Yeo Moor Primary School

Family Newsletter

Thursday 10th September

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Welcome Back!

A very warm welcome back to all our children, families and staff as we begin a new school year. It has been wonderful to see our pupils return with such enthusiasm, positivity and readiness to learn and we have enjoyed a fantastic start to the term.

Our classrooms have been buzzing with excitement as children settle into their new year groups, reconnect with friends and begin building relationships with their new teachers. We have already seen many examples of our pupils demonstrating our school values and making us proud.

We would also like to extend a special welcome to our new Reception families. We are delighted that you have joined the Yeo Moor family and have loved seeing the children settle into school so positively. We look forward to getting to know you and working in partnership with you throughout the years ahead.

We are confident that this will be a successful, enjoyable and memorable year, filled with exciting learning opportunities, special events and achievements to celebrate. As always, we greatly value the support of our families and look forward to working together throughout the year.

Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

Ofsted Parent/Carer Survey

We value the views of all parents and carers and would be grateful if you could take a few moments to complete Ofsted's Parent View survey.

Your feedback plays an important role in helping us to reflect on and improve our practice. We carefully consider the comments and views shared by families so that we can identify areas for development, respond to feedback and ensure we continue to provide the very best education and care for our pupils.

The survey also gives us an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the many areas of strength across the school.

Thank you for taking the time to share your views and support our ongoing school improvement journey.

Complete the survey here: Yeo Moor Primary School | Ofsted Parent View

Road Safety Reminder

The safety of our children is our highest priority. Please remember to drive **slowly** and **carefully** on the roads around school, particularly at drop-off and pick-up times. We ask all parents and carers to be mindful of pedestrians, park considerately and help us keep our school community safe.

School Age Flu Vaccination 2026/27

Please complete the form below to tell us if you **do** or **do not** wish for your child to be vaccinated or to confirm if your child has been vaccinated elsewhere.

Sirona care & health

Update From Miss Brewer

A huge congratulations to Miss Brewer who welcomed her beautiful baby boy just before the start of term.



Supporting Your Child After School

Many children work incredibly hard throughout the school day and can sometimes feel overwhelmed once they return home. This helpful BBC Bitesize article explains "after-school restraint collapse" and shares five practical strategies to support your child after school.

What is after-school restraint collapse and how to manage it?

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z863cxs#zbt36rd

Supporting Children's Emotional Wellbeing

We know that supporting children's emotional wellbeing is important to many families. The following free training opportunity is available for parents/carers, offering valuable guidance on understanding self-harm, recognising signs of distress and developing effective ways to support young people.

Self-Harm Awareness Training

Wednesday 23 October, 6:00pm to 8:30pm

This session aims to build parents' and carers' knowledge, confidence and practical communication skills to help support a young person who may be self-harming or experiencing emotional distress.

Self-Harm Awareness Session for Parents & Carers Tickets, Wednesday, September 23 • 6 PM - 8:30 PM GMT+1 | Eventbrite

Reading Volunteers Wanted!
Could you spare 30 minutes a week to read with a child?
We are looking for volunteers to support reading in school.
Spending time reading with a child can make a huge difference to their confidence and enjoyment of books.
If you are interested in becoming a reading volunteer, please contact the school office.
A little time can make a big difference!

Friends of Yeo Moor Annual General Meeting
All parents and carers are welcome to attend the Friends of Yeo Moor AGM on Thursday 17 September at 7:30pm at Yeo Moor Primary School.
Come along to hear about the difference the PTA has made over the past year, find out about upcoming events and learn how you can support the school. New members are always welcome and refreshments will be provided.
We hope to see you there!

Thank You, Friends of Yeo Moor!
A huge thank you to the Friends of Yeo Moor team and everyone who has supported their fundraising efforts over the past year. Thanks to your generosity, thousands of pounds have been raised to enhance our children's experiences and provide valuable resources across the school.
Take a look below to see the incredible difference your support has made.

Gates Reminder
Just a reminder that the school gates **close promptly at 8:55am** each morning. Children arriving after this time should enter via the school office and be signed in.

Free School Meals Eligibility Check
A reminder to check whether you are eligible for Free School Meals (FSM). Our school is now registered with the LGfL Free School Meals Eligibility Checker. This online service allows parents and carers to quickly and securely check their eligibility and submit an application. Please use the following link: Free School Meals Checker - Check Eligibility Online | LGfL FSM
Important update: All pupils who are currently receiving Free School Meals must complete a new eligibility check using the link above. This applies even if your child is already in receipt of Free School Meals. You may be eligible for Free School Meals if you receive certain benefits. In addition to supporting your child, successful applications can also provide additional funding for the school through the Pupil Premium, helping us to offer extra support and opportunities for our pupils. We encourage all families to complete the check, as it only takes a few minutes.
Thank you for your support.

Partnership Agreement and Parental Consent
At the start of the new academic year, we ask all families to read the Partnership Agreement and confirm that they have read and understood its contents.
You will find the agreement on your 'Announcements' page. Please click on the attachment to read the document, then select 'Parental Consent' to confirm that you have read, understood, and agree to the contents of the agreement.
Thank you for your cooperation and support.

MCAS Attendance Reporting Reminder
Don't forget to notify the school office of your child's absence through MCAS. It's quick, easy and helps us keep our records up to date.

To report an absence:

- Open MCAS and select your child.
- Go to **Attendance**.
- Click **Report an Absence**.
- Enter the reason for the absence and submit.

Your message will be received by the school office and added directly to the register.
You can also use this feature to notify us of medical appointments, saving you the need to call the school.
Thank you for helping us keep attendance information accurate and up to date.

