

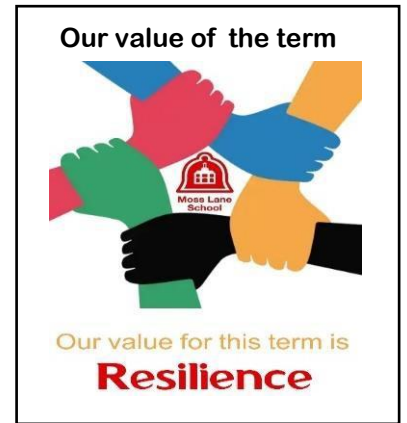


Moss Lane School Newsletter

Friday 22nd May 2026

Whole School Attendance

96.30%



Dear Families,

It has certainly felt like the summer term over the past few weeks—though we're not so sure now with the change in weather!

We have already been busy planning transition events for our new Reception children starting in September. At the same time, we are supporting our wonderful Year 2 children as they prepare to move on to junior school, while also planning how best to help all our remaining children take their next steps.

We've made the most of the warmer weather and have enjoyed being on the allotment and Woodland School at Witley Woods.

Parents also had great fun at the PTA quiz night, which helped raise additional funds to support the children. We had a wonderful time celebrating National Numeracy Day too, lining up the coins collected from our Smarties tubes as part of our learning.

It has been a great couple of weeks, and as always, we thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mrs Abbott

Headteacher

Lost Property

Please can all families make a concerted effort to ensure that all uniform is labelled. We are getting increasing amounts of lost property that we cannot store and have to dispose of.



Sunny Days!

As the weather begins to turn warmer the children will be spending more time outdoors, so please ensure that your child has a named sunhat in school every day – even if it appears cloudy in the morning! In addition, we would suggest that, if possible, you apply sunscreen at home each day. Sadly, we are not able to apply sunscreen to the children and although some are capable of doing this themselves, more often than not they end up in a terrible mess and, therefore, we prefer children not to bring sunscreen into school. Thank you.



Toys in school

Children **should not** bring toys from home into school. These are often the source of disagreements or upset when they go missing/get broken etc.

YEAR 2 SATS

Children have completed all their National Tests (quizzes). We kept things very low-key for the children so that they were relaxed and completed the assessments in a confident way. The outcome of the assessments will be used along with the teachers' judgements to form a teacher assessment that will be reported to parents in the children's end of year report.

I would like to say how proud I am of the children who have sat the National Tests over the last few weeks. They all rose to the challenge magnificently. Thank you for your support during this time.



BUMP-UP DAY

Tuesday 30th June 2026

On the afternoon of June 30th, the children will go to their new classes and meet their teacher and learning support assistants. Year 2 children will also have new school visits on that day. Your new school will contact you with information about this closer to the time.



If your child isn't having their new school visits on this date, children are still expected to come into school as we have activities arranged for them.

Year R and Year 1 children and parents will find out the evening before Bump Up day which class they will be moving to.

Bump up afternoon for all children is on Tuesday 30th June- this is where all children in Surrey visit their new school or class (private schools will vary). If you need any help regarding transition then please do not hesitate to contact us.

Year 2 Transition to Junior School

If your child is in Year 2, you should now have received confirmation of their Year 3 place. Schools will be in contact with both you and us to plan transition events. All Junior schools will liaise with our team to gather relevant information about your child's learning and any additional details that will support a smooth transition. This information helps schools to plan effectively for your child and to organise classes. You are of course, welcome to contact your child's new school directly if there is anything further you would like them to know. Bump up afternoon for all children is on Tuesday 30th June- this is where all children in Surrey visit their new school or class (private schools will vary). If you need any help regarding transition then please do not hesitate to contact us.

As we begin preparing for September, we know transitions can feel both exciting and a little daunting for children and families. Over the coming weeks, we will put in place routines and opportunities to help every child feel confident and ready for their next step.

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.

Quiz Night

A big thank you to the PTA for organising a fun quiz night. Rough profit from the night looks to be around £1000, which is brilliant. The winning team was, 'Reigning Champs' pictured below. Also, a huge thanks to Ed Dickenson (foxes), who was our amazing quiz master on the night.



Clubs

If your child attends any paid clubs within school, please can you ensure that it is written in the front of the going home books so that teachers are aware who is attending which after school club.

Club Pick Up

We would like to remind parents that children must be picked up promptly following any after school club as the school office is not manned beyond 3.30pm. If this is not possible, we do ask that you consider sending your child to KOOSA after school care club.

What's been happening in School

Yr R

Bees have had a super week and wowed their teachers in their phonics assessments! We have enjoyed completing our topic of traditional tales with our final story of The Gingerbread Man.

Yr 1

Squirrels had a great time in the woods and enjoyed some sun in between bouts of rain. Year 1 enjoyed a healthy eating workshop, as well as having a great time on Marvellous Maths Day.

Yr 2

This week Year 2 have been using their scientific understanding of animals and life cycles to create non-fiction leaflets about a chosen animal. We have enjoyed reading many interesting facts about a whole host of animals, from poison dart frogs to snow leopards... Did you know a platypus is the only mammal to lay eggs and they can glow in the dark!

