

Whole School
Attendance
for the year
94.63%



Moss Lane School Newsletter

20th December 2024



Dear Families,

As we approach the festive season and the end of term, I find myself reflecting on the wonderful moments we've shared as a school community.

The past few weeks have been a joyous celebration of our children's talents and the dedication of our staff, culminating in our Christmas productions and events.

I'd like to say thank you to all our children and staff for their hard work in bringing the performances to life. The message of Love, Peace and Joy that resonated throughout was truly touching and a testament to the values we hold dear at Moss Lane School.

We also completed our OFSTED inspection (Dec 3rd-4th). The school team responded brilliantly, and our children were amazing. Thank you to all the parents who took the time to feedback their views to the HMI inspector. We are hoping to be able to share the report with you some time in the New Year.

As we continue through into 2025, I want to remind everyone about the importance of communication. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out via the school office. We value your partnership and are always here to support you and your child in any way we can. Thank you once again for your support and dedication to our school community.

I wish you all a peaceful and joyous holiday season.

Warmest regards
Mrs Abbott

What's going on in school...

Godalming Light Switch On

It was once again our privilege to open the Godalming Christmas Festival and Light Switch on with singing at the Pepperpot. The children were amazing! Well done! Thank you to Mrs Leggett and staff for all their hard work in teaching the children the songs and Miss Clare for conducting on the day.



Town and Country Mouse Pantomime

Last week, the children were all treated to a performance of 'The Town and Country Mouse' by Pied Piper Theatre Company. The children were a wonderful audience and revelled in the skill of all the actors involved. An enchanting story from Aesop's much loved and heart-warming tale told with puppetry, music and magical design.



Bees Lapland Day!

Bees had the most amazing day with their 'trip' to Lapland! The children enjoyed making snowman cakes, Christmas trees, reindeer and much, much more. They enjoyed hot chocolate and marshmallows at the end of the day. It was utterly magical!



Christmas Jumper Day and lunch

Last Friday the staff and children celebrated Christmas with a wonderful Christmas dinner. Roast Turkey with all the trimmings, Christmas music and of course crackers, silly hats and bad jokes. All our governors came and shared this special event with the children.



Christmas Mini Market!

Once again the hall was filled with Christmas music and our shopping elves helped the children buy gifts for their families. It is a wonderful event and a highlight of the Moss Lane School calendar so thank you too all the parents for donating presents, sweets, dressing children in mufti and sending in money and bags. It takes a huge amount of organising for the event to run smoothly so a massive thank you to our wonderful PTA. Special thanks to Mary McAllen and Kyra Mumford for organising it!



Father Christmas

The children had the most fabulous time with Christmas Parties and a visit from a Father Christmas! Father Christmas gave each of the classes a present and the children had a wonderful time asking him questions about his Reindeer and the North Pole.



Christmas Plays

Our children were amazing in their shows with Yr R and Yr 1 performing the 'Simply Nativity' and Yr 2's 'Born in a Barn'. They sang their hearts out and said their lines with confidence. A big thank you to all our families who were able to attend and to the parents for all the costumes. The children should all be proud of their hard work in producing such show stopping performances



Safeguarding

December can be a period of both joy and challenge and to aid with the spirit of spending quality time with those close to you, Beacon House have published a collection of resources designed by their therapists to promote rest, regulation and most importantly, connection - <https://beaconhouse.org.uk/winter-resources/>



As both parents and educators, we know that Christmas is also a time when lots of children will receive devices such as tablets, smartphones, games consoles popularised beyond their description of their targeted audience, and laptops that can access social media and the internet more openly due to 'factory' settings. We would urge you to check the settings of devices and, within the excitement of the season, monitor what children are watching and who they might be talking to.

What's coming up

20th December school finishes at 1:30pm

6th January - Children return to school

Hedgehogs at Woodland School

10th January – New Parent Tour

13th January - Foxes at Woodland School

20th January - Squirrels at Woodland School

27th January – Honeybees at Woodland School

29th January - Inset day – **school closed**

3rd February – Bumblebees at Woodland School

5th February – FGB 6.15pm

3rd – 7th February – Children mental health week and Healthy eating

6th February – Time to talk day

10th February – Otters at Woodland School

11th February – Safer Internet Day

12th February – Parents Zones of regulation training at 9am in the hall

17th – 21st February - Half Term

24th February – Children return to School

Hedgehogs at Woodland School

25th & 27th February – Parents evening

Check out our online calendar of events [here](#).

