

Waterside News

Empowering Learners to Achieve Dreams

Academic Year 2024/25–Issue 9



Headteachers Message

Welcome Back!

We are now in Autumn 2 and the weather is donations, cooler and darker. As we head into the term the days seem very short of light. We have 7 weeks of learning ahead of us until the Winter break. This year we do not finish the school term until Friday 20th December. We will then return on Tuesday 7th January, where we will be starting our new term with a TT rock stars day.

This half term is busy with events across school including Early Years Nativity, KS1 and 2 trips and visits, a visit from Rock Steady and we have our annual Christmas concert delivered by our singing superstars and Christmas lunch and jumper day. All information will be sent out to you by class teachers and phase leaders.

It has been a great start to the term this week. This week Ms Barker has led on build planting ready for spring – we can not wait to see the results of this. Next week will be a busy wee in school with Remembrance day, Odd Socks day and Children in Need. We also have Year 6 on a trip to Hampton Court Palace in London, our enrichment team will be visiting the Lou Macri centre to take our harvest donations, and our singing superstars will be performing at the Trentham light switch on Thursday evening.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs. Willis

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.

DAFFODILS



This week the children have all planted a daffodil bulb. Ms Barker our Forest school Lead and environment enthusiast donations, the idea so that by spring every daffodil around school would represent the 471 pupils of Waterside.

These bulbs were generously donated to us from Tesco, Trentham Gardens, B&Q and our parents. We are so grateful for these donations, and we can not wait until the spring comes so that we get to see the flower bloom.



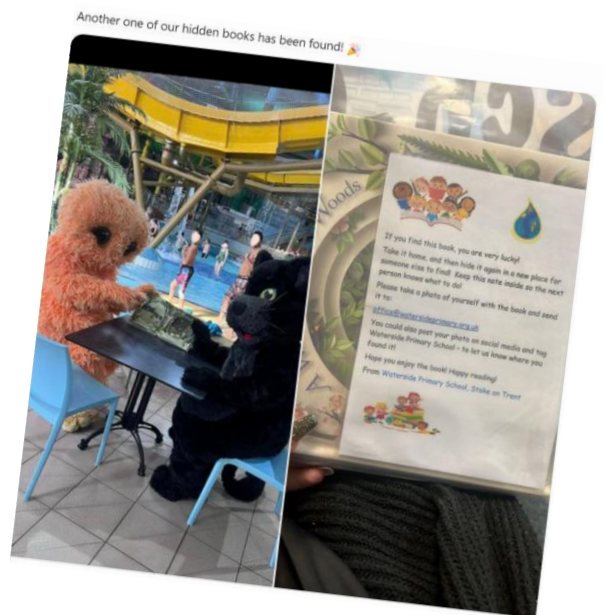


Year 3 Turtles and Jellyfish had an exciting and productive week! 🐢
In PE they kicked off their Fitness lessons with a fun-filled circuit that got everyone moving and grooving. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and energy!
The children also delved into the world of storytelling by exploring the features of a first-person re-tell. Their creativity shone as they worked on crafting their own unique narratives. 📖
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This year one of our school priorities is sharing with our community and a wider audience the wonderful experiences that we give to our pupils and the achievements of them. Although we post on our dojo stories, these only reach our parents, and we would like to share school life with grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends, and even further. In order to do this we have created a Facebook Page. Facebook is a way in which we can share what happens day to day in school. To reach our wider community we need your help. We need you to like our posts, share our posts and recommend our page to your family and friends. This way we can reach more than just the Waterside community and showcase the exemplary practice at Waterside.

The Environment Parliament 🌱 called upon our community to donate daffodil bulbs, hoping to foster a sense of growth and togetherness. 🌻
We are thrilled to announce that [Trentham Garden Centre](#) graciously donated five huge bags of daffodil bulbs to support our green initiative! Their generosity will help bring our vision to life, brightening the school grounds and serving as a reminder of our collective commitment to the environment.
👉 A heartfelt thank you to Trentham Gardens... See more



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!



Week 9

EYFS

Class	Ducklings	Ducks	Swans
%	96.67%	93%	98.87%

KS1

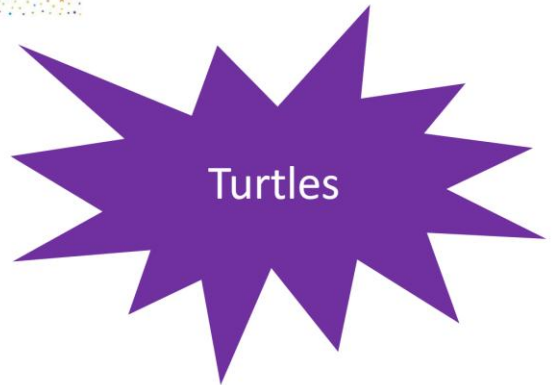
Class	Seals	Sea Lions	Penguins	Puffins
%	91.67%	93.67%	97.33%	91.72%

LKS2






Class	Turtles	Jellyfish	Stingrays	Manatees
%	100%	94.7%	96%	98%

UKS2

Class	Dolphins	Narwhals	Whales	Sharks
%	97.67%	97%	97%	97.93%



School Target 97% Whole school attendance – 96.8%

<p>190 DAYS 100%</p>  <p>Very best chance of success</p>	<p>183 DAYS 96%</p>  <p>Off to a flying start</p>	<p>179 DAYS 94%</p>  <p>Less chance of success</p>	<p>175 DAYS 92%</p>  <p>Harder to make progress</p>	<p>More than 18 days absence less than 90%</p>  <p>Persistent Absentee (Not fair on your child)</p>
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WATERSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL EVENTS

2024 / 2025



Date	Event	Clothes	Cost
Autumn			
Thursday 3 rd October	Harvest	Uniform	Donation to food bank
Monday 11 th November	Remembrance	Uniform	Buy a Poppy
Tuesday 12 th November	Odd Socks Day	Odd Socks & Uniform	None
Friday 15 th November	Children in Need	Yellow or Spotty	Donation
Friday 13 th December	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner Day	Christmas/Winter Jumper	Donation
Friday 20 th December	Christmas Party Day	PE Kit	Donation of party food
Spring			
Tuesday 7 th January	TT Rockstar's Day	Rock Star	None
Monday 3 rd February	Children's Mental Health Week	TBC	N/A
Tuesday 11 th February	Safer Internet Day	N/A	N/A
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day	Design a T-shirt	A T-shirt
Monday 10 th March	British Science Week	Uniform	£2.50
W/C 24 th March			
Summer			
Friday 6 th June	Eid Party	Heritage Clothing	Donation of Food
W/C 9 th June			