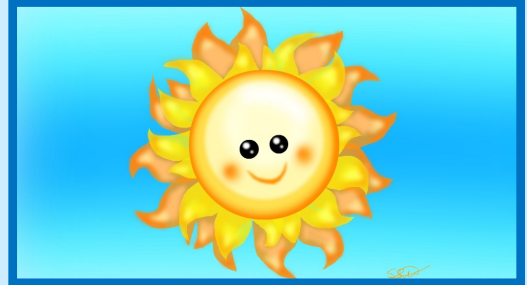




WATERSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE— 94.4%

Friday 12th June, 2026



Dear Parents and carers,

It has been a great return to school after the half term break. I would like to say a special congratulations and 'Well done' to Year 4 who have completed their Multiplication Check and Year 1 who have completed their Phonics Screening. Both year groups have worked incredibly hard and we look forward to sharing the results with you at the end of the term.

Year 6 have also had a fantastic week. As a school we were selected to have samples of Year 6 writing moderated as part of the annual assessments programme. Not only were Mrs Ancill's judgements deemed accurate, but the team commented on the quality of the writing and especially the use of vocabulary to engage the reader. We are very proud of these comments.

With most assessments nearing completion, we are now planning for the end of term events and are very much looking forward to sports day next week. We hope that lots of parents will join us for the lower and upper school events as well as for a picnic at lunch, weather permitting. A separate letter has been sent outlining the day and we look forward to welcoming you.

Have a good weekend.

Kind regards,

Emma Moakes and Kira Jacobs
Headteacher Deputy Headteacher



IMPORTANT DAY TO DAY INFORMATION



Attendance

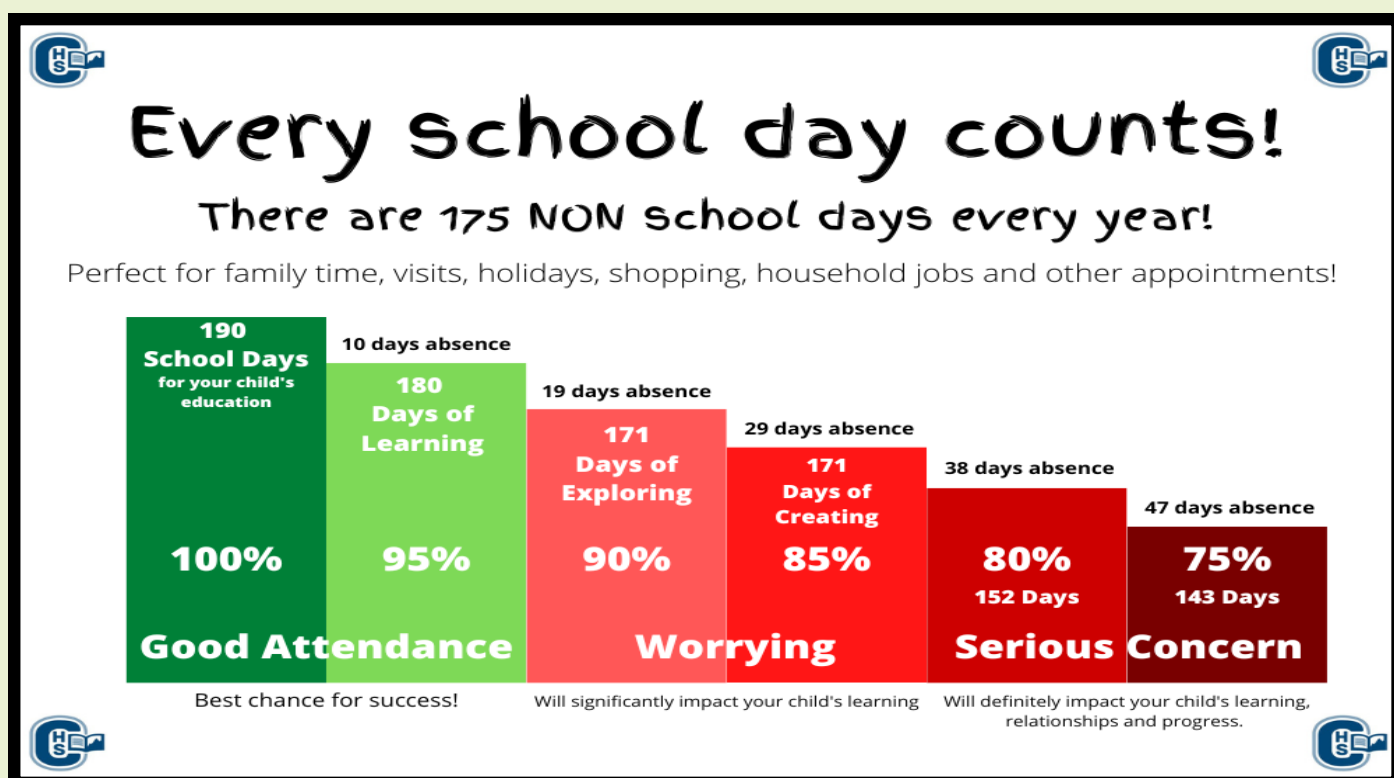
Attendance across the school has generally improved over the past months, however we experience a lot of absence following half term. Currently our whole school attendance sits at 94.4% which is broadly in line with attendance nationally at 94.6%.