We have also started talking about transition to junior schools. If families are interested in supporting their child further with this at home, please check out your class eschools page where we have uploaded some useful advice.

Marvellous Maths Day

The children had an amazing day on Wednesday for Marvellous Maths Day. Our coin line winners were Bumble Bees who had the longest line of coins, with Honey Bees coming in second place. We were wowed with 150 entrants into our Maths Quiz Competition and Mrs King enjoyed reading all of your answers. Well done to those who live at the far end of Pepperharow Road whose front door numbers helped them to achieve winning totals! Thank you to the PTA for their support with the Smarties tubes and to all our families for embracing the day.



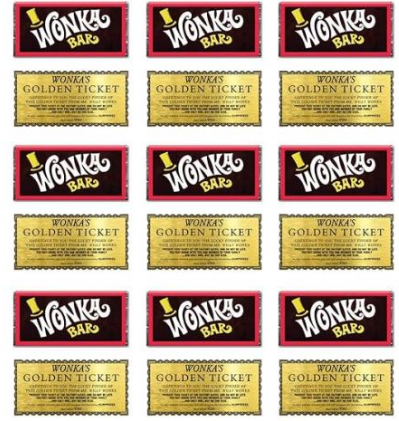
Golden ticket Winners

Last Thursday and Friday, I had the most delightful afternoons hosting my **Willy Wonka Chocolate Bar Golden Ticket winners** for a very special afternoon tea. It was an absolutely fabulous event, and my heartfelt thanks go to our wonderful PTA—Liz and Roxanne—who created the perfect tea-room setting complete with vintage napkins, plates, and a beautifully presented menu.

The children had hot chocolate with marshmallows, fruit squash and enjoyed an array of delicious finger sandwiches. We also indulged in traditional butter scones with jam and clotted cream, along with a delightful selection of confectionery treats.

It was truly wonderful to sit and chat with the children, hear about their plans for the summer and half-term, and learn more about the things they love to do. It was one of the loveliest afternoons I've had in a very long time.

Thank you, children, for being so wonderful—and thank you to the PTA for creating such a fun and memorable experience



School Uniform Reminder

Please remember that children are required to wear black leather shoes or plain black trainers to school. If children wear black trainers, they should be completely black, including the sole and any branding. Children should only be wearing sports trainers on their PE days.

If your child has long hair, it should be tied back. Please also remember that hairbands should be a simple style in school colours only. Please save the sparkly ones for home! We will ask your child to remove their hairband if it does not meet school uniform expectations.

What's coming up this term ...

HALF TERM 23rd -31st MAY

Saturday 30th May

Godalming carnival – On the Farm theme

Monday 1st June

Hedgehogs Woodland School

Thursday 4th and 5th June

Felt art project all classes

Monday 8th June

Foxes Woodland School

Saturday 13th June

Choir Blast



Monday 15th June

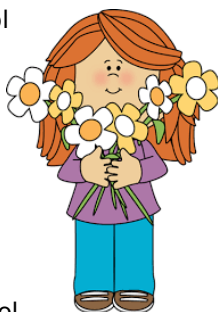
Honey bees Woodland School

Wednesday 17th June

Parent clinic

Friday 19th June

Someone special morning
PTA Cake sale



Monday 22nd June

Bumble Bees Woodland School

Tuesday 23rd June

Sports day - AM
New parent Yr R talk 6-7pm

Wednesday 24th June

Reserve Sports day - AM

Thursday 25th June

Yr 2 Wisley trip



Tuesday 30th June

Bump up day
Stay and play new Yr R 3.30-4.15pm

Wednesday 1st July

Stay and play new Yr R 3.30-4.15pm

Saturday 4th July

Summer fair

Monday 6th July

Otters Woodland School

Wednesday 8th July

FGB 6.15pm

Thursday 9th July

Open afternoon
2.15pm-3.30pm school families
3.00-4.00pm open to everyone especially new families

Friday 10th July

PTA movie night

Monday 13th July

Optional parents evening if you want to talk about your child's report

Thursday 16th July

(Please note change of date)
Leaver's disco

Monday 20th July

Leaver's Assembly

Tuesday 21st July

PTA break to the rule Day!

Wednesday 22nd July

End of term 1.30pm finish



Spotlight on Safeguarding

Children's Services If you have a concern about a child or young person being abused or neglected, or an adult who is concerned about a young person's safety and wellbeing during the weekend or school holidays, please remember that you can contact Surrey Children's Services' Single Point of Access, also known as CSPA. Lines are open between 9am and 5pm from Monday to Friday. The telephone number for CSPA is 0300 470 9100 or for out of hours, the emergency number is 01483 517898.

Alternatively, please share your concern with one of our safeguarding leads.

- Mrs Abbott, Miss Betterton, Mrs King and Miss Forbes Wood.

Accidental Injuries...

Please can we remind families that if your child has had an injury that has resulted in bruises, scratches or marks that are significant whilst not at school, that you inform us to ensure that staff are aware. This is in line with school procedure. Thank you for working together with us to keep all the children safe.

