



Moss Lane School Newsletter

Wednesday 22nd July

Whole School Attendance

96.19 %



Our value for this term is
Friendship

Dear Families,

As we come to the end of another wonderful academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support, encouragement and partnership throughout the year. Working together is what makes our school such a special place, and I am incredibly grateful for everything you do to support our children and the Moss Lane community.

Reflecting on the year, I am filled with pride at all that our children have achieved. From exciting visits to Brooklands, Wisley and The Look Out Discovery Centre, to theatre trips, animal encounters, Woodland School sessions and our many memorable Wow Days, the children have embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm, curiosity and smiles. They have worked hard, challenged themselves and created memories that will last a lifetime.

One of the greatest joys of being Headteacher is walking around school each day and seeing our children living our school strapline: **'Safe, Happy, Aiming High.'** I see children showing kindness, resilience, curiosity and respect in everything they do, and I couldn't be prouder to be their Headteacher. They are an absolute credit to you, to our staff and to the entire Moss Lane community.

A huge thank you must go to our incredible staff team, whose dedication, care and commitment make Moss Lane such a wonderful place to learn. I feel incredibly privileged to lead such a talented and hardworking team who always go above and beyond for our children.

I would also like to thank our fantastic parents, volunteers and everyone in our wider school community who has supported us this year. Moss Lane is much more than a school—it is a family. Whether you are a current family, a former family or one of our future families, you will always be part of the Moss Lane community.

Our children continue to amaze us every day. Thank you to every one of them for their hard work, determination and enthusiasm. I would also like to recognise our School Council, Eco Council and wellbeing Mentors for representing the voices of their classmates so thoughtfully throughout the year.

To our wonderful Year 2 children, it is time to spread your wings. While we are sad to say goodbye, we are incredibly proud of everything you have achieved. You have been fantastic role models, and we know you are ready for your next adventure. Your new schools are very lucky to have you, and I have every confidence that you will go on to achieve amazing things. Please remember that you will always be part of the Moss Lane family, and we hope you will come back and visit us.

We are also excited to welcome our new Reception children and their families into our school community. We cannot wait to see our new little Bees begin their Moss Lane journey and become part of our special family.

A very special thank you must also go to our incredible PTA. Their dedication, enthusiasm and unwavering commitment to Moss Lane are truly second to none. Throughout the year they have organised a wide range of successful events, raising an incredible amount of money to enrich the children's experiences and provide resources that benefit everyone in our school. Their commitment never goes unnoticed—even if it means baking until 3.00 am for the Summer Fair or transforming our old lost property into beautiful bunting! Their generosity of time and energy is simply amazing. I would like to give a special mention to our Chair, Elizabeth Holliday, whose leadership, passion and endless support have been invaluable. My sincere thanks also go to Roxanne Clark (Vice Chair), Anneliese Protheroe (Secretary), Rhian Easterling (Treasurer), committee members Jen Jupe, Isabel Matias and Mary McAllen, and our Teacher Representative, Miss Fox. Together, you have made such a positive difference to our school community, and we are incredibly grateful for everything you do. Moss Lane is so fortunate to have such a dedicated PTA.

I would also like to thank our fantastic Governing Body for their continued support, challenge and commitment throughout the year. In particular, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Kyra Mumford, our Co-Chair of Governors, and Pam Langridge, our Clerk to the Governors, who are both stepping down after many years of dedicated service to Moss Lane. Their time, wisdom and unwavering commitment have helped shape our school into the wonderful place it is today, and we are incredibly grateful for everything they have done for our children, staff and families. We wish them both every happiness and success for the future.

As we say goodbye, we are also looking to welcome new governors to our Governing Body. If you are passionate about education and would like to give something back to our school community, becoming a governor is an incredibly rewarding opportunity. Governors play a vital role in supporting and challenging the school to ensure the very best outcomes for our children. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact the school office—we would be delighted to hear from you.

This term, we also say a fond farewell to Mrs King, Mr Parker and Mr Kilner. We thank them for everything they have contributed to Moss Lane and wish them every happiness and success in the future.

At the same time, we are delighted to welcome Mrs Theohari, Miss Goodyear and Mrs Killington, our new School Clerk, to the Moss Lane team. We look forward to them becoming part of our school family and know you will make a wonderful contribution to our community.

