



WATERSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE— 97.2%

Friday 19th September 2025

Welcome to the Autumn term!



Wow, what a superb couple of weeks! It has been an absolute delight to welcome back all our children and families.

The children have settled incredibly well and we have loved seeing them forge new relationships in their new classrooms and return to their routines. The school has felt a hive of activity with staff and pupils alike making exciting plans and setting aspirations for the year ahead—a real buzz about the school as we set out to ‘be the best we can be’.

A huge thank you to parents and carers for preparing children so well for these initial weeks back at school, ensuring they have the appropriate uniform and resources. It really does aid a smooth transition and help the children to settle quickly.

Last week, we welcomed our new Year R class who are now full-time and doing really well. They have made an absolutely fantastic start and slotted right into the Waterside routines and expectations.

Parents should by now have received curriculum overviews from class teachers. These include important information about what your children are learning, but also practical information such as when your child has PE. Please do read as they are a useful point of reference but also a useful prompt to use when talking to your child about their learning in school.

We are excited for the year ahead and look forward to working together to make this year the very best for your child!

Have a lovely weekend!

Emma Moakes and Kira Jacobs
Headteacher Deputy Headteacher

IMPORTANT DAY TO DAY INFORMATION

Pupil Responsibilities

Providing children with opportunities to develop a sense of responsibility and independence is an important aspect of our wider school vision. There will be lots of opportunities for children across the school to step up to these in the weeks to come.

House Captains

House Captain is always a key role for our Year 6 pupils. A House Captain and deputy is voted in by each house to represent them throughout the year.

Last Friday each house met together to hear the election speeches of each candidate and then in a secret ballot, House Captains were voted in and presented to the school. All House Captains and their deputies were given a badge, so that the rest of the school can recognise them.

Our House captains can be seen below. We congratulate them all on their speeches.

<u>Water</u>	<u>Fire</u>	<u>Air</u>	<u>Earth</u>
Myla	Esmee	Mason	Lacey
Bobby	Maisie	Isla	Robbie



Sports at Waterside

Despite being a smaller school, we work hard to ensure our children have opportunities to compete, but also to learn and experience new sports and games. I am proud to announce that under the leadership of Mrs Marsh, we have gained a Gold School Games award for our efforts and participation last year.



School Vision and Values



To be the best that you can be!

What does that mean and what will it look like?

At Waterside we strongly believe in providing a curriculum that develops children's knowledge of the world, whilst also providing them with the life-long skills, the aspiration and the ambition to be healthy, successful, environmentally aware citizens that believe in contributing positively to society. Throughout the journey through our school, opportunities will be created that empower children to become curious, questioning learners who can develop and find personal interests and talents whilst also being challenged to think creatively, debate and discuss with clarity, and even fail successfully.

We aspire for all pupils and staff to live the values promoted by our learning pirates;

- ⇒ Resilience
- ⇒ Reflective
- ⇒ Responsibility and Respect
- ⇒ Resourcefulness
- ⇒ Reasoning



How?

Our staff are committed to creating a safe and inviting environment whilst fostering highly inclusive practice—enabling all children in our care the opportunities to be the best they can be.

As a staff we have reflected on how we do this through;

- ⇒ Relationships with parents and pupils
- ⇒ Resources
- ⇒ Curriculum
- ⇒ Rewards and feedback
- ⇒ Assessment for learning



We value your feedback! Please look out for opportunities to share your views with us!

School starters—September 2026

If you or anyone you know has a child due to start school in September 2026, let them know about our open days!

We will be opening the school for visits on Saturday 18th October and Monday 20th October.

Visits to the school can be booked by phoning the school office!



WATERSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN DAY FOR CHILDREN STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2026



*Is your child due to start school in
September 2026?*

**Please come along to our open day at Waterside
Primary School where you can meet the team and
look around the school.**

Please ring the school office (023 80842143) to book a tour at one of
the following times:

**Saturday 18th October—9.30am, 10.30am or 11.30am
Monday 20th October—9.15am, 10.15am or 11.15am**

Applications open on 1st November and close 15th January 2026

Take a look at our website! www.waterside.hants.sch.uk

Reminder about parking

Once again I would like to remind parents and carers to kindly consider residents, other road users and most importantly our children when stopping or parking around the school.

As per the highway code, please do not park or stop (however momentarily) on the yellow zigs zags, or on the corner of a road or junction as this prevents clear visibility and hinders the safety of our children crossing the road. It is also essential that cars do not block the road by parking alongside other cars.

The police have patrolled the local area at pick-up and drop-off times and will continue to do so.

Additionally, please consider local residents and refrain from parking on verges .

Parental Engagement

Communication

Here at Waterside we have worked hard to streamline all of our communications and make sure all information is easily accessible;

How do I know what is going on in school and how my child is doing?

- Newsletters with updates are published every other Friday and sent via Arbor then uploaded to the website.
- Diary dates— Available on newsletters and calendar on website
- Arbor is used for reminders, last minute changes and individual updates
- Curriculum newsletters are sent by teachers at the beginning of each term and also available on the website
- Parents Evenings are held in October and February
- Interim progress reports (Dec/Apr) / Full school report in July



What to do if I have a concern;

- We are a friendly and welcoming school and In the first instance we would recommend talking to the class teacher—all class teachers will be on class doors at the end of the day and sometimes in the morning.
- Members of Senior team will also be on gates in the morning and always happy to answer questions where they can.
- Useful contact information is on the back of every newsletter.



Year R Welcome events

Thank you to all those Year R parents who attended the first of our welcome sessions on Wednesday. We hope you found the session of phonics and early reading really useful. The rest of these sessions is scheduled for Wednesday 22nd October and Wednesday 26th November at 3.30pm. These sessions will run for no longer than one hour and children are welcome.

