



*"Learning Together"*

Respect, Kindness, Tolerance, Responsibility, Co-operation

# Great Moor Junior School Newsletter

30th January 2026

## Y6 Hat Works

Year 6 had a wonderful time exploring Stockport's Hat Works museum. We enjoyed making our own felt and putting it in our shoes and learning lots about our local history, including our hatting heroes: Sarah Ward and Elsie Plant. Pupils also modelled a range of hats and displayed all of our school values.



## Y5 Wonderdome

On Tuesday 20th January, Year 5 received a visit from the Wonderdome planetarium. It looked so exciting (taking up a huge space in the hall) and it didn't disappoint! We learned about the Solar System and its planets and details about Space exploration. The presenter, Matt, was able to answer any question we had and we all really enjoyed it and learned a lot.



## Valentine's Cake Sale

On Wednesday 11th February the School Council will be holding a 'Valentines Cake Sale' at break time. Children will be able to purchase a cake for 50p. Cake donations for our councillors to sell will be gratefully received and can be sent in from Monday 9th February. Many thanks in advance for your support.



## Holidays in Term Time/Dental Appointments

Just a reminder that we are not allowed to authorise holidays in term time. Please do not arrange holidays in term time as it is most likely that you will receive a fine from the LA. Also, please try to make dental appointments after school or in the holidays. Thank you.



## Cross Country Race 4

Another fantastic race from our cross-country team. 27 children represented our school and did a great job. Even though it wasn't ideal underfoot, we somehow had 14 personal best times. Well done! Leo and George joined us for the first time and pushed themselves really hard.

We had six top 10 finishes too. Well done to Lucas and Connor who came 3rd and 5th in the Year 3/4 boys race, Flo and Elin who came 2nd and 9th in the Year 5/6 girls race and Flynn and Joel who came 6th and 7th in the Year 5/6 boys race.

The effort and the smiles from our children was lovely to see and we are so impressed with how they continue to work so hard.

Current team positions:

Year 3/4 Girls: 9th

Year 3/4 Boys: 3rd

Year 5/6 Girls: 1st

Year 5/6 Boys: 2nd

The link to the full results and league tables for teams and individuals can be found on our webpage:

<https://www.greatmoor-jun.stockport.sch.uk/page/cross-country/118257>

The next race is on Saturday 31st January. We would like as many children to come as possible to help our teams do the best they can. If you have any questions please feel free to get in touch

[joe.garnett@greatmoor-jun.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:joe.garnett@greatmoor-jun.stockport.sch.uk)

## Bottle Tops

On Tuesday we were visited again by Plastic Shed, the group from Stockport who are working to conquer plastic pollution. They are the group who made the fantastic bottle top mural in the middle of Stockport. As a result of Year 5's excellent work on pollinators, they came into school and worked with the children on their latest project: a pollinator trail that will be installed around Stockport. Every child had a turn at placing some of the lids on to the artwork. The children had a great day and we look forward to when the murals have been installed so that we will be able to visit them to spot ours!



## Mobile Phones in School Reminder

Just another reminder about mobile phones - children must not use mobile phones in school. We understand that some parents would like children to have a phone if they walk to school on their own and we do allow this on condition that phones are switched off in school bags once on school property and remain switched off and in bags throughout the day. **Phones must not be used on the school premises.** Any mobile phones brought into school are at their owner's risk, as a school we cannot accept responsibility for pupils' phones. If children are found with a phone out/being used on school premises, it will be confiscated and we will ask parents to collect it from the school office.





## Children's Mental Health Week

Children's Mental Health Week takes place from 9th-15th February 2026, and this year's theme is 'This is My Place'. The focus is on helping children and young people feel a strong sense of belonging - in their friendships, in school and in the wider community. Feeling that we belong is a basic human need and plays a vital role in our mental health and wellbeing. When we know our place and feel valued, we are empowered to grow, build resilience and make a positive difference!

This links closely with our School Values and our use of the Zones of Regulation, which help us to understand our emotions, recognise how we are feeling and support ourselves and others. We will work with our buddy class to create a whole school piece of artwork to show how we are all unique, connected and how we all belong together at Great Moor Junior School

## Y4 Library Visits

Year 4 enjoyed a visit to the local library where they explored the space, chose books to borrow and signed up for their very own library cards. It was a great opportunity to encourage a love of reading and help the children feel confident using the library.