Warm Spaces...

Various organisations in the area are opening 'Warm Spaces' for anybody young or older for the colder months. There you can expect a friendly and inclusive welcome this winter. They are open to all but are particularly beneficial if you live in a hard to heat home, if you are isolated or if you are worried about your energy bills.

Some of the warm spaces in Waverley will provide practical tips about how to keep warm for less and other financial support available to help with the rising cost of living. Some will also offer hot food/and or refreshments. Some are places where you can just drop to sit quietly and keep warm. Please find below a link to warm spaces available in our area:

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/he-alth-and-welfare/support/welfare-support/everyday-living/warm-welcome-venues/list-of-warm-welcome-in-surrey#waverley>



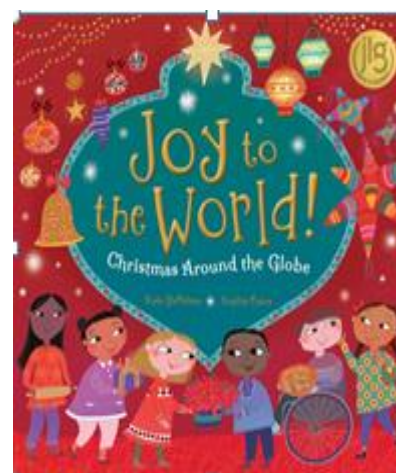
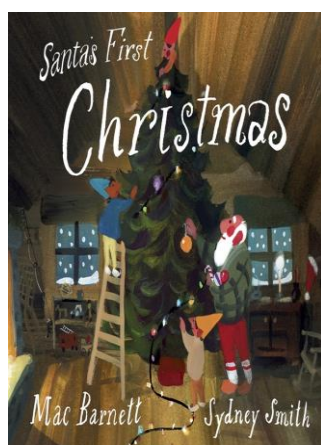
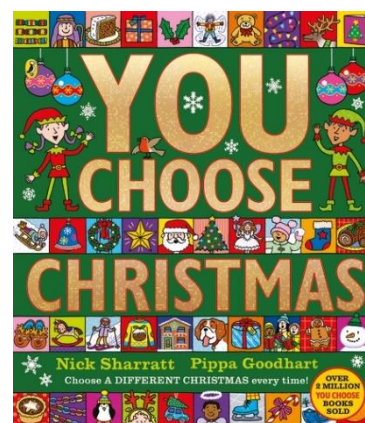
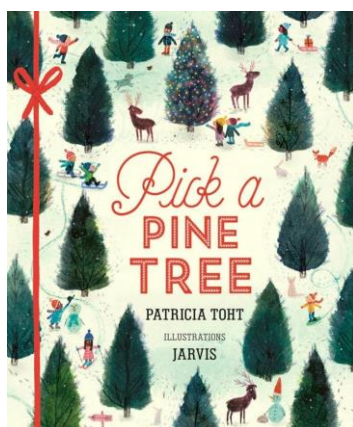
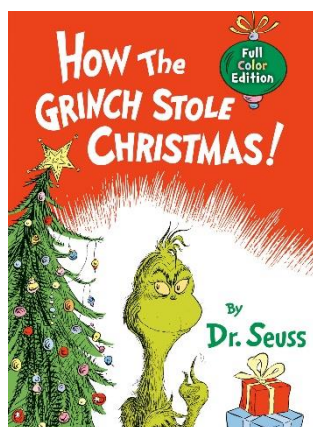
Author Visit

In school last week we had another Christmas treat with a visit from author Emily Lloyd Gayle. She came into school to share some of her stories, *The Adventures of Mighty Maurice* and *The Moose that saved Christmas*. The children really enjoyed asking her questions to find out how she got the ideas for her books and how she starts to write an actual book!



Miss Betterton Christmas Book reviews

Miss Betterton's Christmas reads.....



Merry Christmas!

Finally, the staff and governors of Moss Lane School would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. We have had so much fun this term and look forward to lots more next term. Thank you for all our lovely gifts and cards. See you back in school on January 6th 2025.



LOCAL EVENTS

Alladin on Ice at Guildford Spectrum

<https://www.guildfordspectrum.co.uk/spektrix-events/>




Yvonne Arnaud presents

Robin Hood

Our festive family pantomime
Sat 30 Nov 2024 – Sun 5 Jan 2025

Starring Lucy Benjamin, Peter Gordon & Matt
Pinches

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 Main House