



# MASON MOOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

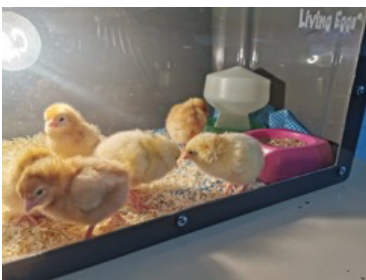
## WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



### Headteacher News | Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024

**Year R and Year 7 applications!** Southampton Admissions have opened applications for 2025-2026, please visit the website (link provided) for further information <https://www.southampton.gov.uk/schools-learning/find-apply-school/school-applications/apply-for-a-school-place/>. Year 7 applications close on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024 and Year R application close on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025. We will be holding Year 7 application help sessions and Year R open days over the coming months to support parents.

**Field of Dreams!** At Mason Moor we want our children to have as many sporting opportunities as possible. We do this through PE, clubs, trips, tournaments and events. Now we are going one step further. We think ALL our children work extremely well when it comes to working as a team. It's really nice to see children within the class/year groups work well together but, we want this to happen across the school. So, we have started our very own #teammasonmoor Field of Dreams. ALL children from year 1 – year 6 have had the opportunity to sign up for their chosen sport. The children had their first session together in their teams this week – it was wonderful to see and hear the children working together.



**Learning coming to life.** It has been wonderful to have the chicks in school. The children from across school have had the opportunity to visit and learn all about them. We have 6 girls and 4 boys. The children have been learning how to tell the difference between boys and girls – the girls have darker feathers. The chicks all have their own personalities and some are quite cheeky!

Have a great weekend!

**#teammasonmoor**

**Ms Ashbolt-Smith | Deputy Head Teacher**

## Weekly Attendance Monitoring - Our Target is 97%

Remember: we will not authorise ANY absence during term time. Please make sure your child attends school on-time every day.



# MASON MOOR ATTENDANCE: 91%

### Class Cake Winners



Year 2

Well done to all the children in this class - we are proud of each one of you.

### Monday Morning Milkshake Winners



Year 6

### Whole School Attendance figures:

	This Week	Difference
Nursery	79%	
Year R	91%	-2%
The Ark	80%	
Year 1	90%	-3%
Year 2	95%	+2%
Year 3	91%	-3%
Year 4	88%	+2%
Year 5	93%	+1%
Year 6	90%	-6%
Whole School	91%	-2%

### Attendance Update



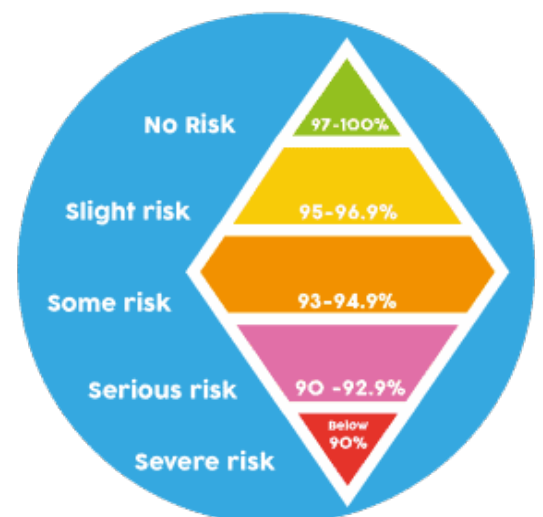
Our **97%** attendance target is still achievable this year if we work together on ensuring children are in school every day and not missing out on learning.

Our overall attendance to date is **91%** this is an improvement on last year where it was **90%**

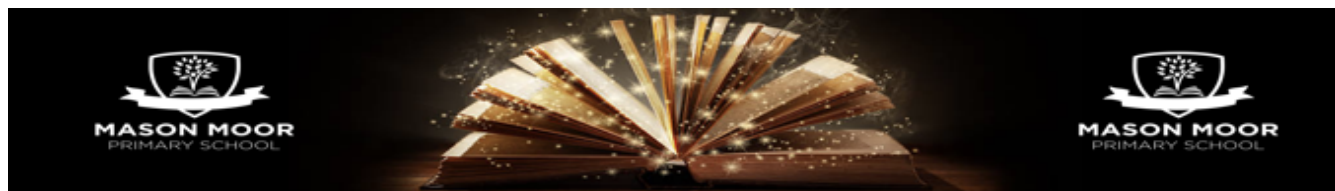
#### Top Tips for improving your child's attendance:

1. Send them in every day - except if they have sickness or diarrhoea. We can make sure they are looked after.
2. Don't book holidays during term time. They miss important elements of learning.

Speak to us if you are having difficulties.



