Morton Newsletter

Morton Primary Academy

January 2026

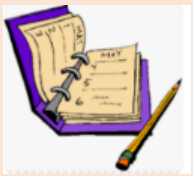
Happy New Year!
2025 was certainly a productive year at Morton with new classrooms being built, fences around the field, new resources for children to use and play with and the very first Morton Fest! 2026 has started well with Sycamore, Maple and Hazel settling quickly into their new classrooms - even if they do sometimes forget and end up in the wrong place!
Although it seems quite short after the long autumn term, Spring term is always productive with lots of learning and fun.
Miss Jackson

New Classrooms

Sycamore, Maple and Hazel are now settled into their new classrooms - This is especially beneficial for Sycamore as they now have a bigger classroom with more space 😊. The plan moving forwards is that Willow class will move into the old Sycamore classroom after we have completed some work (new flooring and sink area). The room that Willow are currently using will then become an intervention room for the rest of this year meaning that we have more space for children working in small groups. Long term, if we are given the go ahead for a nursery, this area will then be developed to create a foundation area that includes both nursery and foundation (Willow class) children.

Diary Dates

Tues 6th Jan - School starts
Thurs 15th Jan - No after school club
Fri 30th Jan - Young voices
Fri 6th Feb - Number Day
Tues 10th Feb - Safer Internet Day
Wed 11th Feb - OPAL parent play (pm)
12th/13th Feb - Y 5/6 bikeability
Thurs 12th Feb - Valentines disco
Fri 13th Feb - school closes for half term
Next half term
Mon 23rd Feb - back to school
Mon 23rd Feb - Readathon starts
Thurs 5th March - World Book Day
17th / 19th March - Parents Evening
Fri 27th March - School closes for Easter holidays



Curriculum

Thank you for all of your support with our curriculum - talking to the children about what they are learning and engaging with them with their homework tasks.
This term, the themes that we are covering are:

Willow Class - *'Hot and Cold'*. Children will be learning about parts of the world that are hot or cold and the animals and plants that are found there.

Sycamore Class - *'Women who changed the World'* A History theme in which they will learn about Women from the past including Florence Nightingale, Rosa Parks and Mary Seacole.

Maple Class - 'Angry Earth'. This is a Geography theme with children learning about how mountains are formed and what causes earthquakes and volcanoes to erupt.

Hazel Class - 'Blitz Street'. This is a history unit in which the children will be learning about how WW2 changed and impacted the life of people then and now.

See the class pages on the website for more information.

Tapestry

On 1st January 2026, Djanogly Learning Trust merged with another multi-academy trust, QEGSMAT, to form a new partnership called Tapestry Learning Partnership.

What does this mean for pupils and families?

•All of our schools will continue to operate as usual and serve their communities.
•There will be no changes to the day-to-day running of our schools.
•Pupils will continue to be taught by the same staff in the same schools, which will retain their existing names.

What are the benefits of the merger?

•A stronger partnership that shares knowledge, best practice, resources, and expertise to enhance teaching and learning.
•Greater opportunities for staff development, supporting recruitment and retention.
•Improved efficiency and sustainability, ensuring we can continue to provide the very best education.

World Book Day

World book day is on Thursday 5th March – this seems like a long way off but I know that it will come round quickly!

For the day, we are asking the children to either dress as a character from a book **or** come in ready for a bedtime story (pyjamas, slippers, teddy..), whichever they would prefer.

We will be offering an opportunity for parents to get involved but are wondering whether this would be best at the beginning or end of the day? Please keep an eye out on Dojo as we will be sending out a poll to try and work this out.

QA

Last half term we had a very positive QA (quality assurance) visit. Ged Philbin visited school (along with one of our trust directors) for the day. Ged last visited in Autumn 2024 and he was very impressed with the progress that we have made. He commented positively on:

- ✓ Standards of work
- ✓ Behaviour
- ✓ Progress with the curriculum
- ✓ The impact of OPAL
- ✓ Leadership of subjects, in particular English, Maths and Phonics
- ✓ Strong staff team
- ✓ Supportive environment

Picture Gallery