

# Moss Lane School

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Whole School  
Attendance for the  
year  
96.57%

Our Value of the term



Dear Families,

As we approach the festive season and the end of term, I find myself reflecting on the many wonderful moments we've shared as a school community. This half term has been filled with exciting learning experiences, growing confidence, and remarkable achievements. It has been a joy to see how much the children have developed—both in their learning and in their independence.

In phonics and reading, the children have made fantastic progress. Many are now beginning to read and write words independently, blending sounds to decode new vocabulary and using their growing phonics knowledge in their writing. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm for books and stories blossom as they take these early steps on their reading journey.

During Anti-Bullying Week, we joined thousands of schools across the country in celebrating the theme "Power for Good", set by the Anti-Bullying Alliance. The focus encouraged children to recognise how their individual actions can make a positive difference and help build a kind, respectful community. Another highlight this term was Road Safety Week. The children learned how to keep themselves safe when walking near roads and travelling in cars—an important skill for life.

The past few weeks have also been a joyous celebration of our children's talents and the dedication of our staff, culminating in our Christmas productions and class parties. As we move into the festive season, excitement is certainly in the air! The children have been busy rehearsing for our Christmas Nativity, learning new songs, remembering their lines, and working together beautifully. The sound of Christmas music and laughter has filled our classrooms, and we can't wait to welcome parents and carers to share in this special celebration.

I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all our children and staff for their hard work in bringing these performances to life. I hope you enjoy them as much as I have enjoyed listening to the children practise their singing. The message of Love, Peace, and Joy has resonated throughout—it is truly touching and a testament to the values we hold dear at Moss Lane School.

As we look ahead to 2026, I want to remind everyone of the importance of communication. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us via the school office. We value our partnership with you and are always here to support you and your child in any way we can.

Thank you once again for your support and dedication to our school community. It has been a truly wonderful half term—full of learning, laughter, and joy. We are so proud of everything the children have achieved and are excited to see what December brings.

I wish you all a peaceful and joyous holiday season.

Warmest regards,

Mrs Abbott



## CALENDAR

### **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

Yr R & Yr 1 Christmas show 9.30 am  
(Yr R Parents to attend)

### **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

Yr R & Yr 1 Christmas show 9.30 am  
(Yr 1 Parents to attend)  
Yr 2 Christmas show 2.15 pm

### **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

Mufti dress up Christmas parties

### **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

**Christmas jumper day £1**

**End of term 1.30 pm**

### **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January**

Inset day-school closed to children

### **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January**

Chn back into school  
Squirrels at Woodland School

### **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January**

Foxes at Woodland School

### **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January**

Honeybees at Woodland School

### **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January**

Parent clinic 9.00am-10.00am  
Please book appointment via the school office

### **Inset days 2025-2026**

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

- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

### **Safeguarding**

December can be a period of both joy and challenge and to aid with the spirit of spending quality time with those close to you, Beacon House have published a collection of resources designed by their therapists to promote rest, regulation and most importantly, connection - <https://beaconhouse.org.uk/winter-resources/>

As both parents and educators, we know that Christmas is also a time when lots of children will receive devices such as tablets, smartphones, games consoles popularised beyond their description of their targeted audience, and laptops that can access social media and the internet more openly due to 'factory' settings. We would urge you to check the settings of devices and, within the excitement of the season, monitor what children are watching and who they might be talking to.

### **What's going on in school.....**

#### **Godalming Light Switch On**

It was once again our privilege to open the Godalming Christmas Festival and Light Switch on with singing at the Pepperpot. The children were amazing! Well, done! Thank you to Mrs Leggett and staff for all their hard work in teaching the children the songs and Miss Clare for conducting on the day.



### **'Zoom' Pantomime**

Last week, the children were all treated to a performance of 'Zoom' by Pied Piper Theatre Company. The children were a wonderful audience and revelled in the skill of all the actors involved. The theme of the panto was about a little girl called Molly who knows everything about space, until she meets a visitor from outer space and realises, she still has a lot to learn about looking after our very own planet, Earth.



