



WATERSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE— 95.2%

Friday 17th October 2025



Dear parents and carers,

As we near the end of our sixth full week in school, I think we are all beginning to feel a little tired. Despite this however, there has still been a great deal going on and Miss Jacobs and I have been inundated with visitors wanting to show us their work from class.

Tomorrow we will be opening to show the school off to potential starters and I hope they will see and appreciate the hard work put in by both staff and pupils to make the school a bright and engaging learning environment.

Next week is full of activity as we head into half term and we hope some parents might join us for our harvest festival on Thursday afternoon. We have a limited number of seats, but there are still tickets available. All donations of food and toiletries will be greatly welcomed and we hope to be able to make a sizable donation to Waterside Foodbank.

Thank you to all those parents who came to parents evening this week too. We had a super turnout and it was a great opportunity for teachers to find out a bit more about your children but also to share those successful transitions made in September. With this in mind, please remember to talk to class teachers if there are any concerns, worries or questions moving forward.

Have a lovely 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.

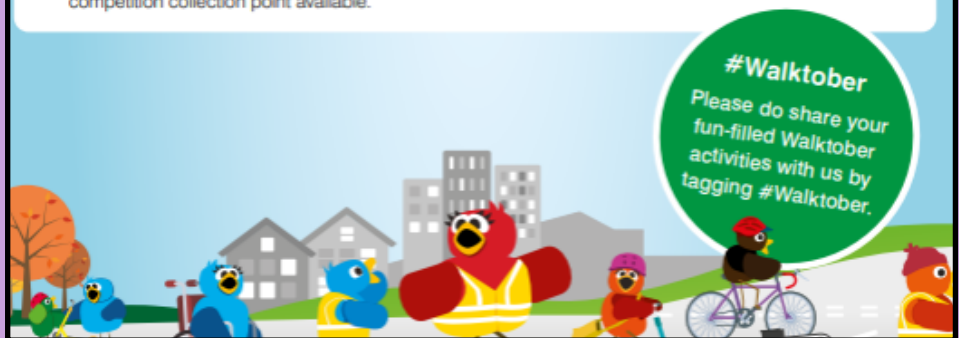
We have seen loads of children walking, cycling and scooting! Well done!

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.



Safer travel and considerate parking

A massive thank you to those parents who have been taking care to drive with caution around the school at the busier times of pick up and drop off. This is so essential to ensure the safety of all your children.

Thank you too to those people who have been refraining from parking across the driveways of local residents and in spaces that do not block the road or the vision of other road users.

Please continue to park respectfully and legally and this will ensure the safety of our children as well as good relations between the school and other members of the local community.





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 tomorrow (Saturday) and Monday 20th October. We are also happy to book in visits for after half term.

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](tel:02380842143)) 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

Friends of Waterside

A big welcome and thank you to our new Friends of Waterside team who are excited a raring to go kicking off with a Meet and Greet event on **Thursday 6th November at 3.15pm**. If you have ideas, are interested in joining the new team, or even just helping at an upcoming event please come along and enjoy **FREE REFRESHMENTS and fun activities for the children!**

Check diary dates for Discos and Christmas Fayre dates, which are now all booked in!



A rich and engaging curriculum



Cross Country events!



Last week we had two Cross Country adventures!
Early in the week our Year 5/6 teams competed with the girls team coming 14th/ 55 and the boys coming 35th/65 ! Amazing achievements!

On Friday after school some of our younger children from YR1-3 competed with all children running exceptionally well securing a gold medal and 2 bronze medals!

Well done TEAM WATERSIDE!



Bug Club Champions:

Well Done Lower School we have seen a massive improvement in the number of children accessing Bug Club at home. Keep it up!!

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









= winner



= most improved



The scores so far:

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
Year R			 	
Year 1				
Year 2				
Year 3				

Visit from the police

Year 2 were visited this week by two of our local police officers.

In advance of the visit the children had written a series of questions that they wanted to ask the officers.

Miss Wells who arranged the visit was really impressed by the children's questions and the way they listening respectfully.



Harvest Festival—Tickets available!

We will be celebrating harvest on Thursday 24th October with our annual harvest festival. We have asked pupils and families to donate items of food and toiletries which can be given to our local foodbank. This is a hugely valuable local resource and we would be very grateful for any contributions.

Due to fire regulations and a general lack of space, we will only be able to accommodate 100 parent visitors at the assembly. Tickets are available on a first come first served basis from the school office.

On the afternoon, for those in attendance, there will be an opportunity to purchase drinks and cake. All proceeds will go to developing the Waterside garden. Please bring cash. Many thanks in advance for you on-going support.



Diary Dates (new dates in bold)

Useful contacts:

Emma Moakes (Headteacher)
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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



Please note that Monday 5th January is now an **INSET day and school will be closed to all pupils.**

18.10 Open Day for Year R 2026 parents

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20.10 School Photos

22.10 Year 4 parents to singing (9am)

22.10 Year R Parent Session 3.30—4PM

23.10 Year 5 Viking Day

23.10 Year 6 trip

23.10 Harvest celebration (2pm) - ticketed event.

24.10 Break up for half term

3.11 Back to school

6.11—Friends of Waterside Meet and Greet

12.11 Year 3 parents to singing (9am)

17.11 Nasal Flu immunisations

18.11 DISCOS

19.11 Mayflower Theatre trip (Y4,5,6)

26.11 Welcome to Waterside 3 (Year R parents)

2.12—Winter Warmer (details to follow)

3.12 Year 2 parents to singing (9am)

8.12 Year 3/4 Listen2ME concert (2pm)

13.12 Christmas Fayre

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 1.45pm

19.11 Break up for Christmas holiday

5.1.26 INSET DAY

6.1.26 Back to School