



WATERSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE— 94.5%

Friday 15th May, 2026



Dear Parents and carers,

Thank you once again for your patience and understanding as regards the school closure on Monday. We completely understand the impact this will have had on families and are just grateful that we were able to act quickly and find a resolution before Tuesday.

School has been very busy as usual this week and especially busy because of preparations for our spring fair tomorrow. I am incredibly grateful to the Friends of Waterside who have a smashing day planned for us. I hope that many of you will join us, coming together as a school community to have fun but also to raise valuable funds for our school and your children. The event starts at 12 noon and will finish at 3pm. There re lots of fun stalls planned, raffles with amazing prizes, refreshments and singing and dancing!

Next week marks the end of this half term and we have lots planned , including a special outdoor activity afternoon on Friday. Please keep an eye on emails as there are lots of dates and events coming up—which we hope you will join us for.

Have a good weekend and here's hoping we see lots of you tomorrow!

Kind regards,

Emma Moakes and Kira Jacobs
Headteacher Deputy Headteacher



IMPORTANT DAY TO DAY INFORMATION



Attendance

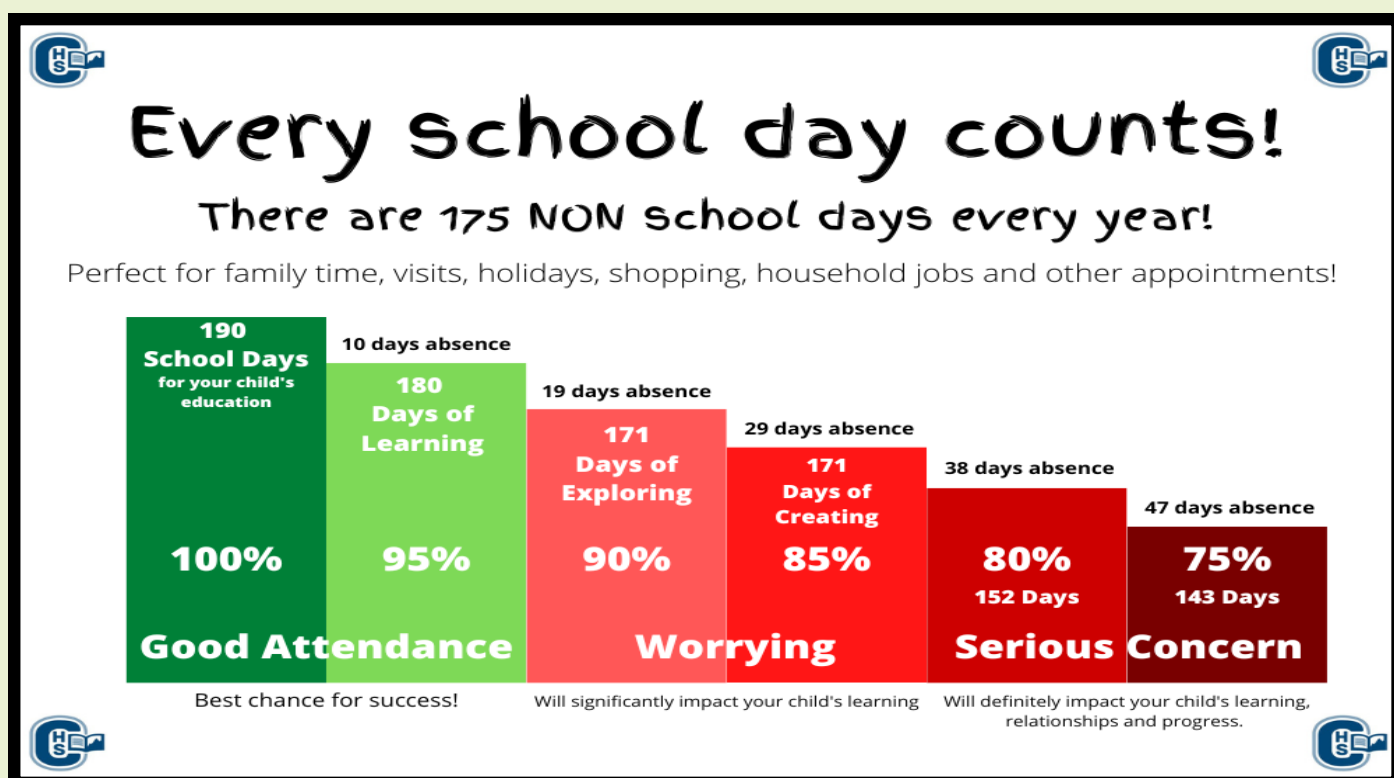
Attendance across the school has improved over the past months. Currently our whole school attendance sits at **94.5%** which is broadly in line with attendance nationally at **94.7%**.

Children's outcomes are hugely impacted by their attendance at school and this is the reason why attendance is tracked so closely and holidays will not be authorised.

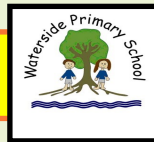
Current year group data

Year group	Attendance
Year R	93.6%
Year 1	96.8%
Year 2	93.4%
Year 3	96.2%
Year 4	94.3%
Year 5	89.4%
Year 6	95.6%

**EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**



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In school we have been working hard to promote sustainable travel through the WOW scheme and we have been amazed at how many children have earned badges for their efforts. Alongside this initiative comes a commitment to ensuring children are able to walk to school safely with an awareness of the risks posed.

Road Safety:

With Walk to School week commencing next week—we have focused on transport and ways of travelling with our pupils. We have talked about and shared the positive impact of travelling sustainably on both the environment but also on personal mental health and well-being. As part of this work, Year 1 have now been out into the local community twice surveying the traffic around school and most importantly learning to cross the road safely.



