

MOSSY LEA MESSENGER

Monday, 17th November 2025 XVII.XI. MMXXV

🌿 Weekly Highlights from Mighty Mossy! 🌿

🌿 Acorn Class Highlights

📖 Maths Magic:

Reception have been getting to know the number 8.
Year 1 have been sorting objects, shapes and numbers.
Year 2 have been confidently counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.
Year 3 have been practising their 3 and 4 times tables.

🔬 Science: We explored our five senses, naming them and discussing why they're important.

🗺️ Geography: We've been learning all about our local area and the children created junk-model maps to represent their surroundings.

💻 Computing: The children learned about safe searching online and how to use the internet responsibly.

📖 English: We've been ordering the story we are reading, ready to innovate our own versions.

🎨 Art: Inspired by L.S. Lowry, the children have been drawing matchstick figures, capturing movement and character beautifully.

🌿 Oak Class Highlights

📖 Maths:

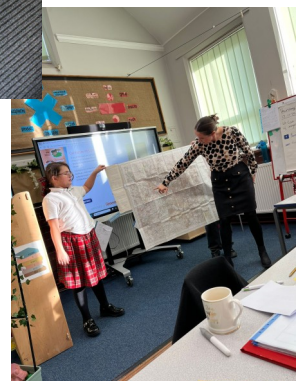
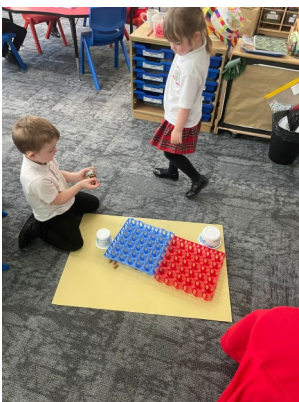
Year 4 have been multiplying using the grid method.
Year 5 have been practising division using the chunking method.
Year 6 have begun their new unit on algebra, exploring patterns and simple equations.

📖 English: We've finished reading *The Roundhill* by Dick King-Smith and have started planning our own innovated story versions.

🗺️ Geography: The children have been studying Ordnance Survey maps, learning to recognise a range of symbols.

🔬 Science & Computing: Oak Class have been exploring electrical circuits, learning about inputs and outputs and how they work.

🧵 Design Technology: Everyone has been practising their cross stitch skills—lots of focus and fantastic progress!



Remembrance Day

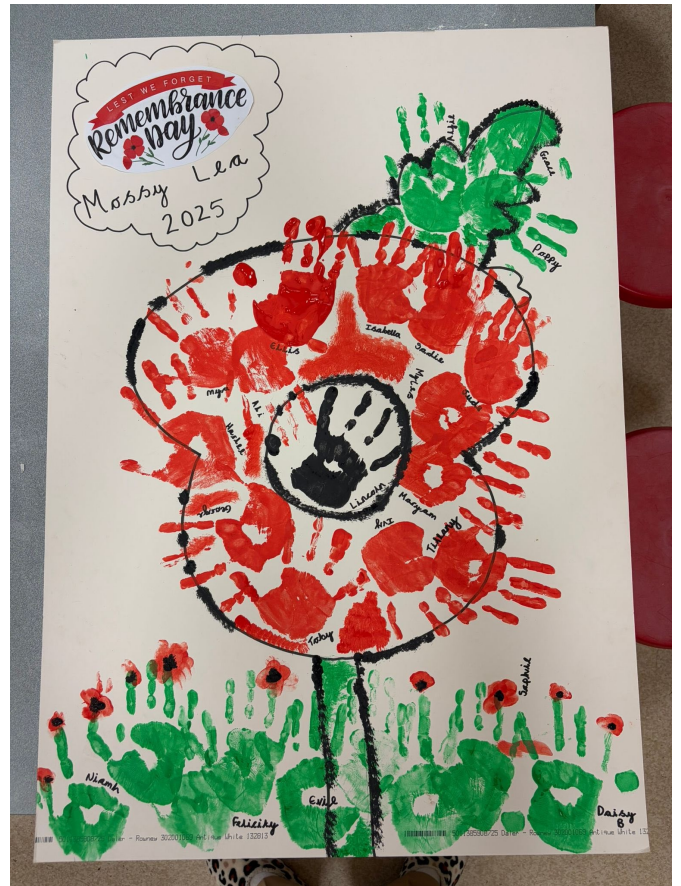
Last Tuesday, we all came together to mark Remembrance Day with great respect and reflection.

During our assembly, the children joined the BBC's live coverage from across the country and took part in the two minutes' silence, showing deep thought and understanding of the importance of the day.

In the lead up to today, every child contributed to our commemorations — creating a thoughtful poppy wreath, beautiful clay poppies and a stunning piece of whole school artwork that reflects unity and remembrance.

Remembrance Day holds special meaning within our community, especially as several of our parents have served in the Armed Forces. We are so proud of how our children have shown incredible respect, reflection, and empathy throughout.

Lest we forget.



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.

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

A huge **thank you** to all our parents and families for your generous donations for Children in Need. The children look absolutely fantastic, and your support makes such a difference. We raised an incredible:

£51.50



★ 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.

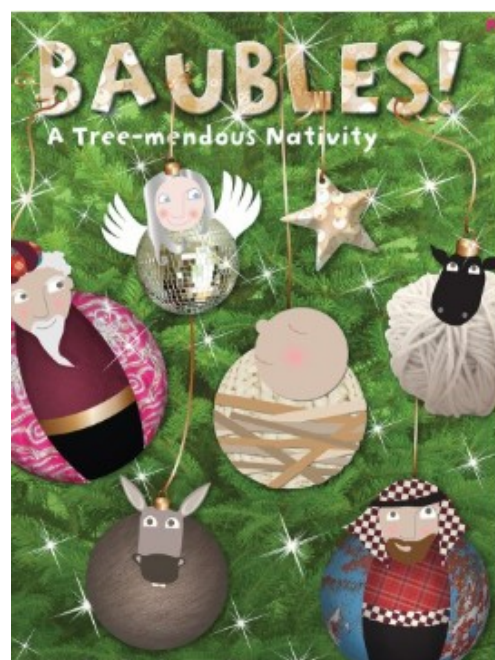
Lots of festive stalls including competitions to win a Christmas Hamper and a Christmas Cake. Visit Santa in his Grotto. Light lunches will be served.

Everyone welcome!

Christmas Play

Rehearsals for this years Christmas play have 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
96.1%

You are in decile 4, the top
30-40% of schools

Something to think about...

If kids believe they can... they generally do.

If kids believe they can't... they generally don't.

The critical bit — the bit that should sit heavy on all of us — is this:

It's down to us to shape those self-beliefs.

To plant "you can" in the places where "you can't" is trying to grow.

To show them that their effort, determination, and courage matter more than any label.

When we get that right, kids don't just achieve.

They become.

Star of the Week



	November
27th	Parents' Evening
28th	Non uniform—Chocolate
29th	Tunley Christmas Fair
December	
1st	Christmas Fair at St. Georges 18:00-20:00
5th	Non uniform—chocolate