## Rugby Playoffs

The last two weeks at lunchtime have seen one team from each class take part in tag rugby playoffs.

The children have all shown the importance of our School Values not only for treating others with respect and kindness but for getting the most from your team through cooperation and being responsible for your role in the team. All years have played some fantastic games really demonstrating the skills they have learned in Games lessons.

We had a fantastic final between 6T and 4C yesterday with both teams showing great skill, support and teamwork on the pitch with 4C emerging victorious. 4C were a real credit to the school with their behaviour both on and off the pitch after the match exemplifying our School Values.

We have been very impressed with the sporting attitude of all players and spectators encouraging not only their team but also congratulating other teams!

Well done!



## Hometime Arrangements

Children's hometime arrangements can be very complex, especially with after school clubs, Fun Club and parents' working patterns. However, hometime usually goes very smoothly.

We ask parents to continue to help us by ensuring their children know exactly what their arrangements are for each day - who's picking them up and where they are meeting. This is especially important for children whose arrangements are sometimes for them to walk home by themselves.

Teachers go out with the children every night at the end of school so if there are any issues they are on hand to sort them out. If a parent is late arriving or there are any other problems teachers will take children to the office and parents will be contacted.

Please ensure that you are here promptly to collect children at 3.15pm.

## Punctuality

School starts at 8.45am and children need to be here for that time please, many children are arriving late through the front door and are receiving late marks. Please can you ensure that children are at school for 8.45am.

## Times Tables Rock Stars

TTRS works best to help your times tables skills if you use it "little and often" so using TTRS at home for 5 to 10 minutes each day will give you the biggest improvements. As a school you are doing really well on TTRS performance and have shown big gains in accuracy. Please try to make it a target to get on TTRS at home even if just for 5 minutes play.

4M and 4OL were our joint champions this week with each class achieving 100% usage and a fantastic 89% accuracy!



## New Millionaires

Lottie Hadfield-Burn is our new millionaire this week with over 1 million words- well done!

Word count leaders in each year are:

Year 3= Emmeline Barnett with 198,736 words!

Year 4= James Millar with 1,480,113 words!

Year 5= Dexter Lloyd-Wilson with 1,787,789 words!

Year 6= Nicholas Vaughan with 2,269,843 words! Our first multimillionaire!



## **The Active Mile**

children fit for life

We had 6 classes completing 3 or more runs this week with 4M running the furthest with a collective 63 miles!

Year 4 collectively ran the furthest with 170 miles this week and as a whole school you collectively ran an amazing 435 miles!

**Well done to the above and to everyone who has taken part!**





## Year 3 - Design Technology

This week, Year 3 have been enjoying various activities in our Design Technology lessons. The children did really well using the bridge hold and claw grip to cut up celery. They were very careful; we may have some future chefs! The classes also took part in a food tasting session where they tasted some familiar items and some items that they had not tried before. Next week, the children will be designing their own healthy sandwich, look out for a slip with ingredients coming home on Monday. We will be making the sandwiches on Monday 9th February,



## After-School Clubs

After-school clubs will be on Parentpay today. Please note that there is no Karate on the 11th March. If you would like to go to Spanish club please sign up via this link

[www.kidslingo.co.uk/area/spanish-classes-east-stockport-ne-cheshire/](http://www.kidslingo.co.uk/area/spanish-classes-east-stockport-ne-cheshire/)

If you would like to join Tennis club please contact Ben on 07966 973901 or [bbushtennis@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bbushtennis@yahoo.co.uk)