## Mason Moor Award Winners - Presenting the Pride of Mason Moor...



### GOLDEN BOOK AWARD WINNERS

#### EYFS Children

Nursery	The Ark	R Blue
Robin	Isra	Tyrion

#### Key Stage 1 Children

Homeclass	Winner
1 Blue	Lily
2 Blue	Georgia
3 Blue	Lilly

#### Key Stage 2 Children

Homeclass	Winner
4 Blue	Faith
5 Blue	Oscar
6 Blue	Harry S

### Handwriting AWARD WINNERS

#### EYFS & Key Stage 1 Children

Homeclass	Winner
R Blue	Joni
1 Blue	Habila
2 Blue	TJ
3 Blue	Phoenix

#### Key Stage 2 Children

Homeclass	Winner
4 Blue	Tifa
5 Blue	Ebsa
6 Blue	Lily
Pathways	Harrison

### READER OF THE WEEK AWARD WINNERS

#### EYFS & Key Stage 1 Children

Year	Winner
R Blue	Rouella
1 Blue	David
2 Blue	Olivia
3 Blue	Riyan

#### Key Stage 2 Children

Year	Winner
4 Blue	Kiven
5 Blue	Nshira
6 Blue	Abbas
Pathways	Freddie

## Learning at Mason Moor:

### Nursery

This week the children have had a visit from little city in school! They have explored different occupations following our story through role play, developing their social and communication skills. Our focus this week has been on their fine motor skills and hand and eye coordination.

### The Ark

This week we have been exploring our new story, "Clothes Line Clues to Jobs People Do." We had an exciting visit from Little City, where we could explore all the jobs and people who help us in real life! This amazing experience allowed us to role play as the different professions, supporting our development in all areas of the curriculum. Our favourite area was the cafe, where we had "tea and cakes" with our teachers!

### Year R

This week we had an exciting visit from Little City Hampshire to explore jobs we can do when we grow up. We explored that as we change, our interests also change and thought about when we get older. In maths, we have explored repeating patterns, using 2 or 3 colours to make the pattern. As the weather has changed, we have enjoyed looking at our Autumn patterns and the change in our surroundings.

### Year 1

Year 1 were excited to experience "Little City" who visited the school this week. The children loved it! It was wonderful to see all the children taking an active part in roleplay and thinking in more depth about the different and important roles people play in various jobs and places.

### Year 2

In Year 2, we have been learning how to use concrete manipulatives in maths. We have used a range of resources, such as multilink, dienes, number lines and bead strings to represent different numbers. The children also represented numbers by drawing different diagrams on their whiteboards. In our writing lessons, we have been learning how to write a setting description about a train journey using adjectives.

### Year 3

In Geography, we have been learning how the ancient Greeks used their physical geography to their advantage, such as access to the sea. We learnt how the ancient Greeks built boats, called Triremes, which they used to increase trade and settle other parts of the Mediterranean.

### Year 4

This week we're all about the art of persuasion. We're using all our best adjectives in our writing to try to get a longer break time. "We would be extremely happy to have more time to play with our friends. In fact, it might make us less energetic in class." We've travelled all around the Mediterranean! (Only on Google, but it still counts). Be prepared to hear all about our favourite locations and their climates.

### Year 5

Year 5 have had a very busy week. In maths we have been learning about prime numbers as well as cubed and squared numbers. We have been reading 'Floodland' and using the characters from our novel to write a diary entry. We have explored emotive language and adverbials of time in writing too. We have had a busy time this week as we have been enjoying Field of Dreams and PE.

### Year 6

Year 6 have been busy this week reading lots of our book 'Floodland' by Marcus Sedgwick. We have been writing

### Pathways

This week in Pathways we have been exploring how to communicate with friends and take our turns

diary entries to explore characterisation and using emotive language. In maths we have been dividing using and one two digit numbers. In geography this week we have continued to explore North-West England and what the Lake District has to offer.

whilst learning how to add during a game of monopoly. We have also been creating summaries in our reading lessons. In writing we have been identifying which subheadings we feel would work before for our informative Roman leaflets.

## Sign of the Week

Makaton is a visual way to develop communication skills, which helps stimulate sounds and words. Makaton is used across Early Years settings, as well as with children with SEND and those who need to build up their confidence.

Sign of the week:

Coat



## Spotlight on PE

PE Word of the Week:

Teamwork

Definition:

The combined action of a group, especially when effective and efficient. Working together to win a match.

PE thought of the week.

"If you had FUN, then you won!"

