



Moss Lane School Newsletter

Friday 26th June 2026

Whole School Attendance

96.26 %



Dear Families,

Can you believe we are already approaching the end of the school year? With just three and a half weeks remaining, it is hard to believe how quickly the time has passed.

This week's exceptionally hot weather has brought unusually high temperatures across many areas and serves as a reminder of the increasing impact of extreme weather conditions. As we move into next week, please remember to encourage your children to stay well hydrated, limit time outdoors during the hottest parts of the day, and check in on neighbours, family members, and others who may be more vulnerable to the heat. Come to school with a water bottle, sun hat and sun cream.

The summer term is always a busy and exciting time, filled with memorable events, celebrations, and important transitions. As the end of the year draws closer, many children naturally begin to think about what lies ahead. It is common for them to experience a range of emotions – sadness at leaving their current class and teacher, excitement about new opportunities, and perhaps some uncertainty about the changes to come.

Over the coming weeks, we will continue to support all children through this period of transition, helping them feel confident, prepared, and positive about the next stage of their journey. Whether they are moving to a new class or preparing for the move to a new school, we are committed to ensuring that they feel supported every step of the way.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership. Together, we can help our children embrace change with confidence and continue to flourish.

Kind regards,
Mrs Abbott
Headteacher

ChoirBLAST

One of the highlights of the term was ChoirBlast, and what an incredible event it was! Our very own Moss Lane Songsters had the fantastic opportunity to perform on both the Moss Stage and the Main Stage, confidently singing many of their favourite songs to enthusiastic audiences. We were also delighted to open our school to host a wonderfully diverse range of choirs, who performed throughout the day on the Moss Stage, creating a real celebration of music and community. It was a huge event, with the whole town buzzing with excitement and support. A special thank you goes to ChoirBlast, Phoebe and her team, who work tirelessly to make this event such a success. We are also incredibly grateful for their weekly support in helping Mrs Leggett run and develop our newly formed choir. Their enthusiasm, expertise and encouragement have given our children a truly memorable experience and inspired a love of singing that will last for years to come.



What's been happening in School

Yr R

Bees have been keeping cool with foot spas and face masks made from paper towels! We have also been enjoying learning about mini beasts and completing our Independence Challenges.



Yr 1

Year 1 have had a very hot week! They have enjoyed tasty ice lollies on the playground. Excitingly, they have met their new Year 2 friends and teachers this morning and are bringing home their 'bump up' leaflet.



Yr 2

Despite the hot weather, Year 2 have been working hard and looking ahead to their transition to junior school. The children have begun practising for their Year 2 leavers' assembly, and we are really looking forward to welcoming families to share this special moment. They have also been busy writing thoughtful letters to future Moss Lane pupils, reflecting on their favourite memories and all they have enjoyed during their time with us.

Break the Rules Day

Tuesday, **Jul 21** at **8:45 AM - 3:20 PM**

We're excited to be holding a Break the Rules Day before the summer holidays. On this day, children can choose to break some of the usual school rules - each rule broken costs 50p.

Here are the rules they can choose to break:

1. Wear school uniform
2. Wear school shoes
3. Use your book bag
4. No crazy hairstyles
5. No odd socks
6. No nail varnish
7. No temporary tattoos
8. No hats



Children can break as many or as few of the above rules as they like - just remember it's 50p per rule broken. Donations can be made in cash (given to the class teacher) or online via Classlist.

World Cup Celebration Mufti Day

Thursday, **Jul 02** at **8:45 AM - 3:20 PM**

Free Mufti Day. Come wearing your favourite football kit, sportswear, or the colours of the country you support



Moss Lane Summer Fair 2026

We are really looking forward to our upcoming Summer Fair on 4th July and hope you are too – it's always such a lovely event for the children and a great way to come together as a school community.

At the moment, we are finding it a little tricky to get enough volunteers to help run the stalls, and without this support, some activities may not be able to go ahead. Even a short amount of time can make a big difference.