### **Christmas Mini Market!**

Today the hall was filled with Christmas music and our shopping elves helped the children buy gifts for their families. It is a wonderful event and a highlight of the Moss Lane School calendar so thank you to all the parents for donating presents and sweets. It takes a huge amount of organising for the event to run smoothly so a massive thank you to our wonderful PTA. Special thanks to Mary McAllen and the PTA for organising it!



### **Bees**

Reception enjoyed their Winter Wonderland Day! Each child completed four different activities during the morning, working very hard to tick off their Winter Wonderland passport. In the afternoon they enjoyed a treat of hot chocolate and marshmallows whilst watching a Julia Donaldson story. The final excitement of the day was a snow machine on the playground! Please see our eSchools pages for photos of the fun they had.

### **Year 1**

Year 1 have been busy preparing vegetables during their DT lesson. Potatoes, celery, courgettes and peppers all chopped and some carrots grated. They will be taking some home to make into soup! Foxes and Squirrels have both taken a walk around the local area to identify human and physical features of Godalming. They could also identify the buildings that make Godalming a town.

### **Year 2**

Year 2 have been writing fantastic newspaper articles this week about their own imaginative islands they've discovered. Each child created their own unique island and reported on it just like real explorers and journalists. Their creativity and brilliant writing have made their teachers incredibly proud! Hedgehogs and Otters have also been busy exploring shapes and thoroughly enjoyed making patterns using a variety of 2D and 3D shapes.



## Christmas Shows Important Information

Ticket only - 2 per family. **Please come with your ticket on the day.**

### Performance Dates

#### **'The Big Little Nativity' – Year R & Year 1**

- Tuesday 16th December, 9:30am – *Year R parents invited*
- Wednesday 17th December, 9:30am – *Year 1 parents invited*

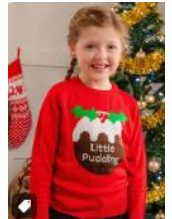
#### **'Baarmy Bethlehem' – Year 2**

- Wednesday 17th December, 2:15pm – *Year 2 parents invited*



## Christmas Jumper (NB Change of date)

**December 19<sup>th</sup>** £1 donation. Please come dressed in your Christmas jumper on the last day of term.



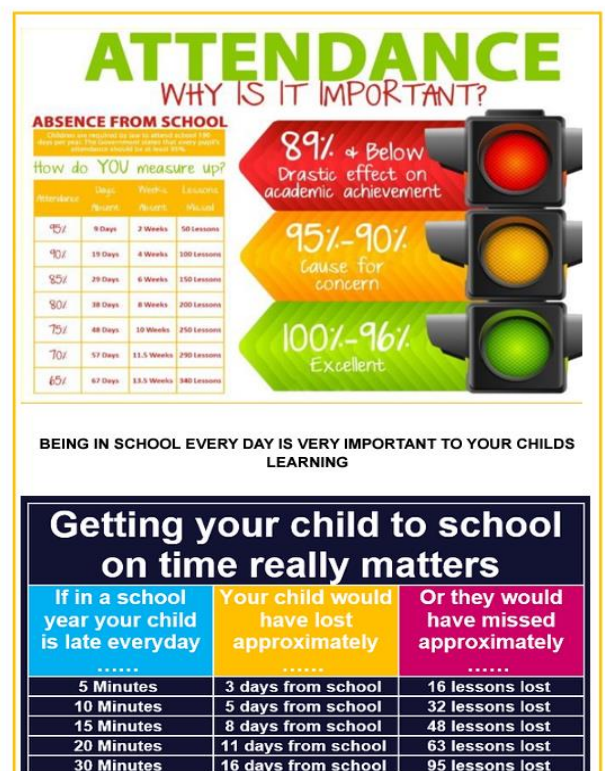
## Grand Opening of the Peppercot

What began as a cold and very rainy afternoon turned into a wonderful burst of Christmas cheer and spirit as The Mayor of Godalming Cllr Bob Crooks opened our new school playground. The child got an opportunity to show their singing to delighted the audience. Our new School choir got to showcase their hard work over the term. Thank you to Mrs Leggett, Mrs Graydon and ChoirBLAST volunteers. A huge thank you to everyone who braved the wet weather and stayed to celebrate with us —I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did.