Term dates for academic year 2026-2027

Autumn term 2026

- Start of term: 1st September (**Inset day**)
- Children in Wednesday 2nd September
- Half term: 19th to 30th October (2 weeks)
- **Inset day** 2nd November
- Children in 3rd November
- End of term: 18th December at 1.30pm

Spring term 2027

- Start of term: 4th January children in
- **Inset day** 12th February
- Half term: 15 to 19 February
- Children in 22nd February
- End of term: 25th March at 1.30pm

Summer term 2027

- Start of term: 12th April (**Inset day**)
- Children in 13th April
- **Inset day** 28th May
- Children in 7th June
- Half term: 31st May to 4th June
- End of term: 28th July at 1.30pm

Beating asthma together- parent and carers session 18th June 7.30-8pm

The Surrey Heartlands children and young people's team are hosting a half hour session for parents and carers enabling them to understand and take better control of their child's asthma. Let's tackle asthma head-on — together!

Understand what asthma *really* is
Spot the signs before they escalate
Learn what works – at home and in school
Build a solid action plan
Get expert answers to your questions

Clear. Practical. Life-saving.

Don't miss this chance to feel more confident and better prepared

[click here to book](#)

Surrey Heartlands
Children and Young People's Asthma Team
beating asthma together



Attendance Rules Reminders

Rules for unauthorised absences, whether this is due to holiday, irregular attendance, or otherwise. Don't get caught out!

1 I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for 5 days.

Make sure you use the absence request form. Your holiday will not be authorised. Let the school know before you book anything. As your child will miss 5 school days, you'll be given a penalty notice fine.

1 parent & 1 child = £160
Reduced to £80 if paid in 21 days

For each child a penalty is given...

+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160

1 parent & 4 children = £640
Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days



For a family of 2 parents & 4 children

+£160 +£160 +£160 +£160

£1280
Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days

What happens if school suspects children are actually on holiday?

Photos on Facebook?
Foreign mobile dial tone?
Other children talking about your holiday?
Amazing sun tan?
Home visit shows no-one at home?

Please don't be offended if we ask for evidence or mention these questions to you. We're required to do this to ensure a fair system!



2 What about subsequent absences? Is it still the same penalty amount?

No, not anymore. If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence OR pattern of irregular attendance, which is unauthorised, then...

2nd TIME
2 parents and...
1 child = £320
2 children = £640
3 children = £960
4 children = £1280
NO DISCOUNT FOR EARLY PAYMENT


3rd TIME
A penalty notice fine will not be taken. Instead, your case will be taken to court. A magistrate can fine each parent £2,500 for each child.
1 parent & 4 children = £10,000
2 parents and 4 children = £20,000

3 What about irregular attendance? Could I get a penalty notice? YES

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks, and their absences are unauthorised, then the school is required to consider penalty notices / prosecution.

PENALTY!


So, half a day here and day there could all add up to 10 sessions in 10 weeks. If unauthorised, then it would be a penalty notice. Remember, 1 day is 2 sessions (morning and afternoon).



4 What are typical reasons given that won't be authorised?

Examples of unauthorised absences

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| A family member's birthday | Sickness of parent or sibling | Where attendance is irregular, or historically poor, sickness absences may be unauthorised unless medical confirmation by a GP surgery is given. |
| Shopping for uniforms | Sibling's school closed | |
| Inadequate clothing for school | Refusing to attend, but able to | |
| Child being used as a carer | Poor family organisation | |
| Problems with transport | Family holidays | |
| | No absence request completed | |



EVERY DAY COUNTS – ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW

Attendance is a safeguarding priority. Being in school every day helps children feel settled, confident, and ready to learn. Regular attendance builds strong routines, supports friendships, and ensures steady progress across all areas of learning. When children attend school consistently, they are able to make the most of every opportunity and fully benefit from everything school life has to offer. Please remember, as per our policy, that we do not authorise term-time holidays and that we do fine families accordingly.



Recent updates to advice pages for children and young people.

UKHSA has recently updated their advice pages on infectious diseases in children and young people's settings, to make them more user friendly for parents, carers and educational/early years settings.

These pages are - [A to Z of infectious diseases in children and young people's settings - GOV.UK](#) that has guidance for 45 infectious disease and [Public health exclusion periods in children and young people's settings - GOV.UK](#) that enables all settings to find out:

- If an individual or group needs to stay away from the setting and for how long (public health exclusion period)
- When you need to contact your local health protection team
- Where there's no public health exclusion period, infected people can come to the setting and interact with others as usual.

The NHS also has some useful information that can be shared with parents/carers - [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#) as well as information on other conditions such as:

- High temperature - If your child has a [high temperature](#), keep them off school until it goes away.
- Ear infections and sore throats
- Some common childhood infections
- Feeling anxious or worried - It's normal for children to feel a little anxious sometimes and the NHS offers some tips and where to [Find information and advice about how to help children with anxiety](#)

To report specific infectious diseases described in the public health exclusion periods link above, please email **se.acuterresponse@ukhsa.gov.uk**