Healthy Lunchboxes Reminder
Please ensure that children bring a healthy packed lunch to school. We are seeing an increasing number of lunchboxes containing chocolate bars, sweets and multiple packets of biscuits, which are not in line with our healthy eating guidance.
We would also like to remind families that some children and staff in our school have severe nut allergies. To help keep everyone safe, please avoid sending products that contain nuts, including peanut butter and chocolate spreads containing nuts, such as Nutella.

Phonics Parent/Carer Workshop
On October 6th, there will be a short meeting to explain how phonics is used to teach reading in Year 1. We will aim to start at 14:45 and the meeting will be finished in time for you to collect your child. It will be in the KS2 hall and you will enter and exit via the side door which will be open from 14:40.
We would really like as many of you as possible to attend and feel that it will really help you to support your children to become fluent readers. However, we appreciate that some of you may not be able to attend and the presentation will be available via email if necessary.
Younger siblings are welcome.
We look forward to seeing you there.

Diary Dates

Term 1	
Week 3	
WC 14th September	Year 6 at MOTB
Monday 14th September	Singing assembly begins Choir begins
Friday 18th September	Digital Makers Club begins
Week 4	
Tuesday 22nd September	House Captain Vote
Friday 25th September	House Captains announced
Week 5	
Tuesday 29th September	Year 4 Music Day National Poetry Day Assembly
Friday 2nd October	Macmillan Coffee Morning
Week 6	
WC Monday 5th October	Consultation evenings
Tuesday 6th October	Phonics Workshop 2.45pm
Friday 9th October	Non-uniform day (raising money for composting bins)
Week 7	
Wednesday 14th October	Inset
Friday 16th October	Break up
Term 2	
Week 1	
Monday 2nd November	Start of Term 2

2026/2027
Term 1: Thursday 3 September 2026 – Friday 16 October 2026
Inset: Tuesday 1 and Wednesday 2 September
Term 2: Monday 2 November 2026 – Friday 18 December 2026
Term 3: Tuesday 6 January 2027 – Friday 12 February 2027
Inset: Monday 4 January
Term 4: Monday 22 February 2027 – Thursday 25 March 2027
Term 5: Monday 12 April 2027 – Friday 28 May 2027

Celebration Corner

Yeo Moor Learning Powers

We cannot wait to begin celebrating our Yeo Moor learning powers tomorrow in our first celebration assembly of the year!

Gold Awards

We're looking forward to celebrating those who have been awarded a Headteacher's Award in our next family newsletter.

Homework Trophy

We'll begin awarding our homework trophy next week.

House Points

Our House Captains will be voted in once Year 6 return from Mill on the Brue. They will then begin their important job of counting our weekly house points and announcing the winning house in our celebration assemblies.

Zero Heroes

Zero Heroes will begin once our Eco Ambassadors are in role. We're looking forward to reducing our food waste even more this year!

Celebrating Success at the Clevedon Show!

Congratulations to Wren (Frogs Class) and Arlo (Foxes Class) for their fantastic achievements at the Clevedon Show.

Wren was awarded 2nd place in the 5-7 Years Photography category.

Arlo achieved 3rd place in the Under 16s Lego Masters competition and 3rd place in the 8-11 Years Drawing category, where the theme was *Favourite Book Character*. Arlo's entry featured James and the Giant Peach.

We are incredibly proud of both children and their wonderful achievements. Well done!





Noticeboard

EPiC
MARTIAL ARTS & FITNESS

EPiC KIDS

FREE PARENT GUIDE

KEEP KIDS IN ROUTINE

The structure of the school day disappears the second the bell goes. Here's how to build it back in without a fight.

1. Pick one evening that's always the same. Same activity, same time, every week. Predictability does more for a calm evening than any reward chart.
2. Don't move bedtime on the "good" days. Kids settle faster when the whole week feels the same shape, not just the school nights.
3. Put the week somewhere they can see it: a wall planner, a fridge list, anything visual. Knowing what's coming next cuts out half the negotiating.
4. Trade one screen slot for something that moves them, even ten minutes. It resets focus faster than screen time ever will.
5. Anchor the week with one thing that's always on: a club, a class, anything that doesn't shift. It becomes the thing they look forward to, and the thing that holds everything else in place.

Want that anchor to be EPiC? We offer free trials at 10 locations across Bristol and the surrounding area.
Find out more at epicmartialarts.co.uk

WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING 28 SEPT

WE ARE MACMILLAN. CANCER SUPPORT

We are looking forward to holding our annual MacMillan coffee morning at Yeo Moor, Friday 2nd October 2026 from 8.45am until 10.30am.

Cake donations will be most gratefully received!

Please come and join us for a cup of coffee or tea and a slice of cake.

Save the date for the...

Friends of Yeo Moor

PTA AGM

(Parent-Teacher Association Annual General Meeting)

Thursday 17 September | 19:30 | Yeo Moor Primary School

AGENDA

1. Welcome new members
2. What we've raised
3. What we've funded
4. 26-27 event planning
5. Vote in new Secretary

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED



Dear Parents and Carers

THANKS TO YOUR AMAZING GENEROSITY

FRIENDS OF YEO MOOR MADE £5705

in the 2025-26 school year



These and earlier fundraisers paid for:

- OUTDOOR STAGE £4550
- MILL ON THE BRUE COACH £970
- CLASSROOM ENRICHMENT £1700
- READING CABIN £1270
- XMAS CRACKERS & PANTO £700
- Y1 PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT £2890
- SPEAKER & SPOTIFY £350

We want to keep funding these great things for our kids, but Friends of Yeo Moor will shut down if we don't find a Secretary and more volunteers.

Please join us at the AGM on 17 September @ 19:30.