

# Moss Lane School

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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 2025. 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, cooking 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. Year R will get the option to join paid clubs after school next term.

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

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## Welcome evening

Thank you to everyone that attended this year's welcome evenings. I hope you found them informative. If you missed them please view the slides on the class pages on the school website.



Our value for this term is

## Friendship

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### What's coming up...

**W/C 30<sup>th</sup> September**

Otters Woodland school

**1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> October**

Book fair

**1<sup>st</sup> October**

New parents coffee morning all invited  
Yr R –Yr 2

**7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> October**

Feeling good week 'Embracing Emotions'

**7<sup>th</sup> October**

Squirrels Woodland school

**10<sup>th</sup> October**

World mental Health day

**14<sup>th</sup> October**

Foxes Woodland School

**17<sup>th</sup> October**

9.15am Harvest Festival  
Bees and Otters Families

**18<sup>th</sup> October**

9.15am Harvest  
Year 1 and Hedgehogs Families

**24<sup>th</sup> October**

Individual and sibling photos

**25<sup>th</sup> October**

INSET DAY School close

**27<sup>th</sup> October-3<sup>rd</sup> Nov**

HALF TERM

**Nov 4<sup>th</sup>**

Children in school

## What's going on in school...

### 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 that Birthdays are very exciting and some children like to give out a snack at the end of school on their special day. Because we are 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 coat to school every day.



### Lost property

Please clearly name all belongings as there are already many items in lost property that don't have a name. The lost property bin is by the bike shed on the playground.

### 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 practices.

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 led out of the building and line up in the playground, where staff complete a head count to ensure all 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 the building. Staff tell children "there is a danger outside, hide." Children are supported by familiar 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 a fire 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 in our Friday assemblies.

**Certificates awarded out of school** - If your child receives a certificate/ medal / trophy for an out of school activity, these can be shown at Gold Assembly. I encourage the child to tell me what they needed to do to achieve the certificate, allowing the rest of the school acknowledge the effort required.

### INSET DAYS

- Friday 25 October 2024
- Wednesday 29 January 2025
- Monday 30 June 2025

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

### 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 a couple of incidents in the last few weeks when children have wandered off without parent/grandparents 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 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.

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



### **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 has 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.

### **Harvest Festival**

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

**17<sup>th</sup> October at 9.15am = For Bees and Otters families**

**18<sup>th</sup> October at 9.15am = For Year 1 and Hedgehog families**



This year we are raising awareness and requesting donations for The Godalming and Villages Community Store. <https://godalming-tc.gov.uk/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.

### **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.

### **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 and decorated our names with glitter! 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 greater than and less than and the associated symbols.

Avocado Baby is the focus for our writing over the next few weeks. Children are eagerly learning a short version of the story which they will be able to share with you at home.

We found out about our sense of sight and explored using our eyes, practiced foot work skills and explored pattern making.

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**

Hedgehogs enjoyed their trip to Woodland School, particularly eating hot dogs around the fire! Otters are looking forward to their trip to Woodland School on the 11<sup>th</sup> November. Year 2 have also been writing their own version of the story Toby & the Great Fire of London, imagining what it might have been like to be there.