



Moss Lane School Newsletter

Friday 26th September 2025



Our value for this term is

Friendship

Dear Families,

All of a sudden, it is starting to feel like Autumn! We have had another very busy week in school; I have enjoyed spending time in classrooms, seeing the children engaged in their learning and responding to their teachers so well this week.

Many congratulations to everyone!

This term we have started our school tours for families joining the school in September 2026. It has been a pleasure showing them around. If you know anyone who might be considering Moss Lane for their child, please encourage them to contact the school office to book a slot.

After school clubs including our Year 2 teacher-led clubs have re- started this term. I have visited clubs throughout the week and seen drawing, puzzle, football, piano, board games and construction to name a few. I have been impressed with the attitude of the children and the high-quality learning delivered by staff.

Effective communication makes all aspects of the school run smoothly. Teachers are happy to answer quick queries via email or speak to you briefly at the start /end of the day, but if you have a longer issue you would like to discuss please arrange a face-to-face appointment. Teachers are unlikely to be able to answer emails during the school day when they are teaching so, please understand that you may have to wait until the end of the day for a response.

The senior leadership team comprises of myself, Miss Betterton and Mrs Ballard. We are always around should you want a chat, and the office are always on hand if you need help with anything.

We have a busy week next week, have a relaxing weekend!

Mrs Abbott Headteacher

What's going on in school...

Bees

Bees have had a great first full-time week at school and we have been so impressed by their independence, especially at lunchtimes. We are also busy starting our phonics, and have learned some new sounds. Please check your child's book bag on Friday to find out more about the sounds we have learned this week. We are also really enjoying Challenge and Learn time, where we get to play indoors and outdoors with our friends. We have drawn pictures of our families to go in our Learning Journeys. If you would like to see photos of all that we have been up to, please log into e-Schools via the school website to view our class pages.

Year 1

Another busy week for Squirrels and Foxes. Maths has seen us busily exploring counting backwards within ten and showing one less. Avocado Baby is the focus for our writing over the next few weeks. We have started thinking of their own ideas for a new, similar story. We found out about our sense of sight and explored using our eyes, practiced foot work skills, and made our own abstract portraits. Phonics and reading practice sessions are well under way with everyone working really hard to embed existing skills ready to add new knowledge in the next couple of weeks. Great work again, Year 1!

Year 2

Year 2 have had a visit from the fire service this week. A lovely educational officer named Sophie came to talk to both classes about all the hard work that firefighters do, as well as how to stay safe if a fire is discovered. They have also been working very hard to write their own version of a story called 'Toby and the Great Fire of London'. Otters also enjoyed their trip to Woodland School, particularly getting the use the fire lighters to practise their fire lighting abilities! Hedgehogs are looking forward to their Woodland School visit on Monday.



Things from home

A gentle reminder that children should not bring any items from home into school. This includes stationery, cuddly toys and jewellery. Fidget toys are only allowed if this has been agreed directly with the SENCo.

Birthdays

We know birthdays are very exciting and some children like to give out a snack at the end of the school day. Being part of Healthy Schools, we would ask that these snacks are not sweets, chocolate, crisps or anything containing nuts.



Weather

As the weather is now starting to turn cooler and we have had some wet days, please ensure all children bring a named coat to school every day.



Lost property

Please clearly name all belongings as there are already many items in the lost property bin which is located by the bike shed on the playground.

Welcome evening

Thank you to everyone that attended this year's welcome evening. I hope you found them informative. If you missed them, you can view the slides on the Eschools class pages. Please also note the Home Learning will now be posted weekly on the Eschools class pages.



Rehearsal of alarms

In all childcare settings rehearsal of fire and intruder alarms have to take place as part of health and safety and safeguarding practises.

A '**fire alarm**' involves a continuous ringing bell to alert staff that they need to get the children out of the building safely but very quickly due to a fire risk. Children are let out of the building and line up in the playground where staff complete a head count and register to ensure all children are accounted for.

An '**intruder alarm**' is an intermittent bell that is rung to alert staff that children (and staff) must 'run and hide' due to a danger inside or outside of the building. Staff tell children 'There is danger outside, hide'. Children are supported by familiarly adults to hide behind chairs or under tables. Children are asked to be silent and remain hidden until the area is safe.

Whilst this experience can be daunting for some children; it is essential that it takes place. Children will experience an intruder alarm next week.

Awards

Gold Assembly Certificates

Each week two children from each class are given a gold certificate in celebration of an achievement. These are given out by their class teacher during our Friday assemblies.

Headteacher Awards

These are given out whenever a member of staff feels a child has done something special. Children will visit my office where I will give them a sticker and a headteacher certificate celebrating the effort and work they have done.

Certificates awarded outside of school

If your child receives a certificate/medal/trophy for an out of school activity, these can be shown at Gold Assembly on Friday afternoons. I encourage the child to tell me and school what they have done to receive their award.