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB DATES SPRING 2 2026

CLUB	YEAR	DAY	FEB	MARCH	Sessions	Tutor
BASKETBALL	4, 5, 6	Monday	23	2, 9, 16, 23	5	Mr Cannon/Mrs Almond
GIRLS FOOTBALL	ALL	Monday	23	2, 9, 16, 23	5	Mrs Almond/Mr Cannon
DRAMA	ALL	Monday	23	2, 9, 16, 23	5	Mrs Ogden/Miss Morrey
CRAFT	ALL	Monday	23	2, 9, 16, 23	5	Miss Macintyre
SINGING	ALL	Tuesday	24	3, 10, 17, 24	5	Miss Doogan
FOOTBALL	5 & 6	Tuesday	24	3, 10, 17, 24	5	Mr Cannon/Mrs Almond
SPANISH	ALL	Wednesday	25	4, 11, 18, 25	5	Laura
KARATE	ALL	Wednesday	25	4, 18, 25	4	Chantelle Unsworth
PHOTOGRAPHY	ALL	Wednesday	25	4, 11, 18, 25	5	Miss Concar
TAG RUGBY	ALL	Wednesday	25	4, 11, 18, 25	5	Mr Cannon/Mrs Almond
KEYBOARD	ALL	Thursday	26	5, 12, 19, 26	5	Miss Taylor
ART	ALL	Thursday	26	5, 12, 19, 26	5	Miss McCann
ICT & TTRS	ALL	Thursday	26	5, 12, 19, 26	5	Mr Gill
TENNIS	ALL	Thursday	26	5, 12, 19, 26	5	Ben Bush
FOOTBALL	3 & 4	Thursday	26	5, 12, 19, 26	5	Mr Cannon/Mrs Almond
DANCE	ALL	Thursday	26	5, 12, 19, 26	5	Miss Moston



# Support for the grown-ups guiding growing minds

Want to know more about supporting  
your child's Mental Health and  
Wellbeing?

Drop into the Family Hub for a brew and  
a friendly chat with local services.

## Thriving from Tots to Teens

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February

9:30-11:30am

One Stockport Family Hubs Garners Lane,  
Adswood, SK3 8QW



This drop in session will  
include; showcase of  
resources plus  
professionals providing  
useful information and tips

**ONESTOCKPORT**  
**Family Hubs**

**STOCKPORT**  
**LIVE WELL**



**STOCKPORT**  
METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**NHS**  
Stockport  
NHS Foundation Trust

**BEST**  
**START**  
**IN LIFE**

**Start well, live well and thrive**  
Working together with communities  
to support children, young people and families



# ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER

## FAMILY TECH AGREEMENTS – CREATING RULES TOGETHER FOR DEVICE USE

ISSUE 18

### RULES OF DEVICE USE

From smartphones to games consoles, children are increasingly immersed in their own digital worlds. It is as important for children to have rules for their online use as they have for the real world.

Children might not like it when you mention the word 'rules', but it is important to set clear and consistent standards. Agreeing on which times are allocated for device use, which apps or games are appropriate, and where devices can be used in your home helps create a sense of routine and fairness. Involving children in these discussions can also give them a sense of ownership and responsibility, making them more likely to respect the boundaries. Setting these boundaries helps to keep children safe.



### PLANNING RULES TOGETHER

It is important that you create your rules with your child and help them to understand why they're needed. Remind them about being safe online and the risks and discuss the consequences of not following the rules and help them to understand why they are important. Some examples could be:

- Devices can be used after homework and chores are finished.
- Screen time is limited to a set amount per day (e.g. 30–60 minutes).
- No devices one hour before bedtime to support good sleep.
- Only age-appropriate apps, games, and videos are allowed.
- Devices can only be used in shared family spaces, not behind closed doors.
- Good choices online can earn extra screen time or privileges.

### APP SPOTLIGHT - CRUNCHYROLL



This week's platform spotlight is **Crunchyroll**. Crunchyroll is a streaming service similar to Netflix and Disney+, but it is dedicated to Japanese Animation (Anime). Children are showing an increasing interest in Anime and Crunchyroll is the most accessible way to watch it. However, due to the content in many anime series, Crunchyroll is **not appropriate for children**.

- Crunchyroll states that users must be **over 16 years old** to make an account.
- Most of the Anime series on Crunchyroll contain violence and potential adult themes.

Scan the QR code to learn more:







**Scouts**  
1st Great Moor

**cubs**  
Age 8-10½  
Tuesdays  
6.00pm - 7.30pm

**cubs**

Cubs are young people aged

- Master new skills and try new things
- Have fun and go on adventures
- Are curious about the world around them
- Help others and make a difference, on their own doorsteps and beyond

Cubs gather in groups called Packs to take part in lots of interesting and challenging activities – achieving anything they set their minds to, and having lots of fun along the way.

### #SkillsForLife

Cubs learn by doing, whether it is practical, creative or physical.

At Cubs, the most important skills you'll learn are the ones that will make you feel confident and happy in your own skin.

We call these character skills, and they include things like **honesty, initiative and problem solving.**

Whatever skills you'd like to learn, it's all about having the courage to try new things and learn from them.

