



Moss Lane School Newsletter

March 7th 2025

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Dear Families,

I hope you all had an enjoyable half-term. We are now starting the second half of the spring term and the children have come back to school after the half-term break the superstars that we know they are!

Cool Milk - Please can we ask you all to have a chat with your little people about their milk preferences and check your Cool Milk account. We have several children who really want milk but aren't on our lists and some who are on the list but really don't want it!

Just a little reminder to please keep on reading at home with your child. It really does make a difference, enhances their vocabulary and developing confidence and empathy skills too.

A date for your diary is **Friday 28th March, 9.10am-10.10am**, for Someone Special morning. This is when you can come into school and spend an hour with your child in their classroom.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Mrs Abbott
Headteacher

For more information,
please see the school
website [here](#)

Reminders...

Parent Matters

Please can I remind everyone that the first port of call for any parent matter is with your child's class teacher. After that, a member of SLT can deal with your enquiry and then if things aren't resolved please make an appointment to see myself.

Scooters

It's so great to see so many children travelling to school on their scooters each day! Once your child get to school please can they dismount their bikes or scooters and walk them through the playground - this is to avoid any accidents.

Did you know

we have a new Facebook page?

[Follow us here](#)



Our Value for this half-term is Respect

What's

coming up...

Monday 10th-14th

Science week

Monday 10th March

Foxes Woodland School

Tuesday 11th -17th

Book Fair

Monday 17th March

Otters Woodland School

Wednesday 19th

Parent Clinic 9-10am

Monday 24th March

Bumbles Woodland School

Friday 28th March

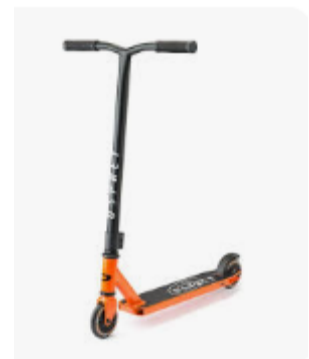
Someone special 9.10am - 10.10am

Monday 31st March

Honey Bees Woodland School

Friday 4th April

End of term 1.30pm finish



Dogs

Please can I remind families that dogs are not allowed on the school site. If you choose to bring your dog to drop off or pick up, please ensure you are able to enter the school site without your dog. It is not safe for teachers to send children to the back gate nor is it ok for pupils to be sent into the playground without an adult in the mornings.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Office Hours...

Just a reminder that the school office hours are from 8.30am to 3.30pm daily - this includes the telephones, although of course you are very welcome to leave a message outside of these times. If you are waiting at the gate, please be patient as it may be that the admin team are on the phone or have been called away. They will get to you as soon as they can. Thank you.

Morning lateness...

Please remember that school starts at 8:45am. Please sign any children in via the front office if they arrive after 8.50am. This is to ensure that all children on site are safe and accounted for.

Mindworks...

Mindworks is the emotional wellbeing and mental health service for children and young people in Surrey and their website includes information, advice and resources for young people, families, parents and carers, and anyone working with children and young people. <https://www.mindworks-surrey.org/>

Parent clinics

Parent clinics are a good opportunity for you to discuss any concerns/worries that you might have about your child with Mrs Abbott. You should have discussed these issues with your child's class teacher in the first instance. Then, if you feel they have not been resolved please make an appointment via the school office. Our next parent clinic is: Tuesday 19th March 9am-10am.

The appointment lasts approximately 15 minutes.

Parents Evening...

Thank you to all the parents who managed to attend parents evening. We hope you found the information about your child informative. If you were unable to meet with your child's class teacher, please speak to them directly about a time to catch up.



Safeguarding...

Please help us protect your children by putting away mobile phones when entering the school premises (including the playground). Please also ensure that your child remains close to you when coming to or leaving school. Cars can come down Moss Lane very quickly and we would hate for anyone to get hurt. Please ensure that you do not park outside the school gates at any time.

E-Safety Tip

One of our jobs as parents and teachers is to ensure children are aware that not everything they see and hear online is true. We talk about trustworthy sources and websites in topic and computing lessons and how to spot if something doesn't seem quite right! Have a look at this website to help you support your child in this area <https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/fake-news-and-misinformation-advice-hub/>

Celebrate Someone Special Day - Friday 28th March 2025

On Friday 28th March we will be hosting the first of our two Celebrate Someone Special Days here at Moss Lane School.

We are delighted to invite one person per family to join their child/children at school on Friday 28th March for a fun session between 9.10am and 10.10am (due to space we are unable to accommodate pre-school age siblings but babes in arms are welcome). If you have more than one child at Moss Lane, we will ensure that you can all work together.



Children should arrive at school on this day at the usual time of 8.45am. Class teachers will register their classes as normal, and parents will be invited into the building at 9.10am. Please may we politely remind you that for safeguarding reasons, mobile phones should not be used whilst inside the school. Class teachers will be taking photographs which will be shared. We look forward to welcoming you for this event.

