



Moss Lane School Newsletter

Friday 16th January 2026

Whole School Attendance

96.48%

Dear Families,

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you enjoyed a wonderful Christmas and had the opportunity to rest and recharge. We would like to express our sincere thanks and gratitude once again for the thoughtful cards, kind messages, and generous gifts we received — they were all very much appreciated.

It has been a pleasure welcoming the children back to school and experiencing such a positive atmosphere throughout the week. The children have returned settled, happy, and ready to learn, quickly re-establishing their classroom and school routines. It has been lovely to see their excitement at being back, particularly through the excellent holiday recounts they have produced.

The quality of writing across the classes has been outstanding and truly impressed me. The children were delighted to receive Headteacher stickers and Gold Awards — well done to them all!

We are aware that many children and families experienced illness over the holiday period, and that a number of viruses are currently circulating. We hope all children are now returning to school fit and well. If your child is unable to attend school, please ensure the absence is reported via the school answerphone before 9am each day.

This half-term's parent clinic with me will take place on **23rd January**. To book an appointment, please contact the school office. However, if you have any concerns, we ask that you speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance. If the matter remains unresolved, you are welcome to book a slot at the parent clinic.

With colder weather forecast for next week, please ensure children come to school with warm coats and base layers as appropriate.

We hope you enjoy a wonderful weekend together.

Warmest regards,
Mrs Abbott

School Rules

The children started the week with an assembly reminding them about our school values and our all-important school rules. All the children were able to share our main rules which are: -

- 1) **Be Ready**
- 2) **Be Safe**
- 3) **Be Respectful**

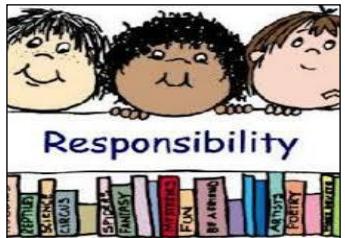
Be Ready - encompasses how we learn through both listening to adults and peers and being mentally ready to learn.

Be safe - encompasses everything involving harm to anyone physical or verbal.

Be Respectful - encompasses 'treat others how you would like to be treated'.

Please do talk to your children about following the school rules for their success at school.

Our value of the term



What's going on in school...

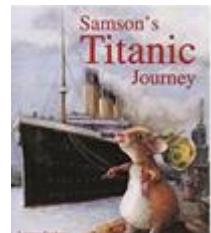
Reception

Bees have enjoyed coming back to school after the holidays and starting our new topic 'On the Water.' We enjoyed starting PE today and the children were superb! We have also started our Must Do Challenges details of which can be found on our eSchools pages.

Please don't forget to sign up to come and help at Morning Challenges if you can. You can sign up via the clipboard outside Honeybee's classroom or email the class teacher.

Year 1

Squirrels and Foxes ended the first week back to school with a very exciting 'Commotion in the Ocean' day. We looked wonderful in our sea-related costumes and made sea creatures, built boats, sang underwater songs and enjoyed a specially themed dance session as creatures from beneath the waves.



Year 2



This week children have been busy continuing our learning on Titanic. In English, they have been focusing on the story of 'Samson's Titanic Journey', trying their best to use expanded noun phrases, conjunctions and commas to help detail sections from the book. Year 2 have also been lucky to have a puppy visit with a 7-week-old English Pointer named Johnny!



Phonics

Here at Moss Lane, we use the Little Wandle phonics programme which is the fastest growing Department for Education validated phonics programme, already supporting over 5,500 schools to teach every child to learn to read! World Book Day 2026 Learning to read opens the doors to learning and we are asking you to support your child at home with their reading.



Just ten minutes a day of readying and phonics makes a significant difference to your child. It enables them to access the wider curriculum, grows their confidence and plays a significant part in their learning environment. To help you, Little Wandle have dedicated parent resources. Check out the link below to help you. There are videos to watch and nursery rhymes too.

<https://www.littlewandle.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

There are 2 types of reading book that we ask you to explore: -

- Collins online reading practice book. This will be at the correct phonic stage for your child. They should be able to read this fluently and independently.
- Choosing book: Your child might not be able to read this on their own. This book is for you both to read and enjoy together.

Timekeeping

Timekeeping is important in the education of your child. If your child is persistently late, then they are missing out on important learning opportunities at the start of the lesson. Children go straight to their class from the playground 08:45 and lessons start as soon as the register has been taken.



Gates will be closed at **08:50am**. If your child arrives after this they must go to the office and be signed in. The school day ends at **3.20pm**

Why is school attendance so important?

