



# MASON MOOR

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

# WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



## Headteacher News | Friday 10th January 2025

**Welcome back!** It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school this week and to listen to their news.

**Swimming continues for Years 5 and 6...** We continue to have the pool on site and it's been great to see the children continuing to learn new swimming skills. Please ensure that your child has their swimming kit with them every day.

**The Family Hub** - We are delighted that Maple Family Hub has opened. The Family Hub is based at the far side of the school car park. The building has had a positive make over. Please see information below from the team at The Family Hub.

Maple Family Hub is a place for children and their families, soon to be parents and carers. Families can come to enjoy play sessions, get advice on infant feeding, join a parenting and community programme and much more. The hub is located in the building in the far right corner of the school area and is perfect for children with a playroom, training room and garden. The hub will be open Monday to Thursday, 8.30am – 4.30pm and Friday 8.30am – 4pm (not including bank holidays) for advice and support for families.

Please access the Family Hub via the gate to the right of the Hub building by following the path to the right (from the main school entrance) next to the school fence.

Sessions running at Maple Family Hub:

- Bumps and Babies (9.30 - 11.30am on Mondays)
- Breastfeeding Support (Thursdays from 9.45 – 11.15am)
- Infant Massage programme (26 February – 26 March)



Find out more about Family Hubs and the sessions they run at:

<https://soton.cc/familyhub>

**#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

### Whole School Attendance figures:



## Year 2

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

	This Week	Difference
Nursery	96%	+8%
Year R	92%	+3%
The Ark	95%	+5%
Year 1	84%	-9%
Year 2	95%	+6%
Year 3	89%	-6%
Year 4	93%	+4%
Year 5	86%	-4%
Year 6	93%	+1%
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
Harley	Brandon	Denver

### Key Stage 1 Children

Homeclass	Winner
1 Blue	Bear-Blue
2 Blue	Lola
3 Blue	Iris
Pathways	Liam

### Key Stage 2 Children

Homeclass	Winner
4 Blue	Matthew K.
5 Blue	Amy
6 Blue	Simay

## Handwriting AWARD WINNERS

### EYFS & Key Stage 1 Children

Homeclass	Winner
R Blue	Kaya
1 Blue	Frankie
2 Blue	Phoenix
3 Blue	Lilly

### Key Stage 2 Children

Homeclass	Winner
4 Blue	Finlay
5 Blue	Arif
6 Blue	Betty
Pathways	Evie

## READER OF THE WEEK AWARD WINNERS

### EYFS & Key Stage 1 Children

Year	Winner
R Blue	Jobi
1 Blue	Cianna
2 Blue	Zayd
3 Blue	Karen

### Key Stage 2 Children

Year	Winner
4 Blue	Anumi
5 Blue	Owen
6 Blue	Charles
Pathways	Freddie

## Learning at Mason Moor:

### Nursery

Nursery have been focusing on a new topic 'I wonder what I can imagine'. For the next 2 weeks we will be focussing on 'Whatever Next' where the children will explore the key question of what is next?. This week the children have been making a rocket to enhance their role play area currently set up as a Superhero Headquarters, this also links to Whatever Next. In Literacy this week the children have been using their name cards to form recognizable letters from their name.

### The Ark

This week we are exploring our new topic, "I wonder what I can imagine." We have started "Whatever Next" and have been learning to sequence the story, using props to help us. We have loved using the characters to role play! In maths we have been exploring 2D shapes, using these to make rockets!

### Year R

We have had a lovely start back after our Christmas holidays. Everyone has come back with a positive attitude in their learning which is very pleasing to see. In our class we have started our new topic of Dinosaurs where the children have created their own area outside for them to live. We have been learning about the different types of diets the dinosaurs had and how they used their teeth to eat their food. We came to a quick conclusion that we wouldn't want to be around when the dinosaurs roamed the Earth. Next week we will be starting on our Pink phase phonics after finishing recapping the Orange phase this week.

