Yeo Moor Primary School

Family Newsletter

Thursday 18th September

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Macmillan Coffee Morning

Our senior leadership team would like to invite all parents/carers to our Macmillan coffee morning on Friday 3rd October from drop off until 9.30am. It will be a chance to meet Mrs Jones (Yeo Moor's new headteacher) as well as the senior leadership team (assistant headteachers Miss Caines and Miss Young).

Attendance

A message from our attendance team: Welcome back to a brand-new academic year - we're excited to see everyone back and ready to learn!

This year, we're aiming for an attendance target of 97% for all our pupils. Good attendance is key to success and building strong habits starts from the very beginning of a child's school journey. We truly value the partnership we have with our families and appreciate your continued support in helping every child attend school regularly and on time.

If you have any questions or need support with attendance, please don't hesitate to contact our Attendance Team, led by Headteacher Mrs Kirsty Jones. We're here to help.

We hope your child/ren have had a smooth and happy start to the term!

Homework Update

We've experienced a few technical issues with logging time on Times Tables Rockstars, so we'll be pausing Homework Club this week. The team behind the platform has assured us that these problems will be resolved shortly. Once everything is running smoothly again, we'll begin monitoring homework as usual and aim to start Homework Club next Friday.

Thank you for your patience and understanding!

Bikes and Scooters in the Playground

To help keep everyone safe, we kindly ask that all children dismount from bikes and scooters as they enter the school grounds. Riding is not permitted on the playground during drop-off and pick-up times. Children may only mount their bikes or scooters once they have exited the school grounds. The children have been made aware of these expectations during a recent assembly. Thank you for helping us ensure a safe environment for all pupils, parents and staff.

Seesaw

We use an online learning journal called Seesaw to capture your child's learning and share their learning journey with you. Seesaw is a secure app that allows parents and carers to stay connected with what their child is doing in school — from everyday activities to special achievements.

Through Seesaw, you'll be able to see photos, videos and examples of your child's work, helping you feel more involved in their learning and development.

We may take photographs and recordings of your child for several educational purposes, including:

- Documenting what they enjoy doing at school
- Recording their learning and progress
- Including in their individual learning journal
- Capturing special events and achievements

These images may sometimes include your child alongside their classmates, as part of group learning experiences.

To comply with the Data Protection Act 2018, we require your permission before we can photograph or record your child. This ensures we handle all media responsibly and respectfully.

We have updated our photo permissions and added permission for Seesaw on My Child at School (MCAS). If you haven't done so already, please update your permissions.

Nut-Free School

Our Food Policy has been updated to include the below. Please ensure you do not send in any products that contain peanuts or tree nuts.

Yeo Moor Primary School aims to be a Nut-Free school. The school aims to protect children who have allergies to nuts while also helping them as they grow to take responsibility for what foods they can safely eat and to be aware of what foods may put them at risk. We do not allow nuts or nut products as snacks or in lunch boxes.

The following items should not be brought into school:

Packs of nuts

Peanut butter or Nutella sandwiches

Fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts

Chocolate bars or sweets that contain nuts

Pesto which contains nuts

Cakes made with nuts

Self-serve pastries covered in almonds – for example almond croissants

Any home-cooked meals for packed lunches that are made from nuts

Any shared food for after-school events with nuts or nut oils

The school requests that parents and carers observe the nut-free policy and therefore do not include nuts, or any traces of nuts, as snacks or in packed lunches.

What types of food are nuts?
Almonds
Cashews
Pecans
Pine nuts
Hazelnuts
Pistachios
Walnuts
Brazil nuts
Macadamias
Nut oils
Peanuts
Parents and carers must notify staff if their child has any known or suspected allergy to nuts and provide all medical and necessary information. This will be added to your child's file and if necessary, a meeting organised with school staff.

Harvest

We're looking forward to our Harvest Assembly on Tuesday 7th October, where we'll be joined by a representative from the local Food Bank.

