



*"Learning Together"*

Respect, Kindness, Tolerance, Responsibility, Co-operation

# Great Moor Junior School Newsletter

21st November 2025

## Year 3 Nativity

Get ready for a festive treat with The Voice of Bethlehem 2, our Year 3 Christmas nativity performance! Join us as our talented children bring the story of Christmas to life through music, drama, and dance. Tickets are now available on Parentpay for shows on Monday 8th December 2.15 pm and 6pm and Tuesday 9th December 6pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Christmas Activities

- We will be holding a Christmas Fair, just for the children, in school time on Friday 12th December.
- Friday 5th December will be non-uniform day in return for chocolate donations for the Christmas Fair chocolate tombola.
- Years 3 and 4 Christmas parties will be on Monday 15th December.
- Years 5 and 6 Christmas parties will be on Tuesday 16th December.
- Children should come to school in party clothes on party days. (More information will follow from Year Group teams.)
- Christmas dinner will be on Wednesday 17th December, this will also be Christmas Jumper Day. If your child would like a Christmas dinner and they don't normally have a hot dinner, please pay on Parentpay by Wednesday 10th December. If you would like to borrow a Christmas jumper please call into the office.
- Years 3 and 4 will be enjoying a pantomime in school on the last day.



## Make A Christmas Box

As mentioned above, we will be holding a Christmas Fair this year for the children and as always we would like to invite all children to design and make their own Christmas Box. Boxes need to contain a prize worth at least £1 please. Please can all boxes be in school by Wednesday 10th December. The boxes will then be on sale for other children in the Year Group to buy at the children's Christmas Fair. There will be a prize for the best box in each class.

We will also be holding a Teddy adoption stall, if you have any unwanted, good condition teddies in need of a new home, please donate to the school office.



## Christmas Post - Opens On Monday 1st December

Children can send Christmas cards to other pupils and staff using the school post. The post box will be on the corner between Year 3 corridor and Year 4 corridor (by the boys' toilets). Children sending cards should ensure envelopes are addressed properly (first name, surname and class - clearly written). This will ensure our Year 3 posties will be able to deliver with accuracy.

## Calendars 2026

We have now started the production line of the school calendars which show term dates for next year. Calendars can be purchased through Parentpay £5 each. They all have children's own artwork on and their photograph and they make lovely Christmas gifts.



## Parents' Evenings - Dates For Your Diary

Our main parent consultation evenings are coming up on Wednesday 21st January (3.30-6.30) and Thursday 22nd January (3.30-5.30). All appointments will be face to face this year and all meetings will be held in our school hall on these evenings. Parents of children with additional needs will be invited to attend at a different time. More information re booking to follow nearer the time. If you are not able to make those dates teachers will be able to arrange a phone call at a mutually convenient time.

## World Cup Final Update

Our school World Cup final was a fantastic success! All pupils showed brilliant teamwork, sportsmanship, and enthusiasm throughout the tournament. The final matches was played with great determination and respect on all sides, creating an exciting atmosphere for everyone watching. Well done to all teams for their hard work and to our champions for their outstanding performance. We are incredibly proud of how well our pupils represented the school!



## Online Safety Parent Talk

Thank you to the parents and carers who attended our Online Safety Information Evening this week. The session was a great success, with fantastic engagement and thoughtful questions throughout.

During the talk, we explored key areas such as recognising online risks, supporting children with safe and responsible internet use, understanding age-appropriate platforms, and how to set simple but effective digital boundaries at home. Parents particularly valued the practical examples, real-life scenarios, and the step-by-step guidance on managing privacy settings and encouraging open conversations with children.

We are delighted with the positive feedback and the shared commitment to keeping our pupils safe online. Together, we can help children develop the confidence and skills they need to enjoy the digital world responsibly.

## Keeping Children Safe - Parent Guide

### Key Trends & Statistics

- 1 in 3 Reception children already have their own social media account (Ofcom 2024).
- 90% of KS2 children use YouTube regularly.
- Many play online games that include voice chat and in-game purchases.
- Teenage boys now spend more time gaming each week than in school lessons.
- AI tools and chatbots add new layers of risk and misinformation.