Moss Lane works closely with children and parents in connection with attendance so that each child can achieve their full potential. By law, all children of compulsory school age (five to sixteen) must receive a suitable full-time education. Once your child is registered at school, you are legally responsible for making sure that they attend regularly and on time. If your child fails to do so, you risk getting a penalty notice or being prosecuted. You should also consider the negative impact upon the following:

- their learning
- their friendships
- their self-esteem and confidence.

Minutes late per day	Learning time lost in a year
5 minutes	3½ days
10 minutes	7 days
15 minutes	10 ½ days
20 minutes	14 days
30 minutes	21 days

Important Reminder...

- All children should have access to a warm winter coat at school. The children have playtimes outside even during light rain. Named gloves/scarves—Now the weather has changed the children are bringing hats and gloves to school. Please can I remind parents/carers to clearly name them. Staff cannot be expected to go around the school trying to locate their owners. Please ensure all clothes are clearly named as I keep finding many that aren't. PE takes place outside unless the playground conditions are considered to be dangerous or there is a torrential downpour. Again, please ensure that your child is equipped with a full PE kit. This should include: Plain black shorts/joggers, red plain T-shirt/polo shirt, school jumper and trainers.
- Jewellery should not be worn in school for health and safety reasons. Thank you.
- Please do no park on the yellow lines, kerbs outside school or the carpark next to the front of the school as you might get a ticket.
- Children are to walk not scoot or cycle on the playground.
- Please ensure all children walk into school rather than being carried or pushed in a buggy, as we encourage independence.

- Children are not to climb or use the playground equipment before or after school. If you are late, please go to the school office and sign in.
- Water bottles —All water bottles must be plastic transparent bottles and filled with water (only). These must be clearly named to prevent other children from using them or getting lost.

Thank you for your cooperation

Heavy Snowfall

The school will endeavour to open and remain open in the event of extreme weather e.g. snowfall. The school will only close in the event of very severe weather and exceptional circumstances, having considered the health and safety of all site users. A decision on closure will be made overnight however if this is not possible, a firm decision will be taken in the morning as early as possible. We will endeavour to inform

Parents and Carers via Eschools Parent Mail, and a message will be put on the Home Page of the School's website and social media platforms. This information will be updated whenever further information is available.

Sickness

Children do get ill which does means they may need to have a day off school. However, I am aware that sometimes children are missing school when they could be in school learning. The traffic light guidance below may help you decide if your child is well enough to come into school.

RED – STAY AT HOME	AMBER – SEEK ADVICE	GREEN – COME TO SCHOOL
Sickness & Diarrhoea – 48 hours must have elapsed before a child can return to school from the last episode.	Headache, Feeling Sick, Tummy Ache Children often feel unwell if they are anxious, if in doubt contact the school for advice.	Mild cough, Cold, Sore Throat, Feeling Tired We will always contact you if your child is ill during the school day.

NHS Pharmacy First Service

Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate, for seven common conditions without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment? Accessing the service may mean that can help children feel better and back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service. There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can pop into their local Boots pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service. Support for the following conditions can be accessed under the service, free of charge (unless NHS prescription charges apply):

Common condition	Patient eligibility
Earache	1 to 17 years
Impetigo	1 year and over

Infected insect bites and stings	1 year and over
Sore throats	5 years and over
Sinusitis	12 years and over
Uncomplicated urinary tract	Women 16 to 64 years
Shingles	18 years and over

*NHS Pharmacy First Service: In pharmacies in England only. Subject to availability. Treatment is subject to suitability assessment. Normal NHS prescription charge rules apply.

Online Safety

Playing games online

Does your child play games online? We have outlined some risks that you should consider:



Chatting to strangers / risk of inappropriate language

Some games will allow communication via text chat, direct messages or chatting. Some games do offer the ability to switch communication off and/or the option to restrict bad language, so make sure settings appropriate to your child are applied. If your child is playing online with strangers, then you need to be aware that there is a risk of grooming. Some games do allow you to restrict communication to 'friends only,' however you would need to monitor that their online friends are real life friends. It can be difficult to moderate online chat so ensure your child knows how to block and report other players.

Cyberbullying

It can be very easy online for children to behave in a way that they would not if they were face to face. Talk to your child about how they speak to others online and encourage them to talk to people online with respect. Other forms of cyberbullying whilst playing games could be excluding others, criticising the ability of other players and ganging up on others.

In app purchases

Many games include the option to purchase additional items/ subscriptions so ensure you do not have payment cards saved or set up restrictions/ a password to approve purchases.

What can I do?

