



MASON MOOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Headteacher News | Friday 16th May 2025

Well done to our amazing Year 6 pupils! We are proud of the effort, resilience and determination they have shown throughout the tests. Their positive attitudes and hard work have truly impressed us, and we know they have all done their very best. A big thank you as well to the staff who have supported them every step of the way.

Connecting Generations with Communicare. On Tuesday afternoon, some of our Year 6 pupils took part in a special visit to the local church, where they spent time with members of *Communicare*—a wonderful community group that supports older adults, particularly those who may be isolated or without close family.

The aim of the visit was to build bridges between generations through conversation and shared experiences. Our pupils thoroughly enjoyed sharing what they've been learning in school and were fascinated by the stories and life experiences of the *Communicare* members. It was a heartwarming afternoon filled with curiosity, laughter, and meaningful connection.

Summer months! Children are beginning to enjoy the outdoor spaces during not only lunchtime and breaktime but also sometimes during learning times. Please can we remind all parents and carers that children need a water bottle, a hat and suntan lotion.

Thank you! We would like to thank all our community for the support we received this week after the school lockdown.

#teammasonmoor

WE ARE SO
Proud
OF YOU



Ms Bauck | Head of School

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: 90%

Class Cake Winners

Whole School Attendance figures:



Year 6

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

	This Week	Difference
Nursery	91%	+18
Year R	82%	-10
The Ark	88%	+18
Year 1	93%	+7
Year 2	89%	-2
Year 3	90%	-2
Year 4	89%	+1
Year 5	92%	-3
Year 6	93%	+4
Whole School	90%	-1

Attendance Update



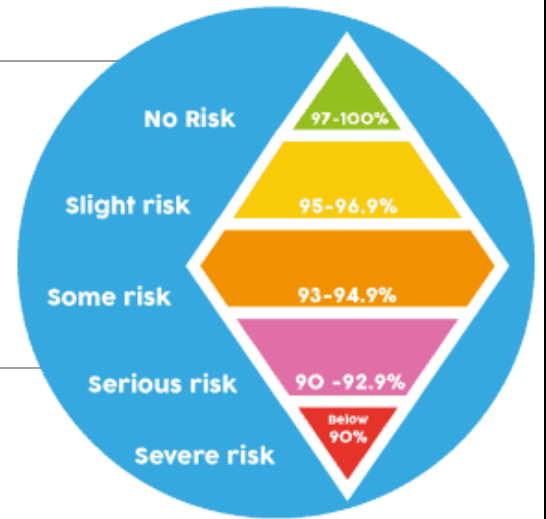
Our **97%** attendance target is still achievable this year if we work together on ensuring children are in school every day and not missing out on learning.

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	Isra	Kaya

Key Stage 1 Children

Homeclass	Winner
1 Blue	Willow
2 Blue	Teddy
3 Blue	Ana
Pathways	

Key Stage 2 Children

Homeclass	Winner
4 Blue	Luke
5 Blue	Momore
6 Blue	WHOLE CLASS

Handwriting AWARD WINNERS

EYFS & Key Stage 1 Children

Homeclass	Winner
R Blue	Melissa
1 Blue	Harvey
2 Blue	Layla
3 Blue	Milly

Key Stage 2 Children

Homeclass	Winner
4 Blue	Scarlett
5 Blue	Owen
6 Blue	Macie-Mae
Pathways	Isaac S

READER OF THE WEEK AWARD WINNERS

EYFS & Key Stage 1 Children

Year	Winner
R Blue	Maya
1 Blue	Ivy-Jean
2 Blue	Lola
3 Blue	David

Key Stage 2 Children

Year	Winner
4 Blue	Nathan
5 Blue	David
6 Blue	Maci
Pathways	Liam

Learning at Mason Moor:

Nursery

Nursery have been focussing on 'Sharing a shell' for the last week. The children have explored the animals with deeper meaning and learning about their habitats. We have explored recreating wave sounds using musical instruments and objects. The children have had a fun week exploring different textures to make marks/ patterns and letter formation. In Maths the children have been using shells and stones to extend their counting in everyday context. The children have re-potted their plants and placed them outside to continue watching them grow.

