



## Moss Lane School Newsletter

15<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Whole School  
Attendance  
for the year  
94.63%

Dear Families,

It is important to ensure that your child is in school on time to get ready for learning. We are monitoring and tracking this especially as low attendance is part of our schools SDP. There is a direct link with attendance, lateness and performance. With this in mind, the school gates will be closed at 8.50am. Anyone arriving after this time must report to the main school office so that they can be signed in as part of our safeguarding procedures. I would like to thank you for your support with this.

This week I can feel a growing excitement around the school as we start to prepare for our Christmas festivities! Song practices have begun.

Thank you in advance for all the costume making and support for our Christmas events. It is a very busy time of year so please keep an eye out on your classes eSchools page and school notice boards.

Take care and have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Abbott

Headteacher

### Music Works

Today the children enjoyed a performance of Ukuleles from Music Works.



## Christmas Shows...



Year 1 and Year R children will perform in both shows.  
If you are unable to attend your allocated performance, please feel free to attend the other showing.

**Yr. R & Yr. 1 will be presenting 'Simply the Nativity' on Tuesday 17th December at 9.30am = Yr. R Parents invited**

**Yr. R & Yr. 1 will be presenting 'Simply the Nativity' on Tuesday 18th December at 9.30am = Yr1 parents invited**

**Yr. 2 will be presenting 'Born in a Barn' on Wednesday 18th at 14.15pm = Yr. 2 parents invited**



Every year, Yr. R & Yr. 1 and Yr. 2 puts on a Christmas Play for families. It's a bit like 'Love Actually' if you've seen the film - all children get involved and are integral to the Performance. Tickets are not required but we ask that you only attend one viewing so that we can ensure all families are able to view the production. This is typically a very "full" production in terms of audience space so please do make sure you fill all the seats and don't leave gaps...! The children will have worked very hard on their performances therefore to keep audience noise levels to a minimum we kindly ask that no younger siblings attend unless babes in arms. **Only two adults per child to attend.** Also ensure mobile phones are switched off during the performances. Thank you

## 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 4th December in your child's classrooms.

## Christmas Jumper

Please come into school in your Christmas jumper on Friday 6th December. £1 donation.

## Children In Need

A big thank you to all families who donated to Children In Need this Friday and the sent the children in wearing yellow, spots or dressed as super heroes. We raised £125.65 for Children In Need.

**Thank you**



## Talking to your child about school

Talking to your children at the end of the school day is wonderful and an important thing. However some children find it difficult to remember or articulate what they did. Therefore here are some ideas that might be useful:

- Tell me something funny that happened at school today.
- Who was sat at your table at lunchtime?
- What story did you hear today?
- Tell me about your playtime
- Tell me about a song you sang or a dance you did today



## **Gold assembly**

We would love to hear about your children's achievements outside of school, this can be anything from Beavers or Rainbows, sports achievements like player of the match awards, music or dance - anything at all. Please email the office so Mrs Abbott can celebrate in Fridays Gold assemblies.



## Admissions 2025....

**Primary, infant and junior school admissions for school places in 2025 opened this week.** Parents and carers will need to apply for a school place if their child was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021, or if their child is leaving Year 2 of an infant school in July 2025. Parents and carers can find guidance on [our Admissions page](#) to assist with the process of choosing and applying to schools for their child. Please share this with parents and carers via your newsletters. Admissions close on 15 January 2025.

## Important dates

**4<sup>th</sup> November** – You can apply online for a school place

**15<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025** – Closing date for primary applications, but early applications are welcomes.

**16<sup>th</sup> April 2025** – Primary outcomes will be sent by post or email

**By 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025** – you must confirm if you wish to accept or decline the place you have been offered.

**By 20<sup>th</sup> May 2025** – if you wish to appeal, it must be submitted by this date.

## What's coming up...

**18th November**  
Bumble bees at Woodland School

**25th November**  
Honeybees at Woodland School

**30th November (SATURDAY)**  
Godalming Christmas Light Switch On –  
Year 1 and Year 2 singing at the  
Pepperpot at 10.30 am  
Meet at 10.15am

**2nd December**  
Foxes at Woodland School

**6th December**  
Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day  
PTA Christmas Decoration

**9th December**  
Hedgehogs at Woodland School

**13th December**  
Mini Market

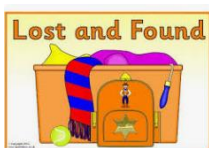
**17th December**  
Yr R & Yr 1 show 9.30am -Yr R Parents invited

**18th December**  
Yr R & Yr 1 show 9.30am – Yr1 parents invited  
Yr 2 show 2.15pm-Yr2 parents invited

**19th December**  
Father Christmas visits and parties

**INSET DAYS**  
**Friday 25 October 2024**  
**Wednesday 29 January 2025**  
**Monday 30 June 2025**

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December  
School Closes at  
1.30pm



**Check out our online calendar of events** <https://www.moss-lane.surrey.sch.uk/web/calendar/156581>

## Lost Property & Coats...

Now that the weather is changing, please ensure your child has a coat in school every day. Please name coats, scarves and gloves. All unnamed items if lost will go in the black lost property bin outside next to the scooter shed. This bin will be disposed of at the end of term so please ensure you claim any lost items by then.