Finally, I would like to say a very special thank you to my wonderful Senior Leadership Team, Amy Betterton and Carolynne Ballard. Thank you for always listening to me, supporting me, encouraging me and, perhaps most importantly, embracing my many "wacky" ideas about what we should do next! Your dedication, friendship, professionalism and unwavering commitment to our children and staff make Moss Lane a better place every single day. I am incredibly fortunate to have you both by my side, and I truly couldn't do this job without you.

We are now looking forward to a well-earned summer break before returning refreshed, re-energised and ready for another exciting year of learning and growth. We look forward to welcoming our Year 1 and Year 2 children back to school on **Wednesday, 2nd September 2026**.

Finally, on behalf of all the staff, thank you for the many kind words, cards and thoughtful gifts we have received. Your generosity and appreciation mean so much to us.

You have all been amazing!

Thank you for making Moss Lane such a special place to learn, work and belong. Together, we are one big Moss Lane family—past, present and future—and that is something very special indeed.

Wishing you all a joyful, safe and sunny summer holiday. I hope you enjoy making precious memories together as a family. To all of our wonderful children—stay safe, keep smiling, enjoy every adventure and, most importantly, have lots of fun!

Warmest wishes,

Victoria Abbott
Headteacher

A special Thank you

Dear Moss Lane,

The Mayoress and I would like to send a message of thanks to all the children that participated in the ChoirBLAST performance at the mayor's civic service yesterday at the Church of St Peter and St Paul. We would also like to thank all their parents for helping support the children. We appreciate that weekends and family time are busy for all, and it is really appreciated that so many wanted to join in in what was a very joyful occasion. The Moss Lane Songsters are a credit to the school and the community and we look forward to enjoying future performances.

We would be grateful if this message of thanks could be passed on to those children and families, and thank the school for facilitating everything.

Best wishes,

Cllr Tom Kiehl

Mayor of Godalming

Sports Day

Sports Day was a fantastic success and, although it had to be held at school rather than on the Bury, the children had an amazing time. The weather was perfect, with warm sunshine and a lovely breeze, creating ideal conditions for a fun-filled day. Everyone showed great enthusiasm, cheering on their classmates and demonstrating excellent teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the events. One of the biggest highlights was the bucket and sponge water race, which all the classes thoroughly enjoyed—it was a brilliant way to cool off and brought lots of laughter and smiles! To finish the day, the children enjoyed a refreshing ice pop. A huge thank you to all the families who came along to watch, cheer on the children, and support this special event. Your encouragement helped make the day even more memorable.



What's going on in school...

Bees

Reception have had a wonderful last few days of term! All the staff in Bees wish our families a happy summer break!

Year 1

Year one had a fabulous last week of term. They all made some lovely cards for our members of staff that are leaving us and got to watch the leavers assembly dress rehearsal.

Year 2

Our Year 2 children had a fantastic Circus Skills morning, kindly led by Godalming Delight. They enjoyed learning a range of exciting circus skills, including juggling, balancing, and plate spinning, while building their confidence, coordination, and teamwork. The fun continued with a fabulous disco, where everyone danced, laughed, and celebrated together. A huge thank you to all of our wonderful parent helpers, whose support made the day run so smoothly and helped create such a memorable experience for the children.

Wisley trip

Year 2 had a wonderful trip to Wisley, where the children enjoyed exploring the beautiful gardens in glorious sunshine. The lovely weather made it the perfect day for discovering a variety of plants, flowers, and wildlife while taking part in exciting learning activities. The children were enthusiastic, curious, and exceptionally well behaved throughout the visit, making the most of every opportunity to learn outdoors. It was a fantastic day that brought their classroom learning to life and created many happy memories.



Leavers Assembly

Our Year 2 Leavers' Assembly was a truly special occasion and a wonderful way to celebrate the children's time at Moss Lane. One of the highlights was the fantastic dance, taught by Mrs Devine, which the children performed with such confidence, enthusiasm, and joy. We would like to thank all of the children and their families for being such an important part of our school community. Although they will be greatly missed, they will always be part of the Moss Lane family. We wish everyone of them the very best of luck as they begin their next adventure. Their new schools are incredibly lucky to have them, and we know they will go on to achieve great things. A heartfelt thank you also goes to all of the Year 2 staff for organising such a memorable and heartfelt assembly.