### Year 1

Year 1 has had a lovely start to the term! They've been learning about the British Isles and monarchy, linking it to a new book in Writing by Steve Antony called 'The Queen's Hat'. Building familiarity with key landmarks of London like the London Eye, Big Ben, and the Underground would be wonderful ways of building on this learning at home.

In Maths, for the next two weeks children will be thinking a lot about Time. We will look at Months of the Year and Days of the Week this week. Reference them as much as possible at home! Use time language like before, after and next to link them in sequence.

### Year 2

In Year 2 this week, we have been learning about 'The Magic Paintbrush' in writing. The children were excited to read this Chinese tale and quickly recognised the story villain. In maths we have been comparing objects and numbers, learning how to use inequality symbols to show 'greater than' and 'fewer than'. We have also been on a 'scavenger hunt' around the school grounds to find different materials to start off our new science topic. Finally, we made time to have a party complete with flashing lights and glow sticks to make up for missing our celebrations at Christmas time. Happy New Year to everyone!

### Year 3

This week Year 3 have been starting to explore their book to inspire their writing, The Three Billy Goats Gruff. As part of this we attempted to make our own bridges that would support the weight of three of our own 'goats'. Most were successful but a few bridges sadly fell down. We have also started our learning journey in history where we are looking at England in the period from around 1100 AD to 1400AD. After a disrupted end to the last half term it is great to see so many in Year 3 making a great, focused start to the Spring term. Well done Year 3!

### Year 4

Feliz año nuevo! Frohes neues Jahr! Y bonne année!! That Miss Jablonska just can't do Pupil of the Day in English... We've had a wonderful start to the year/term. Lost objects were found, a maths treasure hunt was pursued and our tree of respect was planted. We can't wait for all the other fun things later this term!

### Year 5

I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas break! Well done to all year 5 for a positive, fun-filled first week back! This week, we have explored our new reading book, 'Letters from the lighthouse'. We have had lots of interesting class discussions about WW2 and the reality of children evacuating for safety. It's lovely to see so many of them engaged, asking questions and showing such a keen interest in our History topic.

### Year 6

Happy New Year! I'm thrilled to be with your children in Year 6 - It's amazing to see how much they've grown since I knew them in year 4. This week has been a joyful start, filled with creativity, teamwork, and discovery. I look forward to all the fun activities ahead and supporting your child's growth. Thank you for your continued support.

### Pathways

This week in Pathways we have welcomed the pupils back to school. We have started to retrieve information from the text of our new book "The Runaway Pea". We have been improving our turn taking skills with games such as "Sausage vs Hotdog" and "would you rather". Lastly, we have also been creating our own personal shops to sell pretend goods.

## 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:



PE Word of the Week:



# Coordination

Definition:

*The ability to use different parts of the body together, smoothly and effectively.*

PE thought of the week:

*The game is never more important than the people you play with.*



## PE AWARD WINNERS

KS1	Willow (Year 1)	KS2	Ryan (Year 4)
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### PE learning this week

This half term KS1 will be exploring their Attack, Defend, Shoot unit of work. Attack, Defend, Shoot is a unit based around Invasion games. Invasion games are games where a team must 'invade' an opponent's territory to score a goal or point. They do this by controlling the ball, keeping possession and moving into scoring positions.

KS2 will be learning Hockey. They will learn to combine basic hockey skills such as dribbling and push passes. Select and apply skills in a game. Play effectively in different positions on the pitch, including in defence. Increase power and strength of passes, moving the ball over longer distances