### Key Risks & Challenges

- Exposure to inappropriate content - Violent, sexual, or extremist content on apps, videos, or AI tools.
- Cyberbullying & peer pressure - Children feel judged or harassed online.
- Privacy & data issues - Oversharing personal details or location.
- Addictive / excessive use - Screen time replaces sleep or physical activity.
- AI & manipulation - Bots mimic friends or use fake images (deepfakes).

### What You Can Do — Practical Strategies

- 1. Talk regularly - Ask open questions like "What do you enjoy online?"
- 2. Set clear rules - Create tech-free zones and bedtime cut-offs.
- 3. Use parental controls - On Wi-Fi, consoles, and apps.
- 4. Co-use and supervise - Join them occasionally in games or apps.
- 5. Teach critical thinking - "Is it real? Who made it?"
- 6. Watch for warning signs - Mood changes, secrecy, or tiredness.

### Useful Support & Resources

UK Safer Internet Centre: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/parents-and>

NSPCC: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping->

Childnet: <https://www.childnet.com>

Internet Matters: <https://www.internetmatters.org>

CEOP Education: <https://www.ceopeducation.co>

IWF: <https://www.iwf.org.uk/resources>



## Well Done To Our Millionaire Readers

Well done to:  
Jacob Bryden  
Nick Vaughan  
Dexter Lloyd- Wilson  
Flo Larking  
James Millar

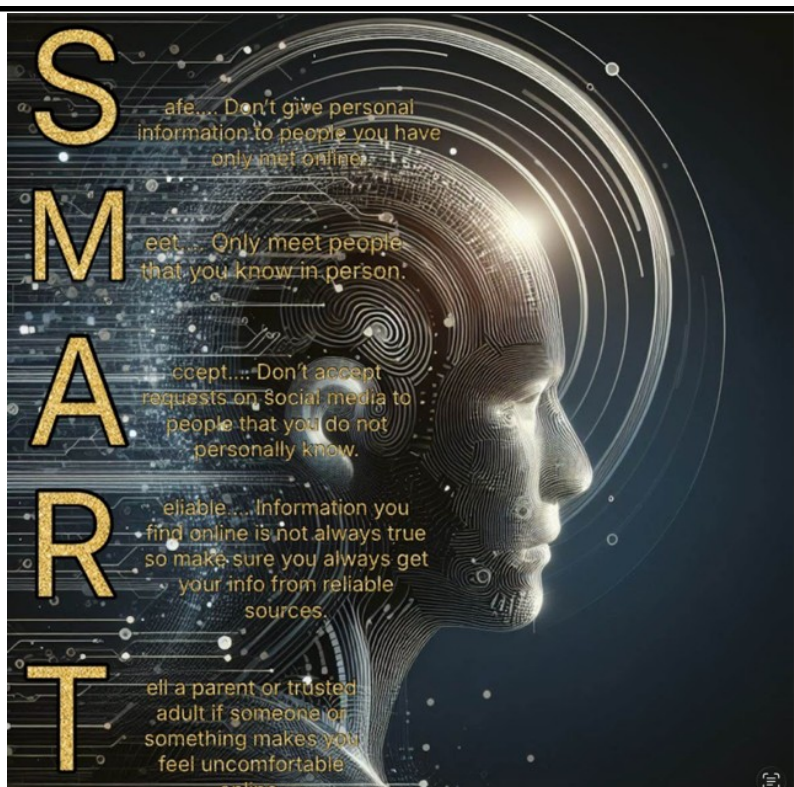
This is the highest number of word millionaires we have ever had so early in the school year!



## Lock Screen Competition - Congratulations Ella!

A huge well done to Ella Cole, the winner of our Great Moor Junior School Lock Screen Competition! Her design impressed the Web Warriors, who had the difficult job of choosing from the brilliant entries. Ella will receive a £10 Amazon voucher and her design will be shown on all school PCs and iPads.

