

# WATERSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

NO: 16



**WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE— 94.5%**

Friday 27th June



Dear Parents and carers,

It's been a hot and humid couple of weeks at school, but that has not stopped us from continuing to work hard and progress.

It has been lovely to welcome families for sports day and our new Year R families to our stay and play sessions. We have seen Year 5 and Year R out on trips and a number of our Year 6 have been out visiting their new school placements.

Year 5 were also visited by a 'bee assessor' who evaluated their knowledge and skills as bee keepers!

Next week will be all about transition and on Thursday children will visit their new classrooms and be introduced to new teaching teams. Year 6 will all be off to secondary school for two days too, so we wish them all the best and hope they enjoy their days.

As the term and school year comes to a close there will be a great deal going on in school, with staff being here very late most evenings either for performances, sleepovers, report writing or end of year administration and I am sure you would like to join me in thanking them all for their dedication and commitment to your children. Staff give this time voluntarily and I am certainly very grateful to them.

Here's to a very happy last few weeks and a sunny, relaxed weekend.

Kind regards,

**Emma Moakes & Kira Jacobs**  
**Headteacher      Deputy Headteacher**



# IMPORTANT DAY TO DAY INFORMATION



## Attendance

Summer term usually means better health for our school community. Let's see if we can improve our individual and cohort attendance as well as the whole school figure!

Please see the NHS guidance regarding illness and when to keep your child at home.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>



## Year groups attendance figures to date:

Year group	Attendance percentage to date
Year R	94.5%
Year 1	92.3%
Year 2	95.5%
Year 3	92.7%
Year 4	93.5%
Year 5	95.6%
Year 6	95.1%

## Transition

WE have been excited to welcome our new Year R into school this week with another welcome session to follow on Tuesday. At the other end of the school, Year 6 children will be visiting their secondary schools next week on Thursday and Friday.

Internally, Years R,1,2,3,4 and 5 will also be meeting their new teachers and their transition morning will be on **Thursday 3rd July**. It's all change!

Following the move around, I will be writing to parents to share staffing teams for next year.

The last few weeks are always a bit of an anxious time for children and sometimes parents alike. Please come and speak to us if there are any worries we can support with.

# A rich and engaging curriculum



## Sports day

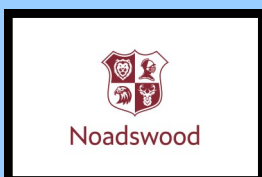
Thank you to everyone who turned out last week for a very warm but successful Sports Day. It was lovely to see so many families and we are proud of every single child who took part, did their best and showed fantastic sportsmanship, regardless of where they placed. Fantastic attitudes all round!



## Year 5 Arts Day

This Wednesday, Year 5 ventured to Noadswood and took part in an amazing Arts day; where all children fully participated in learning a dance routine, played various rhythms on the African drums and learnt all about drama bodies which they used for excellent role-play.

Super behaviour and attitude throughout the day. Well done Year 5.





## Year R trip to Longdown Dairy Farm

Year R were very excited to be heading to Longdown dairy Farm on Thursday of this week. The children thoroughly enjoyed seeing all the animals and even had the chance to feed some! What a lovely day and fantastic behaviour from Year R too!



## The Waterside Garden

Our wonderful Waterside garden is looking fantastic, lots of growing and colour. A beautiful vibrant space! We would like to say a massive heartfelt thank you from us all to **Bobby Davis—Young and Kim Nicholls**, for all the hours, care and attention they have given this space, which is ready for the staff and children to enjoy!



# Waterside in the Community

## Parking at pick up and drop off

As parents will be aware we have sadly received a number of complaints from residents, but also from other parents about parking at the beginning, but especially at the end of the day.

I have been sent photographs of parent cars parked on the yellow zig zag lines, double parked cars making access tricky and of cars parked on grass verges and across resident drives.

Councillor Wade and NFDC have also been made aware and I am really concerned about the impact this is having on our reputation, but also and most importantly on the safety of our children and families.