School Day Timings for September

8.40am=Gates open

8.45am=All year groups called in

NB: All children should be in school by 8.50 am; 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.

Allotment

Polite reminder that children and families should **NOT** be entering the school allotment unless they are with school staff, PTA allotment volunteers or if their family have own plot!!!!

Safeguarding...

The school's Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Mrs Abbott and the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (DDSL's) are Miss Betterton, Mrs Forbes Patching and Miss Fox. A DSL/DDSL is available at all times. Please get in touch with the Office if you have any safeguarding concerns or would like advice.

Are you concerned about a child?

Please share your concern with one of our safeguarding leads: Mrs Abbott, Miss Betterton, Miss Forbes Wood and Miss Fox. If urgent and out of school hours, please contact: Surrey C-SPA 0300 470 9100 cspa@surreycc.gov.uk

School office hours...

08.45 am – 3.30 pm

Welcome Talks

SAVE THE DATE: WEDNESDAY 16th SEPTEMBER

These talks aim to provide a brief overview of the year ahead with regard to general procedures, i.e., home learning, reading and the curriculum.

Year 1 = 6:00 pm in Otters

Year 2 = 6:30 pm in Foxes

Year R= 7.00 pm in Bees



What's coming up in School

2026-2027

Tuesday 1st September
INSET DAY

Wednesday 2nd September
Children return to school

Wednesday 2nd -4th September
EYFS Home Visits

Monday 7th - Friday 11th September
EYFS in school
AM= 8.45am to 11.00am
PM= 1.05pm- 3.20pm

Monday 14th - Friday 18th September
All EYFS in school am and lunch
8.45am-1.15pm

Wednesday 16th September
Welcome Talks

Monday 21st September
All EYFS in all day 8.45am- 3.20am
Yr. 2 Clubs start

Tuesday 22nd September
PTA welcome coffee morning for new families 9.15am – 10am

Wednesday 23rd September

Parent Clinic – 9.00am -10.00am – please see the office to book a slot

Half term

Monday 19th October- Sunday 1st October
(NB It is a 2-week half-term)

End of term

Friday 18th December 1.30 pm finish

Start of term

Monday 4th January 2027

Inset days 2026-2027

Tuesday 1st September

Monday 2nd November

Friday 12th February

Monday 12th April

Friday 28th May

Check out our online calendar of events

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

Start of Autumn term

Children return to school after the holidays on Wednesday, 2nd September

Please note that this date might be different from other local Schools as we now follow Surrey term dates.

Half term-Monday 19th October- Sunday 1st October 2026
(NB It is a 2-week half-term)

NB The October half term in 2027 for most community and voluntary controlled schools in Surrey will run from Monday 25 October to Friday 29 October 2027. We are reverting back to the traditional one-week holiday for the 2027/28 academic year.

While Surrey County Council had initially considered implementing a two-week half term for the autumn, headteachers voted to revert to a traditional one-week holiday for the 2027/28 academic year.

Break the Rules Day

Break the Rules Day was a fantastic way to celebrate the end of term while raising money for our PTA. For one day only, the children enjoyed breaking a few of the usual school rules in exchange for a small donation. There were painted nails, colourful temporary tattoos, funny hairstyles, bright bows and clips, non-uniform outfits, and even juice or squash in water bottles instead of plain water! It was wonderful to see so much creativity, laughter, and excitement around the school, and everyone embraced the fun with great enthusiasm. A huge thank you to our PTA for organising this enjoyable event and to all the families who supported our fundraising efforts.

Reading over the Summer

A little reminder for families to take part in the Godalming Reading Challenge over the summer holidays. We would also encourage all of our children to read as much as possible during the break. Whether it is sharing a story, reading independently, visiting the local library or listening to an audiobook, every reading moment makes a difference. Regular reading helps children to maintain and develop their vocabulary, fluency and comprehension skills, ensuring they return to school in September feeling confident and ready to learn. We hope all of our Moss Lane children enjoy taking part in the challenge, discover some wonderful new books and look forward to sharing their reading adventures with us when they return.

Government Summer Help 2026 - Cheaper Days Out This Summer

costoflivinghelp.campaign.gov.uk

<https://costoflivinghelp.campaign.gov.uk>

The government is helping make this summer more affordable for families across England. Discover what the government is doing to help cut the cost of days out this summer. Free Holiday Activities.