Calling all Year 6 parents!

Despite your child having only just started in Year 6, it is now time to make choices about which secondary school your child will attend next year! Information as to how to apply has been sent out in an email but below are details of open events to be held at Applemore and Noadswood in the coming weeks. Children can be taken out of school to attend these events, but the office will need to be notified.

Applemore requires parents to book a slot. Further information about the events can be found using the following links:

<https://www.applemore.hants.sch.uk>

<https://www.noadswood.hants.sch.uk/admissions/open-events>

Lift Academy in Holbury also has events which can be booked following the link below:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/lift-new-forest/open-morning-for-prospective-parents-students/e-pvmodk>



Applemore

BOOK NOW

OPEN EVENTS 2025

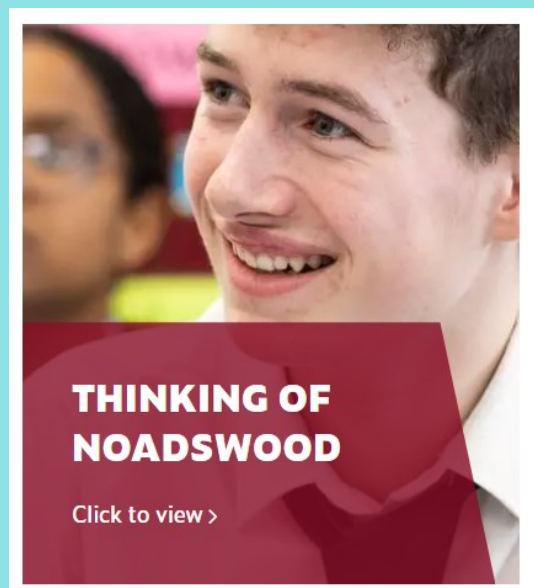
Believe in the Power of Possibility

OPEN MORNINGS
9.00am - 11.00am

MON 22nd Sept	TUES 23rd Sept	WED 24th Sept	THUR 2nd OCT	FRI 3rd OCT
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DISCOVER MORE AT
www.applemore.hants.sch.uk/discover

Believe | Respect | Determination



**THINKING OF
NOADSWOOD**

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Lift New Forest

OPEN EVENTS 2025
FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS & STUDENTS

OPEN EVENING
Thursday 2nd October
FROM 4.30 - 7PM

OPEN MORNINGS
Thursday 25th & Tuesday 30th September
Wednesday 8th & Friday 10th October
FROM 9.15-10.45AM

To book your place, please visit:
www.ticketsource.co.uk/new-forest-academy
or scan the QR code.

Lift New Forest, Long Lane, Holbury, SO48 2PA

A rich and engaging curriculum



Waterside honey wins prizes!

Waterside honey has won more prizes which is un'bee'lievable! Last weekend Waterside picked up 4 prizes at The Romsey Show! Well done Mr Rolt and his beekeepers!



Music lessons for years 3 and 4

Year 3 and 4 have made an excellent start on their music lessons this year. Both classes are learning to play the toot! This is a small wind instrument which is perfect for children to learn on.

Well done Year 3 and 4! I can't wait to hear what you have learnt in your concert at the end of term.



Time Table Rock Stars

Just a reminder to all children in Years 2—6 to get on Times Tables Rock Stars!

Mrs Ancill has informed me that we are currently in fifth place with another local school above us!!

Let's see if with some serious practice we can knock them off the top spot!



The Waterside Garden

Over the summer the Waterside garden has lapped up the sunshine and showers. I am incredibly grateful to both Bobby Eastman and Kim Nicholls who gave up time over the summer to water the crops and keep the garden neat and tidy. It looks amazing!

Having been loved and cared for, we now have a number of vegetables ready for harvesting! This is brilliant for the children to see and will help them understand where their food comes from and how crops are used.

Keep an eye on email and social media to see what we have harvested—there might even be some vegetables or produce for parents and carers to take home for a small donation! Watch this space!

Miss Jacobs and I loved trying the beetroot!



Diary Dates (new dates in bold)

Useful contacts:

Emma Moakes (Headteacher)
E.MOAKES@waterside.hants.sch.uk

Kira Jacobs (Deputy Headteacher)
K.Jacobs@waterside.hants.sch.uk

Lesley Ralls-Baird (SEN/Inclusion lead)
L.BAIRD@waterside.hants.sch.uk

School office manned 8am—4pm

023 80842143

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

www.waterside.hants.sch.uk



24.9 Year 6 parents to singing (9am)

26.9 Teaching Assistant Appreciation Day

8.10 Year 5 parents to singing (9am)

8.10 Year 5/6 Cross Country competition

13.10 Parent's evening

15.10 Parent's evening

18.10 Open Day for Year R 2026 parents

20.10 Open Day for Year R 2026 parents

20.10 School Photos

22.10 Year 4 parents to singing (9am)

23.10 Year 5 Viking Day

23.10 Year 6 trip

23.10 harvest celebration (2pm)

24.10 Break up for half term

3.11 Back to school

12.11 Year 3 parents to singing (9am)

17.11 Nasal Flu immunisations

19.11 Mayflower Theatre trip

3.12 Year 2 parents to singing (9am)

8.12 Year 3/4 Listen2ME concert (2pm)

15.12 Lower School Christmas performance
(1.30pm)

16.12 Lower School Christmas performance
(1.30pm)

17.12 Rocksteady concert (10am)

17.12 Christingle Service (tbc)

19.11 Break up for Christmas holiday

5.1.26 Back to school