As part of our celebration, we will be collecting donations to support the Food Bank. If you would like to contribute, please send your child to school with a non-perishable food item on the morning of the assembly.

We'll send a reminder closer to the date - thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

Summer Reading Challenge

We will be celebrating Yeo Moor pupils who took part in the Summer Reading Challenge next Friday (26th September). Please send your child in with their certificates so they can be celebrated in our celebration assembly on Friday.

MP Visit to Yeo Moor

Last week, Year 6 welcomed Sadik Al-Hassan to Yeo Moor following letters they wrote to him last year about homelessness. Mr Al-Hassan was keen to hear more and joined the year group to discuss their work and answer questions.

Julia asked about changes to housing costs and Mr Al-Hassan shared that 39% of new homes in North Somerset are now affordable. George asked what it's like to be an MP and learned that Mr Al-Hassan works around 70 hours a week and was heading straight to Parliament after his visit.

When asked who his favourite Lioness was, Mr Al-Hassan wasn't sure at the time but later emailed to say it's Lucy Bronze, admiring her resilience during a tournament. Coincidentally, he met her that afternoon and recorded a special message for Yeo Moor, which was shared in assembly.

Yeo Moor Local Governance Committee – Meet the Governors

As we begin the new school year, we welcome some exciting changes in our leadership team. Mrs Jones has joined us as Headteacher, and Miss Young as Assistant Head. We also have a new Chair of Governors – Mr David Branch, who takes over from Mrs Ann Driver.

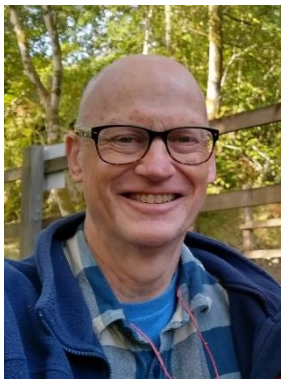
Yeo Moor is part of the Futura Multi-Academy Trust (MAT), which oversees 26 schools. Each school has a Local Governance Committee (LGC) to help guide its vision and monitor progress. Our LGC is made up of six dedicated volunteers from the local community, including parents and staff.

We'd like to thank Ann Driver for her many years of service to Yeo Moor – not only as a governor, but also as a nursery teacher, reading assistant, and more. She's made a lasting impact and will be greatly missed.

Over the coming newsletters, we'll introduce each of our governors so you can get to know them better. First up is our new Chair, David Branch:

"I've been a governor at Yeo Moor since February 2021 and Vice Chair for the past two years. I have been a link governor for Finance and also for Teaching and Curriculum, meaning I work with teachers and staff in the school in these areas, providing oversight and being a critical friend to the school.

I retired from an engineering career with Rolls-Royce in December 2018 and have been enjoying retirement ever since. I moved to Clevedon in late 2001 with my wife and our two very young boys. Both went through the local schools and are now grown up and living away. During my working life I had often thought about becoming a school governor but I could never fit it around work. With retirement, that became a possibility. I have to say that I am full of admiration for my governor colleagues who manage to hold down full-time jobs and still find time to be a governor.



I'm very much looking forward to my time as chair and I hope I can be of value to the school and its wider community."

Look out for future introductions to our other governors: Marcus Thickins and Amy Bracey (appointed governors), Gemma Tordoff and Sonia Day (parent governors), and Dorcas Gall (staff governor).

