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Moss Lane School Newsletter
Friday 13th November

Whole School Attendance
97.33%

Dear Families,

Welcome back! I hope you all enjoyed a lovely two-week half-term break and have returned feeling rested, refreshed and ready for what promises to be a busy but exciting half term.

As we settle back into our school routines, I would like to remind everyone of the importance of good attendance and punctuality. Arriving at school on time ensures that children have a calm and positive start to their day and are ready to make the most of their learning. Improving attendance remains a key priority within our School Development Plan (SDP), and we continue to monitor and track both attendance and punctuality closely. We know that regular attendance and arriving on time have a direct impact on children's learning, progress and achievement.

With this in mind, the school gates will close promptly at 8.50am. Any children arriving after this time must be brought to the main school office to be signed in, in line with our safeguarding procedures. Thank you for your continued support in helping us ensure that every child has the best possible start to their school day.

There is already a wonderful sense of excitement building around the school as we begin preparing for our Christmas festivities! The sound of children practising their Christmas songs is starting to fill the classrooms, and we are all looking forward to the many special events and celebrations ahead.

I would also like to thank you in advance for your support with costumes, preparations and the various Christmas activities. We really do appreciate the time and effort that families put into making these occasions so memorable for the children.

As always, this is a particularly busy time of year, so please keep a close eye on your class eSchools page and the school noticeboards to ensure you don't miss any important dates or information.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend, and here's to a happy, productive and festive half term!

Victoria Abbott
Headteacher

BBC Children in Need 2026 – Let's Make a Difference!



BBC Children in Need is back on Friday 13 November 2026**,** and this year's campaign is encouraging everyone to "Challenge Yourself" and help make a difference to the lives of children and young people across the UK. To show our support, we will be holding our own Children in Need celebration on **Friday 20th November**! Children are invited to come to school dressed in yellow, spotty clothes or wearing Pudsey Bear ears**.** Whether it's a splash of yellow, a spotty masterpiece or something wonderfully creative, we can't wait to see everyone joining in the fun! Why not take on an extra challenge at home too? The CBeebies Bedtime Stories Big Read is a fantastic opportunity to enjoy some wonderful books together and celebrate the magic of reading. How many stories can you share? We kindly ask for a suggested donation of £1 to support BBC Children in Need. Every contribution, however big or small, will help make a positive difference to children and young people who need it most.

For more information and inspiration, please visit:
https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/curations/children-in-need

Thank you, as always, for your generosity and support. Let's fill our school with spots, smiles and kindness for a fantastic cause!

What's going on in school...



Bees

Bumblebees had a fantastic time at their first woodland school. They had great fun building dens and nests. Some special bird visitors and their handlers come to visit all of the Bees later in the week. We saw owls and hawks fly in the hall and everyone had a chance to hold a very beautiful clam owl called Topaz.

Year 1

Year 1 have been very busy making maps of Moss Lane School for Geography. Both Foxes and Squirrels have had to think carefully about which parts of the school they want to include, before creating a bird's eye view map. We also discovered what a compass is and why it was important to include compass directions on a map.

Year 2

Year 2 have begun to learn the songs for the Christmas production 'Born in a Barn'. They have also been writing setting descriptions using expanded noun phrases.

Christmas Shows-Important Information for Families

One of the highlights of our school year is our wonderful Christmas productions! Each year, our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children take to the stage to share some festive magic with their families.

A little like the film *Love Actually*, our productions bring together lots of different characters and moments, with every child playing an important and valued part. The children and staff work incredibly hard to prepare these performances, and we know how special it is for families to come along and celebrate their achievements. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to enjoy the shows, we kindly ask all families to follow these arrangements:

- **Tickets are essential:** A maximum of **two adults per child** may attend. Unfortunately, anyone without a ticket will **not** be admitted.
- **One performance per family:** Please attend only one showing so that we can accommodate as many families as possible.
- **Seating:** Our Christmas performances are always extremely popular, and space is limited. Please fill all available seats and avoid leaving gaps so that we can make the most of our seating capacity.
- **Younger siblings:** To help keep distractions and audience noise to a minimum, we kindly ask that younger siblings do not attend, with the exception of babes in arms.
- **Mobile phones:** Please ensure that mobile phones are switched off or silenced throughout the performance so that everyone can enjoy the show without interruptions.

