



Moss Lane School Newsletter

Friday 10th October 2025



Our value for this term is
Friendship

Dear Parents /Carers

Well, we're into October already – the term is whizzing by! I am delighted to share some of the events and achievements that have occurred in recent weeks.

Despite the sometime miserable weather, our resilient children have continued to embrace woodland school outdoor activities with great enthusiasm, demonstrating their zest for learning. It's great to see the children settled in their new classes and how well our new Reception children have adapted to school life.

It has been lovely hearing our children practising their songs for Harvest festival. We are looking forward to sharing them all with you soon.

At Moss Lane we are proud to be constantly thinking about how we deliver the curriculum to our children. Last week was the start of Black History Month. (Wed, 1 Oct 2025 – Fri, 31 Oct 2025)

As part of our commitment to celebrate identities, embrace diversity and strive for equality, we are marking Black History Month at Moss Lane and this year's theme is 'Standing Firm in Power and Pride', which highlights the historical and ongoing contributions of Black people and encourages a future of empowerment and unity.



It is an opportunity to show mutual respect between nations and races as well as starting point to a broader perspective on race relations.

If you want to support your child further, please click on the link <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/curations/black-history-month>

World Mental Health Day October 10th 2025

This year's theme is 'Access to Services - mental health in catastrophes and emergencies'. The theme highlights the importance of people being able to protect their mental health whatever they're going through, because everyone deserves good mental health.

During the day the children explored a range of learning and activities that encouraged them to reflect, work together, strengthen **relationships**, and develop greater empathy and understanding. By positively sharing how they feel can help encourage their positive mental health



What's going on in school...

Bees

Bees have had a super week. We have started learning some poems - Leaves are Falling and Breezy Weather. You can find the words to these poems on our e-Schools pages. We also enjoyed our trip to the allotment and are looking forward to making apple crumble next week.

Year 1

Year 1 have been super busy exploring the story of Avocado Baby. They are writing their own versions and hope to read these to each other next week. There has been lots of hands-on experience in maths as children learn about greater than/less than and how to use a number line. Children have been busy learning their poems and songs for the Harvest Festival. Science has been all about exploring the senses: children used the vocabulary of sweet, sour, salty, bitter and savoury to describe different foods. They are looking forward to talking about the changes they see in the world around them as Autumn sets in.

Year 2

This week in Year 2, the children have been busy recapping prior learning about 'Toby and the Great Fire of London'. They have built on last week's learning, where the children turned the story into a story map using 'Talk for Writing'. Since then, they have carefully innovated their story and checked they have a good level of description using expanded noun phrases, such as the crackling flames. Now the children are writing these stories in full and carefully checking to see if they have included non-negotiables like capital letters and finger spaces.

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.

Moss Lane Gold Assembly



We would love to hear about your child's special achievements outside of school, this can be anything from getting an award at Beavers or Rainbows, sports achievements like player of the match awards, music or dance. Anything at all that is special let Mrs Abbott know and she will include it into our Friday assemblies.



Labelling School Items

A quick reminder to please ensure that your child's book bag, clothes and other items are all labelled. This makes it easier to reunite children with their correct belongings. Thank you.

What's coming up

Check out our online calendar of events

[Moss Lane School Calendar](#)

- **Tuesday 7th - 14th October**
Book Fair
- **Friday 10th October**
World Mental Health Day -Tea and Talk
PTA welcome coffee morning for new families
9.15am – 10am
Bake Sale after school
- **Monday 13th October**
Squirrels Woodland School
- **Wednesday 15th October**
Perform drama workshops
- **Friday 17th October**
Individual photos
- **Thursday 23rd October**
Harvest Bees and Otters
- **Friday 24th October**
Harvest Yr1 and Hedgehogs
PTA movie night
- **Saturday 25th Oct- Sunday 2nd November**
Half term
- **Tuesday 4th November**
Children back in school
Parents evening – 3.40pm – 7pm
- **Thursday 6th November**
Parents evening – 3.30pm – 5.30pm



Inset days 2025-2026

- Monday 3rd November
- Monday 5th January
- Friday 13th February
- Friday 22nd May

Speak to Mrs Forbes - Parent's Evening

Please do note that you are able to book an appointment to see Mrs Forbes our SENCo during our parent's evenings too. Although we always encourage you to speak to your child's class teacher first, Mrs Forbes is also available to talk to you about any concerns or worries you have about your child. If you would like to make an appointment please speak to the office.

Bikes and Scooters...

Can we also ask that bikes and scooters are parked responsibly. Please can I remind all families that children should not be riding scooters or bikes when on school premises. Please walk them through the carpark and playground.