What's coming up

- **Monday 29th September**
Hedgehogs Woodland School
- **Monday 6th October**
Foxes Woodland School
- **Tuesday 7th -14th October**
Book Fair
- **Friday 10th October**
World Mental Health Day -Tea and Talk
PTA welcome coffee morning for new families 9.15am – 10am (Please note change of date)
- **Monday 13th October**
Squirrels Woodland School
- **Wednesday 15th October**
Perform drama workshops
- **Friday 17th October**
Individual photos
- **Thursday 23rd October**
Harvest Bees and Otters
- **Friday 24th October**
Harvest Yr1 and Hedgehogs
PTA movie night
- **Saturday 25th Oct- Sunday 2nd November**
Half term

Check out our online calendar of events

[Moss Lane School Calendar](#)



Inset days 2025-2026

- Monday 3rd November
- Monday 5th January
- Friday 13th February
- Friday 22nd May

Speak to Mrs Forbes - Parent's Evening

Please do note that you are able to book an appointment to see Mrs Forbes our SENCo during our parent's evenings too. Although we always encourage you to speak to your child's class teacher first, Mrs Forbes is also available to talk to you about any concerns or worries you have about your child.

Safeguarding...

Please can I remind all parents to keep an eye on their children at the start of the school day and once staff have handed them over at the end of the school day. We have had an incident in the last few weeks when a child has wandered off without parent/grandparents/ carer realising. With this in mind it is very important that the gate from the playground to the carpark is always kept shut.

Please do not be offended if a member of staff challenges you whilst on school site, especially after the gates have closed, or asks you to shut and bolt the small side gate.

Once the gates are closed it is our responsibility to keep your children safe.

Children are not allowed on the equipment before or after school. Please can I ask that you support us in reminding your children of this. Should anyone have any questions about Safeguarding please do not hesitate to ask.

School Timings Reminder

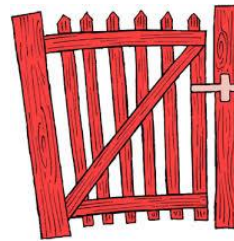
Gates open at= 8.40am

Year groups called in at =8.45am

All children should be in school by 8.50am

Lunch Times= 12.05pm-1.00pm

Pick up= 3.20pm



If your child is late, please go to the school office and sign them in.

Keeping your children safe when in our care is a key part of our role here at Moss Lane, this is especially significant at the end of the school day. To support the staff with the safe dismissal of children please can we ask that you take a few things into consideration.

- Stand in a space opposite your child's class, in good view of the class teacher
- Be ready to receive your child
- Wait for your child to be sent to you - rather than encouraging your child to walk away from the teacher
- Be patient during this half term as staff get to know new faces

We understand that life is busy and you are keen to collect your child but keeping the children safe is of utmost importance. Teachers will not be able to dismiss a child if they do not feel the child can reach their adult safely. Thank you for your continued support with this.

Harvest Festival

You are invited to join us in the hall for our annual Harvest Festival celebration on: -

23rd October at 9.15am = For Bees and Otters families

24th October at 9.15am = For Year 1 and Hedgehog families



During the week of October 20th please bring in any donations for our Harvest festival. There will be a table set up outside the office.

We also ask that your children were **autumnal mufti on these two days**. (Any clothes that are red, brown, yellow, green, orange and red.)

This year we are raising awareness and requesting donations for The Godalming and Villages Community Store. It is supporting any local person in need of food and basics to live. The Store works closely with the Godalming Town Council and Citizens Advice Bureau to identify those in need and is entirely reliant on donations. Those in need come from all walks of life and age groups. Last year, we were able to take a car full of Moss Lanes donated items. Thank you.

If you are able to make a HARVEST contribution this year, please select from the following list: -Tinned meat meals (e.g., Fray Bentos pies),

Curry cooking sauces, Toilet roll & Kitchen roll,
Instant noodles (packets not pots please), Sugar Biscuits & Multi-pack crisps,
UHT Long life semi-skimmed milk, Washing up Liquid,
Tinned custard & Rice pudding, Tinned tuna & Dried pasta.
Any other non-perishable food stuffs are also welcome.
Pupils can bring their donations into school from **Monday 16th October** onwards and leave them on the table outside the office.

Any donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you



Keeping up to date

Keeping up to date is one of the best ways you can support both your child and yourself. We email a bimonthly newsletter, to share key updates. Our school website is the place to find calendar dates, curriculum maps and much more, while class WhatsApp groups and reps will pass on reminders and any PTA messages. We do our best to minimise emails to avoid overwhelming you, but you can also keep up to date about the exciting things we do by looking our Facebook page 'Moss Lane School.'

Worry Monster

During the KS1 assembly I talked to the children about what to do and who the children could speak to if they ever feel worried or upset. I reminded them of our special letter box and worry monster that is situated on the table outside the school office. If any children have a concern or worry, they can post it into the red-letter box and Miss Clare will monitor this on a weekly basis and offer children support and help when needed.



Unauthorised Term Time attendance

Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are Changing!

In a nationwide approach to improve school attendance following the pandemic, a new National Framework for Penalty Notices has been introduced. The following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after 19th August 2024.



Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice Fines will now be issued to **each parent** for **each child** that was absent.

For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave would result in **each parent** receiving **3 separate fines**.

5 Consecutive Days of Term Time Leave

Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for Term Time Leave of **5 or more consecutive days**. Inset training days are school days and can be included in the 5 or more consecutive days where there was **intent** for term time leave.

10 Sessions of Unauthorised Absence in a 10-Week Period

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of **unauthorised absence in a 10-week period**.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days

If it is paid within 21 days it will be reduced to £80

Second Offence (within 3 years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will be issued and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. **Magistrates' fines can be up to £2,500 per parent, per child.**

Cases found guilty in the Magistrates' Court can show on the **parent's future DBS** certificate due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.