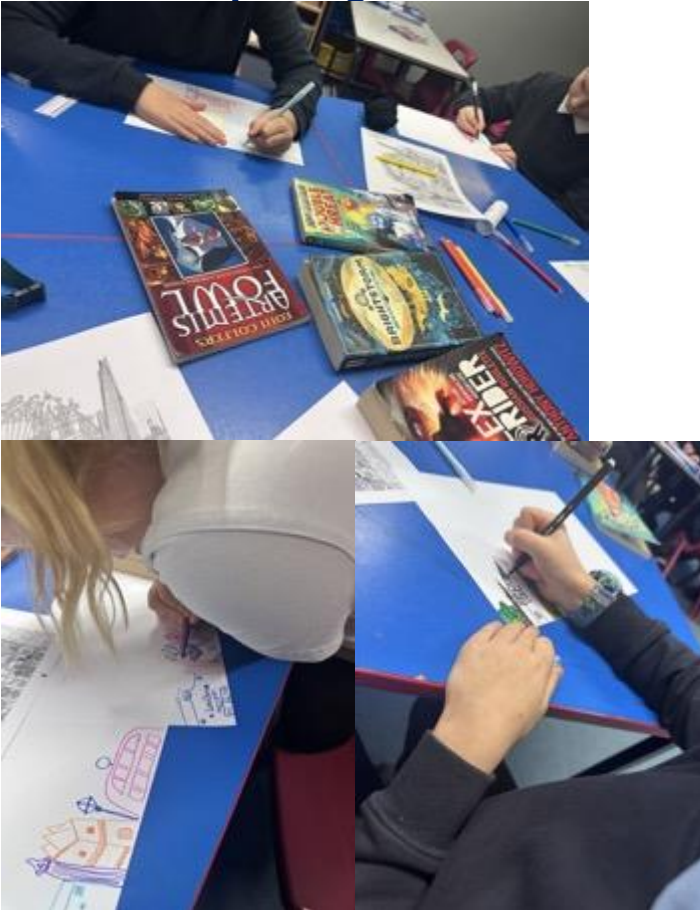


## Our week in pictures



The Ark exploring Space books and activities.

## Year 6 completing their artwork!



# AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS AND PE TIMETABLE



Mason Moor Primary School – Club List – Spring 1 2025



Please note each club has limited spaces and clubs are renewed each half term.

Day	Time	Club, Leader and Year Group	Location	Collection	Charge
Monday	3.20 – 4.15	<b>Archery Club</b> Year 3, 4 Mr Bauck	Hall/Field	Main Reception	None
	3.20 – 4.15	<b>Harry Potter Reading Club</b> Year 4, 5 and 6 Ms Birkett	Nurture Room	Main Reception	None
Tuesday	3.20 – 4.15	<b>Sewing Club</b> Year 1, 2 Ms Day	Classroom (year 2)	Main Reception	None
Wednesday	3.20 – 4.20	<b>Eco Club</b> INVITE ONLY Ms Birkett	Nurture Room	Main Reception	None
Thursday	3.20 – 4.30	<b>Cooking Club</b> Year 5, 6 Ms Fantave	Cookery Room	Main Reception	None
	3.20 – 4.15	<b>PLPS Saints Foundation GIRLS ONLY Football Club</b> Years 4,5 and 6 Mr Fryer/Mr Bauck	Hall/Field	Main Reception	None
	3.20 – 4.15	<b>Singing Club</b> Year 5, 6 Ms Bidgood	Classroom (Year 5)	Main Reception	None
	3.20 – 4.15	<b>Gardening Club</b> Year 1, 2 Ms Day	School Grounds	Main Reception	None

Please follow the link below to make a booking.

<https://masonmoore.schoolcloud.co.uk/Auth/Parent?ReturnUrl=%2Fclubsevents%2Fadmin%2Fevents>



There are still some spaces available at our after-school clubs this half term. If you would like to make a booking, please scan the QR code.



Below is the PE timetable for Spring 1.

Thursdays - Whole school (all children) need a PE kit.

AM - Yr 4,5,6

PM - Yr 1,2,3

Children can wear their PE kits into school on a PE day. Please remember, white t-shirt, black shorts, and trainers. Children can wear black tracksuit bottoms and a hoodie or jumper when the weather is cold. Children should also have a drink bottle.



# Love your journey to school

This Valentine's Day, we want you to tell us everything you love about your active journey to school.

To tell us about your journey walking, cycling or scooting to school, you could:

- Take a photo or draw a picture of something interesting or unusual you see along the way.
- Tell us about your favourite part of your journey – it could be a nice green space or catching up with friends or neighbours along the way.
- Write us a poem about your journey.
- Bling your bike or scooter for your journey to school and share your photos with us.