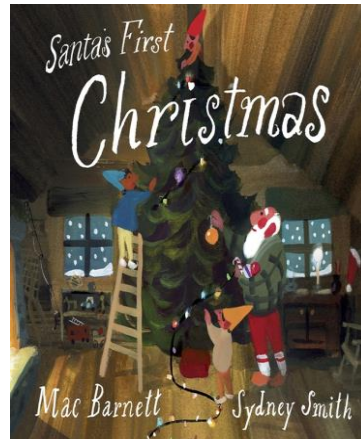
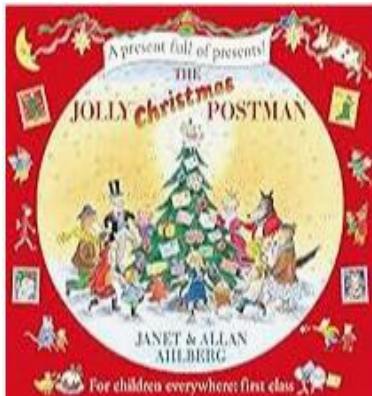
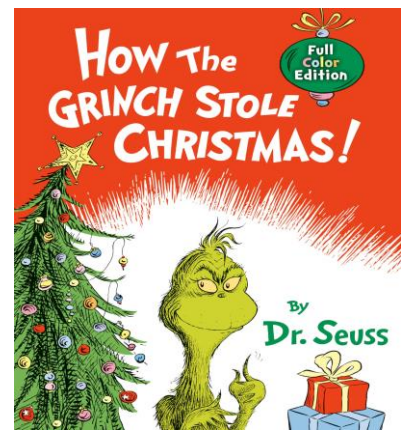
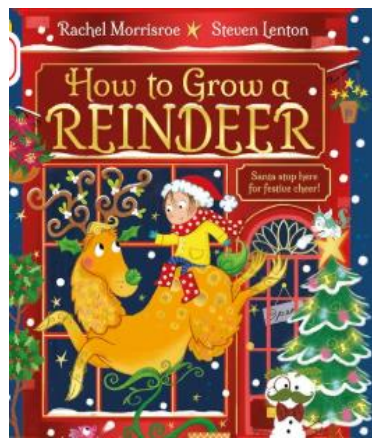
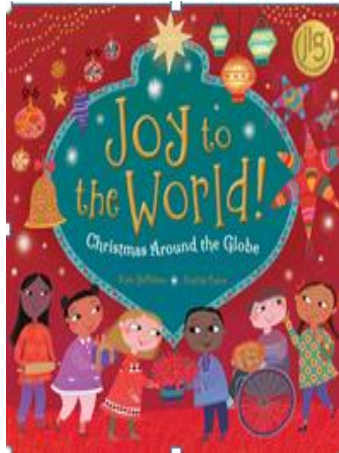
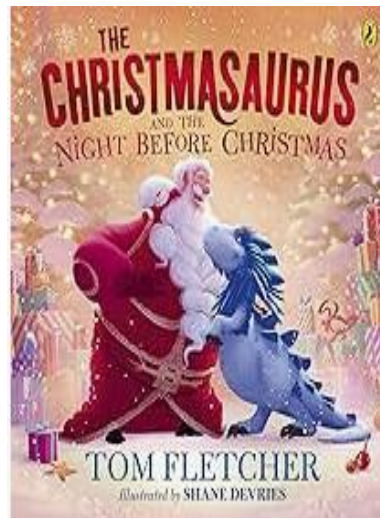


## Attendance/Leave of absence requests

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.







## **SOME LOCAL EVENTS**

### **Food bank donations**

With Christmas fast approaching, the Godalming Community Store are always very grateful for any food, personal care and household items that you can donate. If you feel able to contribute any items, please take them directly to the food bank in the Grounds of Farncombe Cricket Club, Summers Rd, Farncombe GU7 3BE [07493 435715](tel:07493435715) opens 10am.