The Ark

In the Ark, we have been continuing to develop our reading skills, learning how to blend with sounds we know. We have loved using the Pip and Pap books to find the Earth words, then finding them on our ceiling! Outside, we have developed our turn taking skills, learning how to take turns to kick the ball to our friends and share with more than one person. We have been using our friend's names to say who's turn it is next. For all their hard work this week, the Ark joined EYFS for an ice cream treat, using PECS and words to communicate which toppings they would like!

Year R

This week in Year R we have been looking at subtraction within 10 and within 20 and learning all the different terminologies which mean subtraction such as fewer, takeaway and minus. There has been a class favourite game to help us with this.....subtraction bowling. Our topic this week has seen us discuss the changes that have happened throughout the school year, whether they made us happy, sad, worried or proud. There have been some really nice conversations around this and it has been nice to hear the reflection and the achievements of the class. In literacy this week we have continued to look at our book 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley'. We have used this book to help us describe different parts and characters in the book both verbally and written.

Year 1

Year 1 had a very special visit this week from the one and only...Wangari! She came and answered all our questions about her work planting trees. Strangely, this happened while a few members of our class were mysteriously absent, but we filled them in once they were back. Maths saw us practicing our subtraction and number sentences, so if you catch us counting backwards you'll know why! Miss Jablonska would like to say a BIG thank you to year 1 for helping her learn so much this week and for being such great active learners. Thank you!

Year 2

In Year 2 this week, we have been learning about the Sámi people, who were reindeer herders in Europe. It has been fascinating to learn about these indigenous people in geography. In science we have been learning how to make an electrical circuit, including the use of buzzers; in addition, we have been working out what is a conductor and what is an insulator. In history, we have been studying King Cnut and the waves. Cnut set his throne by the sea shore and

Year 3

The sunshine has been fully out in year 3 as we have been learning all about what plants need to grow! While most of the class are able to now talk about what plants need to grow, some are even able to talk about it using words like photosynthesis! The investigation of plants has all been part of our science for this half term.

commanded the incoming tide to halt and not to wet his feet and robes.

We have been using our reasoning skills in maths, working through some tricky word problems using our addition and subtraction skills. What a busy week!

We have also been looking at our local area in geography. This week we learnt how a compass can be divided into 8 points, such as North West, and this new knowledge was used to follow directions and find our way around a simple map.

Year 4

Year 4 have been continuing to look at Shape and Position on a grid and moving onto converting currency and money. Any real life contact with currency would be really helpful as coins and notes become less and less common in today's world! Estimating and understanding how money should be counted and written/described should be the focus! We have continued making links across the curriculum as we look at the Black Plague and the Great Fire of London across topics in tandem, in History, Reading and Writing. It has been an absolute pleasure teaching Year 4 for the past two weeks, and I want to thank all of them for the lovely experience.

Year 5

This week in year 5, we have started to look at setting descriptions all about our new book, 'Can I build another me'. On Wednesday, we had an art day where we created our own stencils using foam boards. The pictures are amazing and the children demonstrated their creativity beautifully.

In maths, we have started to look at how to multiply fractions by whole numbers. Even though this has been difficult, the children have done brilliantly. Nala (our class rabbit) has been to visit and the children have shown how caring and considerate they truly are. I am very proud of you all!

Year 6

We did it—SATs are done! The children worked incredibly hard and should be so proud of their efforts. Their resilience and focus were amazing. Afternoons brought creativity as we explored outdoor art, using nature as inspiration and transforming our sketches into beautiful paintings. What a fantastic, well-rounded week!

Pathways

In Pathways this week we have been learning how to work together as a team. The children are earning marbles in a jar and have to reach 50 in order for us to go on a class trip to splashdown!! Which the children are very excited for!

