



Waterside Primary Academy

Meet the teacher evening

Academic Year 2025 to 2026



#happychildrenlearn



Caring



Attitude



Respect



Effort



Safety



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Senior Leadership Team

Mrs Blackmore
Headteacher



Mrs Holland
SENDCo

Wider Leadership Team

Ms Trevathan
Deputy SENDCo



Mrs Orchard
Deputy Head



Mrs Scott
EYFS Lead



Ms Essex
Family Liaison
Officer



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Safeguarding Team



Look out
for our
rainbow
lanyards



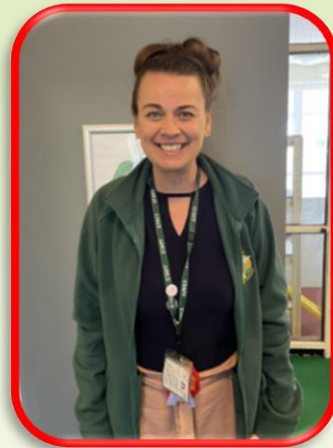
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Our school values



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RESPECT



Safety



SAFETY





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Expectations



Illness absence
(call every day)
Report concerns
Seek support



Friendly, caring and helpful
(Card system and Class Dojos)



Positive attitude to learning
Correct school uniform – *Waterside Pride!*
Excellent attendance (over 95%)
Punctuality (in school by 8.45am as registers saved at 8.55am).
Pick up is 3.15pm.



Good behaviour & manners
(Card system and Class Dojos)



Effort in all areas of the curriculum
Completed home learning & in on time
Daily reading at home
(recorded in reading record)



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Waterside Curriculum Overview

Year Group	Subject	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Year 1	English	Focus Texts: Egg Box Dragon The Jolly Christmas Postman The Jolly Postman Writing Text Type: Instructions Persuasive Letter (informal) News Script (oral) Lists and Invitations Persuasive Letter (formal) Storytelling Discussion and Debate Writing in role	Focus Texts: Rapunzel Out and about Writing Text Type: Diary entries Wanted poster Discussion and Debate Writing in role Formal and informal letters Poetry Explanatory writing Free verse poetry	Focus Texts: The snail and the whale The secret of black rock Writing Text Type: Letter to a character Wanted poster Verse of a song Travel journal entries – descriptive writing Newspaper report – recount Information text Personal Narrative Diary entry Poetry Persuasive argument Letters and notes
	Maths	Place Value to 10 Addition and Subtraction Shape	Addition and Subtraction to 20 Place Value Length and Height Mass and Volume	Multiplication and Division Fractions Position and Direction Place Value Money Time
	History	How am I making history?	How have toys changed?	How did explorers change the world?
	Geography	What is it like here?	What is the weather like in the UK?	What is it like to live in Shanghai?
	Art	Make your Mark (Drawing)	Colour Splash (Painting)	Woven Wonders (Craft and Design)
	DT	Fruit & Vegetables (Food)	Puppets (Structures -Textiles)	Making a moving storybook (Mechanisms)
	Science	Materials Seasonal Changes	Animals including humans (RSE) Animals	Plants and trees Seasonal changes



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RE	Theme: Creation story Religions: Christianity Theme: Christmas Religions: Christianity	Theme: Who is God to Jews Religions: Judaism Theme: Easter- Palm Sunday Religions: Christianity	Theme: Shabbat Religions: Judaism Theme: Prayer and worship Religions: Judaism
PSHE	Being me in my world Celebrating difference	Dreams and Goals Healthy me	Relationships Changing me
PE	Multi Skills Invasion Games	Gymnastics Netball	Striking & Fielding Athletics
Music	Hey You! (Hip hop) Rhythm in the way we walk and banana rap (Action songs)	In the Groove (Different styles of music) Round and Round (Singing)	Your Imagination (Singing) Reflect, Rewind and Replay (Western)
Computing	E-Safety Welcome to Purple Mash/Pictograms	Lego Builders (Coding) Maze Explorers/ Animated Story Books	Coding Spreadsheets/Technology outside of school