Medication at School...

We wanted to remind you that we can only administer prescribed medicine to your child at school when four doses are required, e.g., three doses are given at home and one at school, usually given at lunchtime. The medicine should be in the original container with a prescription label clearly stating the child's name, medication name, date of issue, expiry date and dosage required. We request that you come to the office to complete a permission form detailing the dosage and frequency of medicine. Medicines cannot be handed into class or via the child. An adult should deposit and collect these medicines each day as we cannot give them back to your child.

Uniform

Please can we remind you that visible base layers are not part of our school uniform. Children are encouraged to wear vests, polo shirts and jumpers/cardigans in colder weather. Thank you for your support.

Reading

Measuring reading success on how easily a child reads a wordy book, how quickly they complete a text or how soon they are reading the entire Harry Potter series is a trap that families can fall into quite easily. This is often supported by the promotion of 'levelled reading' schemes, advertising that shows children reading complex texts or people's own experiences of being taught to read.

Within the journey to becoming a successful reader, developing strong comprehension skills in early readers is essential. Being able to decode a text and understand what has been read is essential; it is a key skill that sticks with us for life.

Children need to be able to talk about what they have read, understand new vocabulary, discuss the author's use of language, identify features of texts and comprehend themes and messages within the things they read. Being able to read fluently with expressions is great, being able to read texts with an increasing number of words is great but being able to comprehend what you have read is even better!

Here are four simple steps to help build comprehension skills: -

- Encourage children to read aloud: This encourages them to slow down, which gives them more time to process what they have read.
- Reading books at the right level: Reading books where children can decode 90% of the words without help means they pause less frequently. Stopping frequently when reading inhibits children's ability to focus on the overall meaning of what is being read.
- Reread to build fluency: To gain meaning from a text, children need to read quickly and smoothly (fluently). Rereading texts means children build fluency, which in turn allows for deeper comprehension.
- Talk about what is being read: Ask questions before, during and after reading. Ask questions to older children that challenge them to use words/phrases from the text to support their answer.

World Book Day 2025

We were delighted to celebrate World Book Day again this year. World Book Day organisers continues to promote the importance of reading for pleasure. This year's theme was **'Read your way'**. The aim of the day was to encourage us to tailor our approach to reading and personalise it by child to stem the decline of reading for pleasure in primary schools. Current research sadly indicates that 70% of children aged 2-4 love reading, but by the end of primary school, this proportion drops to just 51%! We want to change this static so that all children enjoy and take pleasure from reading.



To celebrate we did a lots fun activities throughout the week including a visit to Godalming library, book making, storytelling and much more.

Winners of the **'Read your way'** competition were: -

Year R = Emmie – Bumblebees - Supertato
Year 1 = Eleanor – Foxes – 13 Storey Tree House
Year 2 = Isabel – Hedgehogs – Fantastic Mr Fox

We enjoyed sharing our books with each other during the day and continue to develop our love of reading. Don't forget to spend your voucher!



Story teller

On Tuesday we had a story teller visiting us to celebrate World Book Day.

The books that she used as a focus were: -

Reception= The Awongalema Tree

Year 1=The Three Little Pigs

Year 2=English Folk Tales

The children loved listening to and participating in her interactive stories.





As part of World Book Day each of our classes have enjoyed a sunny walk to and from the library this week giving them the opportunity to explore fiction and non-fiction books.

Thank you to our parent volunteers.



Science Week

Next week we are marking Science week. As part of that we had a delivery of 5 wonderful duck eggs. Over the course of this week, we have seen them hatch and the children have been fascinated to learn in science all about lifecycles. All the classes have had opportunity to see and handle these cute fluffy creations. The children have named them Disco, Dann Go, Eggy, Rocky and Survivor.



NEW free mental health webinars!

The Charlie Waller Trust are excited to announce the launch of a brand-new series of their popular free mental health webinars.

The webinars are presented by their expert mental health trainers and guest speakers who come from a wide range of professions and expertise. They explore practical, evidence-based information and strategies! Whether you are someone who looks after children and young people - parents, carers, educators - a young person or someone interested in mental health, they have a webinar for you!

Webinar topics include:

1. Helping your child understand their emotions and practical strategies to help
2. Spotting signs that new students are struggling settling in and how to support
3. Self-harm - spotting the signs and providing support
4. Knowing when a friend is struggling and understanding how to help
5. Spotting signs that a young person is struggling with their mental health
6. Anxiety in young people: spotting the signs and supportive strategies

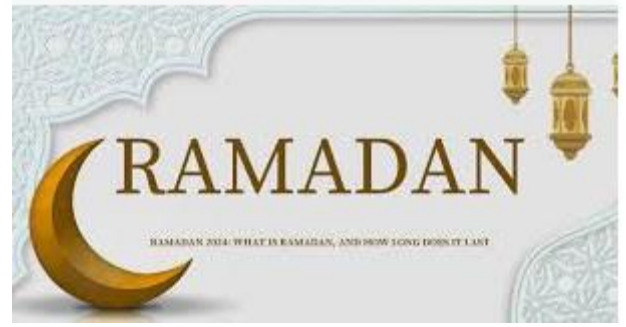
You can find out more information here: -

<https://www.charliewaller.org/what-we-offer/free-webinars>

Ramadan is here!

