



“Learning Together”

Respect, Kindness, Tolerance, Responsibility, Co-operation

Great Moor Junior School Newsletter

12th September 2025

Welcome Back

Welcome back everybody and a special welcome to our new Year 3 children. They have all settled in very well and made a great start to the new term. The children all look very smart, thank you to everyone for making sure children are all in the correct uniform.

We are also pleased to welcome two new teaching assistants to our team - Miss Concur and Miss Darby.

Parent Drop In - Wednesday 1st October 3.30-5pm

We will be holding a drop-in just for parents who have any specific concerns about how their child has settled into their new class. If you do have a specific concern and would like to see your child's classteacher just call into school between 3.30 and 5pm on Wednesday 1st October.

Progress Reports will come home on Friday 26th September in the back of children's homework books. These are sent home once a term to give you an indication of how your child is doing in relation to age related expectations and also the effort they are putting into their studies. Parents of children on the SEND register will be offered different appointments and teachers will be in touch to arrange these.

Medicines in School

A number of pupils may at sometime be prescribed medicine for a short period of time. If possible these should be taken at home not school (3 times a day is possible before school, at home-time and before bed). If however, this is not possible we will support parents by administering the medicine in school. If your child needs to take medicine in school time please let Miss Seeds or Miss Howes know. Parents must complete a permission slip to enable the medicine to be administered.



Behaviour

We are very proud of the good behaviour of the majority of our pupils which has been identified as a strength in our school inspections. We encourage pupils to follow our School Values and take responsibility for their own actions.

Every individual is valued for who they are and what they contribute to our school. Our School Values are an integral part of school life and are intended to support the personal, social and spiritual development of every pupil throughout the school. We have high expectations of all our children, encouraging them to always do their best.

We reward good behaviour in a range of ways, including badges and certificates as well as lots of praise and recognition. Our pupils realise that we are able to organise lots of fun events and activities because of their own good behaviour.

We use a set system of sanctions for dealing with any misbehaviour which includes warnings in a closed clip board, time in with the Year Group Leader and Reflection Time. Please see more information in our Behaviour Policy which is on our website under Policies.

We use the Zones of Regulation to help children self-regulate their emotions - again more information is available on our website.



Attendance

The Importance of Attendance During Term Time

We are committed to promoting the welfare of our children through regular school attendance. We know that every day lost to education can have an impact on a child's attainment and progress in school. The link between good attendance and high levels of achievement is undeniable. Poor attendance and lateness may also be detrimental to the social adjustment and development of pupils. We request that wherever possible parents try to arrange medical and dental appointments for outside of school hours.

We are continuing to implement a reward system to encourage children to attend school as much as possible. The class with the highest percentage of attendance each week will win £10 for their class money box. The class with the most money at the end of the year will be able to spend it on a treat of their choice. Absences relating to ongoing medical issues will not count towards the weekly percentage. Thank you for your continued support in this matter

Macmillan Coffee Morning and Bake Off

On Tuesday 30th September we will be hosting a coffee afternoon in support of Macmillan. We will be selling cold and hot drinks as well as delicious treats to raise lots of money for this important charity. Some of our School Councillors will be responsible for hosting the afternoon, serving the tea and cakes and keeping things running smoothly. They'd love to see you there. This event will start at 2pm and go on until 3:15pm, so parents, family and friends will be able to come and have a drink before they pick up their children from school. Leftover cakes will also be on sale after school at the front of school.



We will also be hosting the 'Bake Off' challenge, where for £2, children and parents can enter a cake into the competition. Do you fancy your chances of being the new Star Baker of Great Moor Juniors? Show us your skills! These cakes can be brought into the office on the morning of the Bake Off. The winning cake will be decided by the School Council and the winner will receive the prize of a Star Baker apron and wooden spoon. All of the entries will be sold for people to take home. We hope to raise lots of money for Macmillan and would love to see you there. Any donations to sell without entering the Bake Off would also be gratefully received. Thank you for your support!

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 they will phone parents.

Parking

Please be considerate to our neighbours and have regard for the safety of our families when parking around school. Please walk to school if you can. Please do not stop on the zig zags to drop children off, this is illegal and very dangerous for our children.





HELPING YOUR CHILD WITH WORRIES AND ANXIETY

An information session run by Beth from the
Stockport Mental Health Support Team

Tuesday 14th October 2:20pm at school

Who is it for? if you have a child of primary or secondary school age who experiences worry or anxiety, or you are simply interested to learn more.



