

MOSSY LEA MESSENGER

Monday, 10th November 2025 X.XI. MMXXV

✨ This Week at Mighty Mossy! ✨

What an incredible start to the half term here at Mighty Mossy! Our classrooms have been buzzing with creativity, curiosity and excitement for new learning. 💚

✨ Acorn Class

In Maths, Year 1 have been creating colourful repeating patterns, Year 2 have explored arrays and multiplication, and Year 3 have been mastering their 3 and 4 times tables.

In Geography, we looked at our local area, finding our school and familiar places using digital maps. 🌐

In Science, we labelled the parts of the body, learning more about how amazing we are inside and out! Our Reception children enjoyed getting creative and hands-on making playdough, while in Art the class painted beautiful Remembrance Day poppies to honour those who served. ❤️ 🌸

🌳 Oak Class

It's been a week full of mystery and imagination! In English, the class arrived to find mysterious clues — disappearing footsteps, a blue ribbon, a croquet set and a pair of binoculars! After lots of predictions and excitement, they discovered their new text: The Roundhill by Dick King-Smith, a mysterious ghost story that has everyone hooked. 🕵️ 📖

In Maths, Year 4 worked on the 9 and 11 times tables and used the compensation method, Year 5 explored multiples and factors, and Year 6 tackled simplifying fractions and adding fractions with different denominators.

In Science, Oak Class began their new Electricity topic ⚡, while in DT they practised their back stitch for our upcoming cross-stitch Christmas cards. 🌲 Finally, in Geography, they learned how to use atlases to explore the world. 🌍





A message to our current Year 5 parents

An email has been sent regarding payment for next year's PGL visit. The total cost is **£345**, with a **£40 deposit** due by **Friday 28th November**, or shortly afterwards if your payday falls at the end of the month.

Is the payment Voluntary or Compulsory?

We're often asked about voluntary and compulsory payments. We are seeing an increase in families citing "voluntary payments" as an opportunity not to pay, which I guess it is! However, and just to clarify: the PGL residential is not classed as a voluntary contribution — it's an optional experience, and if your child is attending, payment is required in full.

For other educational trips and visits, schools are required to label these as voluntary contributions — but the reality is, unless enough contributions are received, the trip may not go ahead. We're always grateful for your support in helping make these enriching opportunities possible.

That said, whether it be PGL, or a school trip, if finances are the reason your child isn't going, just come into school and have a chat with SLT.

I'd like to share something we often say behind the scenes: **aim for 80%**. Not perfection. Not polish. But progress. Because in the real world 80% done with love, thought, and humanity will always outshine 100% done with stress, fear, and burnout.

So if this term has felt a little messy, a little frayed, or a little more human than usual... perhaps that's okay. Perhaps that's exactly what growth looks like. The art of life — and the heart of education — isn't in getting it all right. It's in **showing up, sticking together, and choosing the right doors**, even when they're the quietest ones.

To all who have encouraged, supported, or simply understood — thank you.

Let's keep going — 80% and all.

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PERFECTION.
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BETTER THAN
YESTERDAY.**

Parents' Evening

This will take place on **Thursday, 27th November 15:40—18:00**. If your child is in Acorn Class or Year 3, an appointment will be made with Siobhan and if they are in Oak Class (Years 4-6) you will meet with Antonella.

Please send a Class Dojo message with your preferred appointment time, as soon as possible as it is first come first served.

Children in Need—Friday, 14th November

In line with our school vales—**We are considerate** and **We are responsible**—we will be supporting Children in Need again this year. Children in Need falls on Friday, 15th November. So, come as Pudsey! Come spotty! Spray your hair! Wear Yellow! Come in non uniform!

We will be joining Joe Wicks and our other special guests for a very special LIVE moment full of fun, mood boosting and celebration to kick off our BBC Children in Need Day! Bring in a donation and we'll send it off to Children in Need or scan the QR code.



★ PTFA News ★

Our **Parent, Teacher and Friends Association (PTFA)** is always delighted to welcome new members! We meet once a term to share ideas and plan exciting fundraising events that support our school community.

Our **next PTFA event** will be the **Christmas Bingo**, and we'd love your help to make it a success! There are lots of ways to get involved — you could:

- 🎁 Reach out to local businesses for raffle prizes
- 🛒 Help create hampers
- 🌟 Lend a hand on the night

If you're able to help in any way, please **send Antonella a message on Class Dojo**. Every bit of support makes a big difference and is very much appreciated.

We will be having **3 non-uniform Fridays** in the run up to the **Christmas Bingo on Thursday, 18th December:**

- 28th November for **chocolate**
- 5th December for **bottles** (alcohol and/or toilettes),
- 12th December **clean/unused/new toys, games, or any prizes that can be used to make up a hamper.**

There is no charge for the non-uniform days; but we do ask that you send in a donation please for the Christmas Bingo, in exchange for your child coming to school in their own clothes.

