



“Learning Together”

Respect, Kindness, Tolerance, Responsibility, Co-operation

# Great Moor Junior School Newsletter

17th July 2026

## Goodbye and Good Luck

This will be the last newsletter before the summer holidays so we would like to wish all our Year 6 leavers the very best of luck at secondary school. We are very proud of all they have achieved during their time at our school. The Year 6 Leavers' Assembly will be on Friday 24th at 11am. Only 2 seats per family will be allocated, in order to get everybody in.

We will also be sad to say goodbye to Mr Turner and I would like to wish him all the best in his next chapter.

I would like to thank all of our incredible staff team here at Great Moor Junior school who work so tirelessly for the children in order to make this a great school. We are very lucky to have such fantastic staff.

We hope you all have a lovely summer holidays. School starts again on Wednesday 2nd September and we look forward to welcoming our new children into Year 3 then and Miss Fogwill, our new Y3 teacher.

## Year 6 Production

Year 6 performed amazingly in their end of year show, I'm an 11 year old...Get me out of here!

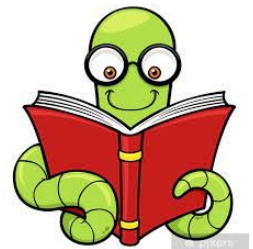
With trials, challenges and retrospective snapshots of the wild and weird things experienced by 11-year-olds, their teachers and their parents, this musical was the perfect way to end a fantastic year. Well done to all of our pupils for showcasing their acting, singing and dancing talents!



## A Wonderful Reading Year!

The children have made a huge effort with their reading this year and their enjoyment and ability to understand their books is clear to see. Accuracy in Accelerated Reader quizzes is good and children are reading regularly. We'd really like children to keep up their good work over the holidays so we would like to remind children that myON.co.uk has lots of online books and is particularly good for non-fiction. We would like all school reading books returned by Wednesday next week please, but children can check the level of their own books at home using AR Bookfinder online. This way, it's easy to choose a book that is accessible and more likely to be enjoyable for them to read.

We look forward to a new year of reading in September!



## Cross Country 2026-27

The dates have been sent out for the 2026/2027 Cross Country League. Last year many of our pupils entered the Stockport Schools Cross Country events and did very well. Races are held at Woodbank Park on Saturday mornings (dates and times below) and there are 2 races for boys and 2 for girls depending on age. The route is clearly marked and very easy to follow. We are looking for runners in all categories. Last year, we had over 50 different runners and we won lots of medals and trophies!

School will pay for the teams so there is no individual charge and all children that take part are awarded certificates in our Friday assembly. There will be staff at each race so that you know where to go. We will have brand new t-shirts ready for the first race.

The cross country events are great fun and we want to put a big emphasis on co-operation and teamwork. There is also a cross-country page on the website which will be updated after each race with results.

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

If your child would like to take part in the first race, it would be great if you could email Mr Garnett beforehand so we can have a list ready for the day so staff can look out for them. We will send reminders before each race.

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The events start and finish at the Woodbank Park Athletics Stadium. The best Post Code for car park access SK1 4BN. It does get busy on the day.

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|---------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Match 1 | Saturday 26th September     | 10.30 - 12.30 |
| Match 2 | Saturday 31st October       | 10.30 - 12.30 |
| Match 3 | Saturday 21st November      | 10.30 - 12.30 |
| Match 4 | Saturday 23rd January       | 10.30 - 12.30 |
| Match 5 | Saturday 6th February 2027  | 10.30 - 12.30 |
| Match 6 | Saturday 27th February 2027 | 10.30 - 12.30 |

Presentation Day for top 10 individual and teams overall: 20th March 2027 (Mr Garnett would let you know if this is for you)



|              | Race time | Approximate distance |
|--------------|-----------|----------------------|
| Yr 3-4 Girls | 10.30     | 1500m                |
| Yr 3-4 Boys  | 10.50     | 1500m                |
| Yr 5-6 Girls | 11.10     | 2500m                |
| Yr 5-6 Boys  | 11.40     | 2500m                |

## Lunchtime Helpers

Thank you to the fabulous lunchtime helpers who have been helping out Miss Seeds and Miss Howes by checking off the dinners from the register each day. Their help has been greatly appreciated.



## Y4 - Stockport Trail

Year 4 enjoyed a fantastic day exploring the history of Stockport. We visited the Stockport Dungeons, took part in the Stockport Old Town Junior History Hunt, and listened to fascinating stories about historical figures from the town's past. The children also explored old maps, sketched famous landmarks and discovered how Stockport has changed over time. It was a brilliant day of hands-on history and the children were a credit to the school throughout.



