



Moss Lane School Newsletter

Friday 8th May 2026

Whole School Attendance

96.31%

Our value of the term



Our value for this term is

Resilience

Dear Families,

We have had a mixture of sunshine and showers over the last few weeks, but we have still enjoyed a lovely start to the summer term filled with learning and fun!

We are currently finalising our events schedule for the summer term, so please look out for more information after half-term, including additional dates for your diary.

This week has been a particularly busy one. Over the last few weeks, the leadership team and I have spent time in classrooms, and it has been wonderful to see all the children demonstrating excellent behaviours for learning and showing such enthusiasm for their topics. Many children were eager to share their work with us and talk about the things they have discovered or can now do.

Our value for this half-term is RESILIENCE, and we look forward to exploring this with the children in many different ways.

There is so much to look forward to this term. We have trips planned, plenty of engaging learning opportunities, and important transition activities to help prepare the children for their next steps.

For our Year 1 children, the phonics check will take place this term, and our Year 2 pupils will take part in their optional SATs. We are incredibly proud of all their hard work and know they will do their very best.

This is also a very special term for our Year 2 children as they begin to approach the end of their journey with us. We look forward to celebrating their time at our school and ensuring their final term is both enjoyable and memorable.

It is set to be a fantastic term, full of excitement, growth, and achievement. Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I hope you all have a wonderful and relaxing weekend.

Kind regards,
Mrs Abbott
Headteacher

Godalming Carnival 2026 – Save the Date!

We're excited to share that the Godalming Carnival 2026 will take place on Saturday 30th May 2026. This year's theme is "On the Farm". We are inviting children to come dressed as anything farm-related—from animals to farmers and everything in between! More information will follow shortly.

National Thank a Teacher Day – Wednesday 17th June 2026

National Thank a Teacher Day takes place on Wednesday 17th June 2026 and is a wonderful opportunity to recognise and appreciate the hard work of every member of staff in early years settings, schools, and colleges across the UK. It's a chance for us all to celebrate the incredible impact the education community has on shaping the minds and futures of our young people.



If you would like to send a message of thanks to your child's class teacher or Learning Support Assistant, please use the link below:

<https://thankateacher.co.uk/nationalthankateacherday/>

What's coming up this term ...

Friday 8th May
PTA Quiz night

Monday 11th May
Hedgehogs Woodland School

Wednesday 13th May
Parent clinic

Friday 15th May
School photos

Monday 18th May
Otters Woodland School

Tuesday 19th May
Squirrels Woodland School

Wednesday 20th May
Marvellous maths -Maths mufti for information to follow

Friday 22nd May
Inset day school closed

HALF TERM 23rd -31st MAY

Saturday 30th May
Godalming carnival – On the Farm theme

Thursday 4th and 5th June
Felt art project all classes

Monday 8th June
Foxes Woodland School

Saturday 13th June
Choir Blast

Monday 15th June
Honey bees Woodland School

Wednesday 17th June
Parent clinic

Friday 19th June
Someone special morning
PTA Cake sale

Monday 22nd June
Bumble Bees Woodland School



Tuesday 23rd June
Sports day - AM
New parent Yr R talk 6-7pm

Wednesday 24th June
Reserve Sports day - AM

Thursday 25th June
Yr 2 Wisley trip

Tuesday 30th June
Bump up day
Stay and play new Yr R 3.30-4.15pm

Wednesday 1st June
Stay and play new Yr R 3.30-4.15pm

Saturday 4th July
Summer fair

Monday 6th July
Otters Woodland School

Wednesday 8th July
FGB 6.15pm

Thursday 9th July
Open afternoon
2.15pm-3.30pm school families
3.00-4.00pm open to everyone especially new families

Friday 10th July
PTA movie night

Monday 13th July
Optional parents evening if you want to talk about your child's report

Thursday 16th July
(Please note change of date)
Leaver's disco

Monday 20th July
Leaver's Assembly

Tuesday 21st July
PTA break to the rule Day!

Wednesday 22nd July
End of term 1.30pm finish



Parent Clinics...

These are a good opportunity for you to discuss any concerns or worries that you might have about your child with Mrs Abbott. You should have discussed these issues with your child's class teacher in the first instance. Then, if you feel they have not been resolved, please make an appointment via the school office. These appointments will be face-to-face so please inform the office if you would like an appointment. The appointments last for approximately 10 minutes.

The next parent clinics will be on Wednesday 13th May and Wednesday 17th June.

Warm Weather Reminder

As the weather improves, please ensure your child comes to school with a sun hat and their water bottle each day. To keep children safe in the sun, please apply sun cream before school, as staff are unable to apply it during the day. Even in warmer months, the weather can be unpredictable, so children should still bring a coat in case of rain. Thank you for helping us keep everyone comfortable and safe.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/seasonal-health/sunscreen-and-sun-safety/>

Water intake

As the weather begins to warm up, we often have parents/carers concerned that children have not had enough to drink through the school day. Children at Moss Lane are able to access their water bottles throughout the school day.

In addition to this adults encourage children to drink water at snack time/morning break, after morning break, when eating their lunch and on return to their classroom at 1pm.

