, we care.

Next week, we turn to a different kind of silence: the one we want children to break. Anti-Bullying Week begins on Monday, and this year's national theme is *Break the Silence*. Too often, children who are unhappy, left out or unkind to each other keep it to themselves. They worry about making things worse, or they simply do not have the words. Our job, together, is to make sure every child at Moldgreen knows that speaking up is brave, that they will be listened to, and that something will be done.

Throughout the week, children will explore what bullying is (and what it is not), how to recognise when a friend needs help, and who they can talk to. We will start on Monday with Odd Socks Day, celebrating the fact that we are all different. Please send your child in wearing their brightest, most mismatched socks.

Have a lovely weekend.



Stephen Lonsdale | Interim Headteacher

Seen in school, every day

When a child is in school, we see them. We notice if they are tired, worried, quieter than usual, or simply having a brilliant day. That is one of the reasons attendance matters so much. Nationally, the persistent absence rate in state-funded primary schools across the 2025/26 academic year was 13.90%, which means roughly one primary child in seven missed a tenth or more of their schooling. At Moldgreen, our attendance so far this term is **95.3%**. Thank you to every family helping us keep it high.

Winter brings coughs and colds. If you are unsure whether your child is well enough to come in, the NHS guidance "Is my child too ill for school?" is very helpful, and you can always ring the office to talk it through. A child with a mild cold is usually better in school, where we can keep an eye on them.

Seen and heard

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, and that includes our families. Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is **Mrs Tariq** and we have lots of other trained staff as deputies.. If you are ever worried about a child, whether your own or someone else's, please speak to one of us. You will never be wasting our time. If a child is in immediate danger, call 999. Outside school hours, you can contact Kirklees Children's Social Care on 01484 456848.

Children in Need

A huge thank you to everyone who supported Children in Need today. The children looked fantastic in their spots and non-school uniform. It was also wonderful to see so much fun and generosity across school. We will let you know how much we raised in next week's edition. Every pound raised goes to projects supporting children and young people across the UK, including many right here in Kirklees and West Yorkshire. If you are watching the appeal show tonight on BBC One, look out for the stories of the children your kindness is helping. Thank you, Moldgreen!

Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who bought a poppy, wristband or badge in school over the last few weeks. We raised **£322.77** for the Royal British Legion, which supports serving members of the Armed Forces, veterans and their families. This year's appeal has focused on the sacrifices that Armed Forces families make, something many of our children thought about carefully in class as they learned why we wear a poppy. On Wednesday, the whole school paused at eleven o'clock for the two-minute silence, and the children's respect and stillness were a credit to them and to you. Thank you for helping them understand why we remember.

Starting school in September 2027

Do you have a child born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023? They are due to start Reception in September 2027. Applications are made through Kirklees Council, and the closing date for on-time applications is Friday 15 January 2027; anything after that is treated as late. Please also tell friends and neighbours. [Add Moldgreen open session dates/tours.]

Check: the Kirklees admissions page itself still showed last year's dates when I searched; the 15 January 2027 date comes from several Kirklees school websites. Confirm on the council portal before publishing. With a 2FE intake, this is also your recruitment advert, so add tour dates.

Free school meals: register even if your child already gets free lunches

From this September, the rules on free school meals have changed. All children in households receiving Universal Credit are now entitled to free school meals, regardless of earnings. If you receive Universal Credit, please register with us, even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and already has a free lunch. Registering can also bring extra funding into school to support your child's learning, wellbeing and trips. It takes five minutes and is completely confidential. Please ask at the office or apply via [Kirklees link].

Why it matters: only targeted FSM (UC with household earnings of £7,400 or less) attracts pupil premium. Pupils newly eligible through the expansion will not attract pupil premium funding. Your undeclared KS1 families under the threshold are lost money. The draft avoids explaining the two tiers to parents; your office checks eligibility.

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
16 Nov	PSP Year 2 play buddies
16 Nov	PSP Y1/2 invasion event (Dalton)
16 Nov	Odd Socks Week
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)
12 Feb	Children break up for half term
22 Feb	Children return to school
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