## Break the Rules Day

What a brilliant day! Today has been 'Break the rules day' where pupils have been able to break a list of rules whilst raising vital funds for school. Pupils have thoroughly enjoyed taking part and it's been lovely to see everyone's efforts. Thank you to everyone who took part and parents for supporting this event.



## Ice Cream Shop

A very big 'thank you' to our wonderful ice cream sellers. Our Year 6 volunteers have worked tirelessly after school to run the school ice cream shop; serving the many customers with a cheerful smile and excellent customer service! Thank you for giving up your time.



## Librarians

Lots of children really enjoy visiting the school library at lunchtime or coming with their class. The library is kept organised and run efficiently by our team of Library Monitors and Mrs Pollock who give up their time to do this. Thank you to all of our Library Monitors for all their hard work!



## Great Moor's Got Talent

Due to popular demand, we are excited to announce the return of Great Moor's Got Talent! After the success of past year's events, we can't wait to see the incredible talents of our students once again. The grand final will take place on Thursday.

### **Year Group Rounds**

Each year group has been holding its own round to narrow down the contestants. The finalists from each year group will then move on to the school-wide final. I know it has been a tricky job narrowing it down to 3 finalists from each year due to the huge amount and range of talents pupils have showcased!

### **The School Final**

All year group finalists will then take part in the final showdown on Thursday. The winners will be chosen by our special celebrity judging panel! We are looking forward to it.

## Learning Ambassador and School Councillors

It's coming to the end of the school year and we would like to say a huge thank you to our Learning Ambassadors and School Councillors. Both groups of children have worked tirelessly over the year, meeting at lunch times and working hard to act as a collective voice for our pupils. Councillors have been busy raising funds for Francis House, our chosen charity this year, and organising fun events for pupils. Learning Ambassadors have liaised with governors each term and worked hard to improve the teaching and learning that has taken place in school. We are very proud of these pupils and grateful for their work in supporting school this way. Thank you, School Councillors and Learning Ambassadors!



## Playleaders

A massive thank you to our incredible team of Year 5 and 6 Play Leaders for another fantastic year! Once again, these dedicated pupils have given up two of their break times every week to plan, organise, and lead a brilliant mix of activities for our Year 3 pupils. From energetic football and obstacle course drills to creative games and active circuits, they have kept our playground buzzing with energy and excitement.

Our Play Leaders haven't just taught new games; they have truly shone as responsible role models, helping our younger pupils build confidence, teamwork skills, and new friendships.

One of our Year 3 pupils shared: *"Break times are the best when the Play Leaders are out. They always think of the funnest games for us to play!"*

The Play Leader programme will be back in full swing next term. Applications will open this coming September for the new Year 5 and Year 6 pupils, and we highly encourage both new applicants and returning leaders to apply!



## Web Warriors

A huge, heartfelt thank you to our brilliant Web Warriors for all their hard work over the past school year!

This year, our Web Warriors have been absolute superstars in championing online safety and digital wellbeing. From managing and looking after our school IT equipment and iPads to supporting teachers and peers during Computing sessions, their tech-savvy helping hands have been invaluable.

We have been particularly proud to see so many of our Web Warriors step up, find their voices, and confidently present digital safety advice to larger groups and assemblies. Thanks to their enthusiasm and leadership, our school continues to be a safe, responsible, and forward-thinking digital community. Thank you all for your incredible commitment, energy, and leadership this year!



## Helping families with food during the holidays

Stockport Holiday Help Scheme, which starts on Monday 20th July, means that families can access a food parcel from Stockport Foodbank each week of the five weeks Summer Holidays which will provide 3 days worth of food tailored to the size of the family and, where possible they will cater for any dietary requirements.

If any parents or carers are interested in accessing the Stockport Holiday Help Scheme, please contact Mrs Murphy by either emailing her directly or phoning the school office number (include my email and the school's phone number) on or before 24th July. Mrs Murphy will then provide the necessary form to access Foodbank support during the summer break.

All enquiries will be handled confidentially and with discretion.

If you require support during term time (throughout the school year) and would like to discuss Foodbank Vouchers, please also get in touch with Mrs Murphy



## Year 6 Monitors

Thank you to all the Year 6 monitors who have given up their breaks and lunchtimes to monitor corridors and pathways help keep the school a safe place.



New millionaire

We have 3 amazing new millionaires this week!

Betty Shawcross

Joel Binder

Emilie Black

Well done to Betty, Joel and Emilie, getting to a million words is a fantastic achievement!

Multi millionaire

Mollie Garside became a multimillionaire with 2.1 million words- fantastic!

Word count leaders in each Year are:

Year 3= Jack Bevan with 468,304 words!

Year 4= James Millar with 3.3 million words!

Year 5= Dexter Lloyd-Wilson with 3.7 million words!

Year 6= Nick Vaughan with 5.6 million words!

