



Moss Lane School Newsletter

Friday 11th September 2026



Our value for this term is

Friendship

Dear Families,

A very warm welcome back for the Autumn Term, and a particularly warm welcome to all our new children, staff and families joining Moss Lane this year. I hope you enjoyed a wonderful summer filled with fun, relaxation and special memories.

We are incredibly proud of our caring and supportive school community, and I am sure it won't take long for our new families to feel right at home. It has been lovely to welcome the children back last week and see the school buzzing with excitement once again. Everyone looks incredibly smart in their uniforms, and it is amazing to see how much the children in Year 1 and Year 2 have grown over the summer. They have returned full of enthusiasm, positivity and a real eagerness to learn.

A special welcome goes to our new staff and bees, they have made a fantastic start to their school journey. We are so proud of how well they have settled into school life already. We look forward to getting to know them and their families over the coming weeks and hope you enjoy being part of the Moss Lane family.

We have a busy and exciting term ahead, packed with learning opportunities, events and experiences. Please remember to check and empty your child's book bag each day to ensure you don't miss any important information. If you haven't already done so, please download the eSchools app, which is the quickest and easiest way to stay up to date with school news and communications.

For information about key dates, clubs, our Governing Body and the PTA, please visit our school website. Most of the information you need about school life can be found there. However, if you have any questions, concerns or require further support, please do not hesitate to contact the school office, who will be happy to help.

This week in assembly, we reflected on our school vision and values.

"Safe and Happy, Aiming High!"

We also revisited our three school rules:

- **Be Ready**
- **Be Respectful**
- **Be Safe**

Our school value for this half term is Friendship. The children shared some thoughtful ideas about what makes a good friend and discussed the many ways they can show kindness, empathy and support to others both in school and beyond. Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership. By working together, we can ensure every child has the very best start to the year. We are looking forward to an exciting and successful year ahead and cannot wait to share all the wonderful things the children will achieve.

Warm regards,

Mrs Victoria Abbott

Headteacher

What's going on in school...

Bees

Our Honey Bees and Bumble Bees have made a fantastic start to school. They have been busy exploring their new classrooms and enjoying a wide range of activities, including visiting the snack bar, playing with playdough and Lego, painting, and, of course, having fun on the outdoor equipment! We have been incredibly impressed with how confidently and calmly they have settled into their new routines, especially when arriving at school each morning. It has also been lovely to see new friendships beginning to blossom as the children play and learn together.

The children have embraced every aspect of school life with enthusiasm and curiosity, and we are so proud of the positive start they have made. They are all very excited about staying for lunch next week and continuing their adventures at Moss Lane! ☀

Year 1

Year 1 have settled back into school brilliantly and have made a fantastic start to the new school year. The children in Foxes and Squirrels have been enjoying learning about their first topic, Busy Bodies, and have loved exploring what makes each of us special and unique.

As part of our learning, the children have been sharing their ideas about what makes a good friend and how they can show kindness and respect to others. They have also had great fun labelling parts of the body and singing *Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes* as part of their topic work.

In Maths, we have been working hard to develop our understanding of numbers to 10 by representing numbers in different ways and sorting objects into groups. We are incredibly proud of how enthusiastically the children have embraced their learning and look forward to seeing all that they achieve this term.



Year 2

Otters and Hedgehogs have made a wonderful start to the school year and have returned to school ready to learn. The children have settled quickly into their new routines as they begin their Year 2 journey. It has been wonderful to see how new friendships are forming and the newly created classes feel established already. Miss Fox and Miss Betterton are extremely proud of how well all the children have transitioned into Year 2. We have begun to explore our history topic based on The Great Fire of London and are excited about an up and coming workshop to help kick start our topic even more. In year 2 children are expected to manage their own belongings completely. If your child needs to return a letter to school, please ensure they are encouraged to hand it to their class teacher. Staff will not look through book bags, but they will give frequent prompts for children to check their bags.



