



WATERSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE— 94.1%

Friday 28th November 2025



Dear parents and carers,

It's been another very busy couple of weeks and we are beginning to get excited by all things Christmas! The lower school are beginning to learn their Christmas songs and the first of the decorations have been got out of storage. We fully appreciate that this is a busy time for everyone so please refer to the dates on the back page of this newsletter to ensure you know what is coming up.

We are hoping that the next few weeks will provide lots of opportunities for you to come and join us in school whether that be to watch a Christmas performance, join us for our Winter Warmer reading event or popping along to our Christmas Fair. Children really value the opportunity to share 'school' with their parents and these opportunities can build an understanding of what your child experiences in school as well as prompting positive discussions. Next year we hope to further build on these opportunities to come in and share school with us—so watch this space!

Have a lovely weekend and thank you as always for your support.

Kind regards,

Emma Moakes and Kira Jacobs
Headteacher Deputy Headteacher



IMPORTANT DAY TO DAY INFORMATION

Winter Wellness

As we approach the festive season, one of the busiest and potentially most exciting times of the year, it's important to remember that Christmas can be a challenging time for many of us. It can sometimes feel, rushed, pressured or stressful.

While the holidays are often associated with joy and celebration, for some children and indeed adults it can trigger feelings of anxiety, sadness, or isolation. Changes in routine, unpredictability, heightened emotions, and reminders of memories can all contribute to increased vulnerability.

It's important that we all take 5 minutes to look after ourselves and find some calm amongst the busy chaos to help maintain wellness.

As a result we have created a Winter Wellness challenge;

Each child will come home with a challenge card next week (pictured below). Each petal contains some ideas for small family activities which can be done with your child/ children over the coming weeks, many of them I am sure you will do frequently and probably already have planned in.

We love to hear what you have been up to at home so we will be asking the children to share their experiences around these activities—they may want to bring photos, things they have created or just tick off things on the flower.

Anyone who shares their flowers in the first week back in January will be awarded a special flower shaped leaf which will contribute to towards their next Headteacher's Award!

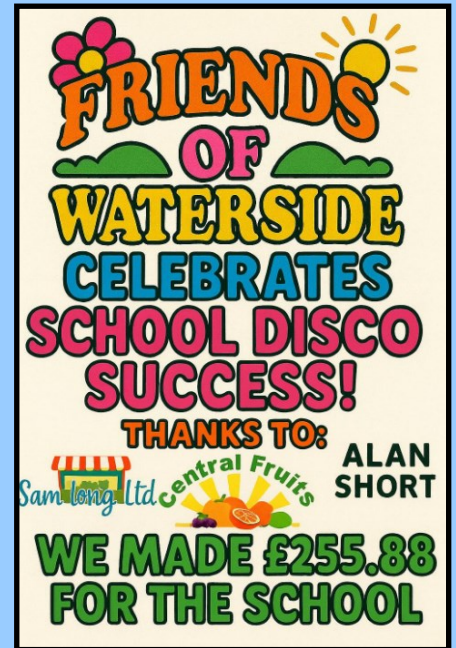
We hope you enjoy completing some of these activities and that you have a wonderful December!



Friends of Waterside Disco

Thank you to our Friends of Waterside who held our discos last Tuesday raising £ 255.88.

The event was well attended by lots of children, who danced their socks off, went home with a smile on their faces and fruit kebab in hand!



Join us for our Christmas Fair on Saturday 13th December between 11am and 2pm!

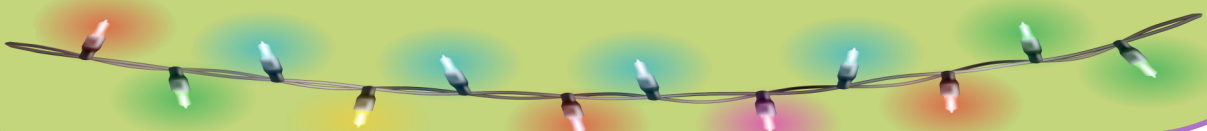
Christmas Tree Festival

Hythe 2000's annual Christmas Tree festival is now well underway with a whole host of trees for viewing at St John's in Hythe, open until Saturday 6th December.

Look out for Waterside's entry which has been thoughtfully crafted by Mrs Fawson using sustainable materials and the handprints of every child and staff member in school.

Each layer representing the friendship, learning, kindness and community spirit which fills Waterside Primary School every single day!

Thank you Mrs Fawson for your vision and putting together of this wonderful tree!



A rich and engaging curriculum



England Rocks Results

Thank you to everyone who took part in England Rocks on Times Table Rockstars last week!



We came 20th out of 574 schools in the region!

Aroky in Year 6 was 32nd out of 53,231 students in South East!

Year 6 were 12th out of 3994 classes in South East!

Year 6 entered 80,519 correct answers
Year 4 entered 12,352 correct answers
Year 5 entered 10,181 correct answers.