We appreciate that these arrangements may feel a little restrictive, but they are in place to ensure that every family has a fair opportunity to see their child perform and that the children can enjoy their special moment on stage with as few distractions as possible. Thank you for your understanding, cooperation and continued support. We cannot wait to welcome you to what promises to be a truly magical celebration of Christmas, filled with singing, smiles and plenty of festive cheer!

Year 1 and Year R children will perform in both shows.

'Simply the Nativity' – Year R & Year 1

• Tuesday 15th December, 9:30am – **Year R parents invited**

• Wednesday 16th December, 9:30am – **Year 1 parents invited**

'Born in a Barn' – Year 2

• Wednesday 16th December, 2:15pm – **Year 2 parents invited**

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 Tuesday 1st December in your child's classrooms.



Christmas Jumper

Friday the 4th 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.

Free School Meals & Pupil Premium Pupil



Eligibility Criteria

Schools receive the grant based on specific groups of eligible pupils recorded in school censuses:

- **Free School Meals (FSM) Ever 6**: Pupils who are currently eligible for free school meals or have been recorded as eligible at any point in the last 6 years.
- **Looked-After Children (LAC)**: Children who are looked after by a local authority under the terms of the Children Act 1989.
- **Previously Looked-After Children (PLAC)**: Children who ceased to be looked after by a local authority in England and Wales because of adoption, a special guardianship order, or a child arrangements order.
- **Service Pupil Premium (SPP)**: Pupils whose parent(s) are serving in the regular UK armed forces, are on full commitment as part of the full-time reserve service, are in the armed forces of another nation stationed in England, or died while serving in the armed forces (provided they were registered as a service child in the past 6 years).

Admissions 2027...

Primary, infant and junior school admissions for school places in 202 opened this week.

Parents and carers will need to apply for a school place if their child was born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023, or if their child is leaving Year 2 of an infant school in July 2027. 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 2027.

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 1 November 2026 to 31 March 2027. No booking is required—you can just turn up.

What is Provided:

- A warm, safe, and inclusive space to spend time.
- Free hot drinks (such as tea or coffee).
- Opportunities to socialise and connect with others in the local community.
- Energy advice and signposting to financial, welfare, or wellbeing support services.
- Additional activities at many locations, such as craft workshops, free Wi-Fi, computer access, or community fridges.

Where to Find a Venue

Over 100 community spaces participate across Surrey, including local libraries, church halls, community centres, and leisure facilities. You can find your nearest location using the Surrey County Council Warm Welcome Interactive Map or check the List of Warm Welcome Venues.



Safeguarding

Online Safety – Helping Children Stay Safe and Feel Supported

Keeping our children safe, both in school and online, is something we take very seriously. As part of our ongoing learning about online safety and *Staying Safe*, we regularly remind children of one very important message: if something makes them feel worried, uncomfortable or upset, there is always a trusted adult they can talk to.

You can help reinforce this message at home by talking to your child about the adults they trust and who they could turn to if they needed help. These might include parents, grandparents, other family members, teachers or familiar adults in school. Why not try a simple activity together?

Encourage your child to draw pictures or make a list of their 'trusted adults'. This is a lovely way to start a conversation and help children recognise that they have people around them who will listen, support and help them. With technology playing an increasing part in children's lives, it is also important to take an interest in what they are doing online. One of the best ways to do this is through regular, relaxed conversations rather than waiting until something goes wrong.

Ask your child to show you their favourite games, apps or websites. Let them be the expert and teach you how they work! This not only helps you understand their online world but also creates opportunities to talk naturally about staying safe.

