



“Learning Together”

Respect, Kindness, Tolerance, Responsibility, Co-operation

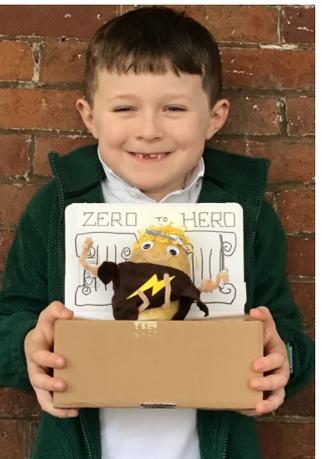
Great Moor Junior School Newsletter

6th March 2026

World Book Day

We celebrated World Book Day today with a wonderful display of potato book characters. We were very impressed with the creativity and ingenuity required to transform the humble spuds! One person in each class has won a prize.

Throughout the day, we have taken the opportunity to focus on books, illustration or drama to bring stories to life. We became writers and then shared what we had written with our buddy class across the school. The children enjoyed taking this opportunity to enjoy books together.



Y5 Trip to MOSI

Last Tuesday, Year 5 set off on a galactic adventure to the Museum of Science and Industry in Manchester where we visited the Horrible Science Cosmic special exhibition. One of the things we particularly enjoyed were the smells of space! The space station smells like feet because they can't really wash and did you know the Moon smells like gunpowder?!

We also looked around the Power Hall engines, learned about "Revolution Manchester" and got hands-on in the Experiment Gallery. A really busy day!



Easter Egg Raffle & Francis House Chicks

We are excited to let you know that we are going to hold an Easter egg raffle again this year again to help raise money for school fund. Egg donations will be very gratefully received please from Monday 16th March and the raffle will be on Friday 27th March. Tickets will cost £1 per strip and will be sold by School Councillors at playtime from Monday 16th March. Many thanks in advance for your support.

In addition to our raffle, we will also be selling knitted Easter Chicks that have a Cadbury Creme Egg inside to fundraise for Francis House, our school charity this year. These will be £2 each and all of the money raised from these goes to Francis House. These will be on sale from Monday 9th March every afternoon break outside 5H's classroom. Children will not be able to eat them in school and will need to make sure they do not buy one if they have any related allergies. Many thanks for your ongoing support.



Road Safety

The Road Safety team at Stockport have been in to visit Year 4 and Year 6 this week to complete some activities. Year 4 investigated why wearing a helmet on a bike is so important and life saving and Year 6 looked at crossing the road safely and what can affect drivers stopping times.



As part of our 'Head Smart' session, the children took part in an exciting challenge to protect an egg using bubble wrap and sellotape. Despite their best efforts, every single egg cracked when dropped. However, when we placed a helmet on the egg and repeated the test, it didn't crack at all. This powerful demonstration really helped the children understand just how important a properly fitted helmet is in keeping us safe. The children thoroughly enjoyed this activity!



Year 4 Movie Night

This week the children had a lovely time coming into school in their pyjamas, bringing along their blankets and favourite snacks for a special viewing of Migration. There was a real buzz of excitement as everyone got cosy and settled in together. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces enjoying the film with their friends.



Cross Country - Race 6

What an amazing final race of the season! We were so impressed with the effort that all of the children put in. 25 runners took part in the final race of the season. 5 of our runners finished in the top 10. Well done to Lucas, Connor, Flo, Elin and Flynn.

Even though the conditions were incredibly boggy, 10 children managed to get a PB in the final race too! Well done to Henry, Leo, Heidi, Layla, Connor, Edward, Esme, Joel R, Ben and Angelina.

For the full results of the final race and overall standings, click on the link below:

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

Overall season results:

The top 3 individual results from our school from our four best races contribute to our team score.

Year 3/4 girls: 16th Overall (Lots of Year 3 runners though and they will be in this race next year)

Year 3/4 boys: 3rd overall

Year 5/6 girls: 2nd overall

Year 5/6 boys: 3rd overall

These are great team results. Well done to everyone who took part for this incredible team success.

We had some individual success too, with 4 children coming in the top 10 overall. Well done to Lucas (joint 2nd), Flo (2nd), Flynn (3rd) and Joel B (8th).

There will be a presentation on Saturday 21st March for any children that finished in the top 10 in the final standings. Mr Garnett will let you know the times. Medals for children who competed in at least 5 out of the 6 races will be presented in assembly the Friday after this. There were 20 of you who managed to do this. These are given to the children by the Stockport Cross Country League.

The season as a whole was brilliant. We had 47 different children represent our school over the 6 races. We have never had so many children compete! The way in which the children supported each other was fantastic. All of the children should be very proud of themselves because we are very proud of them. The information for next year will be provided to us just before the summer. The first race is usually in September. We cannot wait for it to start all over again.





This week 4M have been our champion class for using TTRS from home with almost the whole class joining in!

4M were also our champions in school this week, achieving 100% usage and a fantastic 89% accuracy! 4C and 4OL also fantastic usage and accuracy this week so a super week for Year 4!



New Multi Millionaire

Harry M in Year 6 is our new multi—millionaire. Well done Harry!

New Millionaires

No new millionaires this week but Abube in Year 5 in getting very close with 907,291 words!

Word count leaders in each year are:

Year 3 - Jack B with 329,933 words!