Day Timings

8.40am=Gates open

8.45am=All year groups called in

NB: All children should be in school by 8.50am after this time they MUST be signed in at the office

12.05pm-1.00pm=Lunch Time 3.20pm=Home time

Front Gate...

When entering and exiting school please check that the front gate is closed and bolted behind you. This is paramount to keeping children at Moss Lane safe. Please do not let people you do not know follow you in.

After School Clubs...

Please collect your child from the playground after their club.

Safeguarding...

The safety and wellbeing of every child is our highest priority. If you have any safeguarding concerns about a child, please contact the school office and ask to speak to one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads. The school's Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Mrs Abbott and the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (DDSL) are Miss Betterton, Mrs Forbes Patching and Miss Fox. A DSL is available at all times. Please contact the Office if you have any safeguarding concerns or would like advice. If urgent and out of school hours please contact: Surrey C-SPA 0300 470 9100 cspa@surreycc.gov.uk

School office hours...

08.45am – 15.30pm

What's coming up

Monday 14 – 18th September

Yr. R in school 8.45am – 1.15pm

Wednesday 16th September

Welcome talks in the hall

- **Year 2:** 6.00pm in **Otters**
- **Year 1:** 6.30pm in **Foxes**
- **Year R:** 7.00pm in **Bees**



Check out our online calendar of events

<https://www.moss-lane.surrey.sch.uk/web/calendar/156581>

Monday 21st September

Yr. R in school all day

Yr. 2 Clubs start

Woodland school Otters

Tuesday 22nd September

FGB 6.15pm

Wednesday 23rd September

Parent Clinic – 9-10am – please see the office to book a slot

Monday 28th September

Woodland school hedgehogs

Monday 5th October

Woodland school Foxes

Tuesday 6th October

Book Fair

Friday 9th October

PTA welcome coffee morning for all new families 9.15am – 10am

Inset days 2026-2026

- Monday 2nd November
- Friday 12th February
- Friday 12th April
- Friday 28th May



Welcome Talks for Parents

Wednesday 16th September

We will be holding our annual Welcome Talks for parents and carers. The purpose of these sessions is to provide an overview of the year ahead, including curriculum information, reading expectations, home learning, routines and key information about your child's class.

- **Year 2:** 6.00pm in **Otters**
- **Year 1:** 6.30pm in **Foxes**
- **Year R:** 7.00pm in **Bees**

We strongly encourage all parents and carers to attend, as these sessions contain important information to help support your child throughout the year. Please note: This is a parent-only event and children should not attend. We look forward to seeing you there.

Important Reminder...

Scooters & Bikes

Please can we remind all children to walk bikes and scooters through the school car park and playground.



Play equipment

Please can I remind all families that the play equipment is out of bounds before and after school. If you see your child on it, please ask them to come off.

Going home books...

Our Going Home Books are an important part of ensuring that children are collected safely at the end of the school day. For children in Year 1 and Year 2, the books are located outside the school office, and for Reception, they are located outside the classrooms. If someone different is collecting your child, or if your child is going home with a friend, please record the details in the Going Home Book. Teachers check these books daily and will only allow a child to leave with another adult if the arrangement has been recorded. If there is a last-minute change to collection arrangements, please telephone the school office so that a message can be passed directly to the class teacher.

Please do not email the school regarding changes to collection arrangements, as emails cannot always be checked in time. Thank you for helping us keep all children safe.

Drop-off and pick up...

To help ensure a safe and smooth start to the school day, please make sure that your child is accompanied by a parent or carer in the playground each morning and remains with them until Mrs Abbott calls the classes in. The playground is unsupervised before school, so children must not be left unaccompanied.



If your child attends Breakfast Club, please ring the bell on arrival and a member of staff will come to the door to welcome them.

If your child arrives after 8.50am, please bring them to the school office so that they can be signed in and registered for the day. At the end of the school day, please come into the playground to collect your child. If you are delayed, please go directly to the school office, where a member of staff will assist you.

