

MOSSY LEA MESSENGER

Monday, 6th October 2025 VI.X. MMXXV

🌟 This Week at Mighty Mossy! 🌟 🌿

It's been another busy and exciting week of learning and creativity across our classes!

🌱 Acorns:

English – We explored the features of non-chronological reports in our reading stage. 📖

Science – We learned about the Wright Brothers ✈️ and tested our engineering skills by making and flying our own planes from different materials!

History – We were inspired by Mae Jemison 🚀, the first Black female astronaut, and discussed how she overcame adversity after being told women couldn't be astronauts.

Maths –

Reception: Visited Numberland, exploring the number 3. 🗺️

Year 2: Used part-whole models and base ten to solve missing number subtraction problems. ➖

Year 3: Worked on statistics and bar graphs. 📊

🌳 Oak Class:

English – We completed our independent writes, creating our own exciting additional chapter for Percy

Jackson and the Lightning Thief. ⚡

History – We discovered how the Ancient Greeks have influenced modern life, especially through theatre

🎭, and had fun designing and making our own performance masks.

Science – We compared the gestation periods of different animals. 🐘 🐰

Maths –

Year 4: Drew and interpreted graphs. ✅

Year 5: Practised formal written methods for addition and subtraction. ➕ ➖

Year 6: Used the grid method for multiplication. ✖️

🌲 Forest Friday:

We headed outdoors for a bug hunt 🐛, then gathered natural materials to build our own bug hotel. 🏠

Everyone enjoyed taking part in a carousel of forest-themed crafts too! 🍂 🌼



A Note on Attendance and Leave Requests

As you may be aware, there have been national changes to how schools handle unauthorised absences. These changes — which have been in effect for 12 months now — reduce our ability to use discretion when it comes to authorising time off. We'll always share the latest guidance, and you'll find a summary of the new rules included in this newsletter.

That said, we want to reassure you: our door is always open. We'll always try to work with you, not against you. We'd much rather have honest conversations than awkward stand-offs. We ask, please, that you don't ask children to cover for adult decisions — it puts them in an uncomfortable position and teaches them the wrong lesson about truth and trust. If something's going on, just let us know. We'll do our best to listen, support and advise.

Above all, please keep attendance as high as possible, and remember to send a Class Dojo message if your child is absent. Every day in school really does matter — and together, we're giving them the best chance to thrive.

My thanks, as always, Andy and Antonella



Important Update – Changes to Education-related Penalty Notices

Information for Parents

You may be aware that the Department for Education has announced national changes to the use of penalty notices issued for unauthorised absence in term time. These changes come into effect on 19 August 2024.

The changes to be aware of are:

- Penalty notices issued for offences that take place after 19 August 2024 will be charged at a new rate of £160 per parent per child. This can be paid at £80 if paid within 21 days.
- Any second penalty notice issued to the same parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period will be issued at the rate of £160 to be paid within 28 days with no option for a discounted rate.
- The threshold at which a penalty notice **must** be considered is set at 10 sessions (equivalent to 5 days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10-school week period¹. This may include absences as a result of arriving late after the register closes. The 10 school weeks may span different terms or school years.
- A maximum of 2 penalty notices may be issued to a parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period, so at the 3rd (or subsequent) offence(s) another course of action will need to be considered (such as prosecution or one of the other attendance legal interventions).
- Only penalty notices issued for absences taking place after 19 August 2024 will count towards the above thresholds.


Absences can have a lasting effect on learning

Missing a week of school means your child will miss around 25 hours of learning


This creates gaps in their knowledge and could mean they will not meet their full potential

We're Hiring! Join Our School Team ☀️

Do you enjoy working with children and want to make a real difference in their day? We are looking for a Welfare Supervisor to join our fantastic team of staff and pupils.

 Monday to Friday (term time only)
11:30am – 1:30pm

If you're caring, enthusiastic and enjoy working as part of a team, we'd love to hear from you.

 Find full details and how to apply, visit the school website.



Attendance Update

Current academic year up to Thursday 02 October 2025

Number of pupils

27

Overall attendance %

96.3%

Overall absence %

3.7%

Unauthorised absence %

0.2%

Class Call In—Thursday, 16th October

We are delighted to invite you to our Class Call-In! This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to show you their classroom and share some of the fantastic work they have been doing this term. **Please note that on this day, only paid Wrap Around Care will be available..** We look forward to seeing you and celebrating the children's hard work together!

Break the Rules Day – Friday 24th October

As Halloween falls during the October half term this year, we won't be holding our usual party. Instead, to add a little fun and raise funds for school, we'll be hosting a **"Break the Rules Day"** on **Friday 24th October**.

On this special day, pupils will have the chance to bend the rules – all for a good cause! Each rule broken will cost **£1**, with a maximum of **£5 per child**.

Some ideas include:

- Wearing trainers instead of school shoes – £1
- Wearing hair down instead of tied up – £1
- Bringing a treat for playtime instead of fruit – £1
- Wearing a Halloween costume – £1

It's a chance for the children to get creative, enjoy a day of mischief and help raise money at the same time. We can't wait to see their imaginative rule-breaking!

Star of the Week



Diary Dates

October	
16th	Class Call In 15:30
23rd	Lancashire Fire Service visit to both classes
24th	Break the Rules Day Break Up
November	
3rd	INSET—School closed for children
4th	Children return



CHORLEY

OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB!

Fun Activities for children aged 4-12 years

27-31 SPORTS • GAMES • FUN

OCT 2025

LOCATIONS: St Georges Primary School, Carr Lane, Chorley, PR7 3JU
TIME: 8:30am - 5:30pm

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BOOKINGS ARE NOW OPEN!



Department for Education

Quality Sport Holiday Clubs are a professional holiday club provider serving Greater Manchester and Lancashire. We have been running successful holiday clubs for over 15 years and are extremely passionate about childcare, physical education and the development of children.

Rest assured that our OFSTED registered clubs are led by fully qualified, enhanced DBS checked, paediatric first aid and safeguarding trained professionals.

Some of Our Activities:

- ✓ Gymnastics
- ✓ Airtrack
- ✓ Football
- ✓ Rugby
- ✓ Dodgeball
- ✓ Hockey
- ✓ Athletics
- ✓ Nerf Battles
- ✓ Inflatable Football Darts
- ✓ Talent Show Performances
- ✓ Tennis
- ✓ Basketball
- ✓ Arts & Crafts
- ✓ Baking
- ✓ QFIT
- ✓ Rounders
- ✓ Table Tennis



PRICES

Full Day (8:30am-5:30pm)	£28
Activity Day (10am-4pm)	£22
Activity Day & Breakfast Club (8:30am-4pm)	£26
Activity Day & Chill Out Club (10am-5:30pm)	£26

We offer sibling discount which is automatically applied when booking. We accept childcare vouchers & tax free childcare. Receipts can also be provided to claim fees back through universal credit too.

We have a convenient online booking system where parents can 24/7 and pay by card or childcare vouchers. To pay by childcare vouchers, simply click 'pay by childcare vouchers' on check out then a member of staff will be in touch to arrange payment with your relevant voucher company.