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Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.45 - 9.00	Finger-gym	Learning Activity RWInc sheet	Finger-gym	Learning Activity Rwinc sheet	Finger-gym
9.00-9.30	RWI	RWI	RWI	RWI	RWI spellings
9.30 - 10.30 (1 hour)	English	English	English	English	English/ free write Friday
10.30-10.45	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
10.45 - 12 (1 hour)	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths
	Assembly 11.40	Circle time	Singing assembly	Circle time	Celebration assembly 11.30
12.00 - 1.00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1-1.15	Handwriting/ feedback				
1.15 - 2.15	History (1hour)	Computing (1 hour)	ART (1 hour)	Science (1.5 hours)	PE (1 HOUR 1-2pm)
2.15 - 3.10	RE 55mins	PE (55mins)	PSHE (55 mins)	Library 2.45-3.10 (25 mins)	Music (40mins) Golden time 2.40-3.10
3.10	Story time				Story time

Year 1 Timetable Autumn 1

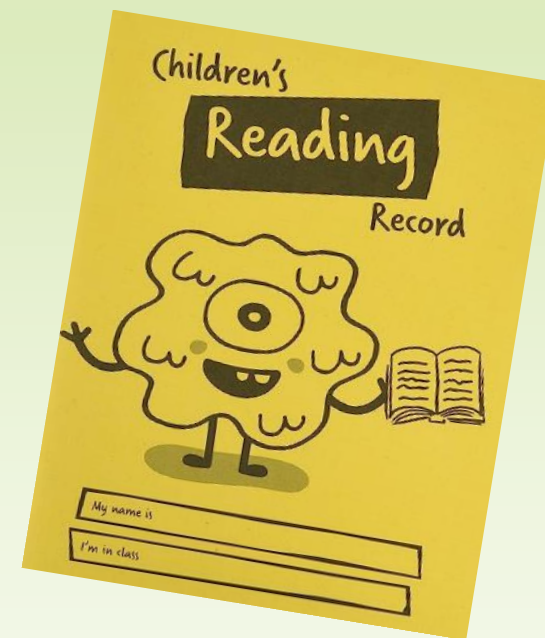




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Reading

- We use the Read Write Inc. phonics scheme
- Children are assessed every half term by the Phonics lead
(Mrs Scott) who will then group them accordingly.
- Pupils receive a daily phonics session.
- You can help at home by reading regularly and filling in their reading record when you have heard them read.

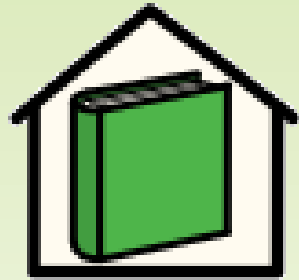




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Reading

- We focus on fluency - please practise this at home too
- We learn different VIPERS skills



Vocabulary
Inference
Prediction
Explanation
Retrieval
Summarisation



- The school library is currently in the process of being refurbished.





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Reading

- Once your child is ready they will use Accelerated Reader to engage, challenge and track their reading.
- Your child should aim to quiz once a week (shorter texts) or once a fortnight (chapter texts)
- The link to AR Book Finder is below:
<https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/UserType.aspx?RedirectURL=%2fdefault.aspx>
- Use the following link to access the Accelerated Reader quizzes online for children in Year 3-6 who are off our phonics scheme.
- Your child's individual log can be found in the front of their reading record.
<https://global-zone61.renaissance-go.com/welcomeportal/7262811>



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Writing overview

Term	Title	Author
Autumn	Egg Box Dragon	Richard Adams
Autumn	Jolly Postman	Allen and Janet Ahlberg
Autumn	The Jolly Christmas Postman	Allen and Janet Ahlberg
Spring	Rapunzel	Bethan <u>Woollyin</u>
Spring	Out and about	Shirley Hughes
Summer	The Snail and the Whale	Julia Donaldson
Summer	The secret of Black Rock	Todd Stanton





