

WATERSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE— 93.7%



Thursday 28th March, 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wishing all our parents and carers a very happy Easter.

We look forward to seeing you next term.

Kind regards,

Emma Moakes
Headteacher



IMPORTANT DAY TO DAY INFORMATION

Attendance

It has been a really great couple of weeks and attendance has taken an upturn! We have seen a reduction in the number of children dipping below 90% and an overall improvement in attendance.



Thank you to everyone for their support in getting children into school and learning.

As usual I have looked at attendance to date. Where attendance has improved the percentage is recorded in blue and where it is above 95% (which is wonderful) it is recorded in green!

Year group	Attendance percentage to date
Year R	94.3%
Year 1	94.1%
Year 2	93.4%
Year 3	95.5%
Year 4	94.8%
Year 5	94.4%
Year 6	91.1%



**Let's keep
aiming high!**

**Let's 'Be the
Best that we**

If you would like to discuss your child's attendance or would like some support with anything associated, please do not hesitate to contact a member of our senior leadership team.

Interim reports and parent's evenings

Today children will have brought home their interim reports which we hope parents find useful. We will be following these up with our annual parent's evenings, where parents will get a chance to look at books and talk through their child's progress along with any worries or concerns.

We are holding Year 6 meetings on the first week back after Easter (Tuesday/Wednesday) and appointments can be booked on SCOPAY—bookings opened today. Year 6 parents will have an opportunity to talk about upcoming SATS and secondary transition plans.

Year groups R through to 5 will have their parent's meetings on Tuesday 7th May and Thursday 9th May. This is slightly different to in previous years but it will hopefully give parents the opportunity to see the breadth of progress that has been made. There will be a separate communication when booking opens for these dates.

A rich and engaging curriculum

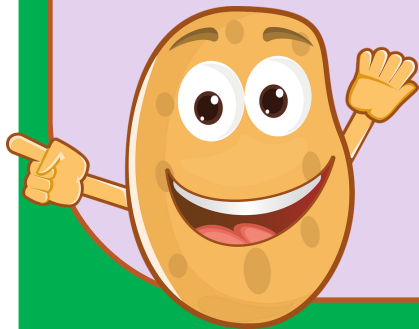
Year 3 cook lunch!

As part of our parent sharing programme for the year, Miss Gallimore and Year 3 took on the challenge of preparing and presenting a meal for their parents.

The children worked in two groups to prepare a vegan meal of jacket potatoes, self made baked beans and coleslaw. Cookery and food preparation is an important part of our design and technology curriculum.

The children had to listen very carefully to instructions and learnt new skills during the activity.

It was lovely to welcome parents to the two day event and we are very grateful to our PTA who funded the purchase of new kitchen equipment and cutlery.



Year 5 visit Noadswood

Seven of our wonderful writers from Year 5, were invited to attend a writing workshop at Noadswood secondary school last week.

The children joined children from other local primary schools to 'build a book' together.

Mrs McDermott who attended with the group was incredibly proud of the work they produced but also the responsible behaviour they showed out of school.



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Year 1 parents join us for singing



Thank you to all the Year 1 parents who joined us for singing this week. Singing practice on a Wednesday is always a special and enjoyable time of the week and this week it was lovely to be able to share it .

Next half term, we will be inviting Year R parents to join us.



Earth hour—Waterside Eco Warriors!

On Saturday, it was Earth Hour and Miss Gallimore along with our Eco Committee invited families to join in with this national event.

The Eco Committee invited you to do something good for the planet for an hour on Saturday, whether that was switching off your lights for an hour, getting outside for an hour, building a bug hotel, going for a litter pick or not using technology!



I was lucky enough to open my emails over the weekend and receive some wonderful pictures of Freddie, one of our Year 2 pupils, who had been busy building a bug hotel, but also find bugs in the natural habitat. Well done Freddie—it looks like you had loads of fun!

If your child had a go at any of the activities, please send your pictures to Miss Gallimore as they are going to be displayed in the corridor.



Diary Dates (new dates in bold)

Useful contacts:

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School office manned 8am—4pm

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There is an answerphone for any messages left out of hours.

28.3 Break up for Easter holidays

15.4 Back to school

16.4 Year 6 Parent's evening

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24.4 Year R parents to singing (9am)

25.4 Bridge Day Y5/6

1.5—Jumpstart Johnny visit

2.5 School closed for polling

6.5 Bank holiday

7.5 Year R—5 Parent's evening

9.5 Year R—5 Parent's evening

13.5 SATS WEEK for Year 6 begins

13.5—17.5 Bikeability Year 5

22.5 Class photographs

24.5 May Half term begins

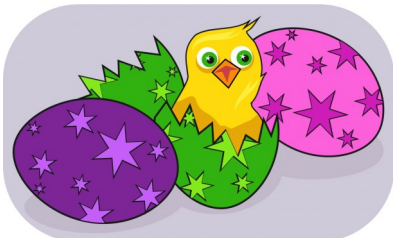
3.6 Back to school

7.6 Year 1 trip to Beaulieu Motor Museum

28.6—Inset day—school closed

1.7—Inset day—school closed

23.7 Last day of summer term—Summer holidays begin



Sadly, it was far too wet and cold to do the PTA's traditional Easter egg hunt today. A massive thank you however, to the PTA who came and delivered eggs to all the children in their classrooms.

We hugely value the work the PTA do and the money that is raised to support our curriculum.