Year 4 - James M with 1.9 million words!

Year 5 - Dexter L-W with 2.2 million words!

Year 6 - Nicholas V with 2.7 million words!

The Active Mile

We had 7 classes completing 3 or more runs this week with 6M running the furthest with a collective 70 miles!

Year 4 collectively ran the furthest with 181 miles this week and as a whole school you collectively ran an amazing 563 miles! Our highest total yet this year!

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

Football Playoffs

Pupils have been taking part in football playoffs at lunch this week. We have been incredibly impressed not just with the football skills on show but more importantly with the positive sporting behaviour we have seen!

Players have been positive when both winning or losing and we have seen our values of kindness, respect, co-operation, tolerance and responsibility displayed repeatedly.

Well done to our winners 6M.



School Value Awards

We love to live our School Values and enjoy recognising, and celebrating, with those children who have been great examples of our Values in Action. Each Friday we recognise some lovely ways in which pupils have been living our values. These have included showing kindness to others who have been feeling upset, or have been hurt during play, making sure that they are cared for; giving extra help and support to classmates, and making sure people aren't left out at break and lunch times. We have seen examples of respect by offering support and explanations to a talk partner, making them feel more comfortable with understanding the work, helping them to understand the question being asked in English. We have seen children taking responsibility for themselves and their belongings by making sure that cloakrooms are kept tidy, for their work and learning by having positive attitude, for the environment and for school equipment by helping move cones around at playtimes, looking after the lunchtime equipment, helping in the canteen and manning stationery shop and library. We have seen great co-operation as pupils have worked together to ensure that the team was complete for the play-offs, and to keep our bookcases tidy. We have seen tolerance for change as teams have had to be changed during the play-offs. Well done everyone

Red Nose Day - Friday 20th March

We will be having a non-uniform day in return for donations on Red Nose Day (minimum donation £1 please).



School Uniform

Thanks you so much to everybody who sends their child in in the correct school uniform every day. The children all look very smart. Just a reminder please, that children need to wear black shoes or ALL black trainers and make up and nail varnish (even gel nails) are not allowed. We also hold our school uniform for a pound sale every Wednesday after school at the front door. If you are struggling to afford the correct school uniform please let the office know.

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.

Please ensure that if you are picking your child up after school that you are here promptly for 3.15pm. More and more children are being left waiting at the office after school, sometimes until after 3.30pm. Children will be sent to Fun Club from now on and parents will be charged if they are not here to collect by 3.30pm.

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.

Young Carers Action Day 2026 - Wednesday 11th March

This year's theme, "Fair Futures for Young Carers," highlights our shared commitment to ensuring that every young carer enjoys the same opportunities to learn, grow, and flourish as their peers.

At GMJS, we are proud to work in close partnership with Signpost Stockport to provide tailored support for our students. If you believe your child may be a young carer, or if you would like to learn more about the resources available through Signpost, please reach out to our designated Young Carers Lead, Mrs. Murphy by contacting the office. Please be assured that all inquiries and conversations will be handled with the utmost discretion and sensitivity.



ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER

GROUP CHATS AND INAPPROPRIATE LANGUAGE ONLINE

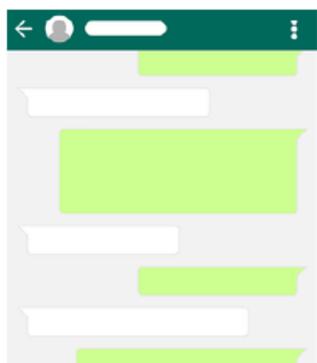
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GROUP CHATS

Group chats are a great way for friends to stay connected, but they can sometimes be used for unkind or inappropriate messages and targeted bullying.

Most messaging apps have age limits, for example, WhatsApp and Snapchat are 13+. Children under 13 shouldn't be using them. If they are, it's important to help them use these apps safely.

Remind your child that messages sent online have the same impact as words said face-to-face. Group chats can also allow name changes, which can lead to impersonation or anonymous bullying. Keeping conversations open at home about online behaviour can make a big difference.



SEEING AND USING INAPPROPRIATE LANGUAGE

One common risk online is the use of inappropriate language. On platforms aimed at older teenagers and adults, strong or offensive language can be very common. Children might start using words they hear without fully understanding what they mean.

It's important to remind children that just because language is used online doesn't make it acceptable. Some words are considered offensive because they can hurt people. Children who repeat words they've seen online may unintentionally cause harm.

To reduce exposure, make sure your child is using age-appropriate apps and websites, and turn on filters and parental controls where available. Clear expectations about respectful language help children understand that certain words are not okay to use.

WHAT SHOULD I DO ABOUT GROUP CHATS?

- **Know the apps** – Make sure your child is using age-appropriate platforms.
- **Check privacy settings** – Encourage your child to keep their accounts private and review who can message or add them.
- **Stay involved** – Ask your child to show you the group chats they're in. This helps you spot any bullying or inappropriate behaviour early.
- **Model good behaviour** – Show them how to communicate respectfully online.
- **Leaving vs staying** – If the chat is unmoderated or risky, leaving is often the safest. Talk through this with your child so they understand the reasons.



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Under 11's/13s Girls	Friday	5.30pm - 6.30pm
Under 11's	Friday	6.30pm - 7.30pm
Under 13's	Fridays	7.30pm - 8.30pm



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