

MOSSY LEA MESSENGER

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Weekly Highlights at Mighty Mossy

What a warm week we had! We did our very best to keep cool, with lots of our learning taking place in the shade under the trees. Of course, the highlight of the week had to be our Water Run, where everyone had lots of fun cooling off together! 💧

🌰 Acorn Class

In Science, we continued learning about materials by identifying everyday objects and the materials they are made from. We discovered that some objects are made from more than one material before grouping the materials and comparing what they are used for.

Our Reception children had great fun in the water play area, where their imaginations were in full flow! They transformed the water tray into a busy restaurant, "cooking" delicious pasta dishes for the whole school. When asked if they could make chicken pasta, the response was a confident, "We can do it!" It was wonderful to see such fantastic imaginative play, teamwork and communication.

In History, we explored Victorian homes and compared them with houses today. The children noticed that Victorian homes seemed much more cluttered, with lots of ornaments, statues and "knick-knacks"! We then put our creativity to work by making origami houses and decorating them to look like our own homes.

🌳 Oak Class

In English, we completed our unit on flashbacks, taking inspiration from the Pensieve in the Harry Potter stories. The children each wrote a favourite memory and then recorded it for Seesaw. Why not have a listen together and reminisce about the special moment they chose?

In Science, we investigated how different birds' beaks are adapted for different types of food. Through practical activities, we explored how finches have evolved over time to survive in different environments.

In DT, we welcomed visitors from Asda, who helped us make our own fruit salad and yoghurt pots. The children put their cutting and food preparation skills into practice while creating some delicious healthy snacks.



Attendance Update

**Your overall attendance
94.0%**

**You are in decile 8, the bottom
20-30% of schools**

There are weeks in school that arrive politely, sit quietly in the corner, and mind their own business.

Last week was not one of them.

It week arrived wearing sunglasses, carrying a clipboard, and shouting, "Right then, who's ready?" before anyone had quite finished their brew.

The heatwave certainly made itself known. Classrooms were warm, water bottles become sacred objects, and every patch of shade has briefly had the status of prime real estate. And yet, despite the heat, school has been absolutely full of life.

Phenomenal events. Brilliant children. Staff quietly grafting behind the scenes. Parents showing up, supporting, cheering, helping, understanding. The kind of week where you look around and think: yes, this is busy, but goodness me, it's good.

There has been a real sense of energy around school - not just busyness, but joy. The sort of joy that comes from children being involved, families being part of things, and everyone somehow managing to keep going even when the weather appears to have mistaken Wrightington for Marbella.

So this week's newsletter is a celebration really: Of sunshine., Of effort., Of community, Of the slightly sticky, slightly chaotic, completely wonderful rhythm of school life at this time of year.

It's been hot.

It's been full-on.

It's been fab.

After School Clubs – September 2026

From September, there will be a small charge for after school clubs.

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, we made a small charge for these clubs. During the pandemic, we took the decision to remove this cost to support families during a particularly challenging time. However, in order to help cover the increasing costs of running our clubs, we now need to reintroduce a modest charge.

We have kept these charges as low as possible and they remain significantly lower than the cost of many after school clubs offered by other schools.

The charges from September will be:

3:30pm – 4:30pm: £4.00

3:30pm – 5:00pm: £6.00

Please note that Chorley SSP after school club will continue to be free of charge until 4:30pm.

Wednesday after-school provision will continue to be available by prior arrangement only.

We are committed to continuing to provide a wide range of high quality after-school opportunities for our pupils and appreciate your understanding and continued support.

Weekly Awards



Quick Read - The Tip of the Iceberg

There is a lot going on

We are entering that wonderfully busy end-of-year period where the calendar looks like it has been attacked by a high-lighter. Please keep checking dates, emails, SCOpay and the calendar. Staying organised really helps — for you, for us, and for the kids.

Keep calm when things wobble

With this much happening, the odd thing may not go perfectly. A form may be missed, a PE kit may vanish, a date may need checking, or a child may announce something important at 8:42am that was apparently needed “three weeks ago”. Don’t panic. Talk to us. We’ll sort what we can, calmly and sensibly.

Debts and payments

Please keep chipping away at any outstanding debts — trips, Late Stay, Breakfast Club, PGL, Bibby’s Farm, lunches and anything else lurking on SCOpay. We know things are expensive, but these balances do matter and help us keep provision running properly.

Uniform still matters

Even when the weather is warm, the diary is busy, and everyone is limping towards July with a water bottle and mild bewilderment, uniform still matters. Please keep standards high: school colours, proper PE kit, and a clear sense that we are still very much in term time.

Final thought

Busy doesn’t have to mean chaotic. If we keep communicating, stay calm, and work together, we’ll get through the next few weeks with a smile — possibly a tired one, but a smile nonetheless.

Gifts for Teachers

As is now a tradition in school, but for those parents who are new to us at Christmas and at end of year, we ask, with the utmost respect for you not to send gifts in. We ask primarily, if you’re happy with the work we have done, for your thanks – it is so powerful, and means so much. Many thanks

Staff Car Park – Polite Reminder

A polite reminder that the staff car park is for staff use only, unless you are a Blue Badge holder or have made prior arrangements with the school.

To make access as convenient as possible, the side gate is open:

Until 9:15am each morning (or until the last child has arrived).

From 3:30pm to 4:30pm each afternoon.

We kindly ask that all parents and visitors use the side entrance during these times rather than accessing the school via the staff car park.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep the car park safe and available for staff and those who require accessible parking.

Summer 2 Diary Dates

Event for All

End of Year Assembly: Friday 17th July at 14:45. All welcome to join in with our end of year assembly.

Year 6 may also wish to bring a spare T-shirt/jumper and a sharpie that can be signed by their friends on the final day.

June	
30th	Chorley SSP Small School Games (by invitation)
July	
1st	Acorn Class visit to Tunley Church—RE lesson
1st/2nd	Year 7 High School Transition Day
2nd-3rd	Year 2 Residential trip to Bibby's Farm
6th	Sports' Day 2pm St. George's Summer Fair 6pm—all welcome
7th	New Reception taster morning
8th	Virtual author visit End of year reports sent home
9th	New Reception taster afternoon
10th	Year 6 Duxbury trip with St. George's
13th	Reserve Sports' Day
16th	Year 5/6 Sleepover
17th	Water Safety Assembly by TriKidz End of Year Assembly 14:45—all invited Break up 15:30