Harvest Festival

You are invited to join us in the hall for our annual Harvest Festival celebration on: -

23rd October at 9.15am = For Bees and Otters families

24th October at 9.15am = For Year 1 and Hedgehog families

Please note only 2 parent/carers per child and preferably no siblings

We also ask that your children wear **autumnal mufti on these two days**. (Any clothes that are red, brown, yellow, green, orange and red.)

This year we are raising awareness and requesting donations for The Godalming and Villages Community Store. It is supporting any local person in need of food and basics to live. The Store works closely with the Godalming Town Council and Citizens Advice Bureau to identify those in need and is entirely reliant on donations. Those in need come from all walks of life and age groups. Last year, we were able to take a car full of Moss Lanes donated items. Thank you.

If you are able to make a HARVEST contribution this year, please select from the following list: -Tinned meat meals (e.g., Fray Bentos pies),

Curry cooking sauces, Toilet roll & Kitchen roll,

Instant noodles (packets not pots please), Sugar Biscuits & Multi-pack crisps,

UHT Long life semi-skimmed milk, Washing up Liquid,

Tinned custard & Rice pudding, Tinned tuna & Dried pasta.

Any other non-perishable food stuffs are also welcome.

Pupils can bring their donations into school from **Monday 20th October** onwards and leave them on the table outside the office.

Any donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you



Safeguarding

At Moss Lane School we ensure that our children are safe and happy and aiming high. Included in that is our strong ethos of Safeguarding, making sure our children are safe physically and mentally. We are reaching out to our wider Moss Lane family in the hopes that you will be able to help us with a few areas where we can help keep our children physically safe.

- If the back door is shut under NO circumstances, should it be opened.
- Please ensure that the small red pedestrian gate is shut and bolted when entering or exiting the site outside of normal drop off and collection times.
- Do not let anyone follow you through the gate outside of drop off and collection times. We know that it can be awkward to ask someone to press the buzzer but it is important.
- Do not be offended if someone asks you to shut and bolt the side gate and / or someone asks you to press the buzzer.
- Please do not park in front of the red gates, even if you are running late or dropping off/ collecting outside of the normal times. Access through the gates is needed at all times.
- Please pass these important messages onto anyone who is dropping off or collecting your child.
- Please can I remind that no dogs are allowed on to school grounds even if carried in arms.

Thank you for your cooperation and helping us to maintain the safety of the children.

Are you worrying about putting food on the table?

If you ever need help with putting food on the table due to a family crisis, please pop in and speak to Mrs Abbott. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs Forbes-Patching (our Home School Link Worker) or pop into the Citizens Advice Bureau or local church and they will offer help. All these agencies can give you short-term access to the local food banks. Please do not worry about asking - we are all here to help.



Screen Time and Online Gaming

The internet is a brilliant resource for children and comes with many benefits. As parents it is always a difficult area to navigate and know what is right for our children. The most important thing you can do is keep an open line of communication with your child about what they are doing on screens if they have independent access to them. Be interested in what they are doing and ask them about what games they are playing if they are allowed to do so. As a rule of thumb, I believe that infant children should not be accessing any more than half an hour a day of screen time on a personal device. If you know your child is accessing a particular game online then there are excellent parent guides on the [internet matters website](#). This will help you decide if something is age appropriate and what settings you can set up to keep your child safe



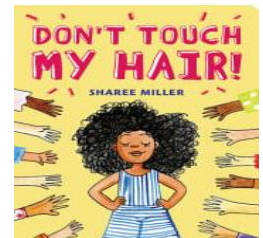
Here is our selection of the best picture books to read during Black History Month.



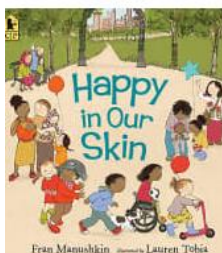
1. Sulwe by Lupita Nyong Sulwe tells the story of a young girl who wishes her skin was lighter. It inspires children to find the beauty within themselves.
2. I promise By LeBron James - is an inspiring picture book that teaches children their future success depends on the promises they make to themselves today.



3. Don't Touch My Hair by Sharee Miller- Don't Touch My Hair is an engaging picture book that teaches the importance of speaking up for yourself.
4. Brown: The Many Shades of Love by Nancy Johnson James- Brown: The Many Shades of Love a boy describes and praises the different shades of brown his family members have.



5. Bedtime Bonnet by Nancy Reed- Bedtime Bonnet is a heart-warming story that highlights Black night time hair traditions.



6. Happy in Our Skin- discusses the importance of skin and celebrates how diverse skin colours can be

