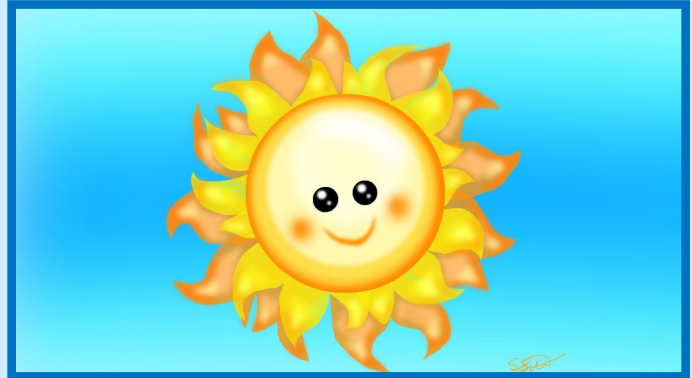




## WATERSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE— 94.4%**

Friday 3rd July 2026



Dear Parents and carers,

I know I say it every newsletter, but it really has been a very busy couple of week!

This week has seen our performance, but most importantly transition day. Children have visited their new teachers and class teams and there is a certain buzz around the place! You will see on the third page of this newsletter a breakdown of teachers and who will be teaching in which year groups next year.

The next couple of weeks, will see a great deal of preparation for the summer and for next year, so if there are any worries, concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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     | 94.1%      |
| Year 1     | 96.3%      |
| Year 2     | 93.5%      |
| Year 3     | 96%        |
| Year 4     | 94.1%      |
| Year 5     | 89.3%      |
| Year 6     | 95.4%      |

**EVERY  
SCHOOL DAY  
COUNTS**

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

## Hot weather

Thank you to all parents for keeping us informed and updated about attendance during the hot weather. With more to come, can we remind parents to ensure that children have a water bottle and hat and that sun cream is applied before school. We continue to follow our risk assessments and make adaptations as



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## Transition:

The last 2 days Year 6 pupils have visited their secondary schools.

Our new Year R's have attended some stay and play sessions.

The rest of the school spend yesterday morning meeting their new teachers.

## The teaching teams will be as follows:

| Year group    | Teachers                            | Teaching Assistant     |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Year R</b> | <b>Mrs Marsh</b>                    | <b>Mrs Davis—Young</b> |
| <b>Year 1</b> | <b>Mrs Farrell (Mon, Tues, Wed)</b> | <b>Mrs Humphrey</b>    |
|               | <b>Miss Jacobs (Thurs, Fri)</b>     |                        |
| <b>Year 2</b> | <b>Miss Gallimore</b>               | <b>Miss Mcvey</b>      |
|               |                                     | <b>Mrs Bray</b>        |
| <b>Year 3</b> | <b>Mrs Webb (Mon, Tues, Wed)</b>    | <b>Mrs McDermott</b>   |
|               | <b>Mrs Goodey (Thurs, Fri)</b>      |                        |
| <b>Year 4</b> | <b>Miss Mulley</b>                  | <b>Mrs Beament</b>     |
| <b>Year 5</b> | <b>Mrs Gilder (Mon, Tues, Wed)</b>  | <b>Mr Lowther</b>      |
| <b>Year 6</b> | <b>Mrs Ancill</b>                   | <b>Mr Lowther</b>      |

We know that some children find the changes at this time of year unsettling. Please come and speak to us if you have any concerns or worries and please be assured that we will be working hard behind the scenes to ensure a smooth transition.

# A rich and engaging curriculum



## Year R trip to the farm:

A couple of weeks ago seemingly before the heatwave—Year R enjoyed a fabulous day at Longdown Activity Farm. The children got to hold and encounter a number of familiar farm-yard animals as well as enjoying the playground! Behaviour was impeccable! Well done Year R.



## Year 3 at the county show:

Year 3 also had a fabulous day out at the county show! They were introduced to lots of countryside activities, some with a link to farming.

The day allowed for lots of discussion and questioning and lots of knowledge to bring back into school.



## Sports Day:



Thank you to all those who turned out to support another fantastic Sports Day. Although, the morning started a little drizzly and misty—the weather held and all the children performed exceptionally.

We were delighted with the level of sportsmanship and effort demonstrated by all pupils. They were supportive of their friends and gave the events their best of efforts!

We also saw 4 records being broken!

