"The World for our Children, our Children for the World"

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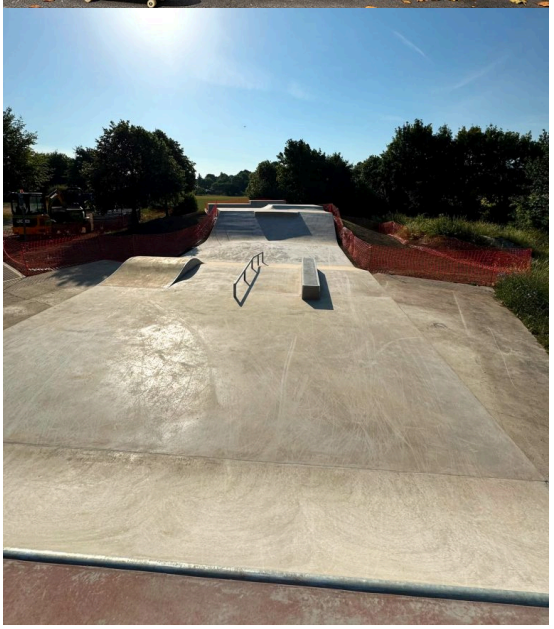
Family Newsletter
9th October 2026

Dear Families,

*The children will be excited to tell you about **Skate Day** coming up next week! We took time in today's assembly to learn more about the sport, and shared videos of amazing olympic performances!*

Skate Day is South Moreton's way of building on the children's growth mindset learning outside of the classroom. By persevering and not giving up when things are hard, we build a resilience in learning that extends to all areas of life and impacts the opportunities and actions we take to better ourselves as we grow. Growth Mindset falls within the metacognition teaching that we make explicit at South Moreton, and research says that these strategies can support children to make an average of 8 months additional progress in their learning (EEF, 2025)





For videos to build excitement for the big day, you can check out the Olympic events, X Games, or the SLS League on Youtube (links to examples).

*So, for Wednesday's skate sessions (scooters for Reception children), we ask that children come dressed in appropriate **skate wear** - trousers / leggings / trackies, and tshirts / hoodies. All children will need to wear **trainers** - even better if they are the flat-bottomed sneakers-type for best grip. And a **waterproof coat** as always.*

Team Rubicon provide the helmets, pads and skateboards for the session. Whilst children won't be able to bring their own equipment, we noticed in assembly that so many children now have skateboards as a result of the hype of these sessions. If you are interested in purchasing a skateboard for your child, skatehut.co.uk has frequent sales. Look for a 7" width rather than 8" for primary age, and don't forget helmets and pads.

And then make a plan to visit the new, shiny concrete skatepark at Blewbury Recreation Ground (pictured) for some free fun in the fresh air!

Huge thanks to the PTA for generously funding the event, and to all families for supporting fundraising efforts to provide these opportunities for pupils.

Mrs Sanchez

Parent Teacher meetings and SEND reviews ***booking closes today

Teachers are looking forward to meeting with parents on **Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th November**, with appointments between 3.30pm and 5.30pm. Meetings in person will also allow you to see your child's work, although Zoom meetings are also possible if preferred.
SEND reviews will also take place during this time.

Please use this link to let us know your time preferences. Booking closes Friday 9th October with appointments sent out by Monday 16th October.

INSET day Monday 2nd November

A reminder of our INSET day after half term, where staff will be evaluating the latest pedagogical research to ensure our South Moreton teaching offer is always the best it can be for our children.

