

# MOSSY LEA MESSENGER

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✨ What an incredible first week back at Mossy! ✨ 🌿

A huge welcome to our 6 new children who have joined the Mossy family – you are settling in beautifully and we are so happy to have you with us! ❤️ To our returning families, it has been truly wonderful to see you and your children again.

Although it wasn't a full week, the children wasted no time diving straight into their learning:

- 🧮 Exploring place value in maths
  - 🗡️ Investigating the mystery of strange swords in Oak Class
  - 📖 Asking "Who were the Ancient Greeks?" in history
  - 🌳 Launching our very first Forest Friday
- ... and so much more!

We are so excited for the year ahead – packed with inspiring, challenging and fun learning opportunities.

Here's to another fantastic year together at Mossy! 🌻





## **Welcome back to a new academic year – a journey worth taking, together.**

As I said to staff during INSET: if ever there was a time for faith, hope and love in education — it's now. Not as slogans on a wall, but as intentional choices we carry into the classroom, the corridors, and the conversations that shape our children.

These are curious virtues — because we can't see them. They don't sit in data dashboards or in lesson plans. They're deeper than that. More human than that. In many ways, they ask us to believe in what we can't always prove.

That's faith. The courage to trust in something beyond what's visible — a child's potential, a colleague's intent, a community's ability to come good. It's what lies behind our belief in education itself.

Hope isn't wishful thinking. It's knowing we aren't there yet — and choosing to keep going anyway. It's what you see in a child who keeps trying to read, in a parent who shows up after a difficult week, in a teacher who adjusts, adapts, and keeps caring. Hope says: we're still moving forward.

And love — the greatest of these — is what binds it all. It's not just affection or sentiment, but hard-won, deeply held regard for the people we serve. It's found in patient listening, quiet encouragement, holding high expectations, and sticking together when things feel messy.

I also reflected with staff on how COVID didn't just leave learning gaps — it left trust gaps, relationship gaps, and confidence gaps. Things frayed. Structures flattened. The social contract feels thinner. And yet schools like ours are one of the few places left where people from all walks of life gather, connect, and grow — together. We must continue to be a pillar of leadership in the community. A place where people believe in one another again.

This year, you'll see the same ambition and compassion in action — in our curriculum, in our standards, in our relationships with you as families. We're proud of our direction, but more importantly, we're proud of how we travel — with integrity, clarity, and kindness. And so, to each family: welcome back. Thank you for walking the road with us. We ask for your continued support, honesty, encouragement, and faith — especially in the moments that don't immediately make sense. Let's give way when needed. Let's look ahead. Let's flash the metaphorical headlights of kindness and keep each other moving.

Because this is the kind of road worth travelling — and we're glad you're on it with us.

## **PGL Pre-Trip Meeting**

With the Year 6 PGL trip fast approaching, we kindly ask that any outstanding payments are settled as soon as possible ahead of the departure date.

To help everyone prepare, we would like to invite Year 6 parents, along with the children, to a Pre-Trip Meeting on **Wednesday 10th September 2025 at 6.00pm in the school hall at St. George's**. During the meeting, we will talk you through the itinerary for the long weekend away, share a virtual tour of the park, and show videos of some of the activities the children will be enjoying. It will also be a good opportunity to check whether there are any items still needed.

A gentle reminder: please do not feel the need to buy anything new. This is an active, outdoor experience rather than a fashion parade. Well-worn, handed-down clothes are ideal, and it is worth noting that white trainers will not return white.

## Join Us for a Harvest Assembly at Tunley Church

We are thrilled to invite you to a special event that celebrates the spirit of giving and the bountiful harvest season - our Harvest Assembly! This heartwarming gathering will take place at Tunley Church on **Friday 26th of September at 9 am**.

This assembly is a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together and share in the joy of the season. Here are some important details to note:

### **Children's Arrival:**

Children are to meet directly at the church ready for the assembly. There is no need for them to come to school first, unless they are joining us for our breakfast club. The Church will be open from 08:45 and the assembly will begin at 09:00. Please ensure that you leave your child directly with a member of staff before you go.

### **\*\*Bringing the Harvest Spirit:\*\***

Harvest is a time for giving, and as part of our tradition, we will be making donations to 'The Brick' food bank in Wigan. If you wish to contribute, please bring your donations on the day of the assembly. Your generosity will make a significant difference in the lives of those in need in our community.

## **Introducing Forest Friday!**

We are excited to announce the launch of Forest Friday!

Every Friday afternoon, the whole school will come together to enjoy outdoor activities, making the most of our wonderful school grounds. This will be a fantastic opportunity for children to explore nature, work together, and learn new skills in the fresh air.

Children should come to school in their normal school uniform and bring their wellies. Please also make sure that they have a suitable coat for the weather, as we will be outside in all conditions.

We are looking forward to making Fridays a highlight of the week and can't wait to see the children thrive in our outdoor adventures.

# Get advice and support

Someone to talk to  
Problems at home/school  
Jobs and training  
Apprenticeships  
Staying safe online  
Sex and health Relationships  
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Self Harm  
Bullying  
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Things to do  
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What age can I?

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(up to 25 for young people with learning difficulties or disabilities)



## Every Day Matters

The latest Department for Education guidance is clear: attendance is not optional — and even small amounts of missed time can have a significant impact on learning, relationships, and confidence. Every day counts.

We know that occasional absence is unavoidable — and we're committed to working with families in a compassionate and understanding way. But we also want to improve our standards, because it's the consistency that allows children to thrive. Here are a few ways you can help:

Avoid term-time holidays – absence due to holidays is unlikely to be authorised.

Plan routine appointments for after school hours where possible.

Keep school informed if your child is unwell — and return them as soon as they're ready.

Speak to us early if anxiety or other barriers are making attendance difficult — we're here to help.

Together, we can continue to create an environment where children feel secure, successful, and supported — and that starts by being here.

## Earrings and Uniform — Thank You for Your Support

A huge thank you to all the families who have supported our school uniform policy by replacing traditional earrings with clear plastic retainers. We know it's a small adjustment, but it makes a big difference in helping us maintain the high standards we set for all pupils.

As you'll know, from when you chose to join Mossy Lea, earrings are not part of our uniform policy — this is for safety reasons during PE and playtimes, but also to promote a sense of equality and readiness for learning, plus also there are times in life where we are expected to follow rules, rather than ignore them.... and that also is a point worth noting as adults, and worth teaching our kids.

At the end of the day, we don't want uniform to become a battleground — and the reality is, there's very little we can do unless we have your support. That's why your cooperation is so valued. We're proud of how smart our pupils look, and that's a reflection of the shared values we hold as a school community.

Thank you again for helping us get the small things right — together, they add up to something much bigger.

## Diary Dates

	<b>Septemebr</b>
10th	PGL Pre Trip Maeeting at St. George's 18:00
15th	Governors Meeting 18:30
19th—22nd	Year 6 to PGL
26th	Harvest Assembly at Tunley Church 09:00
<b>October</b>	
2nd	EYFS Early Reading Meeting 15:40
24th	Break Up



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