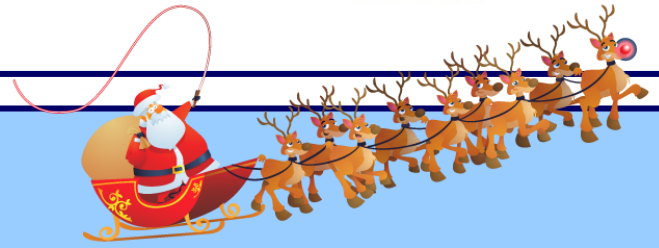




WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE— 94%



Friday 12th December 2025

Dear parents and carers,

It's been two weeks of singing and practicing and we are almost ready for our Christmas performance. I can't quite believe Christmas is just a couple of weeks away!

We are really looking forward to opening our doors for the Christmas fair tomorrow and then to next week, where there is something 'Christmassy' pretty much every day! We hope lots of you will join us for our Christmas productions or the Christingle on Wednesday. These are annual events and always make everyone feel ready for the Christmas celebrations.

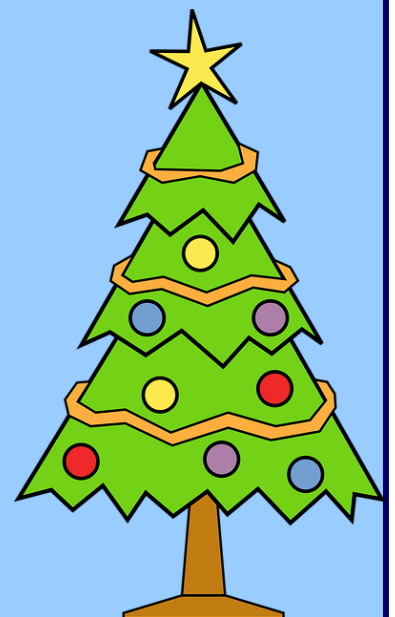
On Thursday we will have our Christmas lunch and we invite all children to wear their Christmas jumpers or a Christmas hat!

We appreciate that along with the excitement comes tiredness and it has been a very long term. Let's all try to get some good sleep over the weekend so we can enjoy the week ahead.

Have a lovely weekend and we hope to see you tomorrow—doors open at 11am!

Many thanks as always for your support.

Emma Moakes and Kira Jacobs
Headteacher Deputy Headteacher



IMPORTANT DAY TO DAY INFORMATION

Winter Wellness

Our Winter Wellness challenges went home last week; already some children and families have shared the things they've been up to and will earn their wellness leaf in January!

Wishing everyone a safe and happy December and we look forward to receiving information as to what activities you enjoyed at the start of the new year.

Winter Wellness
Bingo:

Look after yourself and take care this December.

Will you try one thing from each petal over the holidays?

Take photos, share what you've done, capture memories or just tick off.

We have special Wellness flower leaves for anybody completing the challenge and sharing with their teacher in Jan



- Yellow Petal:**
 - Practise observing the 5 senses
 - Play a spy
 - Paint or draw a picture of your surroundings
- Green Petal:**
 - Make a homemade card or gift
 - Share some time playing a new game together
 - Find time to say or send Thank you cards.
- Purple Petal:**
 - Go for a walk
 - Dance to some of your favourite festive music
 - Make up your own game or competition
- Red Petal:**
 - Try a new food or cook a new recipe
 - Write a story, song or poem together
 - Visit a new place
- Orange Petal:**
 - Share a meal at the table with family
 - Visit friends or neighbours
 - Celebrate the holidays



Interim reports and Individual Learning Plans

Teachers have been busy putting together your child's interim report and this will be coming home on Friday 19th December. The report will look familiar to most parents. For Years 1—6 it provides an overview of your child's strengths and next steps in reading, writing and maths as well as providing feedback on attendance, behaviour and attitudes to learning. Year R parents will receive a more generalised report of how your child has settled and how they are progressing with their learning at this early stage.

If your child is on our SEN register, which mean your child has adaptations made to support their learning in the classroom, you will also receive their updated Individual Learning Plan (ILP).

A rich and engaging curriculum



Toot Toot Concert

On Monday afternoon, Lower School and a number of families joined us in the school hall to see Year 3 and 4's Toot Toot concert. A great concert showcasing their hard work in their music lessons this half term. Next half term they take on the Ukulele.



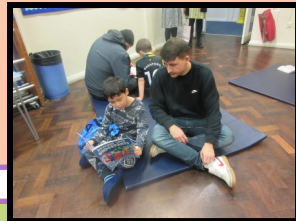
Praizin' Hands:

On Monday Praizin' Hands started our day with their version of the Christmas story, retold by their puppets and amazing accompanying reworked pop hits! A great time was had by all. We wowed, clapped and bopped along; a fun way to hear the Christmas story.



Winter Warmer Event

Last week Reading Ambassadors held their 'Winter Warmer' event alongside the School Library Service. Families and children from across the school came to share stories and books. As well as lots of sharing and buzz around books—we were lucky enough to sample cake from our Bake off competition which raised £70 to buy new books for classes.



Bug Club Champions

Has your child been on Bug Club every week this half term?
One week left to get your next bug leaf!



= winner



= most improved

	10.11	17.11	24.11	1.12	8.12
Year R		👍 🌟		🌟 👍	
Year 1	🌟				🌟
Year 2					
Year 3	👍		🌟 👍		

Coming Up Next Week; A count down to Christmas !



Monday 15th / Tuesday 16th

2.15pm



Wednesday 17th 10am



Wednesday 17th 1.45pm

St Johns Church



Thursday 18th—School Christmas Lunch

Children can wear their Christmas jumpers!

Saturday 13th December

Waterside Primary School Christmas Fair



An event for all the family to enjoy

including **Santas Grotto**

11:00am - 2:00pm

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

Santas Grotto £3 per child

pre-booking required from 1st December

FREE ENTRY TO FAIR

Ashford Crescent, Hythe, Southampton,

SO45 6ET



Diary Dates (new dates in bold)

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13.12 Christmas Fayre 11-2pm

15.12 Lower School Christmas performance (2.15pm) Tickets available

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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

13.2 Break up for half term

23.2 Back to school

4/5/6.3 Year 5 residential trip

27.3 Last day of Spring Term

13.4 Back to school

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