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.

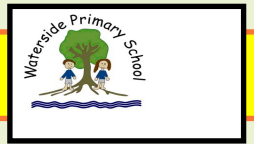
Year group	Attendance
Year R	93.8%
Year 1	96.3%
Year 2	93.4%
Year 3	96%
Year 4	94.2%
Year 5	89.4%
Year 6	95.4%

**EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**

A very special 'Well done' to
Years 1,3 and 6!



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Sustainable Travel—Clean Air Challenge

We are thrilled with the progress that we are making as a school to promote sustainable travel and as part of this work we have decided to take part in The Clean Air Challenge next week.



The event runs from Monday 15 to Friday 19 June.

By walking, wheeling, scooting or cycling during the challenge week and by joining in with our active travel event / initiative, you'll be helping to reduce air pollution and create a healthier environment for everyone.

We hope lots of our children and families will get involved.

Children will be rewarded in the usual way by working towards receiving their monthly WOW badge, but there will be an additional incentive for those children who bring a scooter or bicycle. Each day there will be a golden padlock placed on one vehicle and the winning pupil will get a small prize from the 'My Journey' team at Hampshire County Council.

Remember that all children who ride to school must wear a helmet and scooters and bikes should not be ridden on school grounds as there is a risk to pedestrians. Scooters and bikes will also need to be locked to our bicycle rack out the back of the Year 5 and 6 classrooms.

THE CHALLENGE



The Clean Air Challenge aims to get as many families as possible walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling. The challenge week is a fantastic opportunity to enjoy the numerous benefits of active travel, including:

- **Air Quality:** With National Clean Air Day on 18 June, you'll be joining people across the country to reduce emissions from car use and improve the quality of the air we breathe.
- **Health:** Helping your family achieve their daily recommended physical activity levels. Active travel contributes to the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity a day for children.
- **Wellbeing:** Improving mental health by providing time to talk and share, reducing stress, and connecting with nature.

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Transition into a new year

At this time of year our mind always begins to fast forward to September and to the significant changes that come with moving class or school.

As a staff we are fully aware of the excitement and anxiety this can cause different children and parents and we have therefore been careful to always have a secure plan in place to aid successful transition.

Teachers have already begun to share information about children in and through staff meetings, but we will use the second of our inset days in June to do this formally and more thoroughly.

Following this on Thursday 2nd July all children will be introduced to their new teachers and will spend a morning in their September classrooms. Year 6 will of course be visiting their chosen secondary school on the 2nd and 3rd alongside what is happening in school.

Following this initial session there will be lots of opportunities for the children to talk to their new teacher/s and to begin to make relational links that will support them in September. Parents are encouraged to talk to their children about this and if they have any concerns to share them with either the current or receiving teacher.

Reports will go out to parents on Friday 17th July and if this generates any worries or questions, parents and carers are encouraged to arrange to talk to the teacher concerned.

Any national test results will be shared formally alongside reports.

Support for parents guiding their children through transition can be found at youngminds.org.uk where you will find a parents and carers tab.



A rich and engaging curriculum



Outdoor learning day

On the Friday before half term we had the most amazing afternoon outside in the sun. Teachers had planned a range of activities which could be completed outside in our magnificent school grounds. Activities included kite making, planting, drawing, orienteering and bubble wand making.



The children were grouped with children from across the whole school and were able to take part in two different activities.

There was a real buzz around the school and it was wonderful to see children as young as Year R working with their peers from the older classes.

We hope to plan regular events such as this in the year ahead.

Year 5 & 6 Swimming

Last week Year 5, accompanied by a few Year 6's, embarked on series of swimming lessons at Applemore. Swimming is such an important skill to embed living so close to the water. All the children worked incredibly hard and showed super progress across the week. The instructors were keen to comment on the behaviour of the children as well and we were extremely proud of them.

Keep Swimming!



KS1 Football at Southampton Football Club training ground

Just before half term some keen footballers from Year 1 and 2 took part in a mini football tournament at Southampton FC'S training ground in Marchwood.