If you are picking up from KOOSA after school come to the front door and ring the KOOSA bell.

Absence from School

If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason, including a medical appointment, please telephone the school office before 9.15am. This enables us to inform the class teacher and ensure accurate attendance records are maintained.

If you know your child will be absent in advance, please complete an Absence Request Form. Evidence should be provided for medical, dental or hospital appointments wherever possible. We kindly ask that appointments are notified to the school in advance of the date whenever practicable.

Absence Request Forms are available from the school office or can be downloaded from the school website.

Please note that holidays taken during term time will not be authorised except in exceptional circumstances, in line with government guidance and school policy.

PTA News

We are always grateful for the support of our PTA. If you are interested in helping at school events or joining the PTA, please get in touch. New volunteers are always welcome.

Moss Lane PTA ptamosslane@gmail.com

Values and Awards Celebrating Success

Throughout the year we celebrate achievements in a variety of ways, including certificates, values award and sharing successes in assembly. We encourage children to bring in achievements from outside school so that we can celebrate these too



Illness

As we move into Autumn the children will be more prone to colds. To support the school, we would ask parents/carers to talk to their children about 'catch it, bin it, kill it'. Please show your child/ren how to use a tissue to blow their nose, remind them to place the tissue in the bin and then wash their hands. When sneezing the children should try to sneeze into a tissue or the crook of their arm and then must wash their hands. If your child is feeling unwell and has a high temperature, please keep your child at home and monitor them closely. If your child has a runny nose without a temperature, they should be in school.

If your child has had vomiting or diarrhoea, please be advised they will not be able to return within 48hrs of their last episode.



Mobile Phones

We recognise that mobile phones are an important means of communication for many parents and carers. Whilst we would prefer mobile phone use to be kept to a minimum on the school site, we ask that any use is courteous, respectful and appropriate to the school environment. Please remember that your child will be eager to greet you and share their news at the end of the school day, so we encourage parents and carers to be fully available as children leave their classrooms.

Mobile phone use is not permitted in the school as this is a busy working environment. Signs are displayed to remind visitors of this expectation. We appreciate that parents and carers may wish to take photographs or videos during special school events, such as performances, sports day or celebrations. However, this is on the understanding that any images or recordings are for personal use only and are not shared on social media or other online platforms if they include children other than your own.



At all other times, photography and video recording are not permitted on school premises. To help safeguard all members of our school community, we kindly ask that parents and carers do not use FaceTime, video calling or any similar applications whilst on the school site, as this may inadvertently capture children, families or staff without their consent. In line with our safeguarding procedures, staff may challenge anyone using a mobile phone inappropriately whilst children are present. Concerns may be referred to senior leaders and managed in accordance with the school's safeguarding and mobile phone policies. Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a safe and respectful environment for everyone.

Communicating with school

At Moss Lane, we pride ourselves on having a welcoming and open-door approach. We value positive communication between home and school and are always happy to help. To ensure this works effectively for children, families and staff, we ask that parents and carers follow the guidance below.

As teacher's welcome children into class each morning from 8.45am, please avoid raising concerns or discussing issues at this time unless they relate directly to your child's wellbeing or safety that day. This helps staff focus on ensuring all children have a calm and positive start to their learning.

Any non-urgent matters can usually wait until the end of the school day, when teachers are available after dismissing their classes. Alternatively, you may wish to contact the school office.