For more information or to register your child email Tracy Ryan group administrator [tracy.ryan@stockportscouts.org.uk](mailto:tracy.ryan@stockportscouts.org.uk)

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### Activities

Earn badges, get active and embrace the challenge!

We believe that young people learn by doing, so our programme is packed full of amazing activities to engage and challenge Cubs of all abilities.

You can expect your child to get involved in:

- Cooking Sports Water activities
- Money Skills Camps Nature walks
- Experimenting Community impact
- Crafts Safety
- And more...

### Get involved

Find out more about Cubs [scouts.org.uk/cubs](https://scouts.org.uk/cubs)



### Helping Others

Cubs work as a team to help other people. Together, you'll learn about global issues and what we can all do to help solve them.

You'll also make an impact in your own community, through activities such as collecting donations or environmental work.

## IN2 NETBALL SUPERSTARS

5 - 7 YEARS

SATURDAYS 9.00AM

## IN2 NETBALL JUNIORS

8 - 10 YEARS

MONDAYS 6.00PM

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Marple

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Contact Leanne for more details

[IN2NETBALL@OUTLOOK.COM](mailto:IN2NETBALL@OUTLOOK.COM)



**Stockport County Community Trust**

**with Stockport County Community Trust** **Free of charge, Ages 10-18**

**Monday**  
Powerleague Stockport, 5pm - 6pm  
Laurus Cheshire Hulme, 5pm - 6pm  
Life Leisure Brinnington, 6pm - 8pm (ages 14 - 18 only)  
Stockport School, 6pm - 7pm (Girls only)

**Tuesday**  
Reddish Vale High School, 5pm - 6pm

**Wednesday**  
Poynton Sports Club, 6pm - 7pm

**Thursday**  
Cheshire Nomads FC, 5pm - 6pm  
Reddish Vale High School, 5pm - 6pm (Girls Only)

**Friday**  
St Matthew Primary School MUGA, Edgeley, 5pm - 6pm (April 2026)

Scan to register your child onto a session

For further details please get in touch ☎ 0161 266 2700 ✉ [communitytrust@stockportcounty.com](mailto:communitytrust@stockportcounty.com)

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# TENNIS CAMPS 2026

at Davenport LTC

Flowery Field, Woodsmoor, SK2 7ED

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Sessions	Time	DLTC Member	Non Member
Morning	10am-12.30pm	£15	£17
Full Day	10am-4pm	£24	£26
Early Drop Off	8.30-10am	£4	£5
Late Pick Up	4-5pm	£4	£5

**Call Ben on 07966 973901 for more details**

**Early Drop  
off & Late  
Pickup**

## Dates 2026

Holiday	Dates
February Half Term	16, 17, 18 February
Easter 1	30, 31 March, 2 April
Easter 2	7, 8, 9 April
Whit Half Term 1	26, 27, 28 May
Whit Half Term 2	2, 3, 4 June
Summer 1	27, 28, 29, 30, 31 July
Summer 2	10, 11, 12, 13, 14 August
Summer 3	24, 25, 26, 27, 28 August
October Half Term	27, 28, 29 October

Please note that sessions will run in all weather. Indoor games and activities will take place in very wet weather. Players should bring snacks (lunch if staying all day), drinks and a water proof coat. Tennis rackets can be provided at no extra charge.

## HOW TO BOOK

### Step 1: Text or email the information required:

- Childs Name & Age
- Contact Number
- Any medical conditions or additional needs?
- Additional support required?
- Childs School
- Dates and sessions you'd like to book (full/half day, early drop offs & late pickups)
- Permission for photos of your child for use on our website and social media?
- Amount of money transferred



### Step 2: Transfer correct fee via bacs:

**Account number:** 11357666 **Sort Code:** 110504 **Reference:** Childs Name

*Please note that bookings cannot be confirmed until full payment is received*

**For more information call Ben on 07966 973901**

**or email [bbushtennis@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bbushtennis@yahoo.co.uk)**

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**[bhf.org.uk/collection](http://bhf.org.uk/collection)**

## ITEMS DONATED TO BHF STORES WILL FUND LIFE SAVING RESEARCH

When Gabriela was born there were lots of things wrong with her heart. Despite a major operation when she was just five weeks old, she wasn't putting on weight and kept turning blue. Since then, there have been many more operations but she is improving and now enjoys P.E. and hula hooping.

Help continue to fund life saving heart research that can impact more children like Gabriela.

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