All children are directed to collect a water cup at lunch time and serve themselves water. Lunchtime staff are vigilant about this and positively encourage water consumption.

NHS guidelines state that children 4–8 years old should have about 5 cups of fluid (40 ounces) daily. Some of this fluid can be obtained from the foods they eat.

It would be reasonable to suggest that children consume around half of this during school hours.

To help us make this happen we ask that children bring in a freshly filled water bottle each day and that healthy attitudes to drinking water are encouraged.

Please be assured that on very warm days, children's water bottles are put outside in the shade during lunch time play so children can access them regularly.

Children are also encouraged to refill their bottle if it becomes empty during the day.



Summer Reading Challenge 2026



Spotlight on Safeguarding

Are you concerned about a child? If urgent and out of school hours please contact: -
Surrey C-SPA 0300 470 9100 cspa@surreycc.gov.uk

Are you concerned about a child?

If you have any concerns about a child's safety or wellbeing, please speak to one of our Safeguarding Leads. Please share your concern with one of our safeguarding leads: Mrs Abbott, Miss Betterton, Mrs King and Miss Forbes Wood

If your concern is urgent and occurs outside of school hours, please contact: -
Surrey C-SPA: 0300 470 9100
Email: cspa@surreycc.gov.uk

Keeping Children Safe

Throughout the year, we proactively teach all children how to keep themselves safe. This forms part of our Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) curriculum and is also embedded within our wider school ethos.

One important aspect of this is road safety. Because walking and using pavements are a key part of our curriculum, we teach road safety regularly and in real-life contexts—for example, when walking to school. Learning in this way is highly effective and helps children apply these skills confidently.

Our children are very aware of the importance of safety in the community and will often notice when cars are not parking safely or are blocking pavement access. You can support your child by being a positive role model, choosing safe and considerate places to park, and using the area around the school entrance carefully during busy times.

Please remember to keep safe!

Staying Safe in the Summer Months

As the weather improves and children spend more time outdoors, please remain mindful of their safety—particularly in parks and public spaces. Keeping an eye on who they are playing with and how they are interacting helps ensure they stay safe and happy.

Open Communication

Everyday conversations play a vital role in building trust between staff and children at Moss Lane. We work hard to ensure pupils feel safe, listened to, and confident that telling the truth is always the right thing to do. With this in mind, we kindly ask families to be honest about reasons for absences, so that we can record attendance accurately and safeguard children effectively.

Reminders

Please make sure that you are recording when you read with your child in their reading record. The children ideally need to be reading at home at least three times a week as it provides them with excellent opportunities to consolidate their phonics knowledge. As the weather warms up, please make sure that your child is coming to school with sun cream on to help protect them at playtime and lunchtime.

What's happening in School...

Year R

Reception have been very busy completing their Must Do Challenges this week and have loved their fairy tale hunt character around the classroom! They have also enjoyed making fairies in Morning Challenges and imagining what foods Little Red Riding Hood might have taken in her basket to see Grandma! Thank you to all the parents who have helped with Morning Challenges in recent weeks - there is still time to sign up if you would like to.

Year 1

Foxes and Squirrels are busy watching their beans grow!

Year 2

This week, children have been taking part in short, low-pressure practice sessions in school to help them feel familiar and confident ahead of the optional SATs. These sessions are designed to be calm and supportive, focusing on showing what the children already know. You can really help at home by continuing to read with your child every day, as well as practicing key maths skills such as number bonds, times tables and simple calculations.

Term dates for academic year 2026-2027

School term changes for 2026 to 2027

As we are a maintained school, we will be following Surrey's term dates. Please note the change in the Autumn half term.

What's changing? From September 2026, community and voluntary controlled schools in Surrey will have a two-week autumn half term. To make this change, five days has been taken from the summer holiday in July 2027.

- The school year will still have 195 days, including 5 INSET days.
- This change only applies to community and voluntary controlled schools.

Autumn term 2026

- Start of term: 1st September (**Inset day**)
- Children in Wednesday 2nd September
- Half term: 19th to 30th October (2 weeks)
- **Inset day** 2nd November
- Children in 3rd November
- End of term: 18th December at 1.30pm

Spring term 2027

- Start of term: 4th January children in
- **Inset day** 12th February
- Half term: 15 to 19 February
- Children in 22nd February
- End of term: 25th March at 1.30pm

Summer term 2027

- Start of term: 12th April (**Inset day**)
- Children in 13th April
- **Inset day** 28th May
- Children in 7th June
- Half term: 31st May to 4th June
- End of term: 28th July at 1.30pm

A message from the Children's Commissioner Dame Rachel de Souza

Good morning,

As Children's Commissioner, I am writing to ask you to ensure all of your children complete my new survey, [The Big Future](#). Under the Children Act 2004, it is my role to promote the views and interests of children in England, and I have done this so far by conducting the two largest ever children's surveys: The Big Ask and The Big Ambition.

Now, for the first time, hundreds of thousands of children will be eligible to vote in the next general election, the biggest change to the franchise in half a century. Yet just one in five children say politicians listen to them. That's why I'm launching my final survey, The Big Future.

