



# MASON MOOR

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

# WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



## Headteacher News | 7th March 2025

**World Book Day!** It has been wonderful to celebrate World Book Day with the children and staff this week. The children enjoyed dressing up and seeing adults in school dressed as their favourite book character. Some children had the pleasure of having breakfast with the Queen of Hearts, The Mad Hatter and Cruella Devil!

**Library and book corner** - All classes have a book corner - a quiet area in the classroom where children can read their book and share the joy of reading with their peers and adults. The book corners and library are such wonderful spaces. It's a pleasure to see the children using these spaces on a daily basis. I have really enjoyed listening and watching the children choose their new books. The children have also enjoyed being read to and are able to share their favourite parts of their books.

**Ducklings at Mason Moor** - On Monday the duck eggs and all the equipment to hatch them arrived. Across the week we have successfully seen the arrival of all five ducklings. They are absolutely gorgeous and we are all excited to watch them grow. They already have their own cheeky personalities. Year 6 are looking after them and I am proud of how each member of the year 6 team has taken this responsibility on - thank you Year 6!



I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and are able to enjoy some sunshine. The forecast looks positive.

**#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: 93%

### Class Cake Winners

### Whole School Attendance figures:



## Year 4

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

	This Week	Difference
Nursery	81%	-11
Year R	76%	-11
The Ark	67%	-9
Year 1	88%	+7
Year 2	96%	-1
Year 3	94%	-3
Year 4	97%	+3
Year 5	92%	-1
Year 6	96%	+1
Whole School	93%	+0

### Attendance Update



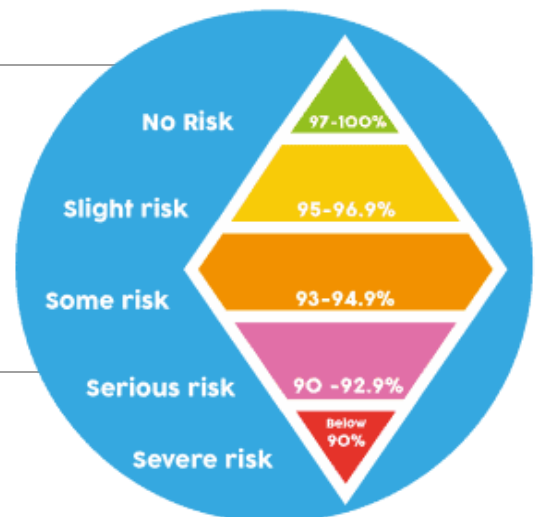
Our **97%** attendance target is still achievable this year if we work together on ensuring children are in school every day and not missing out on learning.

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
Mason	Ruben	Obrempong

### Key Stage 1 Children

Homeclass	Winner
1 Blue	Cianna
2 Blue	Marnie
3 Blue	Khiara
Pathways	Ade

### Key Stage 2 Children

Homeclass	Winner
4 Blue	Anumi
5 Blue	Edith
6 Blue	Maci

## *Handwriting* AWARD WINNERS

### EYFS & Key Stage 1 Children

Homeclass	Winner
R Blue	Lottie
1 Blue	Lenny
2 Blue	Octavia
3 Blue	Lincoln

### Key Stage 2 Children

Homeclass	Winner
4 Blue	Nathan
5 Blue	Owen
6 Blue	Simay
Pathways	Isaac S

## READER OF THE WEEK AWARD WINNERS

### EYFS & Key Stage 1 Children

Year	Winner
R Blue	Melissa
1 Blue	David
2 Blue	Elizabeth
3 Blue	Shellby

### Key Stage 2 Children

Year	Winner
4 Blue	Scarlett
5 Blue	Numan
6 Blue	Mario
Pathways	Ruby

## Learning at Mason Moor:

### Nursery

Nursery have been focussed on 'What the ladybird heard', Celebrating World wildlife day, pancake day and World book day. We strengthened our fine motor skills by cutting out and planning our pancakes, Then followed this up with decorating them. For world book day the children explored recording parts of stories on sound buttons. Some children used them to record environmental sounds and songs. The children are looking forward to starting The very hungry caterpillar next week.

### The Ark

This week we have been excited to try flipping pancakes! We used frying pans to develop our gross motor skills and then tried the pancakes. In writing, we have been developing our understanding of initial sounds, matching our sounds to zoo animals. We have loved the sunshine and have been role playing as the different zoo animals – the tiger is our favourite! We have also made our own version of Dear Zoo, which our grown ups can watch on Tapestry!