- **Set up parental controls** - as well as setting up appropriate parental controls through the game's settings, ensure you have set them up on the console/device your child is playing on.
- **Check age ratings** - before buying the game, check that your child is old enough to play it. All games will either have a PEGI rating or be rated by the App Store/Google Play.
- **Chat to your child regularly** about the risks above so that they are aware of what can happen online and remind them to always talk to you or a trusted adult if they have any concerns

Further information

CEOP provides further guidance and support regarding this topic:

<p>Monday 19th January Honeybees at Woodland School</p> <p>Wednesday 21st January SEND parent workshop(tbc) 9.00am -11.00am</p> <p>Friday 23rd January Parent clinic 9.00am-10.00am Please book appointment via the school office</p> <p>Monday 26th January Bumblebees at Woodland School</p> <p>Wednesday 28th January SEND parent workshop(tbc) 9.00am -11.00am Drama For all workshops whole school</p> <p>Friday 30th January PTA movie night Pyjama Day</p> <p>Check out our online calendar of events Moss Lane School Calendar.</p>	<p>Monday 2nd February Hedgehogs Woodland School</p> <p>Wednesday 4th February SEND parent workshop(tbc) 9.00am -11.00am FGB C & L 6.15pm</p> <p>Monday 9th February – Friday 13th February Children's Mental health week "My voice Matters "</p> <p>Tuesday 10th February Safer Internet Day</p> <p>Wednesday 11th February SEND parent workshop(tbc)</p> <p>Friday 13th February Inset day- School closed</p> <p>14th -22nd February Half term</p> <p>Monday 23rd February Children back to school Squirrels Woodland School</p>
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Inset Days

Friday 13th February
Friday 22nd May

Social Media

Don't forget to visit our school Facebook page for more photos and information about things going on at school.
[Moss Lane School Facebook page](#)



Safeguarding...

Designated Safeguarding Leads **Mrs Abbott, Mrs Betterton, Mrs Forbes Patching and Mrs King**

These members of staff monitor and manage all safeguarding practices and ensure staff are supported and have the training they need. Please ask to see one of these adults if you are worried about the safety of a child at school. **If you have a safeguarding concern about a child out of school hours then the number to ring is: Surrey C-SPA 01483 51789.**



Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

The government provides universal free school meals for every child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in state-funded schools. However, although meals are provided free of charge, it may still be beneficial to you (if you meet the criteria) to apply for the FSM Entitlement (known as Pupil Premium). For every child in receipt of this entitlement, the school receives extra funding and this money is used to support that child to access school trips, activities, school clubs etc. and it is an important funding stream for every school. The qualifying criteria for Pupil Premium are: -

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seeker's Allowance (IBJSA)
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999



- Child Tax Credit, provided that their annual income is less than £16,190 and they are not in receipt of Working Tax Credit.
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.
- Working Tax Credit run-on -paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit



A message from the Children's Commissioner for England

Dear Parents/Carers I am writing to inform you that I have recently published a new guide, What I wish my parents or carers knew: A guide for parents on managing children's digital lives.

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/resource/what-i-wish-my-parents-or-carers-knew-a-guide-for-parents-and-carers-on-managing-childrens-digital-lives/>

I hope this guide will be a useful resource for you.

Yours sincerely,

Dame Rachel de Souza

Community news

Are you a parent in need of support?

Home-Start in Waverley may be able to help you by offering you a volunteer if you:

- live in the borough of Waverley which includes Farnham, Haslemere, Cranleigh, Godalming and surrounding districts
- have one or more children under the age of 5
- are going through a difficult time in your life



There are many reasons why you may need us. Perhaps you are:

- feeling isolated, maybe with no family nearby and struggling to make friends
- suffering with post-natal depression and maybe finding it hard to talk to anyone about it
- having a hard time coping with your child's illness or disability
- being affected by the death of a family member
- struggling with the emotional and practical demands of twins, triplets or more than one child under 5
- finding it hard to cope with relationship difficulties
- feeling exhausted or depressed
- coping with your own illness or disability

What do we offer?

If we think you qualify for our service, a carefully selected and trained volunteer, who has parenting experience, can visit you regularly for 2-4 hours a week in your own home. Our volunteers are there to offer emotional and practical support which is based on what we together agree would be helpful. Our support is flexible and responsive to your needs and can include:

- being a listening ear or someone to talk to
- adult company
- helping and playing with your children
- reassurance
- help to find out about and access other local amenities and services
- encouragement and motivation
- practical help



How can I get support?

If you are a parent looking for support, you can [email us](#), call us on **01252 737 453** to chat about your needs, or you can download the [self-referral form](#) which you can complete and post back to us. Our address can be found on the [Contact Us](#) page, or [send us an email](#). Please phone our office if you need help to complete the referral form or you can ask someone else such as your GP or health visitor to do it with you. The information you provide will help us ensure that the support you receive is appropriate and effective. Once we receive your completed referral form, we will contact you and arrange a visit to discuss any issues your family is having to deal with, what support is needed and how we may be able to help you. **Home-Start in Waverley** is an independent and confidential volunteer service – we only support you at your request.

