

Waterside News

Empowering Learners to Achieve Dreams

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Headteachers Message

Happy Tuesday!

I hope that you have all had a fantastic two weeks since my last newsletter. It has been a busy few weeks in school, with school trips and assemblies, and the children have been busy learning.

Events/Trips and Visits

This half term already, **Year 3** have visited Clip n Climb which supports them in their English writing based on the book Cliffhanger. The children had a wonderful time and were extremely courageous. **Year 2** have visited Blists Hill where they learned more about how children lived in the Victorian Times including what school was like. **Nursery** have visited the Pet Shop to support their current topic and to learn about the different jobs including learning about the vets to support with their role play. Nursery this week have also taken part in Forest school, building bug hotels, searching for worms and planting seeds. **Year 1** and **Year 2** have performed their class assemblies for the parents and the parents have taken part in a range of activities alongside of their children. We have many more exciting school trips and visits planned for the Summer term.

CEO Visit

Last week Jo Morgan the CEO for the Shaw Education Trust visited Waterside so that we could share with her everything that we do and how we are going to continue to drive the school forward. She spent time in the classrooms with the children and the staff. Jo Morgan has written to the school to say how inspirational it was to see the wonderful work we do collectively and the impact that staff are making. The children were warm, friendly, confident and engaging. She was very proud of the pupils and all that they do.

I am also very proud of them. Every day when I visit classes it brightens my day. The pupils are a credit to each and every one of you.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend. See you all on Monday.

Mrs. Willis

Celebrate

	Star	Values
Ducklings	Daniel	Thomas-Shelby
Ducks	Edward	Elaph
Swans	Khadijah	Patrikas
Seagulls	Oscar	Sara A
Penguins	Amelie	Whole class
Puffins	Sophie	Whole class
Jellyfish	Aarav	Alisha
Stingrays	Shuaib	Aisha
Manatees	Sara	Rania
Dolphins	Viha	Georgia
Narwhals	Hania	Inaya
Whales	Layla	Emaan





Office Opening Hours

Just a reminder that the office opening hours are from 8.00am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday. Outside of these hours the office will be closed. If you need to collect medicine, please ensure that this is collected from the office before 4.30. Thank you.



Strategic Senior Leadership Team

Alongside of myself (Mrs Willis) this is our Strategic Senior Leadership Team at Waterside. In this team is myself, Mrs Rathbone, Mrs Morray, Miss Williams and Mrs Joinson- Spencer. Our role is to continue to develop the school and drive standards forward.

Mrs Rathbone is the Senior Assistant Headteacher and leads the teaching and learning of the Core Curriculum across school.

Mrs Morray is an Assistant Headteacher of pastoral and inclusion and the Early Years Phase Leader.

Miss Williams is an Assistant Headteacher and leads the teaching and learning of the foundation subjects across school.

Mrs Joinson-Spencer is our school Strategic lead for Special Needs and Disabilities.

Miss Smith, Mrs Bickerton-Dean and Miss Cooke are a part of our extended senior leadership team supporting our phases.

Staffing Update

We are announcing that Mrs Edwards has made the decision to leave the post as Class Teacher of Waterside Primary School to explore different opportunities and challenges. This will take effect from 30th April 2024.

Mrs Edwards is very proud to have been part of all that has been achieved by everyone in the school and to have worked with so many excellent staff and students. She wishes everyone and the school every success in future.

Fundraising Event

Miss Barnard, who is one of our Year 3 teachers, will be running her first ever marathon in Leeds Next Month. She will be raising money for the Alzheimer's Society. If you would like to make a donation, please see the link below to her just giving page

[Charlotte Barnard is fundraising for Alzheimer's Society \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com/Charlotte-Barnard)

IMPORTANT DATES FOR SUMMER

03.05.24: Nursery Come and Play

06.05.24: Bank Holiday

10.05.24: Reception Come and Play

13.05.24 – 16.05.24: Y6 SATS

13.05.24 – 23.05.24: Y2 SATS

17.05.24: Reception Come and Play

18.05.24: Singing Superstars Trentham Gardens Performance

27.05.24 – 31.05.24: Half Term

03.06.24/14.06.24: Y3 Farm Visit

10.06.24-14.06.24: Y1 Phonics Screening

10.06.24-14.06.24: Y4 MTC

24.06.24: Sports and wellbeing Week

08.07.24: Enrichment Day

10.07.24: KS2 Production (Morning and Evening)

11.07.24: KS2 Production (Afternoon)

12.07.24: Reports to Parents

16.07.24: Disco

17.07.24: Reception Graduation (AM)

17.07.24: Rewards Evening

19.07.24: Year 6 Leavers (PM)

Parking and dropping off

At Waterside, we are growing increasingly concerned around the parking of vehicles around drop off and collection outside of the school gates. Safety is paramount. We have been in contact with the local authority on many occasions around supporting school with this, and continue to do so.

We need your continued support as parents to ensure that children can enter and leave the school grounds safely.

We have been in contact with **Lidl** who have confirmed that parents are able to use their car park as a park and stride. Lidl is a 5 minute safe walk from Waterside along the canal.

If you are also in walking distance of school we ask that you walk to school to help with congestion during these times.

Thank you.

Help with Learning

If you require any support with learning, please contact your child's class teacher via class dojo.

Help with Behaviour

If you are concerned about your child's behaviour, please speak with the class teacher or your child's Phase leader.

Help with Safeguarding

If you have any safeguarding concerns, please raise these immediately with Mrs. Willis (DSL) or 01782235100 (Stoke)

Help with online safety

If you would like information on how to ensure your child is safe online, please contact Mrs. Marray or Mr. Grocott.