### Year R

We have been learning the part, whole model in maths to help us with our addition. This has also improved our knowledge of writing number sentences and the understanding of the mathematical symbols + and =. In literacy we have been using adjectives to describe Jack in different parts of the story. This is really helping us with our letter formation and our phonics as we are using our phonic knowledge to help us spell. Our topic work has seen us start to look at why flowers are important and how we should look after them,

### Year 1

Year 1 has been continuing their learning on significant people in History. Helen Sharman was the focus this week, who was the first British woman to go to space! See how much they can tell you about her life. What do they think is cool about astronauts?

World Book Day was amazing, the children had wonderful outfits, well done to parents on bringing their children's imagination to life! We used the day to kickstart our introduction to their next book in Writing, Supertato!

### Year 2

In Year 2 this week, we have been learning about halves, quarters and thirds in maths. We have also challenged ourselves to find the whole of a number when only given a part of it. The children have been extremely busy this week learning how to insert images in computing. We have also been spinning objects with an animation tool. In writing, we have started a new book, 'Jim and the Beanstalk'. The children were excited to build their very own beanstalk to display in the classroom. We don't yet know who will climb up it? Our class guess was 'Jack' but we were wrong. It is a real mystery!

### Year 3

We have continued our exploration of the book, The Arrival, and as part of that we created our own unknown world complete with strange creatures, buildings and landscapes. As well as taking some time to draw our creations we also wrote about them using descriptive language.

In maths we have been exploring statistics, which included taking tallies of our class friends' favourite cakes.

Finally, It was great on Thursday to see so many imaginative costumes for World Book Day. Well done Year 3!

Year 4

What is the most common eye colour in year 4? The least popular flavour of ice-cream? These are just some of the questions that year 4 have been collecting data on this week. We've been learning all about tallies, frequency tables and pictograms in maths, so if there's anything you need represented please put us to work at home. In science, we've started learning about living and non-living things, identifying their features and thinking about how we could group them. Try drawing a venn diagram with us this weekend and putting in different living things!

Year 5

This week in year 5, we have had an exciting week full of art and a hook day for our new book. The children were brilliant at figuring out my secret message that led them to my sweet drawer. Then they made their own codes to write messages to each other. In art this week, the children have been looking at different points of view when working with photographs. The children all had their picture taken using a torch to highlight their features. The pictures look amazing and I can't wait for you all to see them. Have a lovely weekend.

Year 6

Our students have shown amazing perseverance tackling their mock exams this week—well done, everyone! But it hasn't been all hard work... We've had some adorable new classmates—ducklings! We can't wait to watch them grow and tie them into our science lessons. Plus, we've dived into *Holes* in English, and the kids are already hooked!

Pathways

This week in Pathways we have been using our new outdoor fire area to make pancakes on Pancake Day. We have also been creating letters out of our forest resources. Additionally we have been creating postcards, from a cruise ship docked in Miami. Finally, we have been enjoying the use of our new reading corners in both of our classrooms, promoting the framework of "reading for pleasure" to ignite a passion for reading within our pupils.

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:

Duck



PE Word of the Week:



# Balance



Definition:

*The maintenance of the centre of mass over the base of support.*

PE thought of the week:

*'If you had FUN, then you WON!'*



## PE AWARD WINNERS

KS1

Shellby (Year 2)

KS2

Freddie (Year 5)

## PE learning this week

During this half term KS1 children will start their Hit, Catch, Run Unit of work. Children will explore how to hit objects with a hand or bat. Track and retrieve a rolling ball. Throw and catch a variety of balls and objects.

In KS2 this half term the children will focus on Gymnastics. This week the children focussed on the skill of flight (jumping). The children learned how to take off and land safely and started to think about putting together a gymnastics sequence.

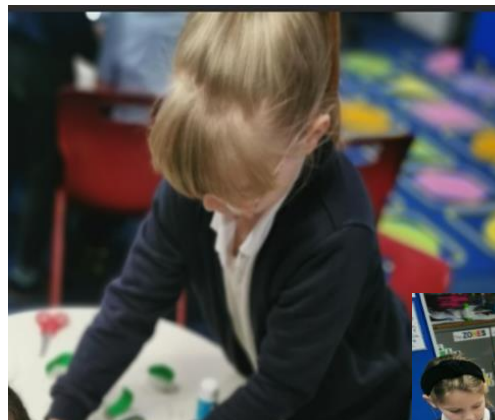




## Our week in pictures



EYFS explored Shrove Tuesday. The Ark flipped pancakes, and Nursery and Year R tried different toppings for pancakes. Year 2 made their very own beanstalk as a hook into our new book, 'Jim and the Beanstalk'.