What we will cover:

- What are worries and anxiety?
- The science behind them and what keeps them going in cycles.
- Tips for talking to children about their emotions.
- Practical strategies to use at home.
- What our service offers (CBT-informed interventions) and signposting info for other services.
- Information summary booklet to take away with you.

How can I sign up?

To book a place please email Mrs Murphy
(katherine.murphy@greatmoor-jun.stockport.sch.uk) with your full name,
contact number and child's name.



Fun Club

The Fun Club operates in the school's canteen building. It is a facility for parents to leave their children in an organised and supervised environment before and after school.

The Fun Club has its own managers and staff who provide excellent care and a wide range of activities and snacks.

Further information is available by emailing or speaking to our school office.

The opening times are 7.30 am - 8.45 am and 3.15 - 6.00 pm.

Parents can book and pay for Fun Club sessions using their ParentPay account. The morning session can be booked up to 2:30pm the day before and the afternoon session can be booked up to 2:30pm on the day.

Changes cannot be made once a booking is made (this is clearly stated in the terms and conditions that parents sign up to in the registration process).

The morning session costs £5 from 7:30am - 8:45am.

The afternoon session costs £10 from 3:15pm - 6:00pm.

Children who are new to Fun Club need to be registered with the school office before they attend. There is a registration form to complete and a one-time £10 administrative fee that is payable. Please contact the school office if you need a registration form.

School Dinners

School dinners are £2.75 a day. Dinners should be booked and paid for in advance via Parentpay.



School Photos

Individual school photos will be taken on Tuesday 23rd September. Please let the office know if you do not wish your child's photo to be taken.



Harvest Assembly - Monday 29th September

Our harvest festival is planned for Monday 29th September - it is an opportunity for us to enable children to reflect on how fortunate we are to have plenty to eat and be well looked after.

We are asking children to bring in donations for the Stockport Foodbank this year. Please send these in on the morning of Monday 29th September.

Items currently needed are any food in tins or packets but particularly at the moment:

Snacks such as individually packed chocolate bars, cereal bars, breadsticks and crisps

Packets of biscuits

Tinned meat

Rice (500g bags)

Tinned tomatoes

Tinned soup

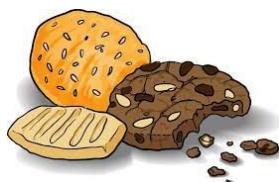
Tinned baked beans

Tinned fruit

Sanitary towels

Shampoo

Toothpaste



Mobile Phones in School

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.



Our World Cup Football Competition!

Excitement is in the air as our school gears up for the much-anticipated World Cup football competition! It's time to showcase our skills, team spirit, and the values that make our school community so special. As we prepare for this thrilling event, let's remember the importance of respect, behaviour, and upholding our school values throughout the tournament.

Respect plays a vital role in sportsmanship, both on and off the field. We cheer each other on, celebrate successes, and learn from our mistakes. Remember, it's not just about winning but also about showing respect for everyone involved in the game.

Matches will start Monday 29th September. Pupils will find out the week before which teams they are in.

Wishing all the teams the best of luck and looking forward to an incredible tournament!



After School Clubs

Clubs are now up and running for this half-term. If you would like to do Spanish club on Tuesday please sign up via the link www.kidslingo.co.uk/area/spanish-classes-east-stockport-ne-cheshire/