Christmas Fair!



Saturday, 29th November 11am - 1pm
Tunley Church Hall

Mossy Lea School will be hosting a game stall, so come along and support us.

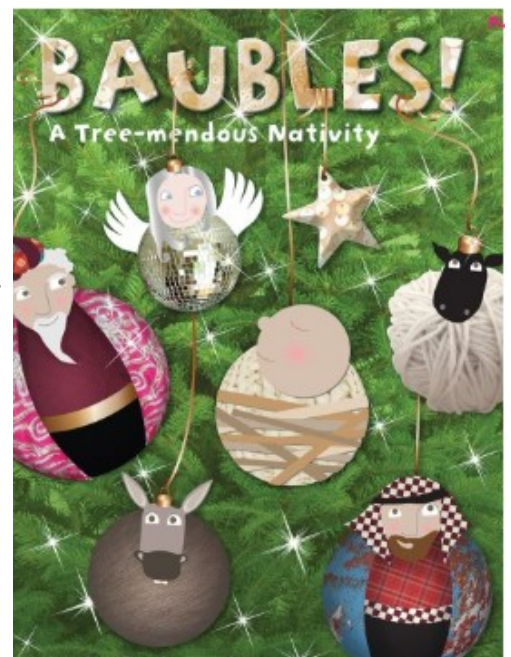
Lots of festive stalls including competitions to win a Christmas Hamper and a Christmas Cake. Visit Santa in his Grotto. Light lunches will be served.

Everyone welcome!

Christmas Play

Rehearsals for this years Christmas play whave begun!. The play will take place on **Thursday, 11th December at 15:45.**

The play is entitled ' Baubles'. Very soon, the children will have their scripts, with most children having a speaking part, so **please, please, take some time with your child to help them learn their lines.** As always, we will try and organise as many of the costumes within school, however, some elements will need providing from home. I will write to you about this by the end of November.



Christmas Party Day



On **Tuesday, 16th December**, the children will be enjoying a Christmas Party in the afternoon.

The children are change into their favourite party clothes in the afternoon.

Christmas Dinner

On **Wednesday, 17th December**, the school meal choice that day will be Christmas Dinner. We will have crackers and a Christmas party atmosphere... maybe even some sprouts!

If your child wouldn't normally have a school meal, we'd love them to join in the fun. Please pre book/pay on SCOPay.

Christmas Jumper Day

On the last day, **Friday, 20th December**, children are invited to wear a festive Christmas jumper, instead of their Mossy jumper or cardigan.



Christmas Carols in the school hall

On **Friday, 19th December at 15:00**, we are inviting yourselves into school, to join in with some Christmas carols and songs, to get us in the festive spirit. The children in Oak Class will also be performing a Christmas song on their

Christmas Sing-Along



Attendance Update

Your overall attendance
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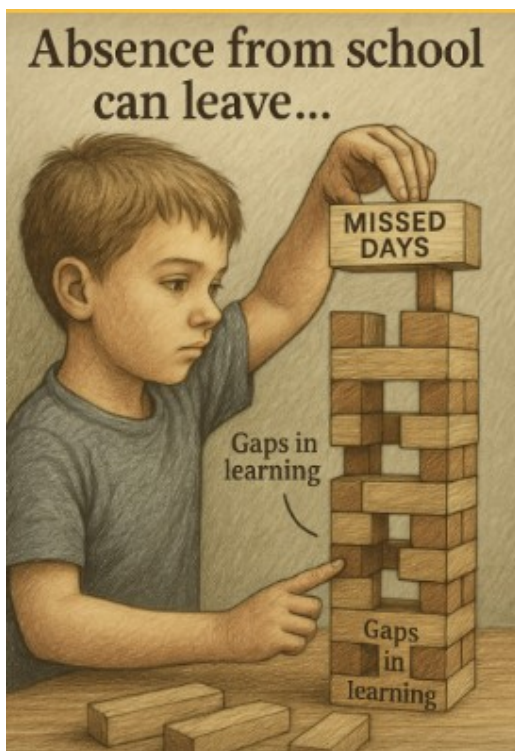
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Let's be honest, not every missed day leaves a visible crack — but absence has a way of weakening the structure quietly. A child's education is built brick by brick: not just facts and figures, but confidence, connection, and rhythm.

When children miss school, it's not just a lesson they miss — it's the moment it made sense, the laughter that came with it, the subtle nod that said "you're getting it." The impact isn't always immediate. Like a wall missing too many bricks, it's only later we notice the wobble. That's why attendance matters — not for perfection, but for momentum.

Every day helps your child build something strong, and each absence means they return to find the tools have moved on without them.

Let's build, together.



Star of the Week



	November
11th	Flu vaccinations
27th	Parents' Evening
28th	Non uniform—Chocolate
29th	Tunley Christmas Fair