**Year 2 enjoyed 'World Book Day'. We had lots of 'visitors' to our classroom, from Harry Potter to Alice in Wonderland and the Mad Hatter. The Queen of Hearts came to visit but we all hid from her so we didn't lose our heads! We met Cinderella in her amazing light up dress but we made sure she was home before midnight. Many princesses and Transformers came too. Spiderman and his twin brother visited us for the day along with twin sisters Barbie and Barbie. What a great day to celebrate our love of books.**



**Our new Year 2 teachers!**



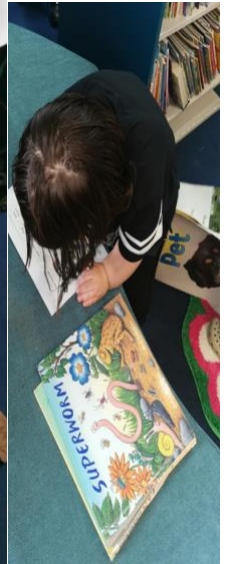
**Barbie**





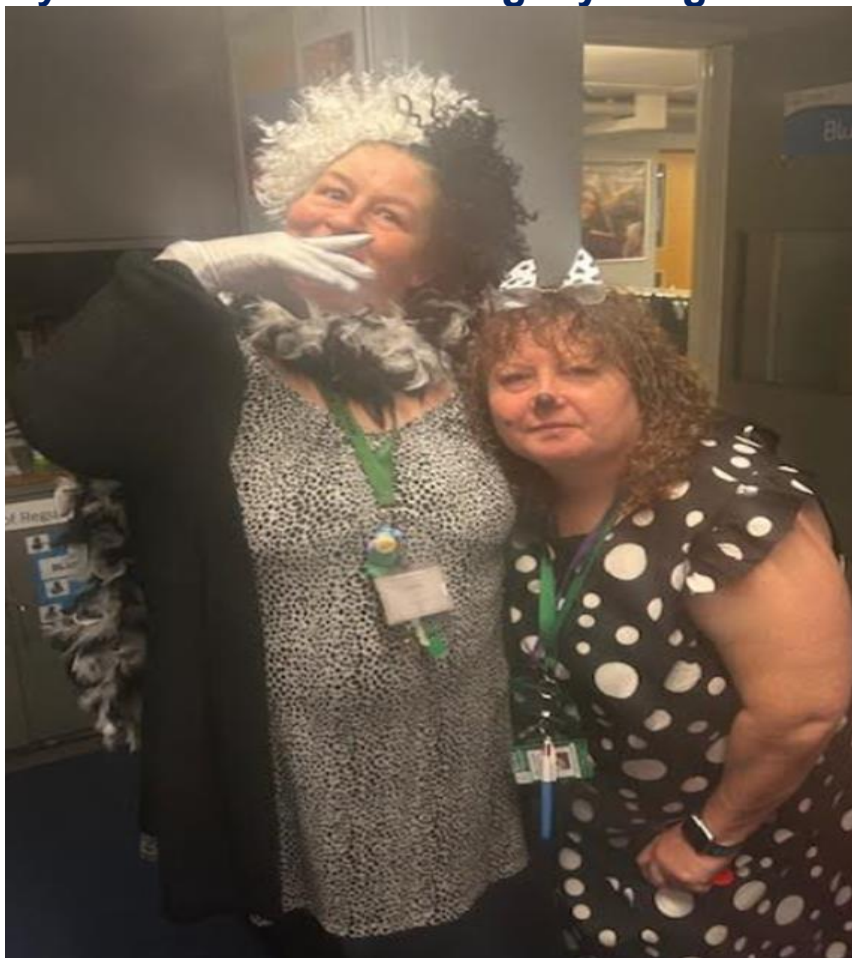


## Year 2 World Book Day - Scavenger Hunt





**Cinderella ready for the ball - don't forget your glass slipper!**





**Our ducklings have hatched! They are based in Year 6 and the children have enjoyed watching them hatch across the 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!



## Upcoming Event

# MASON MOOR

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You're invited:

# Mason Moor Museum

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 1.30pm

We need YOU to create an entry!

We would like your child to create an entry for the Mason Moor Museum. It should represent the learning from the current term.

Entries could represent study in Art, History, Geography, English, Maths, Science – anything at all! Resources available from school.

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize winners



Kids Android tablet

Creative Art set

£35 Waterstones voucher

## Upcoming Events

- **Tue 11 March** English class for parents 9-10am
- **Wed 12 March** Year 3 Class Assembly Event 9am
- **Wed 12 March** Year 6 Class Assembly Event 2.30pm
- **Thu 13 March** Year 1 Class Assembly Event 9am
- **Thu 13 March** Year 5 Class Assembly Event 2.30pm
- **Fri 14 March** Year 2 Class Assembly Event 9am

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