



Moss Lane School Newsletter

Friday 14th Novmeber 2025

Whole School Attendance

96.41%

Our value of the term



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.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Abbott

Headteacher

Children in Need

BBC Children in Need 2025 is scheduled for Friday November 14th, 2025, and its theme is "Challenge Yourself to 25!" However due to Yr. 2 being out on that day we are marking it on **Friday 21st November**. This fundraising initiative encourages individuals, schools, and communities to participate in 25 challenges to help support disadvantaged children and young people across the UK. This year you For BBC Children in Need's 2025 Appeal, we're asking you to Challenge Yourself to 25! It's about choosing a fun sponsorable challenge – and doing it 25 times. You could walk, run or cycle their way to 25km across appeal week (10th-14th Nov), complete 25 acts of kindness or come up with their own '25' themed challenge!



On **Friday 21st November** you can come to school dressed in yellow, spotty outfits, or choose a super hero of your choice. Be creative as you like! Whatever you choose, wear something that will make your whole class smile! Friday 14th November! Recommended £1 donation.

Anti-Bullying Week

I thought you might like the names of the children who won the odd sock competition for anti-bullying week:

Overall winners - **Juno and Lyra Gill**

Honey Bees - **Rafael**

Bumble Bees - **Delilah**

Squirrels – **Chanel**

Foxes - **Arlo**

Hedgehogs - **Teddy**



What's going on in school....

Bees

Reception really enjoyed their visit from Huxleys Birds of Prey this week.



Year 1

Foxes had a super time at Woodland school. Everyone got stuck in toasting marshmallows, building dens for hibernating animals and making magic.



Year 2

Year 2 had a lovely morning visiting Charterhouse School for a special concert. The children were introduced to many instruments of the orchestra and got to listen, join in and sing along to many songs. Our favourite was a very fast song played on the xylophone!



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.

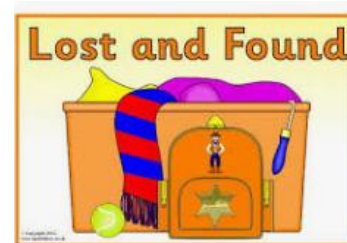
Attendance/Leave of absence requests

We have seen an increasing number 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.

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.

If you go into the second-hand uniform boxes, please make sure the lids are on correctly to stop the clothes getting wet.



What's coming up

- **Monday 17th November**
Road Safety Week
Woodland School - Honeybees
- **Friday 21st November**
Children in Need
- **Monday 24th November**
Woodland School Bumblebees
- **Saturday 29th November**
Moss Lane children singing at the Pepperpot at 10am
- **Monday 1st December**
Woodland School Hedgehogs
- **Thursday 4th December**
'Zoom' Panto in school
- **Friday 5th December**
Christmas Jumper Day
- **Monday 8th December**
Woodland School Otters
- **Thursday 11th December**
Stage Coach drama sessions all day
- **Tuesday 16th December**
Yr R & Yr 1 Christmas Show 9.30am
(Yr R Parents to attend)
- **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**
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](#).



Christmas Shows

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 will be required. Please only attend one viewing to ensure that 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. Also please ensure mobile phones are switched off during the performances. **Only two adults per child to attend.** Thank you
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 'The Big Little Nativity' on Tuesday 16th December at 9.30am- **Yr R parents** invited

Yr R & Yr 1 will be presenting 'The Big Little Nativity' on Wed 17th December at 9.30am – **Yr 1 parents**

Yr 2 will be presenting 'Baarmy Bethlehem' on Wednesday 17 at 2.15pm

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 Jumper

Friday the 5th December £1 donation.

Please come dressed in your Christmas jumper.



Talking to your child about school

Talking to your child at the end of the school day is wonderful and 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 lunch?
- What story did you hear today?
- Tell me about your playtime.
- Tell me about a song you sang or a dance you did today.

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>

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.



Admissions 2026...

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 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. Please share this with parents and carers via your newsletters. Admissions close on 15 January 2026.

Warm Welcome venues return to Surrey

Since 2022, Surrey County Council has worked with partners across the county to run our Warm Welcome scheme – these are local venues that residents can access for a free hot drink and other support services between November and March. Warm Welcome space is a physical space run by a community group, charity, organisation, or business, where people can come to:

- Warm up
- Get a hot drink for free
- Get energy advice and debt support
- Enjoy some social interaction
- In some settings also benefit from additional services such as free meals and activities

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

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 800 2222** 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).

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.



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.



What's on at Waverley Family Centre - Parent Drop in

We understand that sometimes families face difficulties and knowing where to turn can be hard to navigate.

We offer parents and carers access to a family support worker to discuss issues they might be facing and offer signposting and advice.

Thursdays 1.00 – 4pm

Waverley Family Centre

Pop in or call 01483 417157

Sensory Stay and Plays (All year round)

Tuesdays 9.30 – 11.00am - Hale FC

Wednesday 10.00 – 11.30am - Loseley FC

Run By Pond Meadow. Term time only Come and join our friendly sensory play sessions for children with additional needs. We regularly have early years support professionals on hand to offer advice and to answer any questions you may have. Suitable for children from birth to age 5. No need to book just turn up, siblings welcome.

After school Play session

Term time only

Wednesdays 2 - 4.30pm - Hale FC

Meet other families and enjoy activities at the Hale family centre. Snack provided.

No need to book, just turn up.

Community Support

Community Parent/Carer Hub – Hale FC

Meet other parents and carers every Monday morning during term time.

Monday 9.15 -11.15am

First Thursday Support group - Cranleigh Library

A support group for parents and carers of children with additional needs.

1st Thursday of each month 1.30 – 3.30pm

Action for Carers Hub – Hale FC

An opportunity to gain advice on all aspects of caring.

3rd Thursday each month 10.30 – 2pm

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Play session alongside home start and Hale Community Centre

Wednesday 10.00 – 12.00pm (term time only)

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Health visitor Weigh and Play – Loseley FC

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Health visitor advice and short-term breast pump loan service available.

Tuesdays 12.30 – 2.30

Home Start Groups:

Monday 12.45 - 2.15pm - **Ock Way Godalming**

Tuesday 9.30 - 11am – **Loseley FC**

Tuesday 12.30 - 2pm - **Rowleys Cranleigh** Wednesday 9.30 - 11am - **Hale FC**

Thursday 10 – 11.30am - **St Martins Farnham**

Available Courses

Parenting Puzzle

A nurturing 4-week or 10-week course. This course offers tips for happy family life.

Who's in charge

An 8-week course. This course is aimed at parents with children over the age of 8 who are struggling with child on parent violence. It offers practical advice on how to feel more in control and less stressed.

Talking Teens

A 4-week on-line course, practical and positive approaches to boundary setting and problem solving and keeping lines of communication open.

DICE

A four-week course, aimed at parents with pre-teens to help them navigate online dangers from sexting to grooming.

Baby and Me

A 4-week course in partnership with Talk Plus. Activities and techniques to help support parental mental health. For new parents and their babies under 1yr.

To book a place on one of our courses: Email: lisa.audain@barnardos.org.uk or Kathy.guy@barnardos.org.uk Or scan the following QR code



Call 01483 417157



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