Remember, if you have a photo of you reading on holiday you can upload it to Google Classroom!

## Clubs

After-school clubs are now on Parentpay. If you would like to join Tennis club please contact Ben on [bbushtennis@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bbushtennis@yahoo.co.uk)

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUB DATES AUTUMN 1 2026

| CLUB           | YEAR    | DAY       | SEPT          | OCT          | Sessions | Tutor                 | Room      |
|----------------|---------|-----------|---------------|--------------|----------|-----------------------|-----------|
| BASKETBALL     | 4, 5, 6 | Monday    | 7, 14, 21, 28 | 5, 12, 19    | 7        | Mr Cannon/Mrs Almond  | FIELD     |
| GIRLS FOOTBALL | ALL     | Monday    | 7, 14, 21, 28 | 5, 12, 19    | 7        | Mrs Almond/Mr Cannon  | FIELD     |
| DRAMA          | ALL     | Monday    | 7, 14, 21, 28 | 5, 12, 19    | 7        | Mrs Ogden/Miss Morrey | HALL      |
| CRAFT          | ALL     | Monday    | 7, 14, 21, 28 | 5, 12, 19    | 7        | Miss Macintyre        | 5M        |
| SINGING        | ALL     | Tuesday   | 8, 15, 22, 29 | 6, 13, 20    | 7        | Miss Doogan           | 3G        |
| FOOTBALL       | 5 & 6   | Tuesday   | 8, 15, 22, 29 | 6, 13, 20    | 7        | Mr Cannon/Mrs Almond  | FIELD     |
| KARATE         | ALL     | Wednesday | 9, 16, 23, 30 | 7, 14, 21    | 7        | Chantelle Unsworth    | HALL      |
| TAG RUGBY      | ALL     | Wednesday | 9, 16, 23, 30 | 7, 14, 21    | 7        | Mr Cannon/Mrs Almond  | FIELD     |
| KEYBOARD       | ALL     | Thursday  | 10, 17, 24    | 1, 8, 15, 22 | 7        | Miss Taylor           | SEN room  |
| ART            | ALL     | Thursday  | 10, 17, 24    | 1, 8, 15, 22 | 7        | Miss McCann           | 4C        |
| ICT & TTRS     | ALL     | Thursday  | 10, 17, 24    | 1, 8, 15, 22 | 7        | Mr Gill               | ICT Suite |
| TENNIS         | ALL     | Thursday  | 10, 17, 24    | 1, 8, 15, 22 | 7        | Ben Bush              | DLTC      |
| FOOTBALL       | 3 & 4   | Thursday  | 10, 17, 24    | 1, 8, 15, 22 | 7        | Mr Cannon/Mrs Almond  | FIELD     |
| DANCE          | ALL     | Thursday  | 10, 17, 24    | 1, 8, 15, 22 | 7        | Miss Campbell         | HALL      |



## School Lunches

School Lunches will be going up to £2.85 in September. Don't forget if you receive Universal Credit you can apply for Free School Meals on the Stockport Council website/Free School Meals

## Attendance

The results are in! Thank you to all of our parents who try to ensure their child is in school every day when they are well enough to be. Children can miss a lot of learning in just one day and it's really important to make sure that doesn't happen if possible. Our attendance reward system has been in place all year and classes with the highest attendance each week have won £10 for their class. Well done to 3G who have raised the most money over the year. (Please note, we do not count any absences relating to ongoing medical issues in our weekly percentage.) Well done, everyone!

## Bikeability

Some of our Year 6 children have been taking part in Bikeability this week and next. This is a cycling training scheme designed to develop their cycling skills and knowledge. It allows them to gain experience of road riding and learn the rules of the road.



## Go Seth

We continue to be so proud of Seth, he will be competing in the summer holidays in a national BMX race where he will be aiming to qualify for the World Championships in France next year. This is absolutely incredible and so exciting and we wish him the very best of luck. Go Seth!



## Congratulations Emilie

Emilie was invited to Stockport's celebrating success 2026 awards yesterday at Stockport County after being nominated by her young carers counsellor Hannah for the "Caring for others award". Emilie is an amazing young carer to her Brother and has to sacrifice a lot that other children/siblings would take for granted. We are so proud she has received the award.



## Active Mile - End of school year 2025-2026

All together as a school over the past school year you have ran 16,579 miles

Year 3 ran a total of 3012 miles (last year 4512 miles)

Year 4 ran a total of 5126 miles (last year 5063 miles)

Year 5 ran a total of 4051 miles (last year 3956 miles)

Year 6 ran a total of 4390 miles (last year 3820 miles)

The class with the most miles over the year were 4C with a collective 1872 miles.

Year 4 are our champion Year with a total of 5126 miles! Year 4 were our champions last year as well!