Next week, children right across the school will also be focussing on road safety as part of the walk to school week work.

Mode Shift Stars

Accreditation:

Linked to the WOW scheme, we have been awarded the 'Good travel plan' accreditation for our work in school supporting sustainable and healthy travel. Thank you to parents for supporting.



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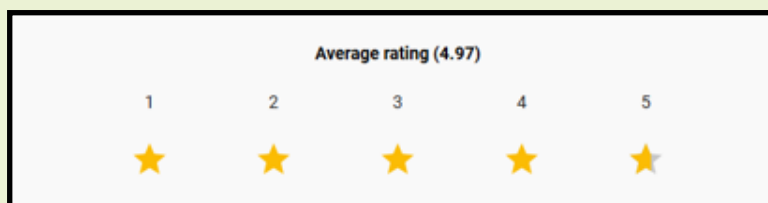


A thank you for your response to the governor parent survey!

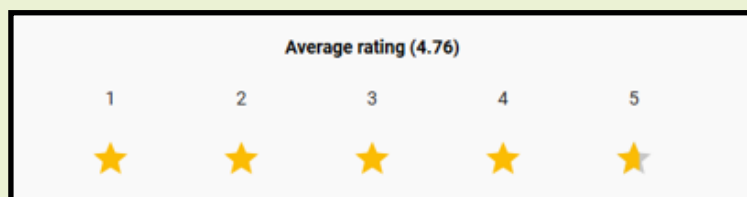
Last month governors launched a survey to find out why you chose Waterside Primary School for your children. The responses were overwhelmingly positive and have been hugely appreciated and valued by staff and governors. A reminder of why we do what we do!

You rated the school;

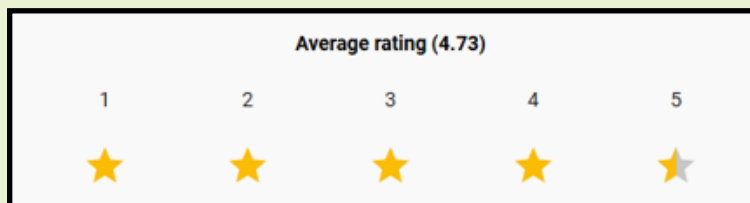
Approachableness of staff:



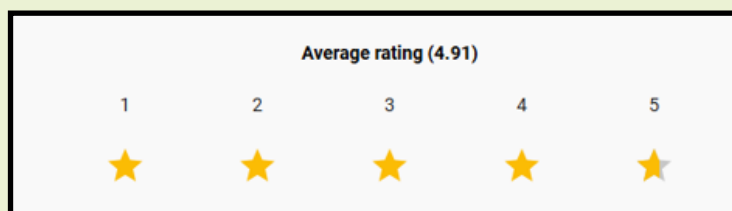
Experiences and Opportunities:



Inclusivity for all:



Overall:



Many of **you said** you value the additional use of the outdoors, the small school environment and all adults knowing children across the school.

We've listened and added in an additional outdoor mix up afternoon next Friday! Children will work with different adults and pupils from all other year groups in a range of activities using our great outdoor spaces.

Thank you once again for your feedback and support.

A rich and engaging curriculum



Well Done to Year 6!

This week Year 6 have worked their socks off and committed to trying their absolute best. Every single child came in, sat down and drew on all their hard work, practise and resilience and applied themselves with motivation and dare I say enthusiasm! To the end of Key Stage 2 Sat tests.

With the tests over and all staff incredibly proud of the efforts, attitude and determination this week; Year 6 enjoyed a well—deserved trip to park today.



Getting Fit with Joe Wicks

On Thursday afternoon most of the school enjoyed live session with fitness guru—Joe Wicks. A great way to come together and unwind in what's been a busy week!



Cross Country

Just recently, a number of our pupils from Year 4,5 and 6. competed in Year 6 cross country race at Gang Warily. Despite, some of the children being younger and much smaller than their Year 6 peers—our pupils enthusiastically took to the challenge and competed, showing absolutely phenomenal sportsmanship and competitive spirit. A special Well Done to Esmee in Year 6, who having competing in the race throughout her time at Waterside finally walked away a gold medallist!



Well done everyone who took part and a gold medal for Waterside attitude and behaviour as always!

Bee Keeping

Our Year 5 Beekeepers have been busy this week harvesting honey. They have extracted the honey from the frames and this has been jarred. The harvested honey is sat in jars awaiting labels designed by Lily in Year 5 and voted for by all pupils at Waterside.

Once labelled our delicious honey will be ready for sale! Delicious!



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
Tombola • Carboot Sale
and much more...

Ashford Crescent,
Hythe, Southampton,
SO45 6ET

Free Entry & Everyone Welcome

Diary Dates (new dates in bold)

Useful contacts:

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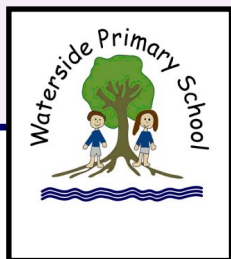
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There is an answerphone for any messages left out of hours.



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INSET DAYS

We have two remaining INSET days this year.

These will be on the following dates:

Friday 26th June

Monday 29th June



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

1.6 Class Photos

8.6 Phonics Screening Week Year 1

10.6 Year 1 parents to singing assembly

10.6 Online safety afternoon

16.6—Year 3 Country Show

17.6 Sports Day—details in newsletter

18.6 Year 3/ 4 Butser

18.6 Year 4 sleepover (tbc)

24.6 Year 1 Trip to Beaulieu (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

3.7—Year 5 Bikeability

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!