

Moss Lane School

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Dear Families,

We have had a very cold, wet and windy few weeks but it is good to see the days gradually becoming longer and the occasional glimmer of sunshine. Spring seems to be coming! I am enjoying seeing the beautiful spring flowers and the daffodils that are now on the Burys field. Hopefully we can begin to look forward to sunny days and warmer weather.

We've reached the end of our Spring term and we are ready to recuperate before we enter into the Summer term where we have lots of fun activities and learning to complete.

I can't believe how the last few weeks have flown by and this week there are some very tired faces. The children have worked so hard this term and are now ready for a well-deserved Easter break.

I hope that you all get time to relax and recuperate as a family. Happy Easter!

Mrs Abbott
Headteacher

Easter Egg Decorating Competition Winners!

Thank you to everyone who entered our Easter Bonnet Competition! We had some egg-cellent entries. Our School Council had a tough time deciding on the winners. Congratulations go to

Bumble Bees =Jayden

Honey Bees =Ruben

Squirrels=Ophelia

Foxes =Fred

Hedgehogs=Ella

Otters =Isobel



Our Value for next half-term is Resilience



What's coming up...

Monday 15th April

Back to school – first day of Summer Term.

Monday 15th April

Hedgehogs Woodland school

Monday 22nd April

Bumblebees Woodland school

Wednesday 24th April

FGB Resources 6.15pm

Friday 26th April

PTA Quiz Night 7-10pm

Monday 29th April

Squirrels Woodland school

Tuesday 7th May

Otters Woodland school

Monday 13th May

Honeybees Woodland school

Wednesday 15th May

Reception year Health Checks

Thursday 16th May

Parent clinic 9am

Class photos

Monday 20th May

Foxes Woodland school

Wednesday 22nd May

Reception year Health Checks

Friday 24th May

Inset day

May 27th – May 31st

Half term

Please see our online calendar of events [here](#).

Attendance Matters



As we move towards the summer term, we are reviewing each child's school attendance so far this year. We understand that children become unwell throughout the school year, however we want every child to make as much progress in their learning as they can. In order to do this, we need your child present at school so they are able to fully access the learning on offer.

The information below demonstrates the impact of missed days at school. Our analysis of the most recent attainment data shows that those children with less poor attendance are often not making good progress.

Children with good attendance achieve much better in their learning. Time off disrupts learning for your child, and also for the rest of the class. Children who miss school miss out on their right to a full education.

**A whole year has 365 days
A school year has only 190 days**

This leaves:

175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, birthday treats, dentist and hospital appointments!

90% attendance is equal to 1 day off each fortnight

100%.

VERY GOOD

Best chance of success. Gets your child off to a flying start.

Below 95%.

WORRYING

Less chance of success. Makes it harder for your child to make progress.

90%

SERIOUS CONCERNS

Your child will find it difficult to make progress, learn new skills and build social networks. Our Inclusion Officer will visit the school again next term and you will be receiving a letter if your child's attendance has been highlighted as a cause for concern. Each child should be aiming for attendance of at least 95% in order to make good progress.

Raising money for the National Autistic Society...

Our Moss Lane SENCo, Miss Forbes, is running the London Marathon on April 21st for the National Autistic Society. She knows how important the work is that the society do and is inspired everyday by the awesomeness of autism at Moss Lane. If you feel you would like to sponsor Miss Forbes, then please use the link below and thank you very much. Similarly, a 'good luck' on the playground is just as wonderful!

https://www.justgiving.com/page/gilly-forbes-wood-1708199889393?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fgilly-forbes-wood-1708199889393&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share

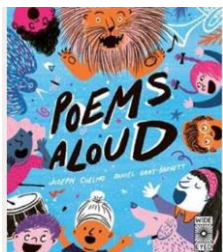


What has been going on in school...



Three Little Vikings

A Trio of young Viking investigates the cause of various mishaps and antics and do so amusingly and with fun illustrations.



Poems Alou

Coelho's 'Poems Aloud' is a scintillatingly accessible volume of performance poetry, designed to be read, shouted, orated and delivered out loud. Joseph Coelho shows us that poems are made to read OUT LOUD! In this wittily illustrated anthology of poems, designed to be read aloud, twenty poems arm children with techniques for lifting poetry off the page and performing with confidence.

Bocketts Farm

Last week Reception went on a very exciting school trip to Bockett's Farm, where they got to see lots of different types of animals and learn about life on a farm. Both classes had an amazing time! When speaking to the children it is obvious the day was thoroughly enjoyed. Some of the children's favourite events from the day include getting to travel on a coach, the tractor ride, the pig race, playing in the play parks and seeing new piglets and lambs.



