



Moss Lane School Newsletter

Friday 28th November 2025

Whole School Attendance

96.66%

Our value of the term



Dear Families,

This week, there is a growing sense of excitement in school as we begin preparing for our Christmas festivities! Song and play rehearsals are well underway.

It is important that your child arrives at school on time each day so they are ready for learning. We are closely monitoring punctuality and attendance, especially as our recent attendance data has fallen. In particular, we are focusing on children who are persistently late or arriving after the gates have closed. There is a clear link between good attendance, punctuality, and academic performance.

Our school day is as follows: -

- **8.40am** – Gates open
- **8.45am** – Children welcomed in
- **8.50am** – Gates close; registers taken
- **10.30am** – Playtime, fruit snack & milk (K2 timings differ from Reception)
- **12.05pm** – Lunchtime
- **2.45pm** – Assembly
- **3.00pm** – Story time
- **3.20pm** – Home time

The school gates will be locked at 8.50am each morning. Anyone arriving after this time must report to the main school office to be signed in, in line with our safeguarding procedures. We understand that mornings can sometimes be challenging and that congestion around the school can be an issue. Walking to school is a great way to avoid traffic where possible. If you need to drive, please remember to use the free school gold sticker given to every family, that allows you to park in Crown Court for 15 minutes at the start and end of the school day. Thank you for your continued support with this.

Thank you in advance for all your help with costumes and for supporting our Christmas events. It is a very busy time of year, so please keep an eye on your class eSchools page and the school noticeboards for updates.

Warmest regards,
Mrs Abbott

Children In Need

A big thank you to all families who donated to Children in Need last Friday and sent children in wearing yellow, spots or super heroes. We raised £123.20 for Children in Need!



Christmas Jumper (NB Change of date)

Now **December 19th** £1 donation.

Please come dressed in your Christmas jumper on the last day of term.



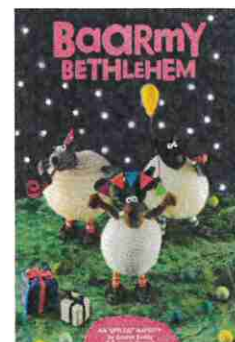
Christmas Post box

Each class room will have its own Christmas post box. In line with being an eco-friendly school we would ask that families send the class a Christmas card rather than individual children. Cards can be posted from Monday 2nd December in your child's classrooms.

Christmas Shows Important Information

Our Year R, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas productions are fast approaching! As always, every child will take part, and each performance promises to be a wonderful, "Love Actually-style" celebration of the festive season. To help the events run smoothly and safely, please take note of the following: -

- Tickets are required for entry. Due to fire safety regulations, no one without a ticket will be admitted.
- These productions are always very well attended. Please fill all seats and avoid leaving gaps so that we can accommodate everyone comfortably.
- As the children have worked incredibly hard, we kindly ask that younger siblings do not attend, unless they are babes in arms, to help keep noise to a minimum.
- Please ensure mobile phones are switched off during the performances.
- Only two adults per child may attend.
- Year R and Year 1 children will perform in both shows.
- If you are unable to attend your allocated performance, you are welcome to attend the alternative showing.
- If you are unable to attend, please hand your tickets back to the office so we can redistribute.



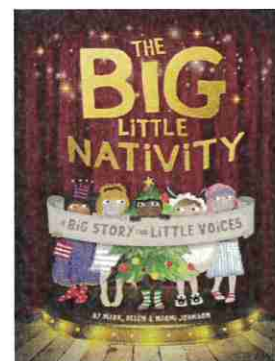
Performance Dates

'The Big Little Nativity' – Year R & Year 1

- Tuesday 16th December, 9:30am – *Year R parents invited*
- Wednesday 17th December, 9:30am – *Year 1 parents invited*

'Baarmy Bethlehem' – Year 2

- Wednesday 17th December, 2:15pm – *Year 2 parents invited*



What's going on in school...

Bees

Bees have enjoyed welcoming their grown-ups into school to help with Morning Challenges. Please sign up on the clipboards outside the classroom if you would like to help!

Year 1

Children have created wonderful watercolour pictures for the winter themed hall display.

We read the story 'Coming Home' for some inspiration. Don't forget that home learning is now shared via the class e-school page.

Year 2

Year 2 have been immersed in the topic of shape in maths. We had an excellent morning making a variety of 2D shapes out of lollipop sticks, straws and putty. We have also been very busy writing postcards this week to show off our pretend visits to an imaginary island. We have now begun to think about our Nativity show too, so do keep your eyes out for costume letters going in the bookbag soon.

Updating Pupil Information and Medical Details

It is essential that all the information we hold about your child is accurate and up to date. If there are any changes to personal circumstances—such as address, phone numbers or emergency contacts—please inform us **as soon as possible**.

We also ask that you keep us updated about your child's health. If your child has a medical condition that requires specific treatment or long-term medication (for example, asthma, epilepsy, diabetes, anaphylaxis or other allergies), it is vital that you complete a **Medical Treatment Plan**. This form is available from the school office. Keeping this information current helps us support your child's wellbeing and respond appropriately in any situation.