### **Please think about where you are parking.**

Please think about families and children who need to be able to see oncoming traffic to cross safely and how your parking impacts this. Please think about access along the road or to the school. Routes should not be blocked or compromised. Please think about local residents and respecting their property and access.

## Time capsule

The Waterside Heritage Day which takes place in Hythe this Saturday 28th June 10am—4 pm will be a fun-filled event for all the family with games, performance, the opening of a new museum and a glimpse into the past.

A time capsule will also be buried at 1.30—intended to be dug up in 25 years time and including some entries and contributions from our pupils.



**FREE EVENT**  
Theatre Performance  
and  
Time Capsule Burial

**BRING A CHAIR**

Combining well known songs, live music, poetry of the period and stories collected from current local residents, We'll Meet Again: A Day To Remember will transport you back to 1945.

**June 28<sup>th</sup> 1:30pm**

Hythe and Dibden Parish Council will be burying a time capsule filled with contributions from local organisations and schools  
The Grove Garden, Hythe, SO45 6BZ

At National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

# ONLINE CONTENT

## 10 tips to keep your children safe online

The internet has transformed the ability to access content. Many apps that children use are dependent on user-generated content which can encourage freedom of expression, imagination and creativity. However, due to the sheer volume uploaded every day, it can be difficult for platforms to regulate and moderate everything, which means that disturbing or distressing images, videos or audio clips can slip through the net. That's why we've created this guide to provide parents and carers with some useful tips on keeping children safe online.



### 1 MONITOR VIEWING HABITS

Whilst most apps have moderation tools, inappropriate content can still slip through the net.



### 2 CHECK ONLINE CONTENT

Understand what's being shared or what seems to be 'trending' at the moment.



### 3 CHECK AGE-RATINGS

Make sure they are old enough to use the app and meet the recommended age-limit.



### 4 CHANGE PRIVACY SETTINGS

Make accounts private and set content filters and parental controls where possible.



### 5 SPEND TIME ON THE APP

Get used to how apps work, what content is available and what your child likes to watch.



### 6 LET CHILDREN KNOW YOU'RE THERE

Ensure they know that there is support and advice available to them if they need it.



### 7 ENCOURAGE CRITICAL THINKING

Talk about what people might post online and why some posts could cause distress.



### 8 LEARN HOW TO REPORT & BLOCK

Always make sure that children know how to use the reporting tools on social media apps.



### 9 KEEP AN OPEN DIALOGUE

If a child sees distressing material online; listen to their concerns, empathise and offer reassurance.



### 10 SEEK FURTHER SUPPORT

If a child has been affected by something they've seen online, seek support from your school's safeguarding lead.

**National Online Safety**  
#WakeUpWednesday



## Diary Dates (new dates in bold)

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

 **edwards and ward**  
a recipe for success

Remember to check out the  
new lunch menus for  
September!



- 1.7 New YR Taster Session 1.30—2.30
- 3.7 & 4.7— Move up days for Year 6
- 3.7 Transition/ moving up morning YR—Y5
- 7.7 –11.7—Year 6 Activity Week
- 8.7—Year 4 Parent Sharing Event—Art 2pm**
- 9.7—Year R Singing (9am)
- 14.7 Listen 2 Me concert Year 4 and 5 parents (2.30pm)**
- 15.7 & 16.7—Upper School Performances 6pm
- 16.7—Rocksteady Concert (10am)
- 18.7—Year 6 Leavers Festival lunch and activities**
- 18.7 End of year reports out
- 21.7 Talent Show (no parents)
- 22.7 –Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9am**
- 22.7—End of Term Celebration Assembly 2pm**

**22.7 Last day of summer term**

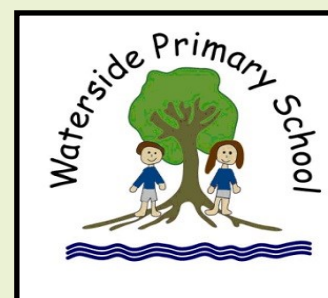
**Summer Holidays**

**3.9 INSET DAY**

**4.9 Back to school**

8.9 New Year R start school 8.40—12.30pm

15.9 New Year R full time



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