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Mathematics overview

YEAR 1							
TERM	AUTUMN	Unit 1: Numbers 10	Unit 2: Part-whole within 10	Unit 3: Addition within 10	Unit 4: Subtraction within 10	Unit 5: 2D and 3D shapes	
	SPRING	Unit 6: Numbers to 20	Unit 7: Addition and subtraction within 20	Unit 8: Numbers to 50	Unit 9: Length and height	Unit 10: Weight and volume	
	SUMMER	Unit 11: Multiplication and division	Unit 12: Halves and quarters	Unit 13: Position and direction	Unit 14: Numbers to 100	Unit 15: Money	Unit 16: Time





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Equipment needed



book bag



reading
book



reading
record



water
bottle



all
belongings
named



warm
waterproof
coat



cap or
hat



painting
apron





Uniform reminders

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All black and green gingham items should be **TAILORED** and from shops with a school uniform range.

They can be bought from any retailer.



KS1 White Polo Shirt

KS2 Waterside tie

KS2 White shirt with long or short sleeves



Shoes must be black leather with a low heel and fastenings such as Velcro or buckles.



Your child will need to wear their PE kit to school on their PE days.

The black jogging bottoms and black striped shorts can be bought from any shop with a school uniform range.

ONLY agreed items may be worn as school uniform

ONLY BLACK SHOES to be worn on NON PE days

Only ALL BLACK TRAINERS to be worn on PE days





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Items which are NOT part of our uniform



Cycling shorts for PE

Black trainers with colours on them



Hoop earrings



Necklaces



School Shoes

Please purchase shoes your child can undo and fasten themselves.
Laces can be challenging at school if they are unable to tie laces themselves.

House t-shirts

Fruit of the Loom from Amazon are great!



Adaptive Uniform

Please speak with Mrs Holland (SENDCo) regarding adaptive uniform.

If your child has **SENSORY PROCESSING DIFFERENCES** then fabric alternatives to the uniform can be agreed following a discussion.

Adaptations will then be written in your child's Learning Support Plan so all staff are informed and aware.





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school
dinner

Every child must have a Parent Pay account, regardless of eligibility, as this is the only way that meals can be ordered in future.

If you need to open a Parent Pay account please contact the school office to obtain an activation letter to access the website and order online.

Access your Parent Pay account by [clicking here](#)



Meal bookings MUST BE placed in advance by each Thursday for the following week.

You will see the menus on Parent Pay and on the school website.

Children in Reception and Years 1 & 2 are entitled to a free school meal each day but this must be ordered this on Parent Pay.

Children in Years, 3, 4, 5 & 6 - Any child who is eligible for Free School meals must also have a Parent Pay account to order meals online.



packed
lunch



water



sandwich
or roll



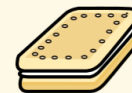
fruit



yogurt



pasta



biscuit



vegetables



cheese
cubes



wraps

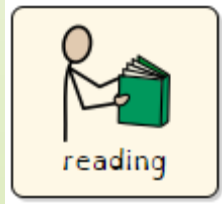
If you do not wish your child to have a school meal, please provide a packed lunch.



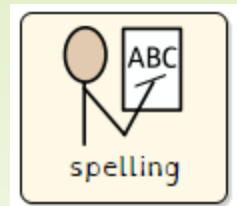


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Supporting your child at home



- All children should read 5 times a week and this should be recorded in your child's Reading Record (in EYFS state that all children should listen to a story each night and record in reading record, until they start getting a Ditty sheet or RWI book)



- **RWI** –The children will receive two RWI books per week.
- [Parent video: How to say the sounds – YouTube](#)
- **Weekly spellings** Explain how this works in your class and how they can help their child practise.