**Luna** broke the Year 2 record from jumping.

**James** broke the Year 4 throw record.

**Tommy** broke the Year 4 sprint record.

**Esmae** broke the Year 6 sprint record.

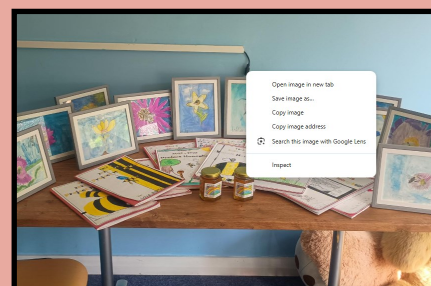


## Year 5 Arts Day at Noadswood and author visit to Applemore

Year 5 really have been out and about a lot since the last newsletter. In preparation for next year they have attended both Noadswood and Applemore for special events. This has allowed them to visit both schools and hopefully will help them make careful choices in the autumn term about the secondary schools they wish to attend.

As well as these two trips out, Year 5 have also completed their Bikeability day and today have been presented with their beekeeping certificates. These certificates were presented by our official assessor who was incredibly impressed with the knowledge and confidence of our Year 5 participants.

Well done Year 5!



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## Year 4 sleepover and trip to Butser Farm

Butser Farm was another great trip out and this time for Year 3 and 4. The classes travelled by coach to the centre where they were able to experience what life would have been like for Anglo-Saxons. The children has a go at Anglo-Saxon crafts and went inside an Anglo-Saxon home to experience what it would have been like.

Having made it home safely, Year 4 stayed for a sleepover (although not a great deal of sleep was had I understand!). The children behaved amazingly well and I hope enjoyed the opportunity to spend a night away from home with friends.



## Upper School Production—Oliver with a Twist

This week saw two performances of our wonderful end of year production—'Oliver with a Twist'. The script based on the story of Oliver Twist was performed by children from Year 6 with the support of others from Year 5.



They were joined by a choir of Year 3 and 4 and together brought us a wonderful evening of entertainment. I am always impressed and proud of the talent we have at waterside and this year was no exception.

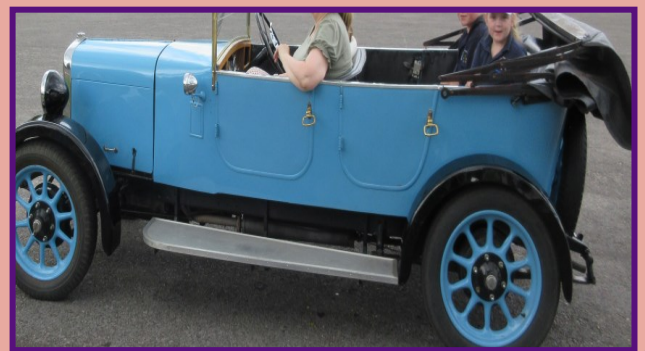
Thank you to every parent and family member that came, but also to those who made costumes and supported in other ways.

## Year 1 Trip to Beaulieu

Just this week Year 1 wrapped up their transport learning. They took a class trip to Beaulieu to look at transport through time. They were even lucky enough to ride in an old car!

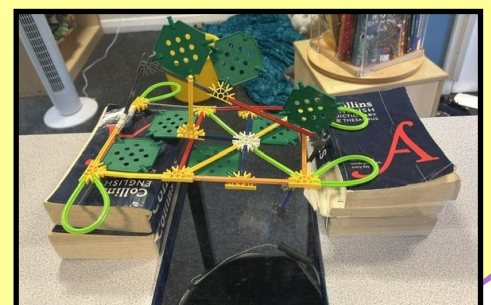
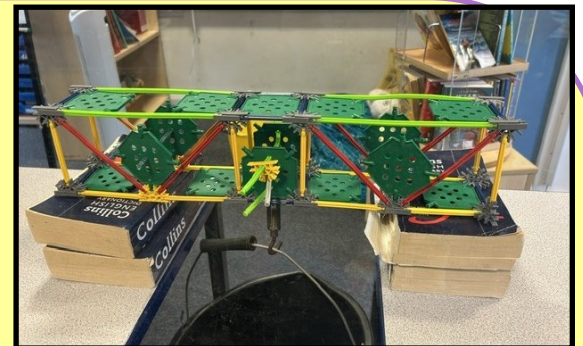


Well done Year 1!



## Year 5/6 Bridge Building

Year 5 and 6 worked collaboratively this week on an amazing bridge building project. The engineering based activity was fantastic and resulted in children building a large bridge structure. The activity took a great deal of teamwork and collaboration and was enjoyed by all! Well done Year 5 and 6!



## ***Diary Dates (new dates in bold)***

### **Useful contacts:**

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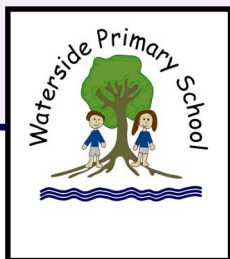
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There is an answerphone for any messages left out of hours.



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### **End of year repots:**

**Friday 17th July**

Reports home to parents

6.7 Year 6 Activity Week begins

6.7/7.7 Year 6 to Fairthorne

6.7/7.7 Year 6 sleepovers

**8.7 Year 2 Farm Trip**

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**