**PE AWARD WINNERS**

KS1

Bear-Blue (Year 1)

KS2

David (Year 3)

Learning this week

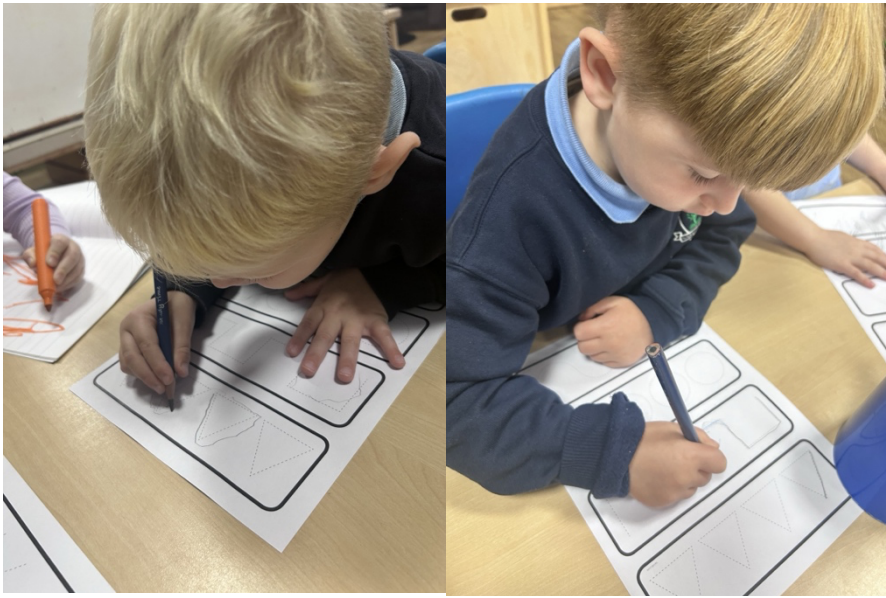
This week the children in KS2 have started to apply skills they have previously learned into adapted games. KS1 have started to pass the ball within their team using a chest pass technique.



## Our week in pictures



Year 2 using concrete resources to support their learning



Nursery children demonstrating their progress in using their fine motor skills. Well done!



The children enjoying exploring Little City.



Literacy in action



In Nurture we have been learning about chocolate - from bean to boat. We have been learning about fair trade in South America and Africa. We have also been reading the book "The Chocolate Tree" to help us learn a bit about the history of chocolate ready for next week.



A message from Ms Birkett – we only have a few places left in Breakfast Club. If you are interested, please let a member of the office team know!



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*Is your child 3 or 4 years old?  
Come and join our amazing new  
Nursery!*

**We offer 15-30 hours of provision, in our new Nursery with our fantastic team!**

**Your child can begin their Mason Moor journey and give them the best start to their education.**

**Visit our school office or our website for information on registering your child.**

**<https://www.masonmoorprimary.co.uk/contact-us>**



# Let's get moving this Walktober!

Get moving for our wellbeing, our community and our planet

## Parent and Carer Information

**Travelling actively and sustainably can help make a change for our wellbeing, our community and our planet.**

Our school is taking part in International Walk to School Month by joining the Walktober challenge run by the Sustainable Transport Team at Southampton City Council.

We would like as many of our pupils, families and staff as possible to travel actively and/or sustainably throughout October by walking, wheeling, cycling, scooting, using Park and Stride or public transport.



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## Walktober 2024 - Pupil Activity Card and Competition

The Walktober Activity Card encourages pupils to travel actively and/or sustainably in October. Pupils will be asked to choose at least six activities to complete over the course of the month. These can be chosen from the list of suggestions or they may like to add in some of their own. At the end of the challenge, the card can be entered into the Walktober pupil competition for a chance to win a fantastic prize!

### How it works:

- Your child will receive a Walktober Activity Card with instructions on how to complete the card.
- The Walktober Activity Card can be printed or completed on a computer. For instructions to complete the card on a computer, please visit [myjourneysouthampton.com/walktober](https://myjourneysouthampton.com/walktober).
- The Walktober activities can be adapted or your child may like to come up with their own ideas! They may choose to do them on their own, with the help of a parent/carer, with a friend or as part of a school event with a teacher.
- At the end of Walktober, and by **Friday 8th November 2024**, you can enter your child's completed Walktober Activity Card into a prize draw run by the Sustainable Transport Team. Please email as an attachment, scan or photo to [info@myjourneysouthampton.com](mailto:info@myjourneysouthampton.com), using the subject title 'Walktober 2024'. Winners will be notified by the end of term.
- Please visit [myjourneysouthampton.com/walktober](https://myjourneysouthampton.com/walktober) for more details about the prize draw, including competition terms.
- If you need any assistance entering the competition, please ask if we have a Walktober Activity Card collection point available.

You can find more active travel and wellbeing information for parents and families by visiting [myjourneysouthampton.com/education/active-travel-to-school-information-for-parents](https://myjourneysouthampton.com/education/active-travel-to-school-information-for-parents).

Good luck and have fun being active!



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