

MOSSY LEA MESSENGER

Monday, 6th July 2026 XXIX.VI. MMXXVI

Weekly Highlights at Mighty Mossy



Acorn Class

In Science, we teamed up with Oak Class to investigate which materials are best suited for different purposes. We thought about everyday objects and discussed why they are made from certain materials.

The children also took on an exciting engineering challenge by designing and building their own submarines. They demonstrated fantastic teamwork, problem-solving and communication skills as they worked together to make their creations as sturdy as possible.

As part of our RE learning about the Christian festival of Baptism, Acorn Class enjoyed a visit to Tunley Church. The children had the opportunity to learn more about the significance of baptism in a church setting, bringing their classroom learning to life.



Oak Class

In English, we have been researching the arguments for and against a vegetarian diet. The children have been collecting evidence ready for an exciting class debate next week, developing their speaking, listening and persuasive skills.

In Geography, we took part in a role-play activity, hosting a village meeting to discuss the impact of plastic pollution on our fictitious local beach and in the sea. The children confidently shared ideas, asked thoughtful questions and considered ways the community could help protect the environment.



Forest Friday

This week, we headed into Forest School for a creative art session. Using observational drawing as inspiration, the children explored a form of monoprinting to create beautiful nature-inspired artwork.



Reading Buddies

It was lovely to see our older pupils spending time reading with our younger children. Our Reading Buddy sessions continue to build confidence, friendships and a love of reading across the school.



Breakfast Club

A big well done to our Breakfast Club children, who have been taking excellent care of our lovely new plants. Their hard work is helping our outdoor spaces continue to flourish!



Attendance Update

**Your overall attendance
94.2%**

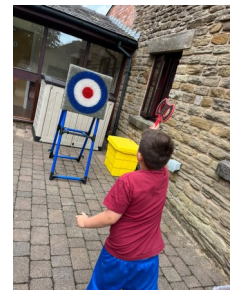
**You are in decile 8, the bottom
20-30% of schools**

Some weeks remind us exactly why schools are such extraordinary places.

Last week was one of those.

Our Year 2 children returned from Bibby's full of stories, laughter and a well deserved sense of pride. For many, it was their first experience of staying away from home, and they embraced every challenge with remarkable courage. They climbed, explored, laughed, encouraged one another and threw themselves wholeheartedly into every opportunity that came their way. They were a genuine credit to themselves, their families and our school. Their resilience, enthusiasm and infectious sense of fun made the residential an absolute joy to witness, and the staff who accompanied them could not have been prouder.

Moments like these remind us that education is about so much more than what happens in the classroom. It is about building confidence, discovering independence, making memories and finding out that we are often capable of much more than we first imagine.



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 highlighter. 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.

Free School Meals – Who is Entitled?

Important Information for Families.

Firstly, if your child is already receiving Free School Meals and is in Years 3–11, there is nothing you need to do. The Local Authority already holds your information and will automatically check your child's eligibility ahead of their return to school in September 2026.

If your child is in Key Stage 1 (Reception to Year 2), they will already have been receiving a free school meal through the universal infant scheme. If you have previously completed a Free School Meal application, so that your child's school can access additional funding, your eligibility will also be automatically checked—so again, you do not need to take any action.

If your child has not been receiving a free school meal and you believe your they may be eligible please read the information below.

From September 2026, the Government is extending eligibility for Free School Meals. This means that more families may now qualify for support, even if they have not previously been eligible.

What this means for you

- If your household income is lower, your child may now be entitled to free school meals at school
- Schools receive additional funding (known as Pupil Premium) for every eligible child, which is used to support learning, resources and enrichment opportunities
- Even if your child prefers a packed lunch, applying can still bring valuable benefits to both your child and the school

What you need to do

- If you think you may now be eligible, we strongly encourage you to submit an application before the start of the academic year.
- Applications are quick, confidential and securely processed
- If your child is already receiving Free School Meals, you do not need to reapply

Why it's important to apply

- Ensures your child receives all the support they are entitled to
- Helps the school access additional funding to support pupils
- May provide access to further support, such as help with trips or activities

If you would like further information or support with your application, please contact the school office.

We encourage all families to take a few minutes to check their eligibility — this support can make a real difference.

Year 6 SATs Results

A brief update for our Year 6 families.

Due to a national delay in the release of Key Stage 2 SATs results, schools across the country will receive the outcomes later than originally anticipated. We appreciate that many families are keen to receive this information and understand that the delay may be frustrating.

Please be assured that, as soon as we receive the results and have had the opportunity to complete the necessary checks, we will share them with parents and carers without delay. We anticipate that this will be on the final day of term, Friday 17th July.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. In the meantime, we remain incredibly proud of our Year 6 children, whose determination, resilience and hard work throughout the year have been a credit to themselves and to our school.

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.

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Sir Richard Steele



Weekly Awards



As we wrap up this week, here's something to ponder...

There is something rather satisfying about the closing weeks of a school year.

The finish line is in sight, yet there is still so much to do. Assemblies to rehearse. Reports to read. Celebrations to enjoy. Goodbyes to prepare for. New beginnings quietly taking shape.

Schools are curious places at this time of year. They are at their busiest, yet somehow at their most reflective. There is a calm purpose about the days, with everyone pulling in the same direction to make these final weeks as memorable as possible for our children.

So, as ever, thank you.

Thank you for your encouragement, your patience and your continued support. It makes a genuine difference.

Well done to our children for another superb week. Keep working hard, keep being kind and keep making us proud.

There are just two weeks to go, and plenty more excitement still to come. As always, if you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

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.

July	
7th	New Reception taster morning
8th	Virtual author visit
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



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CLASSES HELD IN CHORLEY AND SOUTH RIBBLE DISTRICT

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NEWBORN BABIES

Beautiful sessions for baby and you. Relax and connect with your baby through the ancient art of baby massage, learn to read your babies cues and cries, soothe your baby through rhythmic movements, meet and make new friends in your local area.

SUITABLE FROM BIRTH TO 12 WEEKS



BABY BELLS

In the world of 'busy', we invite you to join us in the sunshine garden in Baby Land. Enjoy a window of time to just 'be' with your baby whilst taking beautiful sound journeys every week, learning all about your amazing, cosmic baby and meet new friends.

SUITABLE FOR BABIES FROM 8 WEEKS APPROX (YOUNGER BABIES VERY WELCOME)



BABY BEEPS

A BIG fun class full of colour, puppet characters, raps, claps and rhythmic beats. Our unique baby signing programme supports baby's blossoming speech and language development. Baby Beeps provides a rich environment for our young sound explorers.

SUITABLE FROM 7 MONTHS APPROX (FOR BABIES THAT ARE SITTING UNAIDED)



HAPPY HOUSE

Join Dexter Cat and Adrian Mouse and take a different sound journey every week. We set the scene and your little Hartbeeps build their story! It's fun fun fun all the way, with remixed nursery rhymes, fabulous songs, characters, dress-up, props and more...

SUITABLE FOR TODDLERS (YOUNGER SIBLINGS WELCOME IN THIS FAMILY FUN CLASS)



PARTIES & ENTERTAINMENT

Our parties and entertainment have been specially designed to cater for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers. We can host our magical sessions from the comfort of your own home or any chosen venue.

SUITABLE FOR 1st TO 5th BIRTHDAYS, FAMILY CELEBRATIONS AND LARGER EVENTS SUCH AS FESTIVALS AND PLAY DAYS

We also offer in-house developmental sessions locally for nurseries and pre-schools.

CLASSES HELD IN AND AROUND CHORLEY

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