Thank you to everyone who took part — the creativity, effort and imagination shown by all pupils were fantastic. We're proud of every single entry, and we can't wait for more exciting digital challenges ahead



## Year 6 visit to Edgeley Park

Year 6 were invited to Edgeley Park to take part in Stockport County and Normandy Veterans Legacy's Remembrance Day experience. We were fortunate enough to listen to children of WW2 veterans, who shared their memories of the role their fathers played. Military veterans from the Royal British Legion shared their personal experiences of modern day warfare and remembrance. We ended the morning with a stadium tour, which was great fun!



## Well done Emilie

Emilie has recently competed for the very first time at a national level gymnastics competition in The Disability Artistic British Championships in Stoke. Emilie showed incredible resilience, determination, and wonderful sportsmanship throughout the competition - finishing an impressive 6th overall.

We are all so proud of her.



## 6G Class Assembly

6G enjoyed their A-Z tour of South America and the UK. They travelled through forests, climbed mountains and danced at festivals. They shared their learning of countries, animals and demonstrated our school values when discussing climate change! Well done 6G!



## 5I Class Assembly

5I class assembly celebrated friendship week. We looked at what bullying is and how we can use our power to build friendship. We learned that we all have this power no matter how small we are!



## 6T Class Assembly

We really enjoyed performing our class assembly. We based it on living things and classification. One of our favourite scenes was 'The Chase' as the contestant was funny in the way he acted towards the end. We all loved the audience's reactions throughout our show. We noticed our ( terrible ) 'dad jokes' that were smuggled in, got an unexpected reaction from the crowd. Thanks to everyone who watched our class assembly. By Sam and Evie 6T



## Fun Club

A reminder that Fun Club can be booked up to 2.30pm the day before for morning sessions and up to 2.30pm on the day for afternoon sessions. Once sessions have been booked they cannot be changed or refunded. Also, there will be a slight increase in price by 50p for each session from January.



## Year 5 and 6 Movie Night

We are going to trial hosting movie nights for pupils as a fundraising activity for our charity, Francis House.

Our first movie night will be on Monday 1st December, 4:30pm - 6:00pm in the school hall. Tickets will cost £5 and this money goes towards the licence needed to show the film and into our charity fund for Francis House. The movie shown will be 'How the Grinch stole Christmas' (2000) which has a PG rating. Please see 'Common Sense Media' for more information on the film if needed. School staff will be supervising all pupils.

If your child attends an after-school club on that day they can stay in school ready for the film. They will need a ticket to attend. Otherwise, pupils can come back to school at 4:30pm.

If your child will be booked in for Fun Club on that day, they will be able to attend the movie night at no extra charge. Please let the school office know if this is what you would like to do. A member of Fun Club staff will bring children to the hall at 4:30pm.

Children can wear their own clothes and bring a blanket/ cushion and some snacks for themselves to enjoy during the film. If your child would like to join us for this movie night, please buy a ticket on Parent Pay (unless the child is at Fun Club - let the office know). There will be enough tickets for all of Year 5 and 6 to take part.

We hope to see you then!

## Y6 Questionnaire Event at Stockport County

We're excited to invite you and your children to a special Kids Questiontime event at Edgeley Park on Thursday, 4th December!

This is a fantastic opportunity for young people to have their voices heard and ask questions directly to:

- Your local MP
- Stockport Councillors
- A representative from Stockport County FC

We'll be discussing current issues in Stockport and the future of our football club, giving children a real chance to engage with community leaders in a fun and welcoming environment.

What's included?

- Free food for all attendees
- A chance to meet and interact with decision-makers
- An inspiring experience at the home of Stockport County FC

Event Details:

- Venue: Edgeley Park
- Date: Thursday 4th December
- Time: 5pm to 6pm

Spaces are limited, so book your place today and make sure your child doesn't miss out on this unique event! Reserve your spot now: <https://forms.office.com/e/fSE5dCb8vT>

Let's give our young people the platform they deserve – we can't wait to see you there!

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