



Moss Lane School Newsletter

Friday 24th October 2025

Whole School Attendance

96.69%



Our value for this term is

Friendship

Dear Parents /Carers

A big thank you to all the families who generously donated items for our Harvest Festival, The Godalming food bank were absolutely blown away by the kindness of our community, thank you. This was a lovely event and the children sang and performed magnificently.

Christmas and End of Year Gifts

In the past, Moss Lane staff have been very touched by the generosity shown to them by parents at both Christmas and the end of the school year. However, given the times of austerity in which many in our local community currently find themselves and whilst not intending to do so we fear that this could place unnecessary pressure on some families. We would like to kindly request that Class Representatives no longer organise monetary collections where parents club together towards gifts. Instead, we ask that parents are left to make their own individual gestures of thanks should they choose to, and let you know that it is your kind words and written messages which mean the most to our staff in recognising all the hard work that they do

I hope you all have a lovely half term break.

Victoria 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.

Harvest

Thank you to all the parents who attended and donated food for our Harvest Festival. A special thanks to Jhenn Skivolock for making our beautiful Harvest loaf.



Perform Workshop

Last week children in KS1 enjoyed the Perform Workshop. They went on a magical journey to ancient Britain, inspired by the stories of Merlin. With the help of a funny 'dragon' the children got to make their own spells using opposite words. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves!



Parents' Evening

The first parents' evenings of the year for the Infant School are on Tuesday 4th (3.40pm-7.00pm) and Thursday 6th November (3.40pm -5.30). These meetings are an important part of understanding the targets set for your child and identifying whether there are gaps in their learning. We look forward to seeing you at the meetings. Each appointment will be for 10 minutes only, so if you feel that you will need longer, please see the class teacher concerned to make alternative arrangements. Due to the limited number of time slots available, there will be one appointment allocated per child; we are unable to offer multiple appointments. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school office. Mrs Forbes Patching our SENDco /HLSW is also available on Tuesday 4th November. Please book an appointment to see her via the office.



Odd Sock Day

Anti-Bullying Week 2025 will take place from Monday 10th - Friday 14th November, with the theme: Power for Good. We will start the week off with 'Odd Sock Day' on Tuesday 11th November. Showing that it is okay to be different. It's an opportunity to encourage children to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique. Please can your child come to school on that day wearing Odd Socks. No money required.



Toys...

We are seeing an increase in toys coming in from home which inevitably is causing problems in the classrooms. There is the risk of precious belongings getting lost or broken when they are brought into school, but also belongings from home are very distracting and cause a huge snowball effect with other children then wanting to bring their toys in too. Can we please request that toys are left at home, or goodbyes take place at the gates and toys go home with parents? Even toys that are safely zipped away in bags often find their way free so we want to remove the temptation entirely.

Practising skills at home

Please could I politely request that you continue to practise and reinforce toileting and handwashing skills at home with your children, where necessary? We are finding that an increasing amount of teaching time is being lost to supporting children with these skills.

Should you require any additional support in this area we are here to help! Please contact our SENDco/HSLW, Mrs Forbes Patching, via our school office, and she can signpost you to information / services that may be of use. Please may I also ask that you help your child to be as independent as possible when eating by modelling to them how to use their cutlery effectively. Thank you.

What's coming up

- **Saturday 25th Oct- Sunday 2nd November**
Half term

- **Monday 3rd November**
Inset Day -No children in

- **Tuesday 4th November**
Children back in school
Woodland School Squirrels
Parents evening – 3.40pm – 7pm



- **Thursday 6th November**
Parents evening – 3.30pm – 5.30pm

- **Monday 10th November**
Woodland School Foxes

- **Tuesday 11th November**
Odd sock day -Anti Bullying power of Good

- **Wednesday 12th November**
FGB resources 6.15 pm

- **Thursday 13th November**
Owl visit Bees

- **Friday 14th November**
Yr 2 charterhouse concert

Inset days 2025-2026

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

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

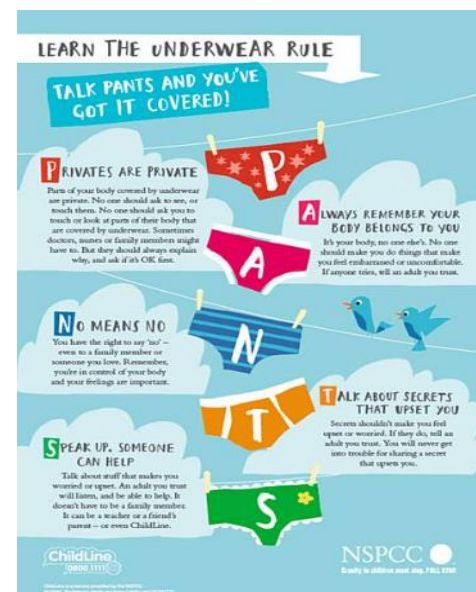


Safeguarding

There has been a raised profile and guidance for schools about how to protect children from **peer-on-peer abuse, sexual harassment and sexual violence**.

