



Moss Lane School Newsletter

Friday 12th September 2025



Our value for this term is
Friendship

Dear Families,

A very warm welcome back to the Autumn term — and an especially warm welcome to all our new children, staff, and parents. I hope you had a lovely summer full of fun and adventure! We are incredibly proud of our caring community here at Moss Lane, and I'm sure it won't take you long to feel right at home.

It's been wonderful to see the children and staff after the summer break. Everyone looks so smart in their school uniforms, and it's amazing to see how much the children in Year 1 and Year 2 have grown! They've come back beautifully, full of enthusiasm and ready to learn.

A special welcome to our new Bees, who have made a fantastic start to their school journey. We're really looking forward to getting to know them, and I hope you enjoy being part of the Moss Lane family

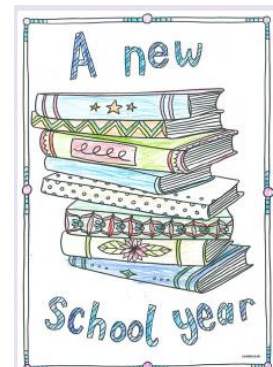
We have a very busy term ahead, so please do check and empty your child's book bag daily. Don't forget to download the **eSchools App** if you haven't already — it's the best way to stay up to date. For more information about important dates, clubs, the Governing Body, and the PTA, please visit our school website. Most of the information you'll need about school life can be found there, but if you need anything else, the school office will be happy to help.

This week in assembly, we've been reflecting on our school vision:

"Safe and happy, aiming high!"

We've also been talking about our three golden rules:

- **Be Ready**
- **Be Respectful**
- **Be Safe**



Our school value for this half term is **Friendship**. The children shared some lovely thoughts about what makes a good friend and how they can show kindness and support to others.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything, please don't hesitate to get in touch—we're always happy to talk. Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We're looking forward to a fantastic year ahead and look forward to all the exciting things we'll be doing together.

Warm regards,

Mrs Abbott

Headteacher

What's going on in school...

Bees

Our new Honey Bees and Bumble Bees have made an excellent start to school. They have enjoyed playing in their classrooms, visiting the snack cafe, playdough, Lego, painting and of course playing on the outdoor equipment! We are very impressed with how calmly they come into school in the mornings and it is wonderful to see the new friendships that are developing. They are all looking forward to staying for lunch next week!



Year 1

Year 1 have settled very well back at school and have been enjoying learning about their first topic Busy Bodies. Foxes and Squirrels have been sharing ideas of what makes a good friend. Children have had great fun labelling body parts, singing 'Heads, Shoulders Knees and Toes'. We have been working hard to ensure we know how to represent numbers to 10 and sorting objects into groups.



Year 2

Otters and Hedgehogs have made a wonderful start to the school year. The children in year two have been learning about the Great Fire of London. Miss Fox and Miss Clare are extremely proud of how all the children have transitioned to year two.

Day Timings

8.40am=Gates open

8.45am=All year groups called in

NB: All children should be in school by 8.50am after this time they must be signed in at the office

12.05pm-1.00pm=Lunch Time 3.20pm=Home time

Front Gate...

When entering and exiting school please check that the front gate is closed and bolted behind you. This is paramount to keeping children at Moss Lane safe. Please do not let people you do not know follow you in.

After School Clubs...

Please collect your child from the playground after their club.

Safeguarding...

The school's Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Mrs Abbott and the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (DDSL) is Miss Betterton. A DSL is available at all times. Please contact the Office if you have any safeguarding concerns or would like advice. If urgent and out of school hours please contact: Surrey C-SPA 0300 470 9100 cspa@surreycc.gov.uk

School office hours...