COMMENTS, IDEAS OR SUGGESTIONS



If you have any comments, ideas or suggestions, please write in separately. We welcome your comments.

Safeguarding Polite reminders

Please remember that if you are coming on to the school site outside of drop-off and pick-up times, you must sign in at the front office. Please do not just wander round to the school playground. This is to keep all of our children safe.

Please can I remind families that once your child has been handed over to you at 3.20pm your child becomes your responsibility. Please can you ensure that children do not run out the front gate unattended as Moss Lane is a busy road.

Do you have a worry about one of our Children?
Please telephone or visit the school and ask to speak to Mrs Abbott or in her absence Miss Betterton
01483 417214

Expansion of Funded Early Education and Childcare

Everything to know about the expansion: Apply for the first phase by 31 March.

In 2023, as part of the Spring Budget, the government announced that they would be introducing several new measures that aim to support education and make childcare more accessible to parents and carers who are looking to return to work. This included the expansion of early years funded entitlements, starting from April 2024 onwards. By September 2025, most working families with children under the age of 5 will be entitled to 30 hours of early education and childcare support.

The new entitlements will be introduced in phases:

- **From April 2024**, eligible working parents and carers of 2 year olds can access 15 hours funded early education and childcare (over 38 weeks a year) **from the term after** their child's 2nd birthday.
- **From Sept 2024**, eligible working parents and carers of children aged 9 months and above can access 15 hours funded early education and childcare (over 38 weeks a year) **from the term after their** child turning 9 months.
- **From Sept 2025**, the offer will be rolled out in full, with eligible working parents and carers of children aged 9 months and above able to access 30 hours funded early education and childcare (over 38 weeks a year) **from the term after** their child turning 9 months.
- **By September 2026**, all parents and carers who require wraparound childcare should be able to have access, either from their school or from another provider in their local area. The number of wraparound childcare places available for primary school aged children across the county will be increasing from **September 2024 onwards** in preparation for this.

The first phase of the expansion launches in April and will allow eligible working parents and carers of two-year-olds to claim 15 hours of funded early education and childcare. **Eligible working parents and carers who are interested in applying for this entitlement will need to ensure that they have received their code by 31 March.**

Parents and carers can check their eligibility and apply for the entitlement

through the Childcare Choices website. **Please share this information with parents and carers who may be interested, particularly those who may have children with younger siblings.**

More information on the expansion and the different funding available in Surrey can be found on our Funded childcare in Surrey webpage.

A useful guide for parents, including everything to know about the expansion and preparing for the first phase, will also be available in the March edition of Surrey Matters. Residents can sign up to receive the Surrey Matters newsletter here.

SCC Schools Bulletin

SLEEP TIPS

Sleep Hygiene for Children

Sleep hygiene — a collection of habits and behaviours that promote good sleep — is vital for children. Many sleep struggles are caused or made worse by poor sleep hygiene. When practicing sleep hygiene, remember that consistency is key. Sleep strategies take time and repetition to be effective.



Create a Routine:

Let your child's body and mind know that it's time to settle down and prepare for sleep. The actual routine can be specific to your child, but it should last around 20 minutes and consist of three to four quiet, soothing activities such as putting on PJs, brushing teeth, a warm bath, and reading.

Bedtime routines provide children with a sense of familiarity and comfort, which acts in direct opposition to the uncertainty of insomnia.

Set a Bedtime:

A sleep schedule works with your child's natural biological clock to promote dozing off with regularity.

Bedtimes are most useful when they're consistent, so try to keep the same bedtime on weekends as on school nights. Altering bedtimes during the weekend will make it more difficult for child to maintain their normal weekday schedules.

Implement a Screen Curfew:

The fact that electronic devices are everywhere makes this rule hard to implement, but it's well worth it. Mobile devices, TVs, and tablets emit a type of **blue light** that suppresses melatonin, a hormone that promotes sleep. Children may be particularly vulnerable. Screen time also stimulates the brain, making it harder to wind down for sleep. Electronic devices should be kept out of the bedroom and ideally not used within one hour of bedtime.

Your child's age	Recommended sleep time in 24 hours
Infants 4 to 12 months	12 to 16 hours including naps
Children 1 to 2 years	11 to 14 hours including naps
Children 3 to 5 years	10 to 13 hours including naps
Children 6 to 12 years	9 to 12 hours
Teenagers 13 to 18 years	8 to 10 hours

Get Exercise:

Physical activity is proven to help people of all ages fall asleep faster and stay asleep. Most children need at least one hour of exercise per day. Just make sure to avoid vigorous activity within two hours of bedtime. Otherwise, your child may feel wound-up and find it harder to fall asleep.