Sexual harassment can happen between two children of **any age** from infant right through to secondary school and college. Learning about healthy relationships is important from a young age. To safeguard children against sexual harassment, we have robust safeguarding education within our curriculum. Relationships and Health education provides opportunities for learning that equips all children with knowledge, understanding and skills related to personal privacy, respect and consent.

As a school thorough our PHSE curriculum we regularly discuss relationships, friendships, the **NSPCC 'PANTS' Rule**. Further details on how we respond to concerns can be found in our Safeguarding Policy on our school website. Should you have any concerns please see Mrs Abbott (DSL), Miss Betterton, Mrs Forbes Patching or Mrs King (DDSL).



A gentle reminder: please do not use mobile phones while on the school site.
Thank you



Home School Link Worker

We are very fortunate that at Moss Lane School, we have a HSLW (Home-School Link Worker) called Mrs Forbes Patching. She is also our school's SENDco (special need coordinator). Home school link workers work within schools to support families and encourage all children to enjoy school and feel happy and secure by bridging the gap between home and school.

Home School Link Workers can help: -

- children who are experiencing difficult times or are withdrawn or anxious
- parents/carers whose children are reluctant to attend school
- support parents/carers going through changes impacting their family life, such as
- illness, separation, domestic violence, bereavement, financial difficulties, disability
- parents and carers experiencing difficulties managing their child's behaviour

Their main aims are to: -

- work closely with the SENCO to support families
- help families where there are children with special educational needs
- liaise with outside agencies (school nurse, social care, CAMHS, health visitors, GPs)
- and signpost parents
- improve attendance levels
- help to reduce the number of times pupils are late for school
- support families in times of crisis by visiting at home or meeting in school
- share information from school with parents and other agencies

The Home School Link Worker can also: -

- support you at school meetings
- help you find your way through the education system
- help you with form filling
- guide you towards other sources of help, advice and support, including benefits,
- grants, parenting courses and local charities

We are looking for a Midday Supervisor. If you or any one you know would be interested, please see the advert in the link attached.

[Midday Supervisor Eteach](#)

Artist of the term

Autumn 2025

Drawing and painting in the style of Georgia O'Keeffe art challenge.

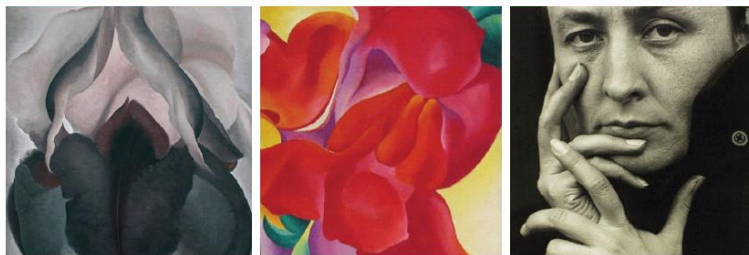
Our artist of the term for Autumn 2025 is the American painter, Georgia O'Keeffe. Georgia is famous for painting abstract works of landscapes but perhaps more famously her abstract images of flowers, painted very close up so that they can be viewed in a new and different way.

Georgia was inspired by the shapes and lines that she saw in nature, such as mountains and flowers, and pioneered a new, simple and modern way of painting. She used oil paints in vibrant, bold colours. Painting flowers at such a close range made people see them in a completely different way.

I am challenging the children to create their own abstract painting of something they see around them, such as a flower, a plant, a tree, a leaf or even a building, but to look very closely at it. The children might want to use a magnifying glass, or just their eyes to look really closely at it and draw or paint what they see. They can use paints, coloured pencils, crayons, felt tips, or whatever they choose, in bright, bold colours, like Georgia did.

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

For more information on Georgia O'Keeffe, here is are two short videos to be watched with an adult.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v3FFzPu97lo> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D4qQxpszEn0>

We can't wait to see the children's art work!

Thanks very much

Mrs Smith

Art and Design and DT Lead.

Godalming Library run some fun and exciting events over half term. Click the link to find out more.

[Godalming Library half term Events](#)