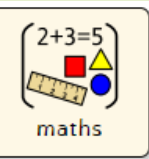
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Supporting your child at home

- Times tables – Explain how this works in your class and how they can help their child practise.
- Home quizzes

Key Facts:

Talk to your children as much as possible and encourage conversations to develop language & read to your child and listen to them read as much as possible as research shows that children perform better and make more progress when parents focus on reading and vocabulary!



maths





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Attendance

- Being in school is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing and wider development. Evidence shows that the children with the highest attendance throughout their time in school gain the best results.
- Having 90% attendance over 5 school years is half a school's year of work missed.
- We look for a minimum of 95% attendance. Any children below this will receive a letter at the end of a half term.
- It is vital you let us know if your child isn't in school and why.



New Attendance Rules!

There are new rules for unauthorised absences, whether this is due to holiday, irregular attendance, or otherwise. Don't get caught out!



1 I'm a parent and I want to take my child out of school for a half or full day.

Any absence must be recorded on an absence request form. The form enables us to communicate whether an absence will be authorised or unauthorised. Holiday requests will not be authorised. If your child will miss 5 school days, they will be given a penalty notice fine. The fine is £80 per parent, per child, if you pay it in 21 days, otherwise it is £160.

For each child a penalty is given...

+£80 +£80 +£80 +£80

4 children & 1 parent = £320
Doubled to £640 if not paid in 21 days

For a family of 2 parents & 2 children

+£80 +£80

£160 x2 = £320

Doubled to £640 if not paid in 21 days

What happens if school suspects children are actually on holiday?

Photos on Facebook?
Foreign mobile dial tone?
Other children talking about your holiday?
Amazing sun tan?
Home visit shows no-one at home?

Please don't be offended if we ask for evidence or mention these questions to you. We're required to do this to ensure a fair system!

2 What about subsequent absences? Is it still the same penalty amount?

No, not anymore. If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence OR pattern of irregular attendance, which is unauthorised, then...

2nd TIME
2 parents and...
1 child = £320
2 children = £640
3 children = £960
4 children = £1280

3rd TIME
A penalty notice fine will not be given. Instead, your case will be taken to court. A magistrate can fine each parent £2,500 for each child.
1 parent & 4 children = £10,000
2 parents and 4 children = £20,000

NO DISCOUNT FOR EARLY PAYMENT

3 What about irregular attendance? Could I get a penalty notice? YES

If your child is absent (or late after registers) for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks, and their absences are unauthorised, then the school is required to consider penalty notices / prosecution.

PENALTY!

So, half a day here and day there could all add up to 10 sessions in 10 weeks. If unauthorised, then it would be a penalty notice. Remember, 1 day is 2 sessions (morning and afternoon).