If you are able to spare 45 minutes (or more), we would be incredibly grateful. It's a fun and social way to be involved, and it really helps ensure the children can enjoy all the activities on offer.



You can sign up using the link below: <https://app.classlist.com/s/NV2LL7>

Once you open the page, just scroll down to the "sign up lists" section to choose a slot that works for you. There are also lots of raffle tickets available to purchase: <https://app.classlist.com/parent/#/raffle/1468990690>

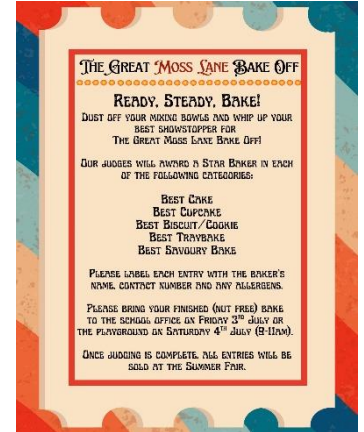
The Great Moss Lane Bake Off!

Friday, Jul 03 at 8:45 AM

Ready, Steady, Bake!

Dust off your mixing bowls and whip up your best showstopper for The Great Moss Lane Bake Off at the Summer Fair on 4th July. Our judges will award a Star Baker in each of the following categories:

- ❖ Best Cake
- ❖ Best Cupcake
- ❖ Best Biscuit/Cookie
- ❖ Best Traybake
- ❖ Best Savoury Bake



Please label each entry with the baker's name, contact number and any allergens. Please bring your finished (nut-free) bake to the school office on Friday, 3rd July or to the school playground before the start of the fair on Saturday, 4th July (9-11 am only). Judging is complete, and all entries will be sold at the Summer Fair.

Kids Day Out

Some children at Moss Lane were invited to join Mrs Forbes Patching and Mr Bird for a day trip to the Army Rugby Stadium in Aldershot for the annual Kids Day Out run by the Rotary Club. The children had an amazing time on the fairground rides and the various bouncy castles. They got to eat ice cream and say hello to some very friendly farm animals! We even got to have a run around on the field afterwards.

Summer Term Movie Night

Friday, Jul 10 at 3:20 PM - 4:30 PM

Movie TBC

Key Information:

Tickets are only required for Moss Lane pupils attending (no siblings from outside of the school allowed).

Popcorn, sweet and salty popcorn (vegan/gluten-free) and Bob Snail fruit rolls will be provided as snacks. No external snacks are permitted.

There is no requirement to pick up children at 3:20pm. By booking tickets in advance, attendees' details will be provided to teachers, and they will be taken directly to the hall at the end of the school day. You are not required to download tickets etc.

Please note: Teachers are unable to facilitate children bringing in pyjamas/blankets/cushions.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Someone special

Our Someone Special Morning on Friday was a wonderful celebration, and it was fantastic to see so many of the children's male role models joining us. The children thoroughly enjoyed spending time together, particularly taking part in the rock-painting activities. Many of the beautifully decorated rocks have since been hidden in and around Godalming for others to discover and enjoy. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the morning so special. While the event took place around Father's Day, we call it our Someone Special Morning to celebrate all the positive role models who play such an important part in our children's lives. We are grateful for the support, encouragement and care that these special people



Charterhouse Books

As part of our valued local partnership, Sixth Form students from Charterhouse School visit us each week to support our children with their reading. Their enthusiasm, commitment and positive encouragement have made a real difference, helping to develop both confidence and a love of reading. This term, the students have also worked hard to raise funds to purchase a beautiful selection of new books for our children to enjoy. We are incredibly grateful for their generosity and kindness and would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the students involved for their continued support of our school community.

