

MOSSY LEA MESSENGER

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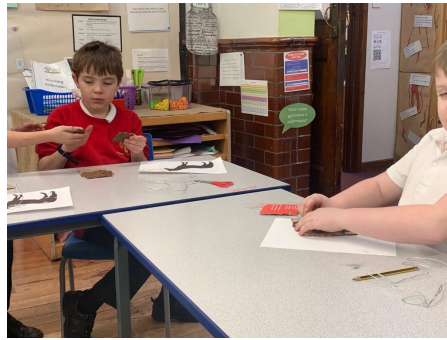
* Oak Class News *

Our budding poets have crafted moving versions of "Dulce et Decorum Est" by Wilfred Owen, showcasing their adventurous vocabulary. The class then brought these poems to life through heartfelt performances. 🎭 ✨

In DT, the creativity continued with students sculpting their own warhorses inspired by Michael Morpurgo's book. Using clay and wire, they've created truly impressive pieces. 🐎 🍁

Adding a touch of festive flair, the French lessons had the class singing Jingle Bells en français—très impressionnant! 🎵 🇫🇷

And the excitement is building as the children work hard rehearsing the Christmas play, "The Landlord's Cat." 🐱 🎭 They can't wait to share their talents with you all next week! Stay tuned for a magical performance. 🌟



• Acorn Class News *

What a fantastic end to the week in Acorns! ✨ We've been busy putting the finishing touches to our nativity play, and the excitement is building.

🌲 In Literacy, the unexpected arrival of two packages under our class tree brought pure joy. One contained Mr. Potato Head 🥔 believe it or not! It's the perfect continuation into our exploration of toy history and a golden opportunity to craft a non-chronological report. The anticipation is real for the next package!

Meanwhile, our Year Two stars showcased their brilliance by completing Autumn assessments in Reading, Maths, and Spelling. ☀️ They've truly shone bright! 🌈

Over in Reception, the little ones immersed themselves in the enchanting tale of "12 Little Lights", applying their newfound maths skills to this delightful story.

On the tech front, we've wrapped up our IT unit, where the Acorns dove into the world of designing and manipulating images. 🖥️ 🎨 .



As we gather our thoughts in the third week of Advent, we are reminded, now more than ever, that a miracle is brightest when it's dark. In a world where challenges, both personal, national, and global, often seem overwhelming, this season offers us a beacon of hope and a reminder of resilience.

The current struggles we face, from personal hardships to the homeless, those who are sick at this time, larger global issues, can sometimes cast a shadow over our daily lives. Yet, it is in these darkest hours that the potential for miracles shines the brightest. The birth of Jesus, in the most humble and challenging circumstances, symbolises the light of hope breaking through the darkness, offering a profound lesson for us all: In adversity lies the seed of transformation and renewal.

This message of hope is especially poignant as I share with you my last newsletter of the year. Reflecting on our journey together, I am filled with immense gratitude for the strength, compassion, and unity our school community has shown. Your support, dedication, and the countless small miracles you create every day have been a source of inspiration.

As we approach the festive season, let's carry with us the enduring message of Advent: a miracle is brightest when it's dark. May this thought guide us, offering solace and strength, and may the miracle of Christmas fill your hearts and homes with joy, peace, and love. Thank you for the privilege of being a part of this wonderful community. My heart is full of gratitude for the memories we've shared and the lessons we've learned together. I extend to you all my deepest seasonal blessings and best wishes for a bright and hopeful future.

With heartfelt thanks and warmest wishes, Andy.

A Christmas Carol Pantomime

On Monday, 8th January we will be joining the children at St. George's and watching a live performance of A Christmas Carol Pantomime.

We are kindly asking if children could be dropped off at St. George's that morning between 08:45 and 08:55. I will presume that you are dropping your child off, unless they are in Breakfast Club or you have sent me a Class Dojo message to say that they would require a lift with a member of staff. Please let me know by FRIDAY this week, if your child requires a lift to St. George's. We will make arrangements to return them to Mossy Lea.



Christmas Service at Tunley Church

On **Wednesday, 20th December** we will be visiting Tunley Church to take part in a Christmas Service with Pingawings.

Please drop you child off at church between 08:45 and 08:55 (if they attend Breakfast Club then they can come to school as normal). You are welcome to stay and watch the assembly.

Free After School Clubs next half term

Monday	Construction
Tuesday	Year 6 SATS Booster—this will be by invitation
Thursday	Choir
Friday	Street Dance

Star of the Week



BIBBYS - Year 2 children will be going to Bibby's Farm on 6th and 7th July 2024. We would now ask that parents begin to make payments towards this trip (£120). This can be done so via Scopay.

The children will have an amazing time on this trip. We appreciate that at this point you may have questions about the trip.

We will be sharing more details nearer the time and will hold a parent and children's meeting at Bibby's Farm.



Diary Dates

	December
19th	Christmas Play 15:30—all invited to watch
20th	Christmas Service at Tunley Church—all welcome 09:00 start Christmas jumper day and party afternoon
21st	Christmas bingo 18:00-20:00
22nd	Break up
	January
8th	Back to school Pantomime at St. George's - A Christmas Carol
9th	Year 5-6 Benchball Festival 16:00-18:00 at Albany Academy

Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy on our Governing Body for a Parent Governor.

When nominating someone or yourself, you may want to know more about what is involved; Governors do not need to be experts in the field of education, what is needed is an interest in the welfare of students together with the time and willingness to be involved. Your skills may be very useful as part of the Governing Body. Governors need to build relationships with a range of people, to be able to work as part of a team, to be able to question and the ability to make connections between different types of information. All Governors are expected to be able to read straightforward Budget Report and Data on school standards.

The Governing Body is responsible for the conduct of the school and for promoting high standards and carries out its role by supporting the vision for the school and ensuring that the school works effectively towards achieving the vision. It does this by building a thorough knowledge of the school and its community, by supporting and constructively challenging the school.

The Governing Body is made up of Parent Governors, Staff Governors and Co-opted Governors who are expected to:

- Attend two meetings a term.
- Visit the school formally for monitoring purposes, once a term.
- Attend training courses,

In return, our Governing Body commits to:

- Provide you with a structured induction
- Provide access to quality training via Lancashire County Council
- Provide informal feedback on your contribution to the Governing Body on an annual basis

If you are interested in applying for the role, please let Antonella know by Class Dojo or by email to a.greenhalgh@mossylea.lancs.sch.uk . If we receive more applications than there are vacancies, a secret ballot will be carried out. We will inform you closer to the time if we have to do this.