



WATERSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE— 95.9%

Friday 3rd October 2025



Dear parents and carers,

It has been another very busy couple of weeks and it would seem that we have welcomed autumn!

It has been lovely to see classes enjoyed learning both inside and out. Miss Jacobs and I have been observing across the school and have been pleased to see the excellent standard of work being produced, as well as the positive attitudes to learning across the school.

School attendance has been impacted quite considerably by illness over the past few weeks but I am hoping that we will be through this by next week and will begin to see attendance across the school improve. Attendance remains a school and national priority. Currently the attendance in Year R is the best from across the school with Year 1 closely in second place. We also look at the attendance of each house and Water has come in first place again with Earth house a close second. Let's see if we can have a new winner next time!

Thank you to parents for their continued support.

Have a very happy weekend!

Emma Moakes and Kira Jacobs
Headteacher Deputy Headteacher



IMPORTANT DAY TO DAY INFORMATION

Walktober

How will you travel to school this month to support health, well-being and the environment?

- Walk
- Scoot
- Cycle
- Park and stride
- Use public transport

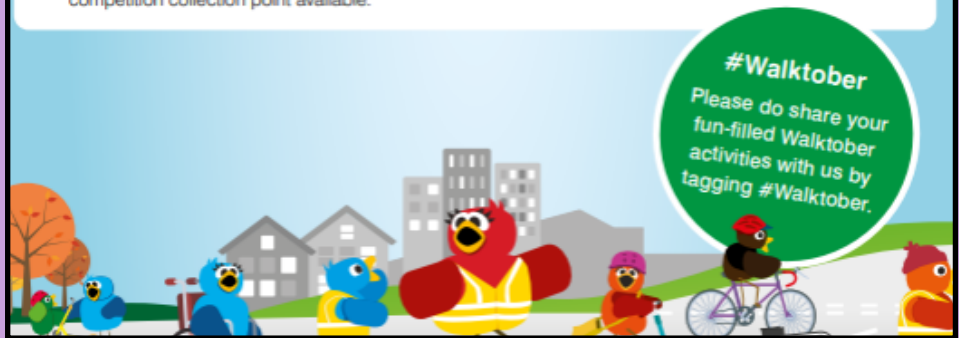
Enter this competition to be in with a chance of winning a prize.

Walktober 2025 - Pupil Competition

Whether you and your child regularly walk, wheel, cycle, scoot, Park and Stride or take public/school transport - or you're planning to give it a try - by sharing the story of their journey, your child can enter the pupil competition and help support our school's entry too.

How it works:

- To enter the 'My Walktober Journey' pupil competition, your child should create a report about an active or sustainable journey. They will receive a pupil instruction sheet with information and ideas to include in their report.
- Journey reports could be a written account, poem or rap, voice recording, video, presentation, drawing, map, collage or any other creative idea they'd like to share. If you need a bit of inspiration, visit myjourneyhampshire.com/walktober to see some examples.
- If happy to, journey reports can be handed to a teacher or sent to the school office. We will share these alongside staff stories to help inspire others to swap a car journey for a more active, sustainable one.
- We would also love to hear from any parents and carers who have their own active journey stories to share. Perhaps you walk to school and then catch a bus to work or use a cargo bike for the weekly shop. Your experience could encourage others to give it a go.
- Once complete, visit myjourneyhampshire.com/walktober for competition entry details and the full terms and conditions. The competition closes on **Friday 7th November 2025** and winners will be notified by the end of term.
- If you need any assistance entering the competition, please ask if we have a Walktober pupil competition collection point available.



Friends of Waterside

If you are interested in being a part of 'The Friends of Waterside', then there will be a meeting for parents and carers on **Tuesday 7th October at 3.30pm.**

This is an opportunity to find out how funds are raised for the school, what they are used for and how you can support and take part.

This meeting replaces the meeting that was cancelled and due to be held Monday 29th September.





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, especially now the weather is going to become wetter .



Parental Engagement



Parents Evenings:

Online bookings for our upcoming Parents Evenings close at 7pm this evening, but it's not too late to book an appointment with your child's teacher.

If you haven't been able to book online please call the school office to do so next week.

Monday 13th October and Wednesday 15th October 3.30—6.30 pm

Year R Welcome events

Year R are now settled and well into life at Waterside, I expect parents are wondering what next come and join us in Our Welcome to Waterside sessions.

The next sessions are scheduled for:

Wednesday 22nd October at 3.30 pm

Wednesday 26th November at 3.30pm.

These sessions will run for no longer than one hour and children are welcome and will provided with activities by staff members in the room to allow full participation for parents.

Year 6 Parents:

Year 6 have been busy visiting and exploring secondary schools—please note the deadline for secondary applications is **Friday 31st October 2025**.

These have to be made online through the local authority:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions/applicationprocess/year7>

A rich and engaging curriculum



Musical Enrichment!

On Wednesday a group of Year 5 and 6 pupils went to the Mayflower with Mrs Gilder for an interactive orchestra experience complete with opera singers! Lots of fun was had by all.

It was fun to join in. (Ella C)

The opera singers were amazing! (Kayla)



It was an amazing experience. I've never seen an orchestra before. (Novah)

The harp was beautiful. It was lovely to listen to it. (Jamelia)




Bug Club Champions:

As you will be aware we are really encouraging the engagement of Bug Club at home—particularly in the younger years and have our class competition up and running. The class with the highest percentage of children accessing each week will win. The class who has won at the end of term will win a special reward.

Will your child's class be in with a chance of winning this term's treat?



The scores so far:

	Week 1	Week 2
Year R		
Year 1	Winner! 	Winner! 
Year 2		Most Improved 
Year 3		

Meet the Reading Ambassadors

Our Reading Ambassadors have had their first 2 after-school sessions and already have lots of ideas in the pipelines to promote reading. They have been working in their 3 teams captained by our dedicated reading champions the lunchtime team will begin next week.

Rainbow Readers and competitions	Events	Good Book Squad	Lunchtime Leaders
			
Amber	Lottie	Esmee	Maisie
Ella A	Jamelia	Lacey	Penny
Daisy	Chloe	Lexie	Kayla
Charlotte	Amelia	Darcie	Mia
Harry		Mason	



The Waterside Garden

This week Year 4 used a whole host of vegetables from our school garden to cook and eat tomato pasta. The harvested chives, onions and tomatoes were used to create this delicious dish!

Teachers have also nominated two members of each class to create a Waterside '**Garden Gang**'.

These representatives will form part of a working party who help keep the garden neat and tidy. They will also provide a pupils voice as to what we would like to see growing in the garden next!



Diary Dates (new dates in bold)

Useful contacts:

Emma Moakes (Headteacher)
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Kira Jacobs (Deputy Headteacher)
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Lesley Ralls-Baird (SEN/Inclusion lead)
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School office manned 8am—4pm

023 80842143

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

www.waterside.hants.sch.uk



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 (Y4,5,6)

26.11 Welcome to Waterside 3 (Year R parents)

3.12 Year 2 parents to singing (9am)

8.12 Year 3/4 Listen2ME concert (2pm)

15.12 Lower School Christmas performance (1.30pm)

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17.12 Rocksteady concert (10am)

17.12 Christingle Service (tbc)

19.11 Break up for Christmas holiday

5.1.26 Back to school