Yr 2 Dance

Our Year 2 children have been thoroughly enjoying a six-week dance project led by Mrs Devine and her college students. Throughout the project, the children have been developing their creativity, confidence and teamwork skills as they work together to create and refine their own dance performance. The project will culminate in a special performance at their Leavers' Assembly, where they will have the opportunity to showcase all their hard work and achievements. I cannot wait to see the final performance and celebrate the children's creativity and dedication.

Staffing

As we start to come to the end of another successful year, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to our Clerk to the Governors, Pam Langridge, for her dedication, professionalism and hard work. Her support has been invaluable in ensuring the smooth and effective running of our governing body, and we are extremely grateful for the time and commitment she has given to Moss Lane. We wish her every success and happiness for the future.

At the same time, we are delighted to welcome Emma as our new Clerk to the Governors. We look forward to working with her and know she will be a wonderful addition to our school community. We wish Emma a very warm Moss Lane welcome as she begins her new role.

New Bees for September 2026



On Tuesday, we held our New Bees Welcome Meeting, and it was fantastic to see so many families in attendance. We are incredibly excited to welcome our new children to Moss Lane and are looking forward to getting to know them and their families over the coming weeks.

Our Stay and Play sessions will take place on Tuesday, 30th June and Wednesday, 1st July at 3.30 pm, providing a wonderful opportunity for the children to become familiar with their new environment, meet staff and begin making new friends.

We cannot wait to welcome them and start their Moss Lane journey with us!



Crisis and Resilience Fund

The UK Government-funded Crisis and Resilience Fund is available to those on low incomes who face sudden financial pressures. It is currently in the process of being set up by Surrey County Council and partners across Surrey to determine how best to allocate this limited funding, which is lower than previous Household Support Fund funding, so that both short-term and longer-term initiatives reach those who need support the most. More information is available here: [Crisis and Resilience Fund - Surrey County Council](#)

In the meantime, a range of support remains available for families over the summer. There are details here [Support with food costs for families - Surrey County Council](#), including affordable days out, supermarket discount schemes, food banks and Holiday Activity Food Camps.

We are also awaiting further details on the UK Government's recently announced Great British Summer Savings scheme, which is expected to include free bus travel for children and targeted food tariff reductions. This great initiative will help families and children travel for less this summer. We are working with our bus operators and will provide more updates soon. Until then, remember young people aged 20 and under can also apply for a LINK card to get 50% off adult bus fares in Surrey.

More information: [Cost of living boost with free bus travel for children and targeted food tariff cuts - GOV.UK](#)

What's coming up this term ...

Tuesday 30th June

Bump up day
Stay and play New Year R 3.30-4.15 pm

Wednesday 1st July

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Saturday 4th July

Summer fair

Monday 6th July

Otters Woodland School

Wednesday 8th July

FGB 6.15 pm

Thursday 9th July

Open afternoon
2.15 pm-3.30 pm school families
3.00-4.00 pm open to everyone, especially new families



Friday 10th July

PTA movie night

Monday 13th July

An optional parents' evening if you want to talk about your child's report

Thursday 16th July

(Please note the change of date)

Leaver's disco

Monday 20th July

Leaver's Assembly

Tuesday 21st July

PTA break to the rule Day!

Wednesday 22nd July

End of term 1.30 pm finish



Important notices and reminders

Book Amnesty...

Our school library books are important to our children and us. Throughout the year, many books are lost at home or are not returned. These books are very expensive to replace so please join our book amnesty and return any books that you find at home that belong to us.

Club4 Holiday Activities Summer Holidays Fun 2026 Book Now

Give your child an unforgettable Summer with Club4, part of the national Holiday, Activity and Food (HAF) Programme. This initiative gives eligible children from Reception to Year 11 fully-funded high-quality holiday activities—all including a nutritious meal each day.

With 200+ locations across Surrey, there's something for everyone this summer. From high-energy sports and team games to hands-on cooking, creative arts, outdoor adventures and themed activities – Club4 camps are packed with fun.