Your children should complete the survey

here: <http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>.

I want to make sure that I hear from as many children as possible, aged 0-18, from all backgrounds, in all schools and colleges, and in every part of the country. To do that, I need your help.

I am asking children about the changes they want to see in their communities, their biggest concerns, and for the future. More than anything, I want to know what they think a good childhood should look like today

I am asking you to share the survey with all the children, parents and carers in your school or college community. Schools and colleges that achieve high participation rates will receive formal recognition for their contribution to amplifying children's voices and encouraging civic engagement, and a summary of their pupils' responses.

To support you to do this, I have created a pack of resources which include an introductory video, a lesson plan, and FAQs, which are available on [my website](#). I would be grateful if you could ensure that every child in your school or college has taken part before the deadline of Friday 23 October.

I will be publishing my findings next year, and they will be used to advocate at the highest level for solutions that children want to see, to the problems that they tell me are most important to them.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Dame Rachel de Souza

Children's Commissioner

TAKE OFF ON A ST CATHERINE'S
MIGHTY MOVERS
 FOR GIRLS IN YEARS 1 & 2

ADVENTURE DAY

Become a Mighty Mover at St Catherine's!
 Friday 22nd May | 9am - 12pm

Join us at St Catherine's for *Mighty Movers*, a fun-filled sports taster morning for girls in Years 1 and 2, led by our specialist sports staff. With a range of exciting activities to try, it's a great opportunity for your daughter to come along and gain an insight into life at St Catherine's.

For more information and to book your place please visit:
tinyurl.com/2s3dah8y or use the QR code.

Places are limited. Booking essential.

St Catherine's Prep
 Station Road, Bramley, GUS DAY
 01483 899665
prep.admissions@stcatherines.info

stcatherines.info/prep

**Drop-in stay and play
 for dads and their
 little ones**

Dads & Tots
Saturday, 16th May
10am - 11.30am

Guildford Family Centre
 Hazel Ave, Guildford,
 GU1 1NR

POWERED BY

Join us in a relaxed and friendly space with games, activities and bonding time for dads and their kids under 5.

A great opportunity for dads to connect with other dads over a cuppa!

Drop in and join us on the day
 or sign up for free here:
GFFCDadsTots.eventbrite.co.uk



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Is your child experiencing:

- Big emotions
- Sleep difficulties
- Sensory difficulties
- Speech & Language difficulties

We can offer you support! Contact our team today!

You can find out more information and how to refer into the service at www.Barnardos.org.uk or scanning the below QR Code:



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Secretts Farm



Saturday 9th May & Sunday 10th May 10am-10pm.

Up for the Wild West Weekend at Secretts Farm!

Dust off your boots and grab your hats—the season is kicking off with a bang! We are transforming Secretts Farm into a Wild West adventure. Whether you are a local outlaw or a visiting deputy, there is a trail of fun waiting for the whole family.

Kick the day off by heading on over to our all-weather marquee for live country music and line dancing sessions with the fabulous Honky Tonk Angels.

After this head on up to the Farm and enjoy the Wild West Outlaw hunt through the Wild West Town all the way to the Rhubarb Field, where you can pick your own rhubarb. On the way children will have a chance to strike it rich with our gold panning station and enjoy a prize at the end if

they complete their trail.

Back at the event enclosure if you're feeling lucky, cheer on the fastest critters in the west at the Wild in the Country Ferret Racing track, or belly laugh with our magician and children's entertainer, Tom Foolery.

There is no shortage of action for the kids! They can climb the hay bales and burn off energy with space hopper races and other classic Farm Games.

Finally, don't forget our Fancy-Dress Competition for Cowboys and Cowgirls. The winner will walk away with a Secretts Hamper and tickets to our highly anticipated June event.

When peckish either enjoy a special seasonal summer menu from Secretts Kitchen, or indulge in the mouth-watering offerings of Bucci Pizza and Three Cuts Burger. Children's lunch boxes, snacks, and drinks will be available.

Whilst adults are invited to relax and enjoy our friendly-priced licensed bar, featuring a selection of craft beers, local ciders, and fine wines & fizz. We can never predict the weather in the UK, so we'll have a large marquee to provide shelter in case of rain, and ample seating with music to ensure a fun farm vibe for everyone!

MAY HALF TERM

at Haslemere Museum



Museum explorers
ages 5-11
Pond Dipping

Tuesday
26 May
10.30am-12pm

Investigate what lives below the surface of the Museum's pond, then see them under a digital microscope



Special opening
for SEND/ASC
Early Birds

Wednesday
27 May
9-10am

Come along and enjoy the Museum free from the hustle and bustle of the general public



Family activity
Get Creative

Thursday
28 May
10.30am-1pm

Explore different media to let your creativity flow and make your own creative masterpieces



Family activity
LEGO Drop-in

Friday
29 May
10.30-12.30pm

Come along and search through our Lego and let your imagination run wild

FIND OUT MORE & BOOK AT
haslemeremuseum.co.uk/whatson

