



"Learning Together"

Respect, Kindness, Tolerance, Responsibility, Co-operation

Great Moor Junior School Newsletter

7th November 2025

Halloween Disco

Lots of children came to the Halloween Disco before half term and had great fun. They all looked fabulous in their costumes. Thanks to all our brilliant staff who gave up their time to help out. Pictures are available in the Gallery on the front page of our website.



Remembrance Day

In honour of Remembrance Day, all of our pupils came together to create beautiful poppies as a symbol of gratitude for the brave soldiers who sacrificed their lives for our freedom. Pupils also wrote heartfelt poems and messages of thanks, reflecting on the courage and dedication of those who served.

The stunning display of poppies and thoughtful words serves as a poignant reminder of the importance of remembrance and the lasting impact of their sacrifices.

We will be observing a two-minute silence on Tuesday 11th November to pay our respects. Pupils who are members of Brownies, Cubs, Scouts, Rainbows are invited to come to school in their club uniforms on the day.



Y3 Airport Trip

Before half-term, Year 3 enjoyed an amazing visit to the Manchester Airport Aerozone. The children learned how the Airport has such a big impact on our local area. After receiving a tour



of the check-in area, the children had time to explore the different zones in the Aerozone. These included the cabin area, check in desks, border force, duty free, aircraft marshalling and security.

The children had a fantastic time and didn't want to leave, with many children asking when we could go back again. It was lovely to see the children so engaged with the various activities. All of Year 3 represented our school fantastically and the Education Manager at the Aerozone let us know that they displayed our School Values and were respectful and kind throughout all of our 3 class trips.



Cross Country Event 2

Another fantastic cross-country event! The children ran so well and it was lovely to see them cheering each other on. Whether it was their first race or they were setting a brand new PB, all of the children represented our school proudly. We had another 31 children at event 2.

With the good conditions, 21 children managed to set a personal best time which is brilliant.

We had 2 top 10 finishes, Flo came 2nd in the Year 5/6 girls race and Flynn came 4th in the Year 5/6 boys race.

We were so impressed with the effort from everyone who ran. It would be very easy to give up when tired, but the children from our school always seem to find that little bit of extra effort.

The teams are doing well and are currently in:

Year 3 and 4 girls: 10th

Year 3 and 4 boys: 4th

Year 5 and 6 girls: 2nd

Year 5 and 6 boys: 3rd

The full results can be found on our webpage. (There are a few errors that the league have told me they are going to correct asap, so don't worry if your result doesn't look correct.)

<https://www.greatmoor-jun.stockport.sch.uk/page/cross-country>

The next race is:

Saturday 22nd November

Year 3 and 4 girls: 10.30am

Year 3 and 4 boys: 10.50am

Year 5 and 6 girls: 11.10am

Year 5 and 6 boys: 11.40am

If you haven't been to the first 2 events, you are still welcome to come to any of the future races.

Please email Mr Garnett if you have any questions joe.garnett@greatmoor-jun.stockport.sch.uk

Year 3 Christmas Show Dates For Your Diary

Our Year 3 shows will be on Monday 8th December at 2.15pm and 6pm and Tuesday 9th December at 6pm. More information re tickets to follow nearer the time.

Interfaith Week 2025 (Sunday 9th - Sunday 16th November)

This week in RE we are celebrating people coming together. It's a time to learn about and respect different religious and non-religious worldviews, talk about what we believe, share traditions, and show kindness to one another. It's a chance to celebrate our differences and showcase our school values. Throughout the week, all pupils will become immersed within a scenario where they participate in lots of drama and discussion activities to celebrate this year's theme of Community: Together We Serve

Flu Vaccination Catch Up

IntraHealth will be attending at 9am on Wednesday 19th November to complete the Flu Vaccination Catch Up.

If your child was absent or refused at the main session, they will automatically be added to the catch-up list.

If you would still like to consent, please ring 0333 358 3397 option 1, option 6 then 2 for Stockport.



Stationery Shop Helpers

Every Thursday Stationery Shop takes place at lunchtime. Mrs Pollock is ably assisted by her team of helpers pictured here, who manage the shop and help stock the shelves. So if you ever lose your pen or need a new pencil sharpener please come to the area outside the library at 12.50pm each week.



Librarians

The school library is open every lunchtime (except for Tuesdays). We have a super team of Y5 librarians pictured here, who help issue and return the books. They will also help with book recommendations. So if you ever need a fiction or non-fiction read, visit the library from 12.45pm on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.



Year 6 Monitors

A very big 'thank you' to our wonderful Year 6 monitors. Our prefects and lunch time register monitors volunteer their own time to ensure our school values are displayed by everyone. They do a fabulous job at keeping our canteen, playgrounds and corridors safe and happy places to be!