Most importantly, remind your child that they will never be in trouble for telling you about something they have seen or experienced online that makes them feel worried, sad, frightened or uncomfortable. Reassure them that they can always come to you or another trusted adult, and that you will listen and help.

By working together, both at home and at school, we can help children develop the confidence, knowledge and skills they need to navigate the online world safely. Our message to every child is simple: If something doesn't feel right, tell someone you trust. You will always be listened to, and you are never alone.

Operation Encompass – Supporting Children and Families

At Moss Lane School, the safety, wellbeing and happiness of every child are at the heart of everything we do. We would like to remind families that our school is part of Operation Encompass, a national safeguarding initiative that works in partnership with schools and police forces to support children who have experienced or witnessed domestic abuse.

Operation Encompass
Supporting children and young people exposed to domestic abuse

Through Operation Encompass, the police share relevant information with a school's trained Key Adult, normally before the start of the next school day, when officers have attended a domestic abuse incident involving a child or young person.
This early sharing of information enables schools to provide timely, sensitive and appropriate support to children who may have been affected by difficult or distressing experiences at home.

At Moss Lane School, I am the trained Operation Encompass Key Adult in my role as Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL). Any information shared with the school is treated with the utmost sensitivity and confidentiality and is used solely for safeguarding purposes and to ensure that the child receives the care, understanding and support they may need.

The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 recognises that children who see, hear or experience the effects of domestic abuse are victims in their own right. This is an important recognition of the emotional impact that domestic abuse can have on children, even when they are not directly involved in an incident.

As a school, we are committed to providing a safe, nurturing and supportive environment where every child feels secure, valued and listened to. Being part of Operation Encompass strengthens our ability to respond with compassion and understanding when children and families may be experiencing particularly challenging circumstances. Our priority will always be the safety and wellbeing of our children, and we firmly believe that working together with families and safeguarding partners helps us provide the very best care and support for every child at Moss Lane.

Online Parenting Courses – Free Support from Coram Family Lives

Parenting is one of the most rewarding experiences, but we all know that it can also bring its challenges! Children don't come with instruction manuals, and with busy family lives, changing expectations and so much advice available, it can sometimes be difficult to know where to turn for guidance and reassurance. At Moss Lane, we recognise that every family is different and that we can all benefit from a little extra support, advice or a fresh perspective from time to time.

Coram Family Lives offers a fantastic range of FREE online parenting courses, designed to help parents and carers feel more confident, develop positive parenting strategies and strengthen relationships with their children.
The courses are easy to access, can be completed at your own pace and are suitable for use on a phone, tablet or computer. Certificates are also available on completion.

Some of the courses available include:

- **Parents Together:** Practical advice on positive behaviour, communication, wellbeing and setting boundaries.
- **Bringing Up Confident Children:** Helping children develop confidence, resilience and a positive sense of self.
- **Let's Play:** Fun, practical ideas to support young children's learning and development through play.
- **A New Baby in the Family:** Supporting children and siblings as families welcome a new arrival.
- **Managing Challenging Behaviour:** Strategies for understanding behaviour and responding positively.
- **Supporting Family Relationships:** Guidance on sibling disagreements, co-parenting and navigating family changes. There are also courses specifically designed to support parents of teenagers.

How to access the courses
You can explore the full range of free courses and register online here:
https://www.coramfamilylives.org.uk/how-we-can-help/online-parenting-courses/
Coram Family Lives also offers confidential advice and support through:
Free Helpline: 0808 800 2222
WhatsApp Support: 07441 444125

We would really encourage families to take a look. Whether you are looking for advice on a particular challenge, ideas to support your child's development or simply a little reassurance, there is something for everyone.

Remember, parenting is a journey, and none of us has all the answers. Sometimes even the smallest new idea can make a big difference to family life.