### **ChoirBLAST Does Christmas**

December 14<sup>th</sup>  
5:30 PM - 10:00 PM  
At Godalming United Church, Bridge Road



## Guildford..Christmas

Guildford has two main Christmas trails for 2025: the outdoor, ticketed **Illuminate Guildford Light Trail at the Castle** (Nov 15 - Jan 4) with lights and food, and the free **12 Days of Christmas Window Trail** in the town centre (Dec 5 - Jan 11) for families to find letters in shop windows for a prize draw, plus the **Guildford Museum's own free, drop-in Christmas trail** inside (Nov 29 - Jan 3), perfect for ages 5+, helping Father Christmas find presents.

The Godalming area offers child-friendly Christmas fun with National Trust trails at **Winkworth Arboretum** (Nutcracker themed) & **Claremont Landscape Garden** (Penguin trail), farm experiences at **Godstone Farm** & **Bocketts Farm**, plus local markets like **Godalming Christmas Market** with Santa, workshops at **Farnham Maltings** (cupcake decorating) & **The Little Gym Godalming** (Santa's Grotto), and even pantos in nearby Guildford & Camberley. Look for festive trails, Santa visits, workshops, and markets for a magical time.



**Waverley Family Centre  
Open Morning  
(Loseley)**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January  
from 9am to midday,  
Loseley Family Centre,  
Green Lane, Binscombe

**Beat Blue Monday!**

Don't let Blue Monday get you down...  
Grab a **FREE** coffee and pastry, supplied  
by **Green Bean Coffee Co.**, and funded by a  
donation from **Burstow Lodge, Croydon**.  
Stay to chat and play, and to find out  
more about the support available from  
Waverley Family Centre.

Pop in, or give us a call  
(01483 417157)  
Scan the QR code to go to our  
website.



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**Waverley Family Centre**

Face-Face At  
Loseley Family Centre,  
Green Lane, Godalming  
GU7 3TB

**Who's in Charge**

Suitable for parents with children aged 8+ experiencing  
child to parent violence or abuse

**Start Date: 06 January 2026**  
10am - 12.00

- A supportive environment to share experiences & ideas
- Helpful ways of increasing safety & wellbeing
- Ways to feel more in control & less stressed

Booking is essential - please use the QR code and book  
on-line or email [lisa.audain@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:lisa.audain@barnardos.org.uk)  
Waverley Family Ctre, Green Lane, Binscombe, Godalming,  
Surrey, GU7 3TB  
Upper Hale Road, Farnham GU9 0LR

For more information scan the  
QR code or call: 01483 417157



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**Waverley Family Centre**

Thursday afternoons at Loseley Family Centre (1-4pm)  
Wednesday afternoons at Hale Family Centre (2-4.30pm)  
First Thursday of the month at Granleigh Library (1.30-3.30pm)

**Parent drop-ins**

Feeling overwhelmed at home?  
Need to chat about emotions, boundaries, or  
just how things are going?

Pop in for a friendly, supportive chat.  
We're here to listen.

Pop in, or give us a call  
(01483 417157)  
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Waverley Family Centre, Green Lane, Binscombe, Godalming, Surrey, GU7 3TB  
and Upper Hale Road, Farnham GU9 0LR



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## Young Carers

Did you know there are an estimated 15,000 young carers in Surrey? According to Action for Young Carers Surrey, this number may actually be much higher. Organisations such as Carers Trust suggest that as many as 1 in 5 children could be taking on caring responsibilities at home without being identified.

That means there could be at least two young carers in every classroom.

A young carer is a child or young person who helps to look after a family member who may have a mental health condition, a disability, a neurological diagnosis, or another long-term health need. Their responsibilities can vary and may include:

- Helping to prepare meals
- Assisting someone with dressing or daily tasks
- Supporting a sibling who needs extra care



While many young carers take pride in helping their families, these additional responsibilities can sometimes affect their schoolwork, friendships, and daily life.

If you think your child might benefit from joining our Young Carers Group, please speak to Mrs Forbes Patching.

## Merry Christmas!

Finally, the staff and governors of Moss Lane School would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. We have had so much fun this term and look forward to lots more next term. Thank you for all our lovely gifts and cards. See you back in school on January 6<sup>th</sup> 2026