School Councillors and Learning Ambassadors

The School Councillors met last month to vote on our new school charity for the year. The chosen charity was Francis House in Didsbury and on Monday, Kate who works for the fundraising team came in to talk to us about the charity and where the money that is raised goes. We usually aim to raise one thousand pounds each year for our chosen charity. The Halloween disco last half term was a real success and councillors will be planning another event very soon so look out for details!

The Learning Ambassadors also met with our Governors last half term to tell them about some of the extra curricular sporting activities that we do and how they support our fitness and wellbeing. Governors were really pleased to hear and learn how much pupils were enjoying taking part in these activities. They also had a walk around our classes to speak to our pupils and see some of the lovely displays up on the walls.

Thank you to all School Councillors and Learning Ambassadors for their hard work on these projects

Lost Property

We do get a lot of lost property in school - it's rare a day goes by without someone losing their coat, fleece, shoes or even trousers! When lost property is handed in we return named items directly to their owners. Unfortunately many items (the vast majority) do not have a name in and therefore end up in our overflowing lost property box. Please could parents help us by ensuring children's clothing especially fleeces, sweatshirts, cardigans and coats are clearly marked with their child's name.



World Cup

Our Great Moor Junior School World Cup is heating up as we reach the semi-final stage! The matches have been full of excitement, teamwork, and fantastic sportsmanship. Pupils have shown brilliant behaviour both on and off the pitch—cheering each other on and playing fairly. Truly demonstrating our school values! Well done to everyone involved!



"Keeping Children Safe Online" Parent Talk

We are holding an information talk on "Keeping Children Safe Online" for parents on Wednesday 19th November 2025 at 2:30pm in the school hall.

This session will explore how we can work together to help children use the internet safely and responsibly. We'll look at current online trends, social media use, gaming, artificial intelligence, and the steps families can take to keep children protected and informed when using technology at home.

The talk will also share practical advice, useful resources, and support websites to help parents manage online safety with confidence.

Beth Drop-In

Beth, our Education Mental Health Practitioner from the Stockport Mental Health Support Team will be running a lunchtime stall in the school hall on Monday 10th November 2025 in celebration of Friendship Week! All children will be able to chat to Beth about 'What makes a good friend' and be given the opportunity to reflect on the qualities they have that makes them a positive member of the Great Moor Junior School community. Beth will also be handing out grounding and coping cards for children to try out to support emotional regulation skills as well as signposting information about mental health and wellbeing support available in the local area.



Friendship Week

Next week at Great Moor Junior School will be celebrating Friendship Week 2025, focusing on this year's theme of using our "Power for Good" to spread kindness and stand up for others. On Monday 10th November, everyone is invited to wear odd socks to celebrate how our differences make us unique and special. Throughout the week, we'll enjoy activities and lessons that help us learn about friendship, respect, and how to tackle bullying together. 5I are also doing a class assembly all about friendships. We want to make sure that our school is a place where everyone feels safe, valued, and included. Don't forget your odd socks on Monday!



Why Is Talk Important?

Talking to babies significantly boosts their brain development and language skills. Engaging in conversations builds crucial neural connections and the quality of these interactions is key to their language and learning growth and contributes to their future success.

The benefits of talking to children continues as they pass through the school. Increasingly, children at Junior-school age are drawn to solitary or online activities and spend less time interacting with real people, but it is essential that opportunities to talk are built into every day, both at home and in school. Oracy improves children's outcomes in all areas of learning. These talk opportunities also benefit children not only in terms of their language development, but also in their social interaction and emotional resilience as well, which is key at this age.

Oracy is the ability to express yourself clearly and communicate with others effectively through spoken language. Our Oracy work in school is built around the national charity Voice 21's Oracy framework and is split into four main strands:

- o Physical
- o Cognitive
- o Linguistic
- o Social and Emotional

Oracy is a combination of learning to talk and learning through talk. This means that children are taught specific speaking and listening skills and that talk is used as a central part of their learning across the curriculum. Learning through talk is visible in all subjects in school from PSHE to Maths and PE to Writing.

Children say that Oracy helps them learn, helps them think, helps them talk about their feelings, helps them make friends and helps them feel brave. Oracy helps them feel they belong. Improving children's ability to communicate gives them the power to express themselves and this is another reason why it is an ongoing focus in our school.

Talking with children is both important and beneficial.



Calendars

Following their success in recent years we will be producing our popular A3 laminated calendars, individually designed by pupils for 2026. Each pupil will produce a picture to illustrate a very handy calendar with all school holidays highlighted. They are priced at £5 and all monies raised will go towards our school fund. You can also order multiple copies.

If you would like to order one or more calendars please order via Parentpay