Teens can enjoy dedicated days out, wellbeing sessions and even a free month's gym & swim access, while families can join relaxed stay-and-play sessions and exciting Leisure Centre activity days. Club4 camps are packed with fun-filled opportunities every Easter, Summer and Winter, giving children the chance to explore new interests, build confidence, make friends and create lasting memories in a safe and welcoming environment.

How to book:

- Bookings open on Tuesday 30th June – but why wait? Register your interest with activity providers today to make sure you don't miss out! You'll get an email one hour before bookings open, giving you early notice and the best chance of securing your preferred activities.
- Scan the QR code or click the booking link: <https://www.eequ.org/club4activesurrey>

Let's make this holiday active, joyful, and truly memorable for your child!
Club4 Team. Please see the attached guide for parents.

Spotlight on Safeguarding

Nut-Free School

If your child had a packed lunch, please remember we are a nut-free school, which also includes chocolate spreads. We do have children in school with allergies. **Also, do not include sweets, chocolate bars or flavoured drinks.**

Are you concerned about a child?

Please share your concern with one of our safeguarding leads:
Mrs Abbott, Miss Betterton, Mrs King and Mrs Forbes Patching.
If urgent and out of school hours please contact:

If you have a concern about a child or young person being abused or neglected, or an adult who is concerned about a young person's safety and wellbeing during the weekend or school holidays, please remember that you can contact Surrey Children's Services' Single Point of Access, also known as CSPA. Lines are open between 9 am and 5 pm from Monday to Friday. The telephone number for CSPA is 0300 470 9100; for out-of-hours emergencies, the number is 01483 517898.

Alternatively, please share your concern with one of our safeguarding leads.

- Mrs Abbott, Miss Betterton, Mrs King and Mrs Forbes Patching.

Children's Commissioners Survey

Please can families complete this survey with their children.

Good morning,

As Children's Commissioner, I am writing to ask any children or young people at your school to take part in my national survey, The Big Future. I am asking for your support in ensuring children and young people from your school take part here: <http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>.

It is crucial that I hear from children in every school and college, in every community, across the country. Without hearing from your students, their experiences, views and aspirations risk being missing from the national picture that will help shape future policy. At a time of significant change for children and young people, it is more important than ever that their views are reflected in policymaking. Through this survey, I can take the voices of your students directly to the centre of government.

I am asking you to share the survey directly with pupils through your school or college email systems, as well as with parents and carers across your wider school community.

I know that many schools have successfully encouraged participation by completing the survey during form time, tutor periods or assemblies. To make this as easy as possible, I have created a slide pack which can be found [here](#).

Schools with the highest response levels will be invited to attend my final Festival of Childhood, celebrating the voices and contributions of children and young people from across England.

To support you, I have created a pack of resources, including an introductory video, lesson materials and FAQs, all available on [my website](#).

As ever, thank you so much for your support.

Dame Rachel de Souza
Children's Commissioner for England

Reports

On Friday, 17th July, you will receive your child's end of year report. There is an optional parents evening on Monday, 20th July, set aside, if you have any questions about their report. This is not a normal parents' evening with a slot for each child; we only have limited slots available. Please speak to your class teacher after you have received your report about booking an appointment, if you feel this is necessary.



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.

End of the autumn term, December 18th at 1.30 pm.



Please see the school calendar for other school dates

[Moss Lane School Calendar](#)

Artist of the term

Summer 2026

Painting in the style of Alma Thomas art challenge.

In assembly this week, the children have learned all about the work of US-born artist Alma Thomas. Alma is famous for using bright colours and creating abstract art inspired by outer space and the natural environment.

She was a teacher before becoming an artist when she was almost 70 years old. Her pictures have been hung in the White House in North America.

I am challenging the children to create their own colourful, abstract artwork in the style of Alma Thomas. They could choose their own colours to create a circle picture in Alma's style, or look up at the day or night sky and create an abstract picture of what they see.