Avoid Scary or Violent Content:

Feeling scared or worried is a common reason children can't sleep. So it's no wonder that scary or violent movies, TV, video games, and even books in the evening are linked to sleep disturbances. If your child likes the gory or spooky stuff, save it for the daytime.

No Caffeine:

This is a no brainer. Caffeine is a stimulant that can both make it harder to fall asleep and reduce the quality of sleep. In addition to the usual suspects like soda, coffee, and energy drinks, watch out for more discreet sources like tea, decaf coffee (which still has trace amounts of caffeine) and chocolate. Even small amounts of caffeine can have a big impact. Don't let your child consume caffeine within six hours of bedtime.

Don't Sleep With a Pet:

While it's tempting for children to snuggle ups with Fido in bed, a pet's movements and noises during the night can awaken them from a peaceful slumber. Try having your furry family member sleep outside of your child's bedroom for a few nights to see if that helps. To make the transition easier, include saying goodnight to pets in the bedtime routine.



Easter Events at Godalming Library...

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23rd March-27th April
Godalming Library Spring Poetry Competition

27th March-20th April
Pebble's Treasure Hunt

Wednesday 3rd April
11am
Book Trust Storytime and Craft

2.30pm 19+1 Book via email
Drawing Workshop, Eggs for Easter

Thursday 4th April
2pm 18+1 Donation Book online
Shakespeare in the library, Antony and Cleopatra

Friday 5th April
10.30am 19+1 Book via email
Drawing Workshop, Eggs for Easter

Saturday 6th April
2pm 18+1 Donation Book online
Shakespeare in the library, The Winter's Tale

Monday 8th April
11am Suggested Donation 50p Drop-in
3D paper egg decorations

Tuesday 9th April
1pm £2 Book on Wayfarers League Website
D4D Taster Sessions for Families

Wednesday 10th April
11am
Book Trust Storytime and Craft

Friday 12th April
11am Suggested Donation £1
Book via email
Butterfly Pencil Holders

Saturday 13th April
2.30pm 12+1 £5 Drop-in
Pyrography coaster workshop

Godalming Library

SPRING POETRY COMPETITION

OPEN FOR SUBMISSIONS FROM:

Saturday 23rd March 2024 to Saturday 27th April 2024

Do you love how green the grass is?
Have the baby animals made you smile?
Why not sit and think about it for a little while!

Do you love seeing all the flowers?
Has the sun brightened up your day?
Tell us all about it using poetry as the way!

Entries must fit onto one side of A4

Submit entries to:
godalming.library@surrey.cc.gov.uk or
to the front desk

Haslemere Educational Museum has a new programme of events for April-June 2024, including Easter holiday activities for children and families. Please click on the link for more information...

<https://heyzine.com/flip-book/499d9aa871.html>

What's On

APRIL - JUNE 2024

Events | Exhibitions | Talks | Workshops | Family activities

St Hilary's School have an Open Morning on the 27th April and will be running activity camps in the summer holidays...



A vibrant orange banner for St Hilary's Open Morning. It features three circular images: a boy running, two boys jumping over hoops, and a group of girls smiling. Text elements include the school crest, 'Personal tours by arrangement', 'ST HILARY'S OPEN MORNING', 'Saturday 27 April', 'WHERE LEARNING MEETS FUN & CREATIVITY!', 'CELEBRATING CHILDHOOD & BRINGING LEARNING TO LIFE!', 'WE ARE EXCITED TO MEET YOU!', 'FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGE 2-11', and contact information. A QR code and social media icons are also present.

Personal tours by arrangement

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Saturday 27 April

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To book your visit >>>

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A poster for the Bee Active Activity Camp. It features a large yellow sun graphic with the text 'BEE ACTIVE ACTIVITY CAMP' in bold letters. The background is blue with white clouds. Text includes the school name, dates, times, cost, age range, and a list of activities. A 'JOIN US!' button and website link are also present.

St Hilary's Prep School

**BEE ACTIVE
ACTIVITY
CAMP**

Monday 22 July - Friday 9 August
8.45am - 4.00pm
£48 per day
for boys and girls ages 2-11

JOIN US!

www.bookwhen.com/sthilarys

Art | Chess | Dance | Drama | Lego | Music | Sport

St Hilary's Open Morning: Saturday 27 April
Book your place today at www.sthilarysschool.com