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB DATES AUTUMN 1 2025

CLUB	YEAR	DAY	SEPT	OCT	Sessions	Tutor	Room
BASKETBALL	4, 5, 6	Monday	8, 15, 22, 29	6, 13, 20	7	Mr Cannon/Mrs Almond	FIELD
GIRLS FOOTBALL	ALL	Monday	8, 15, 22, 29	6, 13, 20	7	Mrs Almond/Mr Bushawa	FIELD
DRAMA	ALL	Monday	8, 15, 22, 29	6, 13, 20	7	Mrs Ogden/Miss Morrey	HALL
CRAFT	ALL	Monday	8, 15, 22, 29	6, 13, 20	7	Miss Macintyre	5M
BOARD GAMES	ALL	Tuesday	9, 16, 23, 30	7, 14, 21	7	Miss Moulsher	
SINGING	ALL	Tuesday	9, 16, 23, 30	7, 14, 21	7	Miss Doogan	3G
FOOTBALL	5 & 6	Tuesday	9, 16, 23, 30	7, 14, 21	7	Mr Cannon/Mrs Almond	FIELD
SPANISH	ALL	Wednesday	10, 17, 24	1, 8, 15, 22	7	Laura	4OL
KARATE	ALL	Wednesday	24	1, 8, 15, 22	5	Chantelle Unsworth	HALL
PHOTOGRAPHY	ALL	Wednesday	10, 17, 24	1, 8, 15, 22	7	Miss Conccar	
TAG RUGBY	ALL	Wednesday	10, 17, 24	1, 8, 15, 22	7	Mr Cannon/Mrs Almond	FIELD
KEYBOARD	ALL	Thursday	11, 18, 25	2, 9, 16, 23	7	Miss Taylor	SEN room
ART	ALL	Thursday	11, 18, 25	2, 9, 16, 23	7	Miss McCann	4C
ICT & TTRS	ALL	Thursday	11, 18, 25	2, 9, 16, 23	7	Mr Gill	ICT Suite
FOOTBALL	3 & 4	Thursday	11, 18, 25	2, 9, 16, 23	7	Mr Cannon/Mrs Almond	FIELD
DANCE	ALL	Thursday	11, 18, 25	2, 9, 16, 23	7	Miss Moston	HALL



Cross Country 2025 - 2026

The dates have been sent out for the 2025/2026 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 35 different runners from our school.

School will pay for the teams so there is no individual charge and children are awarded certificates in our Friday assembly. There will be staff at each race so that you know where to go. Children will be given a GMJS t-shirt for the race so we can look out for them during the event.

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 for each race.

joe.garnett@greatmoor-jun.stockport.sch.uk

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.

Match 1	Saturday 20th September	10.30 - 12.30
Match 2	Saturday 18th October	10.30 - 12.30
Match 3	Saturday 22nd November	10.30 - 12.30
Match 4	Saturday 17th January	10.30 - 12.30
Match 5	Saturday 31st January 2026	10.30 - 12.30
Match 6	Saturday 28th February 2026	10.30 - 12.30

Presentation Day for top 10 overall 21st March 2026

	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



Online Gaming - Keeping Children Safe

At Great Moor Junior School, we are aware that many children enjoy playing online games at home. Two popular games we have recently been made aware of are Among Us and Gang Beasts. While these games may seem fun and harmless at first glance, they are not designed for primary-aged children and can pose risks when played unsupervised.

Among Us involves themes of deception, lying, and elimination of other characters. The game also allows open online chat with strangers, which can expose children to inappropriate language and unsafe interactions.

Gang Beasts is a cartoon-style fighting game where players throw, punch, and wrestle characters in often violent ways. Although the graphics are silly in appearance, the focus on violence can be worrying for younger children, and the online multiplayer option also creates risks of unsupervised communication.

We strongly encourage parents to check the age ratings of all games their child is playing and to talk with them about safe online behaviour. Both of these games are rated for older children and teenagers, not for primary-aged pupils.

For more detailed parental guidance on these games, please visit Common Sense Media.

By staying informed and talking openly with your child about the games they play, we can all work together to keep children safe online.

If you feel you need help or guidance with your child's online activity please contact Mr Gill—mark.gill@greatmoor-jun.stockport.sch.uk



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OPEN EVENING

Thursday 2nd October 2025, 5.00pm – 8.00pm

Due to controlled capacity, visitors are asked to arrive on-site shortly before one of the three Presentations by the Headteacher at 5.10pm, 6.00pm or 7.00pm

Stockport School has "...successfully brought about very rapid and sustainable improvement in students' achievement and the quality of teaching."

(Ofsted)

Stockport School is *"amongst the top state-funded schools in England."*
(Department for Education)

"Pupils' life chances have been significantly improved, especially those of disadvantaged pupils, as a result of the school's relentless focus on high standards and its dedicated moral purpose. The school's motto 'Velis et Remis' – meaning 'with sails and oars' – aptly characterises the school's collective passion and determination to achieve its goals."
(Ofsted)

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The Stockport School Way

POSITIVITY RESPECT OPPORTUNITY UNITY DETERMINATION



Join The Fun and Adventure!



We have spaces available in all Sections

Beavers (6-8 Years) Wednesday 6:15pm-7:30pm
Cubs (8-10½ Years) Thursday 7:00pm-8:30pm
Scouts (10½ - 14 Years) Friday 7:00pm - 8:45pm

Website: 2ndhazelgrove.org.uk
Contact: Claire.Jarvis@gmescouts.org.uk