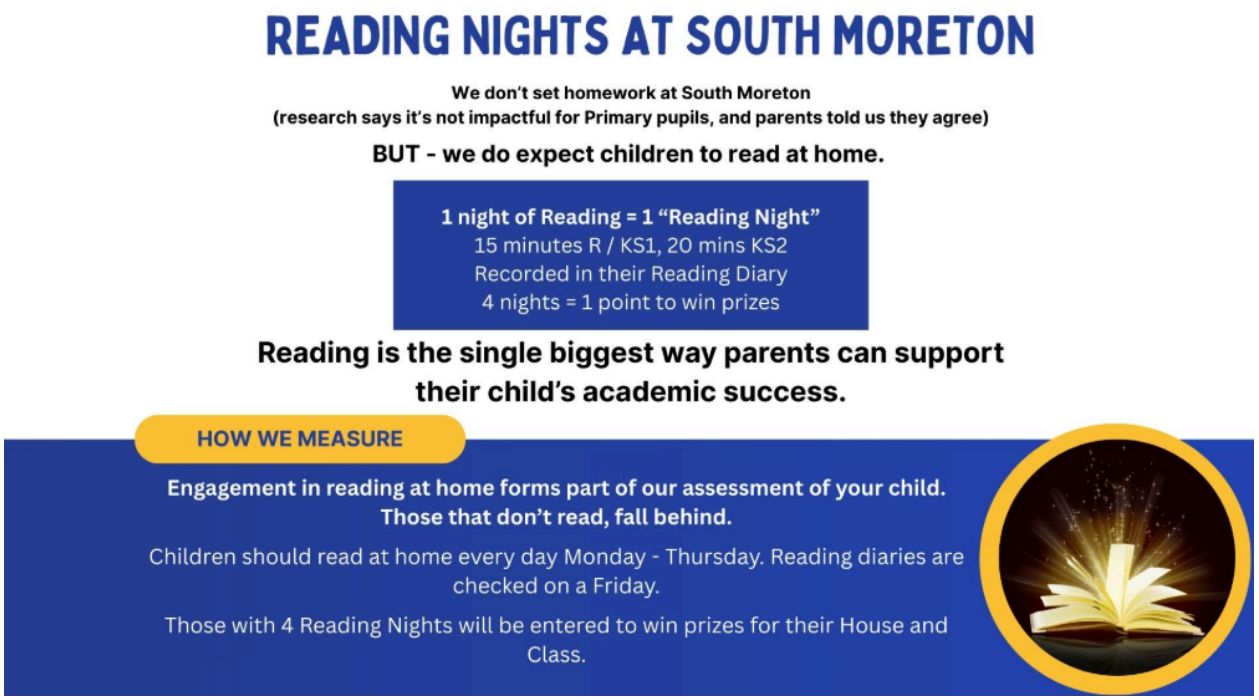
Lunch bookings

We have extended the ordering period for lunches to support you to make bookings. Lunch orders can now be placed **until 8.30am on the day.**

This means that there will no longer be an option to pay for lunches in arrears. **Any children without a lunch booking by the cut-off time are asked to bring a packed lunch.** We hope this makes bookings more straightforward for parents whilst still allowing us to ensure enough food each day.

Non-Uniform Day

We will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 23rd October to raise money for the school. A donation of £2 will be added to MCAS or children can bring coins in a labelled envelope. Thank you for your support.



Dates for your diary

Wednesday 14th October	Skate Day!	*Linked to Growth Mindset and resilience learning. Kindly funded by the PTA.*
Friday 16th October	Y5/6 girls football tournament	*Information emailed to parents*
Monday 19th - Friday 23rd October	Enhanced sports days	*Information to follow from class teacher*
Friday 23rd October	Non-uniform day	*Fundraiser - cost £2*
Monday 2nd November	INSET day	
Tuesday 3rd November 3.30pm - 5.30pm	Parent Teacher Meetings and SEND reviews	*Booking closes today, see above*
Wednesday 4th November 3.30pm - 5.30pm	Parent Teacher Meetings and SEND reviews	*Booking closes today, see above*
Monday 9th November	Individual photos	*Information to follow*
Monday 16th - Friday 20th November	Anti-Bullying Week	*Information to follow*

Don't forget to join our **@SouthMoretonPrimary** Facebook page!
We welcome you to search and 'like' so that you get the best insight into the school day to discuss and celebrate with your child.
www.facebook.com/SouthMoretonPrimary

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about
LOCATION TRACKING

WHAT IS IT?

LOCATION TRACKING

Location tracking has always been a fundamental part of the way mobile phones work, the most basic element of which is the ability to triangulate a device's position in relation to a mobile network's radio masts. As smartphones became popular, Global Positioning System (GPS), Wireless networking (Wi-Fi), and Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) technologies complemented this, any one or combination of which can now feed highly accurate location data via any app on that device.

How Does it Work?

BASED ON CONSENT

In the UK, data protection laws require that access to a person's personal data (including their location) is based on consent. In principle, the same protection applies to children even when parents use location tracking to keep tabs on them although this is a grey area for under-16s.

LOCATION SHARING APPS

As well as being built into Google's Android and Apple's iOS software, location sharing is often a feature of popular apps, for example Snapchat's Snap Maps, specifically designed to appeal to children, or WhatsApp Live Location. These usually require the user to turn the feature on.

WI-FI SURVEILLANCE

Although location tracking is associated with GPS, in urban areas Wi-Fi is more important. Tech companies have built up highly accurate pictures of the location of Wi-Fi networks in towns and cities. As a smartphone moves within range of these networks, it's possible to accurately calculate that device's location.

Know the risks

NON-CONSENSUAL MONITORING

Whilst location tracking has many benefits, a number of apps have recently emerged that allow location data to be sent to third parties. This inevitably raises the risk of location tracking via apps being used, without consent, to keep tabs on someone's whereabouts.

FREQUENTLY VISITED LOCATIONS

A function of mobile operating systems is to document location history, which can provide someone with access to all past locations a child may have visited since location permission was granted. Anyone with access to a child's phone could establish where they go and when an build up a pattern of where they are likely to be at any particular time of the day.

STALKING APPS

Whilst these apps are often illegal, gathering evidence for prosecutions can be difficult. Stalking apps are designed to monitor someone's smartphone communication and location without their knowledge or consent and could be used as part of harassment or stalking activity.

Safety Tips

DISABLE WHEN NOT IN USE

It's possible to turn off or limit location sharing on mobile devices, but this will also disable other features such as street navigation. It may be better to explore which apps are using location sharing and in what ways and that young people know to turn if off when the app is not in use.

DISCUSS THE RISKS

Young people are often unaware that location sharing is powerful and open to abuse. Talk to them about how it can be misused and discuss the importance of keeping their data private. Tell them to never provide others with unauthorised access to their phone and to always keep it locked when not in use.

TALK ABOUT LOCATION MONITORING

Remind children that smartphones are a powerful technology that can monitor and record everywhere a person goes as well as all their communication. Talk about the law and about what they can and can't do to others and that monitoring someone else's location without their consent is a huge invasion of their privacy.

Meet Our Expert

John E Dunn is a hugely accomplished cybersecurity expert who has edited and written for numerous computer and technology magazines since the early 1990s, most recently Which Computing, The Register, Computerworld and Naked Security. He is the co-founder of Techworld and has featured on BBC TV/radio as well as CBC Canada.



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