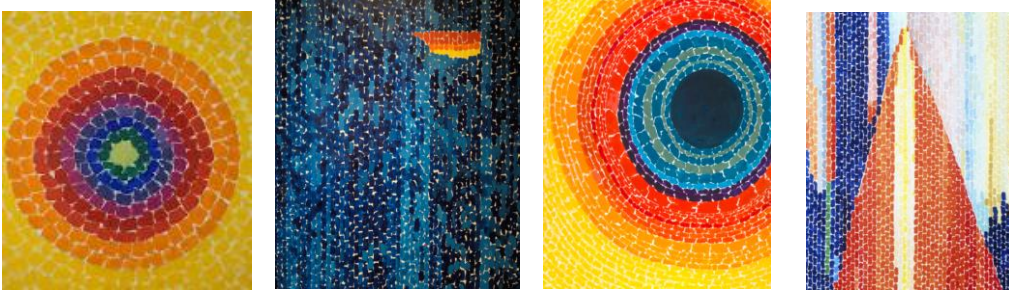
They can use dots and marks in colourful paints, coloured pencils, crayons, felt tips, or even make a colourful collage - whatever they choose, in bright, bold, cheerful and contrasting colours, as Alma did.

We will have a gallery of our Moss Lane artists' work in the hall for everyone to admire. The children should name their artwork on the back, and then either hand it in at the office or give it to me.

For more information on Alma Thomas, here is a short musical video to be watched with an adult
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tvnu-v9I-gM>

We can't wait to see the children's artwork! Thank you.

Mrs Smith (Art and Design and DT Lead.)



Toileting Support Webinar

A practical session for parents, delivered by NHS School Nursing teams. Get advice, tips and the chance to ask questions about supporting your child's emotional wellbeing and behaviour. Please note: if you arrive more than 5 minutes after the start time, you will not be able to join. Speak to our team if you aren't sure whether this event is right for you.

Call us 0300 247 0025 Email scfh.contact@hrcaregroup.com

To book various dates or book online using the link below.

<https://surreychildandfamily.co.uk/events/toileting-support-webinar/>

Emotional & behaviour webinar

A supportive session for parents of school-aged children, delivered by the Surrey School Nursing team. Learn about understanding your child's emotions, practical strategies to support them, how to build resilience and confidence, and where to get extra help if needed.

<https://surreychildandfamily.co.uk/events/emotional-and-behavioural-webinar/>

Getting Your Child Ready for Starting School

Starting school is a big step, and it's normal to feel unsure about whether your child is ready. School readiness means having the basic skills and confidence to take part in learning and manage everyday school life. You are not alone—there is help and guidance available to support you and your child.

<https://surreychildandfamily.co.uk/needs/getting-your-child-ready-for-starting-school/>

Charlie's Promise

Charlie's Promise is a local charity that was established in memory of Charlie, a local young man who very sadly lost his life to knife crime in July 2023 at the age of 17. On 15th August, Charlie's Festival will be taking place at Jubilee Fields in Milford. The event promises to be a fun-filled day for all ages, featuring live music, inflatables, games, food, ice cream and much more. At its heart, the festival aims to bring people together in support of young people and positive change within our community. This charity holds a special place in the hearts of the Moss Lane community, as Charlie's older brother, Adam, previously worked at Moss Lane, teaching PE and running our Breakfast Club. We wish the organisers every success with what promises to be a wonderful and meaningful event.

Charlie's Festival

When - 15th August, 12 noon - 10pm



Where - Jubilee Field, Milford, GU8 5HQ

What - Live music all day, with an amazing lineup. Fun for all the family, more food than ever, bigger prizes, more than ever before!

Why - For the local community to come together and remember Charlie and other victims of knife crime.

The Chandler Art Competition

Some Local School have their art work displayed at The Chandler School. You can go and view this artwork on Thursday 2nd from 5-7.