(Evening of Fri, 28 Feb 2025 – Sun, 30 Mar 2025)

We know this is a special time for Muslims in our community. Ramadan is observed by Muslims worldwide as a month of fasting, prayer, and abstaining from things considered impure to the mind and body. Young children before the age of 14 tend not to fast, however if older siblings are we do encourage that they continue to drink water throughout the day.



Many younger children are gradually introduced to fasting by performing it for half days or occasional days. Practice will vary across families, though usually this does not happen before the age of 7.

For those who are fasting, every day is started with prayer and a pre-dawn meal called *suhur*, and fasting is broken with a sunset meal called *iftar*. At the end of Ramadan, there is a three-day celebration called Eid al-Fitr, which is marked with special foods, new clothes and presents for children.

Please note that children are entitled to one day's authorised absence from school when Eid-ul-Fitr falls on a school day (register code R). If it falls on a non-school day, pupils are not entitled to a day of in lieu,

As a school we want to send all our best wishes and persevering wishes to anyone fasting!!

Community news



Godalming Town Council invites you to Spring into Godalming on Saturday, 5 April, 2025 10-4pm



Celebrate the new season with a great day in one of Surrey's prettiest towns! Stroll amongst the stalls in the town centre, and enjoy an array of mouth-watering artisan street food and drink, local Farmers producers' stalls, including a traditional hog roast. Enjoy entertainment all day at the iconic pink Pepperpot at the top of the High Street. For the children, there is face painting, the Dobby Horse Carousel and free Punch & Judy Shows. For the grown-ups, the award-winning Star public house located in Church Street is holding a Cider Festival where you will find more artisan stalls.



For up-to-date information, please visit our website's [Spring Festival](#) page.

Short Stories, Tall Tales: The Giraffe Who Wouldn't Bath

For ages 0 - 4 yrs.

Tuesday 18th March 2025

An original tale written and told by Hannah Summers, Illustrations by Miranda Summers.

"Gerald the baby giraffe doesn't like water, but like all animals in the kingdom know, everyone washes from their head to their toes! Adventure with Gerald on his hilarious sticky-icky journey while he discovers what happens when you don't have a bath. Inventive, interactive and above all, creative play for your little ones to enjoy."

Full price (Adult) plus child ticket - £14

Additional child ticket - £8

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Venue: Mill Studio

Running Time: Approximately 45 mins without an interval

Show Times

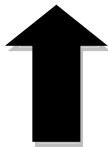
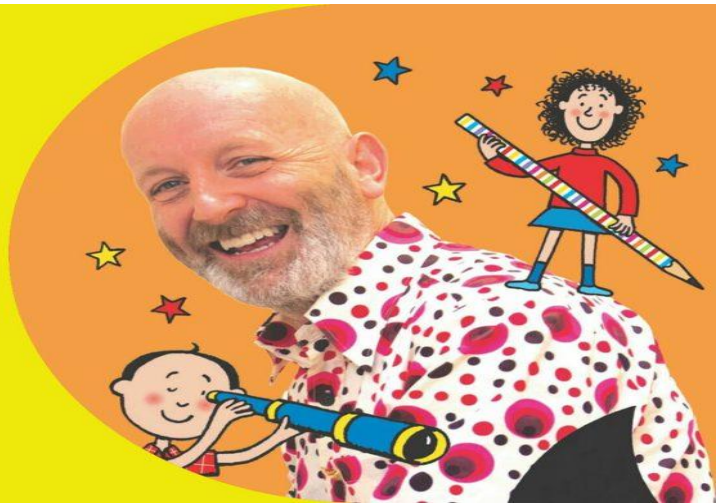
Tue 18 March 2025, 11.30am & 1.30pm



**Workshop / Author Talk:
NICK SHARRATT
PICTURE BOOK DRAW ALONG**

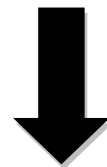


Saturday 8 March 2025



Saturday March 8th
2pm – 3.15pm
Farnham Maltings Bridge Square
Nick Sharratt – Picture book draw along
Join the much-loved children writer and illustrator in a family friendly, fun filled draw along for all ages.

Monday 10th March
10.30am
Farnham Library Vernon House
Sharon Davey – Picture draw along
Sharon is a children's author and illustrator with a lively style and enthusiastic spirit.



**Drawalong Storytime:
WITH SHARON DAVEY
For Under 5's**



Monday 10 March 2025