**It's up to you – let your creativity run wild!**



For a chance to win  
JD Bug Classic  
Street 120  
scooter

Submit your entries by Friday 28th February 2025.

Email [rachel.oliver@southampton.gov.uk](mailto:rachel.oliver@southampton.gov.uk) or post on social media and tag My Journey with your entries, using the hashtag **#LoveYourJourneySoton**

See [myjourneysouthampton.com/loveyourjourneytoschool](http://myjourneysouthampton.com/loveyourjourneytoschool)

AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY FOR GIRLS WHO LIKE PLAYING CRICKET .....

SOUTHAMPTON

WICKETZ

WOMEN & GIRLS CELEBRATION

Come & celebrate our Southampton Wicketz programme  
(Women & girls only event)



St Mary's Leisure Centre

118A St Mary's Road, Southampton, SO14 0BL

Saturday 18th January  
12:00-17:00pm

Sports, games, activities and prizes  
Boxercise, multisport, henna, arts & crafts,  
mindfulness & of course, cricket!

To register, please scan the QR code or contact Dani Ransley  
on 07880724768 or [danielle.ransley@utilitabowl.com](mailto:danielle.ransley@utilitabowl.com)





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!

## Upcoming Events

- Tuesday 14th Jan- SEND Parent Coffee Morning 9-10am
- Tuesday 14th Jan- English call for parents 9-10am
- Thursday 16th Jan- **Year R** Parents Phonics Event 9am
- Tuesday 21st Jan- English call for parents 9-10am
- Wed 22nd Jan- **Year 1 & 2** Read Event with Parents 9-10am
- Wed 22nd Jan- **Year 3 & 4** Read Event with Parents 2-3pm
- Thu 23rd Jan- **Year 5 & 6** Read Event with Parents 9-10am
- Fri 24th Jan- **Nursery & Year R** Read Event with Parents 9-10am



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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>

**If you have any questions or need help joining a course or registering your child as a Young Carer then please contact Mrs Deltrieu in the office**



We have Spaces on the following courses:

### Being a Parent

Venue: Seashell Family Hub

Day: Monday's

Times: 9.30-11.30

Dates: 20<sup>th</sup> Jan -24<sup>th</sup> March

### Being a Parent

Venue: Clovelly Family Hub

Day: Wednesday's

Times: 9.30-11.30

Dates: 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan -26<sup>th</sup> March

### Infant Massage

Centre: Seashell Family hub

Date: 15<sup>th</sup> January -12<sup>th</sup> February

Time: 1 - 2.30pm

### New Forest Parenting Programme

Centre: Blackberry Family Hub

Date: 10<sup>th</sup> January -14<sup>th</sup> February (6 weeks)

Time: 12.30-2.30pm

### Understanding Behaviour

Centre: Clovelly family Hub

Date: 24<sup>th</sup> January – 31<sup>st</sup> January

Time: 12.30-2.30pm

**YOUNG CARERS SOUTHAMPTON**

# ARE YOU A YOUNG CARER?

A young carer is someone under 18 who helps look after someone in their family, or a friend, who is ill, disabled or misuses drugs or alcohol.

**Emotional Support**

**DO YOU**

- Cheer someone up when they are unhappy.
- Support someone to keep them safe.
- Keep someone company.

**Physical Help**

**DO YOU**

- Help someone walk.
- Help someone stand.
- Help someone get in and out of the bath or shower.

**Personal Care**

**DO YOU**

- Wash someone's hair.
- Help someone wash.
- Brush someone's teeth.
- Help someone get dressed.

**Administer Medication**

**DO YOU**

- Remind someone to take their medication.
- Bring someone their medication.
- Give someone their medication.
- Collect medication from pharmacy.

**Financial Support**

**DO YOU**

- Control a weekly budget.
- Work.
- Do the food shop.
- Pay bills.

**Practical Support**

**DO YOU**

- Cook for others.
- Clean or Hoover any room in the house.
- Help someone wash their clothes.

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