Diary dates

Term 1	
September	
Thursday 18th September	Friend of Yeo Moor AGM 7.30pm (at school)
Monday 29th September	Author visit (Pete Murray) for Years 4- 6 Reception open day (prospective parents/carers) 10-11am
Tuesday 30th September	Author book signing (Pete Murray) for Years 4-6
October	
Thursday 2nd October	National Poetry Day
Friday 3rd October	Reception open day (prospective parents/carers) 9.30-10.30am

	Macmillan Coffee Morning for our new Reception parents/carers 10.30am
Wednesday 8th October	Oracy Open Morning for Futura schools (oracy practice at Yeo Moor will be showcased to schools within the trust)
Thursday 9th October	Reception open day (prospective parents/carers) 1.30-2.30pm
WB 13.10	Consultation evenings
Tuesday 14th October	Flu immunisations
Thursday 23rd October	Reception interactive open evening (prospective parents/carers) 4.30-6.00pm
Friday 24th October	Inset

2025/2026

Term 1: Wednesday 3 September 2025 - Thursday 23 October 2025
Inset: Monday 1 and Tuesday 2 September 2025; Friday 24 October 2025

Term 2: Monday 3 November 2025 - Friday 19 December 2025

Term 3: Monday 5 January 2026 - Thursday 12 February 2026
Inset: Friday 13 February 2026

Term 4: Monday 23 February 2026 - Thursday 2 April 2026
Inset: Monday 9 March 2026

Term 5: Monday 20 April 2026 - Friday 22 May 2026

Term 6: Monday 1 June 2026 - Friday 17 July 2026
Inset: Monday 29 June 2026; Monday 20 and Tuesday 21 July 2026

Celebration Corner

Yeo Moor Learning Powers

We have had a wonderful two weeks celebrating the following children in our Celebration Assemblies.

Dragonflies: Grace and Immie

Frogs – Bode and Lily-Mae

Moorhens – George and Tommy

Cygnets – Oakley and Eliza

Kingfishers – Michael and Isla

Wagtails – Bobbi-Lea and Alfie W

Otters – Oona and Isla-Rose

Foxes – Grayson and Alana

Ducks – Ella and Sophia

Woodpeckers – Emelia and Henry

Geese – Ciara and Llewellyn

Swans – Molly and Eva D

Gold Awards

Congratulations to the following children who have all received gold awards in the first few weeks of term. If your child's name doesn't appear below, it will be included in the next edition.

Frank – Otters

Ryan – Cygnets

Elvis – Geese

George L – Geese

Griffin – Moorhens

Some Year 6s received a special 'Mill on the Brue Headteacher's Award' whilst away on camp:

Ayla

Eva D

Marnie

Llewellyn

Noah

Darcey

Cohen

Silas

Maisie

Khyran

Pupil Leadership

We're proud to celebrate our Yeo Moor Oracy Ambassadors who are taking a lead on promoting oracy within their classrooms. With the guidance and support of our Oracy Lead, Miss Brewer, these pupils are helping to champion confident speaking, active listening and purposeful communication across the school.

Well done to all our ambassadors for being such positive role models!

Moorhens – George

Cygnets – Isabella

Wagtails – Arlo

Kingfishers – Alana

Otters – Elijah

Foxes - Alana

Woodpeckers – Holly

Ducks – Evan

Swans – Cohen

Geese – Alexia

Over the next few weeks, we will be expanding our pupil leadership by confirming who our Reading Ambassadors and Kindness Ambassadors are.

Noticeboard

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Book of the Month

One Day on Our Blue Planet: In the Outback - Ella Bailey

Learn all about the animals that live in the Australian Outback in this lovely book. Full of facts with lots of great illustrations, you'll be an outback expert in no time!

Summer Reading Challenge 2025

Thank you to everyone who has joined our reading challenge so far and congratulations to those who have finished! We hope that you have enjoyed reading your books as much as we have enjoyed hearing about them. Our Story Garden is looking fantastic thanks to all your colouring! The reading challenge runs until 13th September so there is still plenty of time to finish the challenge if you haven't already. Keep up the great reading bookworms!

Library Events

After School Fun

- Lego Club - Mondays 3.15-4.30pm
- Colouring Club - Tuesdays 3.15-4.30pm

Activities for Pre-Schoolers

- Storytime - Tuesdays 11.15-11.45am
- Rhymetime - Fridays 9.45-10.15am (booking advised)

Joke Corner

Why did the M&M go to school?

Because he wanted to be a Smartie!