08.45am – 15.30pm

What's coming up

- **Monday 15 – 19th September**
Yr. R in school 8.45am – 1.15pm
- **Wednesday 17th September**
Welcome talks in the hall
Yr. R - 7pm
Yr. 1 – 6pm
Yr. 2 - 6.30pm
- **Monday 22nd September**
Yr. R in school all day
Yr. 2 Clubs start
Woodland school Otters
- **Wednesday 24th September**
Parent Clinic – 9-10am – please see the office to book a slot
- **Tuesday 30th September**
PTA welcome coffee morning for new families 9.15am – 10am



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

Inset days 2025-2026

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

Welcome Talks

WEDNESDAY 17th SEPTEMBER

The aim of these talks is to provide a brief overview of the year ahead with regards to general procedures i.e., home learning, reading and the curriculum.

Year 1 = 6:00pm in Otters
Year 2 = 6:30pm in Foxes
Year R = 7:00pm in Bees



Important Reminder...

Scooters & Bikes...

Please can we remind all children to walk bikes and scooters through the school car park and playground.



Playground equipment



Please can I remind all families that the play equipment is out of bounds before and after school. If you see your child on it, please ask them to come off.

Going home books...

These are blue books that are located outside the office for KS1 and in the classrooms for Reception. If for any reason you are unable to collect your child at the end of the school day, or if they are going home with a friend, please write this in the going home books. Teachers check these books daily. We will not allow a child to go home with another adult if it has not been written in these books. If you have any last-minute change of plans, please call the office so they can pass a message onto the class teacher.

Please do not email the school with changes to pick up arrangements as emails are not always read in time.

Drop-off and pick up...

Please make sure your child's carer /parent comes into the playground and waits with the child until Mrs Abbott calls the classes in. The playground is unsupervised at this time so **children must not be left unaccompanied** first thing in the morning.

If your child attends breakfast club please always ring the bell and a member of breakfast club will come to the door.

If your child arrives after 8.50am, please make sure you bring them to the school office to ensure they are registered for the day.

At the end of the day, please make sure you come into the school playground to collect your child. If you are late at the end of the day, please go to the office to collect your child.

Absence from school...

Please ring before 9.15am if your child is going to be absent for any reason including medical appointments. We can then ensure that their class teacher and anyone else who is affected by their absence is told.

If you are going to be absent from school for any reason, please fill an absence request form. Please provide evidence of a medical, hospital or dentist etc appointment. Absence for appointments should be advised in advance of the date wherever possible. Absence request forms are available from the school office or you can [download one from our website here](#). Absence from school for holidays during term time will be unauthorised except in exceptional circumstances.

If we do not know where your child is and haven't heard from you, a member of the leadership team will visit your home to determine where your child is.



I would like to congratulate two members of staff on their marriages over the Summer. Their new names are Mrs Forbes Patching (SENDco) and Mrs Culleton (Office). We also welcome Emilia Barnsdale Ward as a new member of the LSA team.



Illness

As we move into Autumn the children will be more prone to colds. To support the school, we would ask parents/carers to talk to their children about 'catch it, bin it, kill it'. Please show your child/ren how to use a tissue to blow their nose, remind them to place the tissue in the bin and then wash their hands. When sneezing the children should try to sneeze into a tissue or the crook of their arm and then must wash their hands. If your child is feeling unwell and has a high temperature, please keep your child at home and monitor them closely. If your child has a runny nose without a temperature, they should be in school.



Mobile phones

While we would prefer parents/carers not to use their mobile phones while at school, we recognise that this would be impossible to regulate and that many parents see their phones as essential means of communication at all times. We therefore ask that parents/carers usage of mobile phones, whilst on the school site is courteous and appropriate to the school environment. Please also remember that your child will want to greet you at the end of the day and share their news, so please try to be 'available' as they come out of their classroom.

Mobile phone use is not permitted when parents or carers are waiting in the school Office as this is a working environment. Posters are displayed in this area as a reminder.

We appreciate that parents will want to photograph or video school events such as shows or sports day using their mobile phones, but this is in the understanding that parents do not publish images (e.g., on social networking sites) that include any children other than their own. It is not permissible for parents to take photographs or videos at any other time on school premises.

