

Morton Newsletter

April 2026

The year is flying by and we are already in the summer term – how has that happened!?

The summer term is always a busy one with assessments, sports days, trips and lots more exciting learning taking place. Let's hope we get some sunshine!

😊 Miss Jackson



"The things that make me
different are the things that
make me."

- A.A. Milne, "Winnie the Pooh"

LittleYellowStar

Nursery updates

We are very excited that we have been given the go ahead and the funding to start a nursery here at Morton.

The process has already started, we had initial plans drawn up as part of the bidding application that involved building a toilet block and creating a larger opening between Willow class and the room that will be used for nursery.

I had a meeting last week with the architects and the first step is to put in for planning permission, although only a small extension unfortunately we do not think it will be allowed under permitted development.

Once granted permission, I am told that we are looking at about 12 weeks to complete the project.

Unfortunately, due to this, it is unlikely that we are looking at a September start. Realistically we are hoping for a January 2027 opening but this is not set in stone and we will update as we can.

Diary Dates

Mon 13th April – school starts

Fri 17th May – OPAL play for parents

Fri 1st May – INSET

Mon 4th May – Bank holiday

WB 11th May – Y6 SATs

Fri 22nd May – School closes for May half term

Mon 1st June – Back to school

WB 8th June – X tables checks (year 4)

WB 8th June – Year 1 phonics checks

Wed 17th June – sports day (am)

Fri 3rd July – INSET

Tues 7th July – reports out

Thurs 9th July – Open evening

Thurs 23rd July – break up for summer



Assessments

The summer term is always a busy one with many national assessments taking place.

During the week beginning 11th May, Year 6 will have their SATs assessments, they will run from the Monday to the Thursday.

Year 2 children also have optional SATs but these will be done over a period of time rather than on a specific day. We will be doing these with small groups of children from the 11th May.

In June, the Year 4 children will take their statutory times tables checks and the Year 1 children will take the phonics assessments.

Children in other year groups will be doing assessments but not until nearer the end of the school year.

We have been working hard in school to ensure that your children are ready for these and have the knowledge that they need to do the best they can. Please support them by talking about them but not worrying them! We will let you know how your children have done in the end of year reports.

Morton Fest - save the date!

Exciting news - The FOMPA are organising another Morton Fest! This will take place on Saturday 27th June on the school field. Bands are booked, stalls arranged and a variety of food and drink will be on offer.

As last year, it promises to be lots of fun and I look forward to seeing you all there.



OPAL Play Day

Thank you to everyone who came in and made our OPAL play day such a success. I have added some photos for you to look at.

Road Safety

Please can we make sure that we are being careful when crossing the main road outside school. We had a near miss last week that could have been nasty. Please cross with your children, if they walk on their own - make sure that they know to wait until all cars have stopped.

Curriculum

We continue to work on developing our school curriculum to ensure that our children get the very best offer.

Thank you for all your continued work that supports what we teach in school - as we know, if learning is discussed and reinforced out of school then it is much more likely that it will be retained.

Willow Class - will continue their learning through the seasons with a focus on growing.

Sycamore Class - *Wonderful World* This is a geography theme in which the children will be learning all about continents, seas and oceans and about coastal towns in the UK.

Maple Class - *Influences all Around us*. This unit includes science (sound) and geography (comparing the East Midlands with a region in Europe) as well as links to other subjects around influence.

Hazel Class - *Space Race*. Children will learn about the solar system in this scientific theme and will learn about influential people who played a part in the Space Race of the 20th Century..

Picture Gallery



