



## WATERSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE— 94.4%**

Friday 27th March, 2026

Dear Parents and carers,

Thank you for what has been a very busy, but successful term.



We hope parents and carers enjoy reading the end of term interim reports which will come home today and that children are looking forward to a well earned break.

It has been a super term and we have been lucky enough to have a fun packed end to this week. We are very grateful to the Friends of Waterside for running a wonderful Easter egg hunt which all of the children will have participated in.

Before we break, can we make parents and carers aware that governors are seeking the views of parents, having been pleased by what they have observed and heard from staff and pupils, so if you have time please complete their simple questionnaire following the link below.

<https://forms.gle/KMg6bX9JC1pzG2abA>

Many thanks as always for your ongoing support .

Kindest regards,

**Emma Moakes and Kira Jacobs**



# IMPORTANT DAY TO DAY INFORMATION



## Attendance

Attendance remains one of the most important factors in ensuring children reach their full potential and have the best possible outcomes.

As a school we have access to data from across the country and whilst attendance has improved, we remain low in comparison to other similar schools.

The data clearly demonstrates that this is not due to time being missed for illness (authorised absence), but rather that linked to holidays and unauthorised absence.

Policy and practice across the country continues to change to reflect the government's concerns around attendance and we have now been informed that we should seriously consider issuing a penalty notice for periods of unauthorised absence even when it does not meet the 10 session threshold that historically has been in place.

Please see paragraph below from new Hampshire County Council guidance:

*'For future reference, please note that, inline with the Department for Education guidance schools are now authorised to issue Penalty Notices to parents / carers where Leave of Absence during term time that have been scheduled where a student is taken out of school for less that 10 sessions, in some cases, to avoid the issuing of a Penalty Notice by only declaring 9 sessions on a Leave Of Absence Form or is taking the holiday during the week of an INSET day so only 6-8 sessions of G coded holiday are recorded'.*

If any parent/carer has any questions about the new guidance or school policy, please do not hesitate to contact me or further information can be found in our attendance policy on our website.

Further guidance from HCC can be found following the link below:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/behaviour-attendance-parents>

# A rich and engaging curriculum



## Termly Rock Steady Concert

On Wednesday morning we had our termly Rock Steady concert—and wow....haven't our musicians thrived!



Thank you to all our family members who came to cheer them on!



## Beekeeping update

Our new Beekeepers have taken on the mantle from Year 6 and been busy familiarising themselves with the bees and work to be done. Using the smoker to clear the hive—before making more space.

See what they have **BEE**n up to these past couple of weeks.....



## Year 5 Residential

At the beginning of the month, Year 5 enjoyed 3 days and 2 nights at Marchant's Hill PGL centre—enjoying and thriving whilst participating in a whole range of activities. A big Thank you to Mr Rolt and Mrs Ancill for accompanying them for the duration.



## Sports Hall Champions!

Check out our Sports Hall team, competing in a series of field athletic events over 3 competitions this year! We are super proud to announce that they came first in their division, winning well—deserved gold medals!



We are incredibly proud, of the commitment, motivation and resilience shown by of the team who have collectively worked towards securing this position for a whole year, all whilst showing impeccable sportsman ship towards their competitors!



## High School Musical

Last week we enjoyed a visit from the cast of Applemore's production of High School Musical Junior. They arrived early setting up their full set, before performing their production to the whole school. This was received with smiles and utter engagement from all pupils. What a treat!



## Listen 2 Me Concert

Last week, Year 3 and 4, performed their termly Listen 2 Me concert. This time it was the ukulele. I wonder what next term will bring!



## RED NOSE DAY 2026

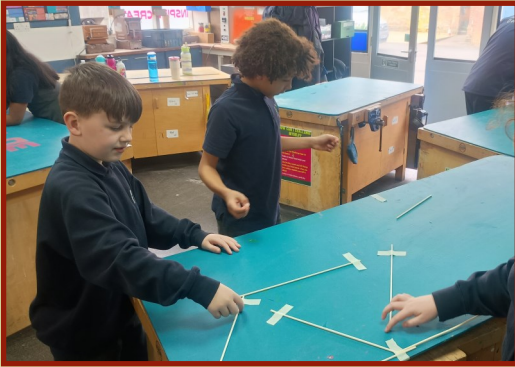
Last Friday we all came to school dressed in red, donating money and raising a massive £171 for Comic Relief.

Well Done Waterside! Thank you to everyone who took part and donated.



## Year 5 visit The Gregg School

Last week Year 5 were invited to visit The Gregg School in Southampton. Mr Lloyd and Mr Gillespie, teachers of science and technology led taster sessions in the subjects. In science children took part in experiments making hydrogen and oxygen. In technology they had great fun designing a marble run.



## Capybara Spotting!

It seems along with the rest of the area—Year 1 and Mr Rolt were lucky enough to spot Marwell's escapee Capybara in Forest School on Monday!



# WATERSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL SPRING FAIR

FRIENDS  
OF  
WATERSIDE

**Saturday 16th May 2026**  
12-3pm

BBQ • Cream Tea • Refreshments  
Ice Cream Van • Emergency Service  
Vehicles • Bouncy Castle  
Face Painting • Games •  
Craft Stalls • Raffle  
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## **Diary Dates (new dates in bold)**

### **Useful contacts:**

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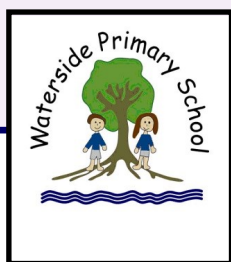
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School office manned 8am—4pm

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



[www.waterside.hants.sch.uk](http://www.waterside.hants.sch.uk)

### **INSET DAYS**

We have three remaining INSET days this year. These will be on the following dates:

**Thursday 7th May**

**Friday 26th June**

**Monday 29th June**

### **13.4 Back to school**

24.4 Non uniform day to support spring fair

29.4 Year 3 parents to singing assembly (9am)

7.5 INSET DAY—Closed for Polling

11.5 **SATs WEEK** starts for Year 6—  
Breakfast club

**16.5 Spring Fair & Car Boot Sale 12-3pm**

11.5 Class photos (tbc)

**20.5 Year 2 parents to singing assembly (9am)**

**22.5 Break up for half term**

**1.6 Back to school**

10.6 Year 1 parents to singing assembly

18.6 Year 4 sleepover (tbc)

**26/29.6 INSET DAYS**

30.6/1.7 US production 'Oliver with a twist' (6pm tbc)

**2.7 Transition day for all pupils internally and Year 6 to secondary places**

**3.7 Year 6 transition day**

**6.7 Year 6 Activity Week begins**

**22.7 Last day of school year—Break up for summer holidays!**