Local events

Staycation Godalming 2026 will take place from Saturday, 1 August to Sunday, 9 August 2026. This annual community event, organized by the Godalming Town Council, offers a wide array of activities, workshops, and entertainment for residents and families right in town.

Here is the essential information you need to know about the Staycation:

- Dates: Saturday, 1 August – Sunday, 9 August 2026.
- Who it's for: Godalming residents and those living in the surrounding villages.
- Cost: All activities are free unless explicitly marked as "chargeable".
- Activities: The line-up features events suitable for all ages, ranging from crafts and family fun days to guided walks and outdoor performances.

Charlie's Festival at Jubilee Field

(Sat, 15 Aug) Head over to the nearby Jubilee Field in Milford for a massive, free community event. It offers live bands, games, and a bouncy, vibrant outdoor atmosphere.

Music in the Park: (Various Dates)

Pack a picnic and bring the kids down to the [Godalming Bandstand](#) on Sunday afternoons for casual, free live performances.



Pinocchio at Hatchlands Park

(Fri, 14 Aug) Take a quick 20-minute drive to nearby East Clandon to catch an open-air family theatre production of the classic tale [Pinocchio](#).

Challengers Family Fun Days (Stoke Park, Guildford): The local Challengers charity is hosting repeating family fun days and stay-and-play sessions where families can enjoy the play centre's facilities.

Big Military Fun Day (Loseley Park, Guildford): A family fun day featuring military-themed exhibits, a funfair, and access to Loseley Park's historic house and gardens.

Shere Hill Climb (East Clandon, Guildford): A large, family-friendly outdoor event featuring over 200 historic and exotic vehicles, stalls, and family entertainment in the Surrey hills.

National Brick Events (Surrey Sports Park, Guildford): A convention for LEGO lovers featuring massive brick pits, interactive mosaics, and traders.

GUILDFORD & GODALMING SUMMER WHAT'S ON GUIDE IS NOW LIVE!

If you're looking for ideas to keep the children entertained over the summer holidays, this guide is packed with holiday camps, family events, toddler activities, days out, nature trails, theatre workshops, sports activities and much more.

The new Guildford & Godalming Summer What's on Guide is packed with activities running from 1 July to 10 September.

More information and direct links to organisers can be found at:

<https://localfamily.events>

Summer Events, Shows & Special Days Out

- Boat Trips & Trails at Dapdune Wharf
- Pioneers of Tomorrow Airshow Events
- Ripley Classic Tractor & Machinery Show
- Burpham Village Fair
- Albury Music Festival
- Fringe Family Fun Day
- Outdoor Opera on the Balcony
- Model Engineering Society Open Day
- Animal Handling Experiences

- Open-Air Theatre at Hatchlands Park
- Summer of Play at Winkworth Arboretum
- Summer Play at Devil's Punch Bowl
- 🎭 Theatre, Music & Performing Arts
- Boogie Pumps Musical Theatre & Dance Classes
- Music of Adele by Candlelight
- Coffee Concerts
- Open Mic Nights
- Guildford Theatre Productions
- Open-Air Performances of Pinocchio, The Jungle Book, Romeo & Juliet, Othello, The Three Musketeers and Pirates of Penzance

🏕️ Holiday Camps

- Boogie Pumps Holiday Theatre Camps
- Another World VR STEM & Coding Camps
- Roller Hockey & Skating Camps
- Coding & Technology Camps
- Creative Workshops and Activity Camps

🌳 Days Out & Attractions

- Hatchlands Park
- Winkworth Arboretum
- Dapdune Wharf
- Devil's Punch Bowl
- Frensham Little Pond
- Alice Holt Forest
- Sculpture Park
- Mercedes-Benz World
- Legoland Windsor
- Chessington World of Adventures
- Thorpe Park

👨‍👩‍👧‍👦 Family Activities

- Messy Cathedral
- Messy Mondays
- Nature & Craft Storytimes
- LEGO Clubs
- Storytimes and Rhyme times
- Toddler Groups
- Soft Play Sessions
- SEND Activities and Community Events

⚽ Sports & Active Fun

- Playball
- Jump In Trampoline Park Sessions
- Roller Skating
- Junior Park Runs
- Women's Netball
- Cycling Activities
- Guided Walks and Nature Trail

