



WATERSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE— 94.4%

Friday 24th April, 2026

Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back after what we hope was a good Easter holidays. We are now two weeks into the summer term and it has been lovely to see the children so settled and engaged with their learning. It has certainly helped that the sun has been out and we have been able to get outside and onto the field and lunch and break time.



Please be reminded that as the weather continues to improve, we encourage children to bring a hat to school and to have sun cream applied before school to protect them from the UV rays. Every child must also bring a water bottle as it is essential that they remain hydrated throughout the day.

There are lots of events and dates to be aware of over the coming weeks and we will do our best to ensure that parents are well informed and have time to make arrangements. Please keep a close eye on emails coming from school and we will include all dates in our regular newsletters as we confirm them.

Many thanks for your continued support and engagement.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Emma Moakes and Kira Jacobs
Headteacher Deputy Headteacher



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 than 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>

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Zero Tolerance statement from Hampshire County Council

We are incredibly grateful at Waterside for the positive relationships we have with our families. We strongly believe that where positive relationships are formed between school and home a child can be well supported on their journey through school.

Thankfully, it is only on a very rare occasion that school staff are treated disrespectfully or inappropriately. However, at the request of Hampshire County Council and to protect staff we have put in place a policy outlining our response to any such behaviour. This can be found on a school website under the 'Key Information' tab.

The document is entitled '*Waterside Primary School Policy on Unacceptable Actions by Parents and Customers: Managing Parent and Customer Contact in a Fair and Positive Way*'.

Zero Tolerance

We are here to help and support you. Please treat our staff with respect.

- ✓ Here to help
- ✓ Here to support
- ✗ Not here to take abuse

Harassment, discrimination, bullying and abuse will not be tolerated.

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We have

Zero Tolerance

for violence, aggression and abuse towards our staff.

If you abuse a member of staff, action will be taken.

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Waterside Primary School's Zero Tolerance statement

We take pride in promoting, valuing and celebrating diversity as an inclusive education provider and employer. In serving our school community, we seek to ensure zero tolerance of harassment, discrimination, bullying and abuse and will respond promptly to any incidents of these.

We are committed to advancing equality and inclusion in all our responsibilities – as an employer, as a provider of services, and as a partner in the local community.

All of our staff are entitled to be treated with respect by those they work with or for.

The School has policies and guidance to support our Zero Tolerance approach towards any form of harassment, discrimination, bullying, or abuse towards our staff. This includes the Unacceptable Actions by Parent and Customers Policy that outlines the School's approach to implementing a parent or customer contact restriction, should this be necessary to protect our workforce.

A rich and engaging curriculum

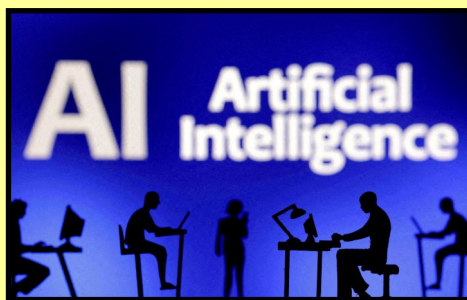


Online safety and AI

As parents will be aware, as a school we have always been committed to supporting pupils and parents to navigate the online world safely. This is an area that constantly changes with improvements and developments in technology and as a result we regularly revise our curriculum and the resources used to support children's understanding.

With this in mind, we have plans to run a whole school online safety afternoon on Wednesday 10th June. Children from Year R right up to Year 6 will engage in activities and discussion which will deepen their understanding of how to stay safe online as well as an introduction to AI.

Following the afternoon, teachers from each class will send home an



overview of what has been taught so that this new learning can be supported and shared at home. We hope this is something parents and carers will find useful and will help guide changes we make to the curriculum next academic year.

Visits to the library

As part of Year 1's Geography ;learning about the local area—we walked to Hythe. Whilst there, we visited the Library, where we were read a story and all took out a book and registered a library card. Afterwards we went to the bakery to practise our maths buying our own cake



Sports day

There are lots of different events planned for the summer term, but one of our favourites is sports day. Weather permitting, sports day will be held on **Wednesday 17th June** this year.

Year R, 1 and 2 will have their sports day in the morning from 9.15am and Years 3,4,5 and 6 will have their sports day from 1pm.

Further details about the day will follow, but parents and carers are invited to come along for the day. We encourage parents to bring a picnic lunch which you can enjoy with your children between 12 and 1pm.



Transition

It is about this time of year that staff, pupils and parents alike begin to think about September, changing classes and for Year 6 moving on to secondary school. This can be an anxious time and can make everyone and especially children feel very unsettled. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any worries or fears as we move closer to the end of term.

Please be assured that we take the business of change and transition very seriously at Waterside and that we have a programme of events and activities that take place between now and July to ensure that transition for our children is as smooth as possible.

On Thursday 2nd July, all the children will get to meet their new teachers and parents will be informed of the teams for September. Year 6 will visit their new secondary schools on this date as well as on Friday 3rd July.

Current class teachers have scheduled meetings to share information with receiving teachers before the end of the year and parents will have the opportunity to meet class teachers if they have any questions once end of year reports have been written and sent home in July.

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 •
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Diary Dates (new dates in bold)

Useful contacts:

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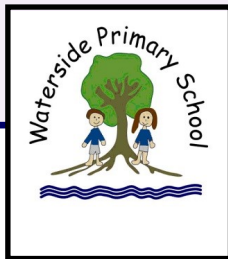
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There is an answerphone for any messages left out of hours.



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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

29.4 Year 3 parents to singing assembly (9am)
30.4 Cross Country (tbc)
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 Outdoor afternoon (whole school)

22.5 Break up for half term

1.6 Back to school

8.6 Phonics Screening Week Year 1

10.6 Year 1 parents to singing assembly

10.6 Online safety afternoon

17.6 Sports Day—details in newsletter

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

15.7 RockSteady Concert 10am

22.7 Last day of school year

22.7 Leavers assembly 9am

22.7 End of year celebration assembly 2pm

Break up for summer holidays!