Waverley School Based Need Service

If you need support now, here's what to do:-

- If you/ friend/ child or young person is in immediate danger: call [999](tel:999)
- For an urgent need, call our crisis line on [0800 915 4644](tel:08009154644) open 24/7 or call NHS [111](tel:111) and select the mental health option.
- For an urgent need to support children + young people who are deaf/ hard of hearing, + experiencing an emotional or mental health crisis text: [07860 022 879](tel:07860022879) it can be used by those already receiving mental health services, or not. No referral needed.
- **Self-help tools & resources** A range of resources, strategies, and tools developed by professionals can be found in our [resources section](#). Resources on self-care, anxiety, depression and much more are available, with links through to other useful websites.
- **Online support** If you need support with life's ups and downs outside of your regular support system, try Kooth which offers a free, safe, anonymous online support (kooth.com) or Chat Health which offers confidential text support with a qualified nurse (chathealth.nhs.uk).
- **Workshops and groups** We offer free workshops and groups for children, young people, and families - no request for support or diagnosis needed. More information on our [Early Support pages](#).
- **CYP Havens** [The Children Young People \(CYP\) Havens](#) are a welcoming space for 10-to-18-year-olds to talk about worries and mental health in confidence. Provided by Surrey County Council.
- **Out of hours advice line** [0300 222 5755](tel:03002225755) free out-of-hours phone line provides advice to parents and carers who are struggling with behaviors or difficulties which could be related to neurodevelopmental need, such as autism or ADHD.
- Our skilled and friendly advisers will talk carers and families through ways of calming down difficult situations and remind them of their coping strategies. It runs from 5pm until 11pm, seven days a week, 365 days a year.



Get in touch!

For all families in Surrey with children aged 0 to 25.
Our Local Offer website is designed to support children and young people with additional needs.



Our websites:

- Family Information Service website: www.surreycc.gov.uk/fis
- Local Offer website: www.surreylocaloffer.org.uk

Contact us:

- surrey.fis@surreycc.gov.uk
- [0300 200 1004](tel:03002001004)

Subscribe to our newsletters:

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Monthly [Family Matters newsletter](#).





GODALMING LEARNING PARTNERSHIP's GET Teaching programme

Why not **GET Teaching** with the Godalming Learning Partnership and Winchester University?

The **Godalming Learning Partnership (GLP)** is a dynamic and collaborative network of schools based in and around Godalming, Surrey. The core group comprises community and church settings: Godalming, Busbridge and The Chandler Junior schools, Moss Lane, Milford and Witley Infant schools plus the outstanding Wharf Nursery. GLP is united by a shared commitment to driving up educational standards, inclusion, and curriculum enrichment. At the heart of GLP's ethos is a belief in the power of collaboration to improve the life chances of children in the area by driving school improvement.



A flagship initiative of the partnership is its **GET Teaching** programme: GLP's school-led teacher training route, delivered in partnership with the University of Winchester's outstanding education department. We are **inviting applications to start in Sept 2026**.

The one-year school-led **GET Teaching** PGCE programme provides the perfect combination of immersive classroom experience in our schools and academic study at Winchester University. It has a 100% pass rate and a strong track record of graduates progressing into leadership roles within GLP schools.

If you have questions, take a look at our website (below) or email Rachel on: coordinator@godalminglearning.org

APPLY NOW TO START NEXT SEPTEMBER

Find out more about the course and how to apply at: www.getteaching.org and

[Primary \(3F9B\) with Godalming Learning Partnership - Find postgraduate teacher training - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/primary-3f9b-with-godalming-learning-partnership-find-postgraduate-teacher-training)

Local Events

Please see the attached flyer and book your team for 7pm, Friday, February 13th at the Borough Hall. Money's raised will go to the Meath and Skillway. This is now live and the link to buy tickets is: <https://buytickets.at/themeathepilepsycharity/1985620>

The Meath Epilepsy Charity



Help Support Waverley Mayor's Charities in 2025/26

The Meath Epilepsy Charity **SKILLWAY** **Waverley BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Mayor of Waverley's Charity Quiz

Fri 13 Feb 2026 7:00 PM - 10:30 PM GMT

Borough Hall, GU7 1HR

The Mayor of Waverley, Cllr Penny Rivers invites you to her charity quiz on **Friday, 13 February 2026**. The quiz will be held at The Borough Hall, Godalming at 7.00pm. Penny is raising funds for her chosen charities, [The Meath & Skillway](#).

Tickets are £10.00 per head with teams of 6 or 8.

If you do not have a team but would like to take part, please let us know and we will do our best to place you in a team.

Buy tickets

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