We have also been learning about nouns, question marks and exclamation marks, with the children learning a new song about nouns to help them remember!

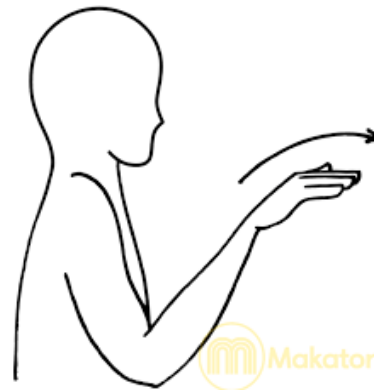
Year 6 took part in their SATs this week, which we are extremely proud of them for. They showed great resilience and courage!

We have been accessing the outdoor space this week, learning about safety when working outside, creating some Art and even planting potatoes! It has been a busy and fun week!

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.

Outside



School Readiness - Family Hub Courses

Is your child starting Year R in September?

Family Hubs in Southampton are offering **free** courses to support children getting ready for school! There is no need to book - just turn up! See dates for across the city below.

East locality

Family Hub	Day	Time
Cutbush	Tuesday 29 April and 6 May	10-11.30am
Blackberry	Monday 16 June and 23 June	10-11.30am
Seashell	Thursday 24 July and 31 July	10-11.30am

Central locality

Family Hub	Day	Time
Clovelly	Wednesday 14 and 21 May	1-2.30pm
Honeysuckle	Thursday 18 and 25 June	1-2.30pm

West locality

Family Hub	Day	Time
Maple	Tuesday 13 and 20 May	10-11.30am
Pickles Coppice	Tuesday 10 and 17 June	1-2.30pm

PE Word of the Week:



Forehand



Definition:

A shot played with the palm of the hand facing the direction of the shot.

PE thought of the week:

'Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard'



PE AWARD WINNERS

KS1	Lenny (Year 1)	KS2	Matthew P (Year 4)
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PE learning this week

This week the children have continued their Send and Return unit of work. The children enjoyed exploring using a tennis racket and thinking about how to hit accurately. The children used a forehand to hit the ball towards a target.

In KS2 we also introduced our new topic, Tennis. The children focussed on how to hold the racket and concentrated on using a forehand to hit towards a target. The children have started to combine the ready position with movement to return the ball.



Our week in pictures



The Ark had a revision week! They have been showing their amazing skills in Literacy and Maths from this half term.



Year R practising their Earth words in phonics and their maths.



Year One's visit from Wangari.