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.
The Waverley Family Centre (run by Barnardo's with sites in Godalming/Loseley and Farnham/Hale) hosts free parent drop-in sessions for confidential advice, emotional support, and parenting guidance.

Parent Drop-In Times & Locations

- **Loseley Site (Godalming)**: Loseley Fields Site – Parenting drop-in available every Thursday from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM (Family Support Workers are on hand to talk through parenting challenges, boundaries, and family life).

Contact Information

- **Phone:** 01483 417 157
- **Email:** WaverleyFamilyCentre@barnardos.org.uk

Loseley Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM		**Home Start Family Support Group** Referral or self-referral only 10.00am – 11.30am Term-Time only	**Mini Meadows Stay and Play for pre-school Children with SEN** 10-11.30am Monthly, Term Time Only	**Sport in Mind - Mother and Baby Yoga for Wellbeing** 10-11am, term time only	

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
PM	**Loseley Fields Youth Cafe** Trinity Trust Team Loseley Family Centre 6.30pm- 8pm (term-time only) Contact: andy@trinitytrustteam.co.uk	**Child Health drop-in** Health Visitors Service 12.30pm - 2.30pm Child Health Drop-in	**Perinatal Group** 1-2.30pm Term-Time only	**Parenting drop-in** Call in for advice and support 1-4pm, every Thursday. Family Support Workers available to talk through parenting challenges.	**Elysian Outreach Waverley Hub** 12-2pm, term time only 1:1 and Group Sessions available. Contact the family centre or Elysian for more details.

What's coming up



Friday 13th November
PTA movie night details to follow 3.20-4.30pm

Monday 16th November
Woodland - School Honeybees
Anti-Bullying Week- 'Break the Silence
Road safety week



Tuesday 17th November
ODD sock day

Thursday 19th November
Parent Tour

Friday 20th November
Flu Vaccinations in school
Children in Need Mufti
After school PTA bake sale (remember to add al list of your ingredients)



Monday 23rd November
Woodland School - Hedgehogs



Tuesday 24th November
Parent Tour
FGB (Full Governing body Meeting) 6.15pm

Saturday 28th November
Moss Lane singing at the Pepperpot 10am
Godalming Christmas Fair

Inset days 2026-2026

- Friday 12th February
- Friday 12th April
- Friday 28th May

Monday 30th November
Woodland School – Otters



Thursday 3rd December
Parent Tour
Pantomime 'The Hare and the Tortoise'

Friday 4th December
Christmas dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

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

Monday 7th December
Woodland School – Foxes

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

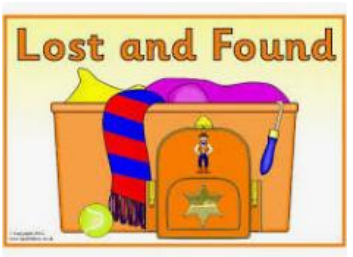
Gold assembly

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.

Join Our PTA



Our PTA plays such an important part in school life, helping to organise wonderful events for the children and raising valuable funds to provide additional opportunities and resources for our school. We would particularly love to welcome new families to get involved this year. Joining the PTA is a great way to meet other parents and carers, become part of the Moss Lane community and make a real difference to the children. There is no expectation to commit lots of time — whether you can help at an occasional event, share an idea or become more regularly involved, every contribution is greatly appreciated. Please do consider getting involved; new faces and new ideas are always very welcome!

Email: ptamosslane@gmail.com

Thank you for your continued support of our school community.

Stripey Stork's School Days service

Stripey Stork's School Days service, provides practical support for families experiencing financial hardship.
Funded by Surrey County Council through the Crisis and Resilience Fund, the service helps children and young people access essential items needed for school, including:
School uniform (non-logoed)
School shoes and trainers
PE kit
Backpacks and stationery
Hygiene packs

The service is available for children and young people aged 0-18, and as a school we can make a referral. We can also request larger stocks of items to hold on site where there is identified need. If you are interested in this service please speak to Mrs Abbott or Mrs Forbes Patching