This gave our youngest footballers an opportunity to showcase their skills and explore teamwork. The boy's worked exceptionally well together and as always came away with a glowing report for behaviour and manners.

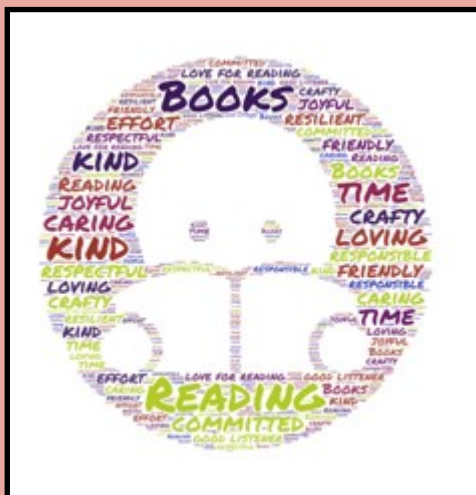
We hope they really enjoyed this opportunity and we will look out for further events for us to attend in the future.



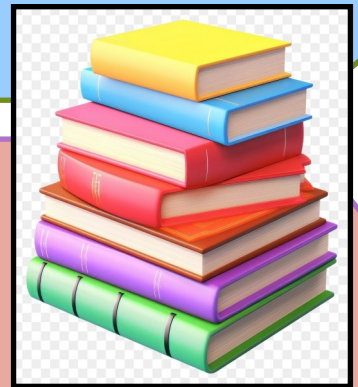
Reading Ambassador Applications

As we near the end of another school year and are set to lose some of our longstanding ambassadors to secondary school, we are looking to recruit!

If your child enjoys reading and would like to be considered for the role of Reading Ambassador, they should look out for the application forms which have been made available to pupils going into Year 2-6 in September .



All applications should be handed in to Miss Jacobs by **Tuesday 16th June** in readiness for our current reading ambassadors to interview and hand over the baton.



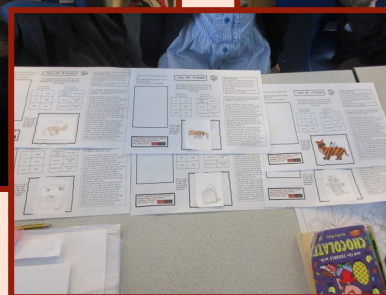
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Whole School Online Safety afternoon

As a school we take our safeguarding role incredibly seriously. Teaching children to be safe online is critical and with technologies becoming more sophisticated and with the growing capabilities of generative AI we are having to revise our curriculum to ensure it covers the relevant areas in enough depth.

As a school, we dedicated Wednesday afternoon to the subject (in an age appropriate way) to complement the already existing curriculum . Every class from Year R to Year 6 took part in activities and discussion which engaged and informed the children. Each teacher also prepared an information sheet for parents outlining what has been covered so as conversations and learning can continue at home. We hope you found these interesting and useful.





Spring FAIR

ANNOUNCEMENT



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£3,085.27




WE SPENT:
£1,003.04



TOTAL PROFIT:
£2,082.23



Included in what we spent,
we purchased a gas BBQ that
we will use at future events. 

All profits from our events are used to
enhance the children's experience at school by
funding valuable resources, fun activities,
educational workshops and supporting special
projects that make a positive difference to their
learning and wellbeing.

Thank you! 
FOR YOUR AMAZING SUPPORT!

Diary Dates (new dates in bold)

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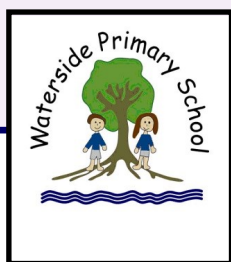
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There is an answerphone for any messages left out of hours.



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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



15.6 Start of Clean Air Challenge Week

6.6—Year 3 Country Show

17.6 Sports Day

18.6 Year 3/ 4 Butser

18.6 Year 4 sleepover

23.6 Cross Country competition

23.6 Stay and Play for new Year R (1.30pm)

24.6 Year 1 Trip to Beaulieu

26/29.6 INSET DAYS

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

30.6 Stay and Play for new Year R (1.30pm)

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

6.7/7.7 Year 6 to Fairthorne

6.7/7.7 Year 6 sleepovers

10.7 Year 6 to Paulton's Park

14.7 End of year discos (tbc)

15.7 RockSteady Concert 10am

21.7 Talent Show (no parents)

22.7 Last day of school year

22.7 Leavers assembly 9am (Year 6 parents only)

22.7 End of year celebration assembly 2pm (invited parents)

Break up for summer holidays!

1.9 INSET DAY

2.9 Back to school