

## Sign and Shine

Each week, Makaton posts sign of the week post. It's a fun, engaging way to build your Makaton vocabulary, bringing communication to life with new signs you can practice and share.

## What is Makaton?

Makaton is a unique language program that uses signs, symbols, and speech to support communication. It is designed to help people who experience difficulty with spoken language to understand and express themselves. Makaton is widely used in schools to enhance communication for children of all abilities, fostering inclusion and understanding in classrooms.

By combining signs with spoken words, Makaton can make communication easier and more accessible for everyone, whether for learning new vocabulary, supporting language development, or connecting with peers.

## Why Makaton Matters

Makaton is more than just a tool for those with speech difficulties—it creates a bridge for better understanding and inclusion. Children learn to communicate effectively while developing respect and empathy for others. This approach builds a strong, supportive community where everyone can thrive.

## Sign of the Week

To encourage the use of Makaton, our school introduces a *Sign of the Week*. Each week, we'll share a new sign for everyone to learn and use together. These signs will help us build a shared vocabulary and strengthen connections across the school community.

*Please see the Makaton website to learn each week's sign and explore more about Makaton's approach to inclusive communication!* 

https://makaton.org/TMC/TMC/The\_Makaton\_community/Sign\_of\_the\_Week.aspx