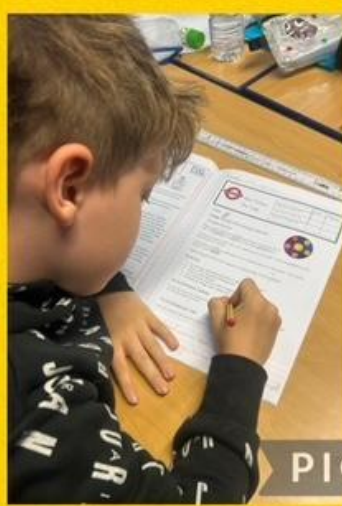
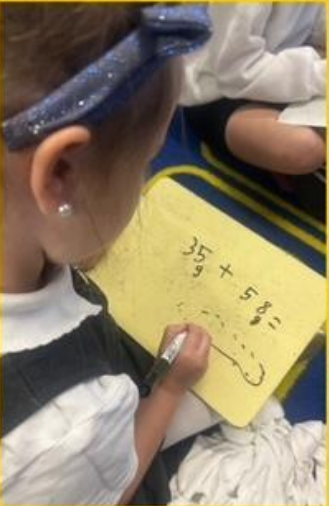
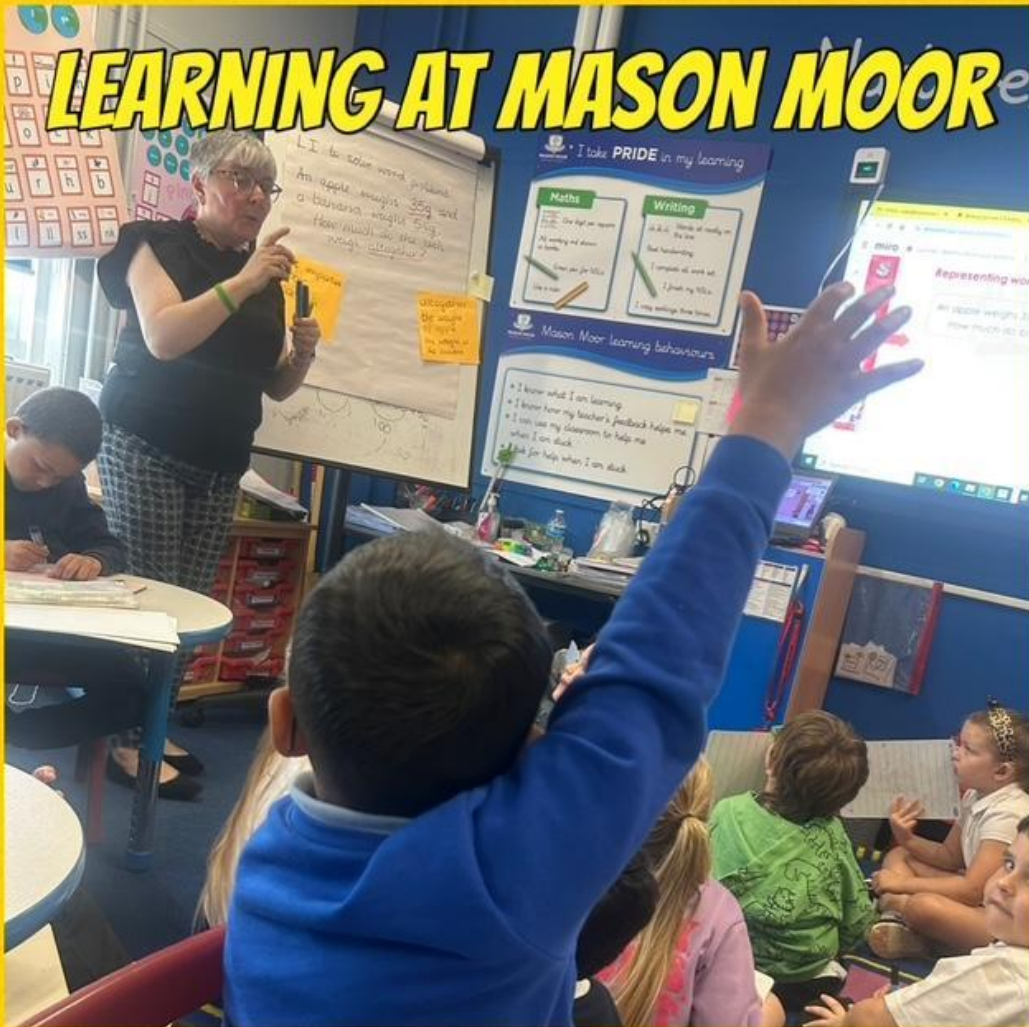


Year 6 exploring different art skills.



KS1 Art Club

LEARNING AT MASON MOOR





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

- **Mon 19 May** Phonics event for parents Years 1-6 9-10am
 - **Tue 20 May** English class for parents 9-10am
 - **Tue 20 May KS2 Disco 3:30-4:30**
 - **Wed 21 May Parent Forum with SLT 9-10am**
- **Thu 22 May** Ark, Nursery and Year R curriculum event 9am
 - **Thu 22 May Pathway curriculum event 2-3pm**
 - **Thu 22 May KS1 Disco 3:30-4:30**
- **Fri 23 May** End of term, finish 15:20
- **Tue 3rd June** First day back to school, Start 8:40



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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!

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

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