



WATERSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE— 94%



Friday 14th November 2025

Dear parents and carers,

What a crazy spotty, dotty day it has been!

Thank you to everyone who donated and to all the children for dressing up and making today a fun day!

It has been a busy couple of weeks back and we are now planning and thinking forward to Christmas. There are lots of dates included in this newsletter and there will be further information winging it's way home over the coming weeks.

Have a super weekend and we will look forward to seeing you all next week!

Emma Moakes and Kira Jacobs
Headteacher Deputy Headteacher

IMPORTANT DAY TO DAY INFORMATION



Attendance

Attendance remains a real concern and area for improvement across the country, but also here at Waterside Primary School.

When comparing our school with those nationally, we are in the bottom 20% of schools for attendance. This is not a figure that I am happy with or proud of.

We have had an unprecedented amount of illness which is understandable at this time of year, but we do need to work together to try and improve this.

Days in school equate directly to pupil success. Absence equates to missed learning opportunities which extend beyond the day's absence.

Please think carefully before keeping your child at home and if in doubt give us a call—we all want the best future outcomes for your children and attendance is a major factor in this.



This chart shows how the percentage equates to days lost over the course of a full academic year.

We want to aim for attendance of 95% and above.

Interim reports in December will give you an understanding of where your child's attendance sits currently.

Friends of Waterside

Thank you to the Friends of Waterside who held their meet and greet event last week, along with their special friend Stitch. It was lovely to see so many families in the hall with their children.

Parents in the group shared their plans for upcoming events as well as providing refreshments and cake! It was also great to see the uniform swap shop in full swing! Children from Year 6 also volunteered and there was a 'guess the bear name' game.

Children, staff and parents were also given the opportunity to vote for a new logo which can be seen here.



If you were unable to come and have ideas to share or are able to volunteer to help at the Christmas Fayre or Discos—scan the QR code to join. There is also a suggestions box in the school office.



Scan the QR code to join the Volunteers WhatsApp group



Volunteers
WhatsApp group

A rich and engaging curriculum



Remembrance—A time for reflection

This week in our assemblies and beyond we have been thinking about the theme of remembrance and resilience. We held a 2 minutes silence across the school and we were incredibly proud of the level of respect and reflection demonstrated by all children. We are also incredibly proud of all our pupils who took part in remembrance parades and celebrations over the weekend, and were able to share this with their peers in discussions.



Bug Club Champions

Last half term the number of children accessing Bug Club went from strength to strength with, **25 children** earning leaves for accessing Bug Club at home **every single week** during the half term. We know that reading at home routinely, significantly impacts children's learning, so thank you for your support.

Who will earn a leaf this half term?



= winner



= most improved

	Last Half Term	This week 10.11
Year R		
Year 1		
Year 2		
Year 3		

Have you tried visiting the library in Hythe?

Let your child choose some books to read for pleasure.



Donated dictionaries

This week saw our annual visit from Hythe and Waterside Rotary Club, who donated dictionaries to our very pleased Year 4 class.

This is a really valuable resource which the children can take with them through primary school and beyond. We are very grateful for this kind donation.



Children in Need 2025



Today we all came to school in all things dotty and spotty to raise money for Children in Need! It is important that children have time to think of others.

Thank you for all the kind donations and for supporting this cause.

We will let you know what we raised when we have a total!

ENGLAND ROCKS



18TH TO 20TH NOVEMBER
7:30AM TO 7:30PM DAILY

 PLAY IN ANY
GAME TYPE!

1HR TIME LIMIT
PER PERSON! 

WINNING CLASS WILL HAVE THE
HIGHEST NUMBER OF CORRECT
ANSWERS PER STUDENT!



**TIMES TABLES
ROCK STARS**



Diary Dates (new dates in bold)

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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.

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 Event

3.12 Year 2 parents to singing (9am)

8.12 Year 3/4 Listen2ME concert (2pm)

13.12 Christmas Fayre 11-2pm

15.12 Lower School Christmas performance (2.15pm)

16.12 Lower School Christmas performance (2.15pm)

17.12 Rocksteady concert (10am)

17.12 Christingle Service 1.45pm (St John's Church)

18.12 School Christmas Lunch

19.11 Break up for Christmas holiday

5.1.26 INSET DAY

6.1.26 Back to School

14.1— Treehouse Theatre—Panto in school