Struggling to access home reading?

We have a small number of devices that we are able to loan families to enable children to complete reading at home. If you feel you would benefit from this service, please speak to your child's class teacher or email Miss Betterton on: -

a.betterton@moss-lane.surrey.sch.uk



Supporting Your Child to Stay Safe

As part of our ongoing work on online safety and Staying Safe at school, we place a strong emphasis on helping children understand who they can talk to if they ever feel worried. You can support this at home by helping your child identify their trusted adults—the people they can go to whenever they need help or reassurance.

These trusted adults might include you and other adults at home, wider family members, school staff, or professionals from support services who are available to them. You might like to encourage your child to draw a picture or write a list of the adults they trust.

Please continue to remind your child that they can always speak to you—or another trusted adult—if anything happens online that makes them feel worried or upset.

A great way to stay informed about your child's online life is to explore together and talk little and often. Ask your child to show you their favourite apps, games and websites, and let them teach you how they work. This creates opportunities to have open conversations and to ask whether anything ever worries them online.

Most importantly, make sure they know they will not be in trouble for sharing their concerns and that they can always get help by talking to you or another trusted adult if something online makes them feel worried, sad or scared.

Talking to Your Child About Their School Day

Talking to your child at the end of the school day is a wonderful and important way to stay connected with their learning and experiences. However, some children find it hard to remember or describe what they've done.

Here are some helpful conversation starters you might like to try: -

- *Tell me something funny that happened at school today.*
- *Who did you sit with at lunch?*
- *What story did you hear today?*
- *Tell me about your playtime.*
- *Did you sing any songs or do any dancing today? Tell me about it.*

These prompts can help children open up and share more about their day in a relaxed and enjoyable way.

What's coming up

- **Saturday 29th Novmeber**
Godalming Festive Market – Moss Lane
Children singing at the Pepperpot at 10am
- **Monday 1st December**
Woodland School Hedgehogs
- **Thursday 4th December**
'Zoom' panto in school
- **Monday 8th December**
Woodland School Otters
- **Thursday 11th December**
Stagecoach Drama sessions all day
- **Friday 12th December**
PTA mini market in school
- **Tuesday 16th December**
Yr R & Yr 1 Christmas Show 9.30am
(Yr R Parents to attend)
Christmas lunch day
- **Wednesday 17th December**
Yr R and Yr 1 Christmas Show 9.30am
(Yr 1 parents to attend)
Yr 2 Christmas show 2.15pm
- **Thursday 18th December**
Mufti dress up Christmas parties
- **Friday 19th December**
Christmas Jumper Day £1
End of term - school finishes at 1.30pm

Inset days 2025-2026

- Monday 5th January
- Friday 13th February
- Friday 22nd May



Check out our online calendar
of events [Moss Lane School
Calendar.](#)

Social Media

Don't forget to visit our school Facebook page for more photos and information about things going on at school.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61564608047270>



Starting Reception Class in September 2026 or going to Junior School?

Over the past few weeks, I have been showing a number of families around our school. Our school tours have been popular and your children have made us very proud as I walk through the classes with our visitors. Parents and carers will need to apply for a school place if their child was born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022, or if their child is leaving Year 2 of an infant school in July 2026. Parents and carers can find guidance on [our Admissions page](#) to assist with the process of choosing and applying to schools for their child. Admissions close on 15 January 2026.

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions>

Safeguarding is everyone's business

A gentle reminder to families in the school not to enter any children's toilets. This is to safeguard yourselves. A reminder that all children say goodbye to their grownups on the playground. This is to help with children's independence. Thank you for your support.

If you have any concerns about a child, please report to one of the DSL's as soon as possible the same day.

Our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) are: –

Lead DSL= Victoria Abbott (Headteacher)

Deputy DSL: -

Amy Betterton (Yr1)

Viki King (EYFS)

Gilly Forbes Wood (SEND/CO/HSLW)



New Technology

With Christmas nearly here and with some children receiving new technology or related games, here is a quick reminder of the importance of setting up appropriate parental controls.

Games/Consoles

- Check age ratings: look at the PEGI rating of any new games. Remember, PEGI rates the gameplay so whilst it is important to review age ratings, you must also check to see if it has any communication elements.
- If a game does allow your child to communicate with others, then adjust or disable the settings as appropriate to your child.
- On the device itself, set up applicable controls such as restricting spending limits and managing who they can communicate with.

