



# Waterside Weekly

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## Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the half term break I would like to take this opportunity to send you a MASSIVE thank you for all the incredible contributions towards our Harvest Festival celebrations. We cannot thank you enough for all the offerings



of food, shower gels, soaps and so much more! Not only have we been able to send a terrific gift to support our local foodbank but we have also been able to redistribute your generosity to some of our own school's families that have found themselves in need. You are all truly amazing!



Our Vision and Values

## Our School Ethos and Values

Value	Rule
Respect	We always show respect for ourselves, each other and our school.
Excellence	We always do our very best.
Friendship	We always follow our friendship code.
Courage	We always tackle challenges and try being brave.
Determination	We are determined to get our school to outstanding
Inspirational	We will always be good role models to inspire our school.
Equality	We are always fair and value every individual.

Over the past two weeks we have continued to explore the theme of Respect through and within our community. This has been a lovely way to tie in with all the giving during this harvest month. From the youngest to the oldest we have discussed how we can support each other through our giving – and what amazing role models our parents and carers have been!

**RESPECT**  
We are a community. We make a difference.

## Autumn Enrichment (After school) Clubs and Activities

We have a wide range of after school enrichment activities which are now in action across every year group. Notifications have been sent home highlighting where your child has secured a place.

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Monday		Multi-sports					
Tuesday	Construction	Storytelling	Outdoor Crafts	Multi-sports or Board Games	Photography	IPad Skills	Computing
Wednesday	Storytelling	Outdoor Crafts	Multi-sports or Board Games	Art	IPad Skills	Photography	Debate
Thursday	Outdoor Crafts	Drawing	Storytelling	IPad Skills	Dance or Board Games	Dance	Photography
Friday							Multi-sports

Please ensure prompt collection at 4:20pm



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Schools are required by law to take an attendance register twice a day and this shows whether the pupil is present, engaged in an approved educational activity off-site, or absent. If a pupil of compulsory school age (5+) is absent, every half-day absence from school has to be classified by the school as either **AUTHORISED** or **UNAUTHORISED**. Only school can authorise the absence, not parents. This is why information about the cause of each absence is always required.

90% attendance might sound impressive, but actually ...

- 90% attendance over a school year, means that 4 whole weeks' worth of lessons have been missed

• If 90% attendance is maintained over 5 years, half a school year will have been missed overall

**Our Attendance Target is 97% or above...This term we managed just over 95%**

In the new half term, the teachers will be sharing your child's/children's attendance rates and either celebrating with you or asking whether or not there is any way in which we can further support you as a family to enable your child's attendance to increase.

We have published a new policy that can be found on our website detailing how the school will respond to 'persistent absenteeism'. This term is used for any child whose attendance is below 90%.

If a child's absence falls below 90% then a member of our welfare team will be in contact with you to invite you to a meeting with a member of our senior leadership team to discuss how best to support you and your family. If attendance does not improve from this point, the school will have no choice but to contact the Education Welfare Officer from the Local Authority and there is a high probability that we will also need to impose fines. We would prefer for this to be our last resort. So, **if there is any way in which we can support you or your family with your child's attendance please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher or Mrs Willis or Mrs King directly.**

## **Autumn Term 1 Events, Reminders & Save The Date!**

!Please check Class Dojo, Text Messages, Letters and Fliers for details of all our events as some dates will be subject to change; due to, for example, the weather or other circumstances! These, rather than the newsletter, are our main form of communication as we regularly have experienced best engagement through these mediums. We would also like to highlight that our website calendar is now up and running again and can also highlight some of the main dates/events throughout the term.



### **Autumn Term 2**

**Term Starts:** Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October

**Term Ends:** Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

**Holiday:** Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January

#### **Help with Learning**

Book a time slot with the class teacher.

You can also use Class Dojo or 'contact us' on the class pages of the website.

#### **Help with Behaviour**

Book a time slot with the class teacher if it is about your child.

At school we do not tolerate unkind behaviour.

If you are still concerned please book an appointment with the DHT or Headteacher.

#### **Help with Safeguarding**

**Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility!**

**Come immediately to see:**

**Mrs King (Principal)  
or Mrs Willis (Deputy  
Headteacher)  
01782 235100 (Stoke)**

#### **Online Safety**

Online safety is particularly important in our technological world!

If you would like further information on how to support your child to keep safe then please contact Mr Grocott (Y5)



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