## Operation Encompass

Our school is part of Operation Encompass which is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and police forces.

Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has been present/witnessed domestic abuse and the police have attended.

As a school we have ensured that a member of our staff, (Designated Safeguarding Lead) known as a Key Adult, has been trained in the Operation Encompass procedures allowing us to then use the information that has been shared, in confidence, to support the child/ren in our care.



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At Moss Lane School, I am that member of staff as DSL and Headteacher.

The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 identifies children who experience domestic abuse, are victims of domestic in their own right. We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

## Online Safety

In all our work on online safety with the children and in our work about Staying Safe at school a real emphasis is reminding the children about who they can go to if they are worried about anything. You can support your child identify trusted adults who can help them if they are worried. This includes you and other adults at home, as well as adults from wider family, school or other support services who they are able to contact at this time. Encourage them to draw a picture or write a list of their trusted adults.

Remind your child they can always speak to you or an adult they trust if anything happens online that makes them feel worried or upset. A good way to keep on top of what your child is doing is to explore together and chat little and often! Ask your child to show you their favourite apps, games and sites and encourage them to teach you how to use these. Ask them if anything ever worries them online. Make sure they know they won't be in trouble and can get help by talking to you or another adult they trust if anything happens online that makes them feel worried, sad or scared.



## Attendance/Leave of absence requests

It has been very disappointing to see increasing numbers of children absent from school, for holidays/birthdays/special days and to have received a number of requests for exceptional leave, over the past few weeks. As you will be aware, I am unable to authorise such requests, other than in truly exceptional circumstances. For your information, family holidays are not considered exceptional. The impact on the children, of missing time in school, should not be underestimated, both academically and especially at this age, socially. It is worth noting, a child with an attendance rate of 90% (20 days of absence), over the course of a year, is classed as persistently absent by the Department for Education. Please take note of term dates, available on our website, and organise holidays and days out, during school closure periods.

## Warm Welcome venues return to Surrey

Warm Welcome venues are open to all residents this winter free of charge. Whether you are old or young, live alone or with your family, feel like you are struggling or just managing to get by, a Warm Welcome awaits you. There are currently over 80 Warm Welcome venues across Surrey in a variety of community spaces including community and church halls, libraries and leisure centres. All you have to do is show up! Come inside, warm up, enjoy a hot drink and receive energy advice and much more. To find your nearest Warm Welcome visit [www.surreycc.gov.uk/warmwelcome](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/warmwelcome)

## Online Parenting Courses - Family Lives

Being a parent has never been easy. There are no manuals for it, and previous generations may not be able to provide the insight you're looking for. The family unit is more dispersed than ever, with some families existing hundreds of miles from what may be called a 'core unit'. The rapid pace of societal change in the UK rapidly outstrips the knowledge of the immediate past. The result is that many parents may find themselves lost in a maelstrom of contradictory advice. For adults, time has never been more compacted. Family Lives has produced a series of online parenting courses, to make this challenge a little easier. If interested please follow the link below:

<https://www.familylives.org.uk/how-we-can-help/online-parenting-courses> Family Lives offers a confidential and free\* helpline service for families in England and Wales (previously known as Parentline). They can be contacted on 0808 8002222 for emotional support, information, advice and guidance on any aspect of parenting and family life. Their website is also a rich source of useful support and advice. (\* Free from landlines and most mobiles)

## Free School Meals & Pupil Premium Pupil

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.



## Additional Needs and Disabilities (AND) Partnership Survey—Reminder

The Additional Needs and Disabilities (AND) Partnership has designed a survey for all parents and carers of children and young people with AND in Surrey. The AND Partnership want to understand your experience of accessing help and support related to Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in Surrey. They will use your feedback to improve local services that support Surrey's children with additional needs with their education, health (including diagnosis) and care. Take the survey <https://www.surreylocaloffer.org.uk/news/homepage/parents-voice-matters-survey>

**The survey closes at 23:59 on Sunday 24 November 2024**

The banner features logos for NHS Surrey and Borders Partnership, Mindworks Surrey, and Barnardo's. Below the logos is the text 'The children and young people's emotional wellbeing and mental health service'. There are four colored circles with text: 'Surrey Positive Parenting' (pink), 'Celebrating and Inspiring Children Who Do It Differently' (green), 'Out of Hours ADHD Helpline' (orange), and 'Schools ADHD Awareness Training' (blue). At the bottom is a green bar with the text 'Barnardo's Surrey Neurodevelopmental Services'.

**Are you a parent or carer in Surrey of a young person who presents with ADHD behaviours?**

No diagnosis required to receive support

**Our helpline is here to support you, no referral needed.**

**0300 222 5755**

Free to call, press option 4

**5pm-11pm 365 days**

**Our trained helpline practitioners are able to support with a variety of concerns.**

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|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Sleep Concerns              | School Anxiety             |
| Diet Concerns               | Screen Time Limits         |
| Friendships and Bullying    | Connections with Family or |
| Dopamine Seeking Behaviours | Siblings                   |
| Routines                    | Risky Behaviours           |