Wells Done Team Waterside!



The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe

Last week we took a very eager group of Year 4,5 and 6 pupils to The Mayflower theatre in Southampton to see 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'.

This was an incredibly rich and varied performance incorporating a whole host of theatrical attributes. An absolute joy for all of the children and enrichment to their experiences. The children were brilliantly behaved and represented the school wonderfully.

It made me realise if you want to follow your dreams, then one day you can make it happen—just like Lucy in the play—Jamelia

Great to experience with my friends, I have only ever been to that theatre with school—Lots of Year 6

It made me feel like nothing was impossible—Isla



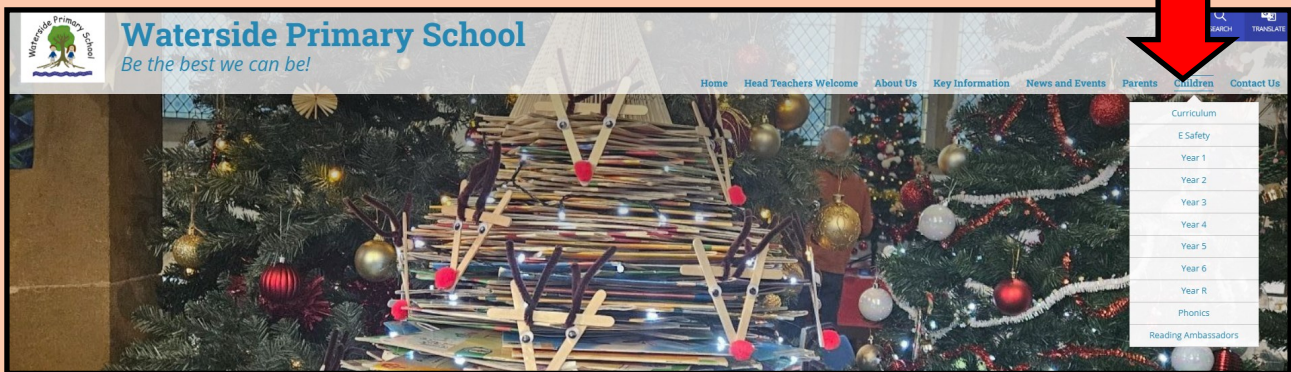
Check our class blogs!

We have renewed class blogs on our website which will provide parents and visitors to the site the opportunity to see what we have been up to in school! We are just developing this, so bare with us whilst we get things up and running.

Do however check back regularly to find out what your child's class have been up to!

Especially as we come up to our busiest time of year!

Check under the children section on our website!



Bug Club Champions:

Who will earn a leaf this half term?

Have you discussed books for Christmas lists?

Why not come and enjoy books together at our Winter Warmer?



= winner



= most improved

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Year 1	⭐		
Year 2			
Year 3	👍		⭐ 👍





Warm Up WITH A GOOD BOOK

**JOIN OUR READING AMBASSADORS AND
THE SCHOOL LIBRARY SERVICE FOR OUR
WINTER WARMER EVENT!**

Cosy up with a good book and a hot chocolate.

**And enter our Great Waterside Book Bake off!! A prize for the best book
themed cake!**

**Tuesday 2nd December 5 – 6 pm in the
School Hall.**

Sign up in the school office or email Miss Jacobs:
k.jacobs@waterside.hants.sch.uk

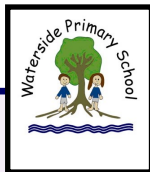
Our Great Waterside Book Off!

Have you got a book themed bake idea?

All entries to be bought in my 4pm Tuesday 2nd December,
for judging!

Entries will then be served for a donation at our
Winter Warmer event– where winners will be
announced!





Useful contacts:

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School office manned 8am—4pm

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

www.waterside.hants.sch.uk

Diary Dates (new dates in bold)

2.12 Winter Warmer Reading Event (5pm)

3.12 Year 2 parents to singing (9am)

8.12 Praizin' hands performance

8.12 Year 3/4 Listen2ME concert (2pm)

13.12 Christmas Fayre 11-2pm

15.12 Lower School Christmas performance (2.15pm) Tickets available

16.12 Lower School Christmas performance (2.15pm) Tickets available

17.12 Rocksteady concert (10am)

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

18.12 School Christmas Lunch and talent show

19.12 Interim reports home to parents

19.11 Last day of term

5.1.26 INSET DAY

6.1.26 Back to School

14.1 Treehouse Theatre Production in school for all pupils

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

Saturday 13th December

Waterside Primary School Christmas Fair

An event for all the family to enjoy including **Santas Grotto**

11:00am - 2:00pm

- * Raffle
- * Refreshments
- * Tombola
- * Festive Music
- * Games
- * Crafts & Stalls
- * Toys
- * Sweets

Santas Grotto £3 per child

pre-booking required from 1st December

FREE ENTRY TO FAIR

Ashford Crescent, Hythe, Southampton, SO45 6ET

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