Age Appropriate Content

Age	3+	7+	12 or 13+	16+	18+
Games and Apps	Jolly Phonics	Roblox	Super Smash Bros	WhatsApp	Grand Theft Auto
	FIFA	Minecraft	Overwatch	Vimeo	Battlefield
	Mario Kart	Lego Worlds	Fortnite	Call of Duty	Meet Me
	Just Dance	Jail Break	Instagram		Monkey
	Club Penguin	Angry Birds	Snapchat		Tinder
	Purple Mash	Bin Weevils	YouTube Account		
	Espresso	Among Us	Facebook		
	Animal Crossing		Pokemon Go		
			TikTok		

Follow the links below to find out how to set up Parental Controls for some devices here: -

Xbox: <https://www.xbox.com/en-GB/family-hub>

PS5: <https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/support/account/ps5-parental-controls-spending-limits/>

Nintendo Switch: <https://www.nintendo.co.uk/Hardware/Nintendo-Switch-ParentalControls/Nintendo-Switch-Parental-Controls-1183145.html>

We know that it can be hard to say no to certain games particularly when children have older siblings but we urge you to consider what is and is it appropriate for your child based on the information above. Please bear these ratings when buying computer /video games for Christmas presents.

Reaching Out This Christmas

With Christmas fast approaching, we understand that whilst it can be a very exciting time, we also appreciate that it can put added pressure on families. If you are worried about anything this festive season, we want you to know that we might be able to support you via local charities. For example, the types of things we might be able to help with include:

- If you are worried about not being able to afford to buy your child a present this Christmas.
- If you are concerned about not having enough money for food.
- If you are worried about your mental health, please do not suffer in silence.



Please do reach out to Mrs Forbes Patching or any member of the school team. We are here to listen and will do our very best to support you and your family. Let's take the stigma away from asking for help. We are a community, and it is important that we all have someone to lean on.

Exercise for children

Research indicates that inactive children are likely to become inactive adults, putting young people at risk of developing conditions as they grow up and become adults. This is why it is important to encourage exercise and keeping fit from a young age. We would like to sign post you to links that may support increased activity outside of school: GOSH – exercise for children and young adults, Change4Life and the NHS Live Well website.

<https://family-action.org.uk/get-support/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/>

Cost of living support

We know that times are challenging with regard to the cost of living and the current energy crisis. We have attached some links that might signpost you to local agencies that might be able to support you. We are also signposting you to some websites that might support you to compare prices – click on the blue words to take you to the websites. Comparing grocery prices at trolley.co.uk; 'superizon' which can be found on Google Play or Apple's App Store (Please note there is no standalone website for this you have to download the App) and finally a website for bargains in food, fashion, books, home and other areas – LatestDeals.co.uk. We would like to point out that school is not endorsing any of the sites and is just signposting you to possible sites that might be able to support you and your family.

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/community/surrey-crisis-fund>

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/health-and-welfare/support/financial-support/household>

<https://moneysavingcentral.co.uk/supermarket-comparison>

<https://www.latestdeals.co.uk/>

Free School Meals & Pupil Premium Pupil

Premium money is paid to school for six years from registration and is a vital source of support for parents and schools. If your household income ever, even for a very short time, falls below £16,190, you can make an application for Free School Meals which if eligible, in turn entitles your child to Pupil Premium. Please contact the school if this applies to you.



LOCAL EVENTS

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL MARKET – SATURDAY, 29TH NOVEMBER

Godalming Town Council invites you to visit Godalming and enjoy this year's Christmas Festival Market on Saturday, 29 November from 10am to 4.30pm. Meet our special guest character and enjoy the FREE Santa's Grotto (gift included). Spend the day in one of the prettiest towns in Surrey where you'll find lots of stalls for all your Christmas present ideas in the High Street and Church Street as well as traditional Christmas food. Buy a handcrafted gift, jewellery or decorations from a local producer and sample yummy foodie treats. The festival is free to enter so browse around the town and soak up the festive atmosphere. Enjoy delicious artisan street food and drink as you also visit the superb range of independent shops who will be set to welcome you. There will also be live entertainment with festive music and performances for our Christmas Festival Market which will include a myriad selection of stalls for you to purchase Christmas gifts.



Bluey will be appearing at 29 Church Street, Godalming at:
11.00am, 12.00 Noon, 1.00pm, 2.00pm, and 3.00pm



NB: YR1 AND YR 2 MOSS LANE CHILDREN WILL BE SINGING AT THE PEPPERPOT AT 10AM

We look forward to welcoming you and your family to Godalming. Enjoy the Day!

Farncombe Christmas Lights Switch-on

December 5th
4:30pm - 6:00 pm



Farncombe Christmas Market

December 6th
1.30pm-4.00pm
Farncombe Station Carpark



ChoirBLAST Does Christmas

December 14th
5:30 PM - 10:00 PM
At Godalming United Church, Bridge Road



Writing to Father Christmas

Dear Children,
Are you looking forward to Christmas this year? I certainly am! Christmas is a very exciting but busy time for me.

The elves are busy making toys. The reindeer are practising their sleigh runs, and I'm busy preparing my list of who's been good.

I will be getting my sleigh ready for the long journey on Christmas Eve. In between I will try and reply to as many of you as possible.

Please send your letters to:
Santa/Father Christmas
Santa's Grotto
Reindeerland
XM4 5HQ