Please note that teachers are teaching throughout the day and are therefore unable to check emails regularly. If you need to pass on information, it is often best to email the school office at info@moss-lane.surrey.sch.uk, where messages can be forwarded to the relevant member of staff at an appropriate time.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

School Uniform

One way we promote our school ethos and sense of belonging is by ensuring that all children wear their uniform with pride. To help maintain a consistent approach, please note the following expectations:

- Children should wear appropriate dark school shoes, unless there is a medical reason preventing this.
- Hair that is long enough to fall into a child's eyes should be tied back or secured with a plain hairband. This applies to both boys and girls. If a child's hair is affecting their learning, they may be provided with a simple hair tie at school.
- If earrings are worn, they should be small, plain stud earrings only.
- Necklaces, bracelets, rings and bangles should not be worn to school.
- Hair accessories should be simple and appropriate for school. Please avoid novelty items such as decorative ears, oversized bows or sparkly unicorn headbands.
- Nail varnish and temporary tattoos should be removed before coming to school.
- Please ensure that all jumpers, cardigans, coats, PE kits, lunch boxes and water bottles are clearly labelled with your child's name. This greatly helps us return lost property to its rightful owner.
- On PE days, children should come to school wearing their full PE kit, including their school sweatshirt.

Thank you for your continued support in helping children take pride in their appearance and represent our school positively.

Guidance for Families on Alternative Provision

In Surrey, we believe that every child deserves the opportunity to achieve their full potential. We are committed to ensuring that all children have access to high-quality, inclusive education within their local communities.

Alternative Provision (AP) provides education for children whose needs may be best met through a different type of educational arrangement. Working alongside parents, carers and Family Voice Surrey, Surrey County Council has developed new guidance to help families understand Alternative Provision and how it supports children and young people.

The guidance explains:

- What Alternative Provision is.
- The different types of Alternative Provision available.
- When Alternative Provision may be considered.
- How referrals for Alternative Provision are made.

We encourage families to access the guidance if they would like to learn more about the support available for children with additional educational needs. Thank you for helping us ensure that every child receives the education and support they need to thrive.

Click on the link to find out more

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/children/support-and-advice/local-offer/parents-and-carers/education-and-training/alternative-provision-explained-a-guide-for-families>

Reading at Home

Reading remains one of the most important ways you can support your child in their education and development. We ask that children read at home regularly (both phonic/levelled books and book for pleasure) and that reading records are updated regularly. Even just 5-7 minutes a day can make a significant difference to your child's progress, confidence and enjoyment of books. Children in year 1 and 2 have started reading practice sessions and all have books on their Collins Hub account.



Healthy Schools Message-Healthy Habits

Please remember to send your child with a named water bottle every day. Children learn best when they are well hydrated and ready to learn.



Parking and Road Safety

The safety of our children, families and local community is extremely important to us. We would like to remind parents and carers not to park on the double yellow lines outside the school gates or in the school car park as it is for staff. If you are driving to school, please use Crown Court Car Park. Families will shortly receive a Golden Sticker, which allows 15 minutes of free parking at the start and end of the school day. Please note that only one Golden Sticker is issued per family. Whilst you are waiting to receive your sticker, please ensure that you purchase a parking ticket when using the car park. We also ask that all drivers park considerately, respect our neighbours and take extra care when children are arriving and leaving school.

Keeping Up to Date

Please visit our website regularly to see curriculum information, newsletters, class updates and important announcements.

Welcome to The Pantry

We are delighted to welcome The Pantry as our new catering provider this year. The children have thoroughly enjoyed their lunches so far, and it has been lovely to hear so many positive comments about the food on offer. One of the new additions this year is a daily sandwich option, providing families and children with even more choice at lunchtime. As with any new system, there were one or two initial teething problems with logging into the online ordering platform. However, these issues were resolved quickly, and we would like to thank families for their patience during the transition.

If you are still experiencing any difficulties with ordering meals or accessing your account, please speak to the school office and we will be happy to help. We look forward to continuing our partnership with The Pantry and providing children with healthy, enjoyable meal choices throughout the year.

Thank you for your continued support as we settle back into school. The partnership between home and school is vital to each child's success, and we look forward to working with you throughout the year.

Reminders

Unauthorised Term Time attendance

Attendance Matters

Everyday attendance is important. Good attendance helps children build confidence, develop friendships and achieve their best. Please ensure that children arrive on time each day, ready to learn.

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'.