We would really appreciate it if parents and carers would refrain from using FaceTime or any form of video calling whilst on site as this is a safeguarding issue potentially for other members of our school community.

Staff will challenge other members of staff/governors/volunteers/visitors/parents/ contractors who use their mobile phone whilst children are present. This will then be reported to senior staff and dealt with in accordance with the appropriate school policies.

Communicating with school

We have a very welcoming and open-door policy at Moss Lane School but there are several ways in which this can operate more effectively for children, parents and staff. As teachers welcome the children in at 8.45am, please avoid chatting to the teachers about issues, other than those that would impact on the well-being of your child that day. All other issues can wait until 3.20pm on collection after the class teacher has dismissed the class. Emails are not checked during the teaching day, so please do not expect a reply from the teacher immediately. It is far better to email things through to the office, where messages can be passed to the teachers at an appropriate time. info@moss-alne.surrey.sch.uk

School Uniform

Part of our approach to living our ethos is that all children wear and present themselves at school in a similar manner. Last year we saw several children coming to school pushing the boundaries in terms of jewellery, hair styles and accessories. Can we remind parents of the following expectations:

- All children should wear appropriate dark school shoes unless they have a medical reason not to do so.
- Hair that is long enough to fall into eyes should be tied up or a child should wear a plain hair band. *This goes for boys and girls.* If a child comes to school and their hair is hampering them accessing their learning, they will be given a simple elastic band to tie their hair up with.
- If worn, ear rings must only be simple studs.
- No necklaces, bracelets, rings or bangles should be worn to school.
- Hair bands should be plain and not 'ears', sparkly unicorn bands or anything similar.
- Nail varnish/tattoos need to be removed.
- Jumpers and other items of clothing should be labelled. Last year we accumulated a mountain of lost property. Naming items of clothing and also lunch boxes really help us to return items.
- On days when children have PE, they are expected to come in their PE kit, which includes the school sweatshirt.

Thank you for your continued support.



New guidance for families on Alternative Provision

In Surrey, we believe every child deserves the chance to reach their full potential. We are committed to ensuring that all children have access to high-quality, inclusive education within their local communities. Alternative Provision (AP) ensures children continue learning in a way that meets their needs.

In collaboration with parent/carers, Family Voice Surrey and Surrey's parent carer forum, we have created new guidance for parent/carers about AP [Alternative Provision explained - a guide for families - Surrey County Council](#).

This will help parent/carers:

- Understand what AP is
- What types of AP are available
- When and how a referral for AP might be considered

Unauthorised Term Time attendance

Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are Changing!

In a nationwide approach to improve school attendance following the pandemic, a new National Framework for Penalty Notices has been introduced. The following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after 19th August 2024.



Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice Fines will now be issued to **each parent** for **each child** that was absent.

For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave would result in **each parent** receiving **3 separate fines**.

5 Consecutive Days of Term Time Leave

Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for Term Time Leave of **5 or more consecutive days**. Inset training days are school days and can be included in the 5 or more consecutive days where there was **intent** for term time leave.

10 Sessions of Unauthorised Absence in a 10-Week Period

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of **unauthorised absence in a 10-week period**.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days

If it is paid within 21 days it will be reduced to £80

Second Offence (within 3 years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will be issued and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. **Magistrates' fines can be up to £2,500 per parent, per child.**

Cases found guilty in the Magistrates' Court can show on the **parent's future DBS** certificate due to '*failure to safeguard a child's education*'.

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Surrey Youth Theatre

Godalming



- Weekly Classes
- Performances
- LAMDA Exams
- Holiday Workshops
- After School Clubs



Surrey Youth Theatre welcomes young actors aged 4 to 18 years to meet new friends, gain confidence and develop their talent under the guidance of our experienced directors and coaches in a supportive environment.


Be a part of it!



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(Crown Court, Godalming)

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