4 What are typical reasons given that won't be authorised?

Examples of unauthorised absences

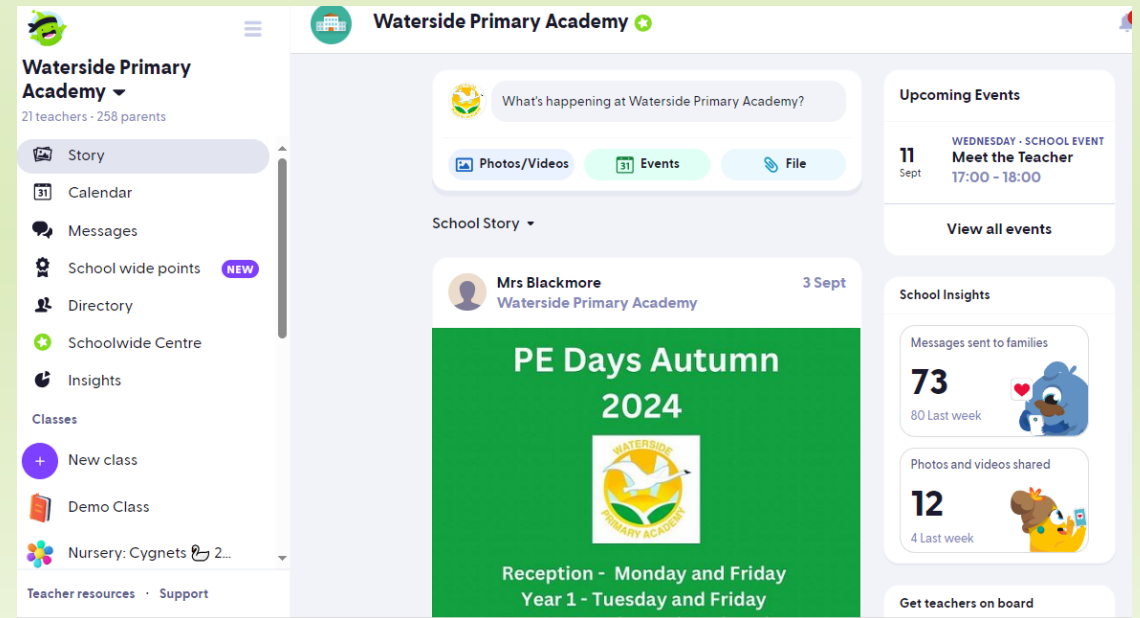
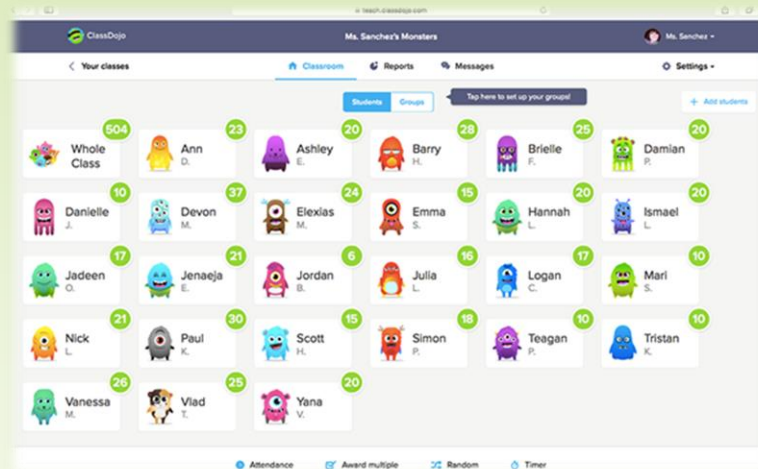
A family member's birthday	Sickness of parent or sibling
Shopping for uniforms	Sibling's school closed
Inadequate clothing for school	Refusing to attend, but able to
Child being used as a carer	Poor family organisation
Problems with transport	Family holidays
Visiting relatives abroad	No absence request completed
	Non-essential appointments

Where attendance is irregular, or historically poor, sickness absences may be unauthorised unless medical confirmation by a GP surgery is given.

EVERY DAY COUNTS – ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE



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Restorative approach within school

- At Waterside PA, we try to use a positive approach in helping our children to feel good about themselves.*
- We have a 'Celebration assembly' every Friday where a child is chosen to be 'Star of the week'.*
- We also award children with subject and caring awards at the end of each half term/term.*
- We encourage the children to become problem solvers by using a restorative approach of teaching them how to resolve issues between themselves.*
- We avoid heavy behaviour sanctions as much as possible but instead use a nurturing and responsive approach to help our children learn how to manage their feelings and behaviours.*

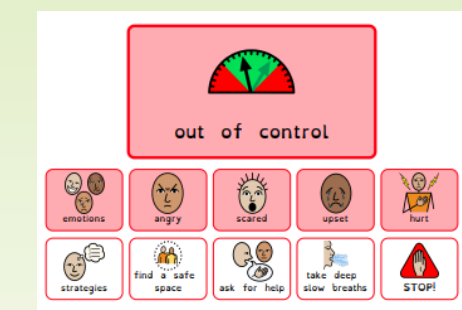
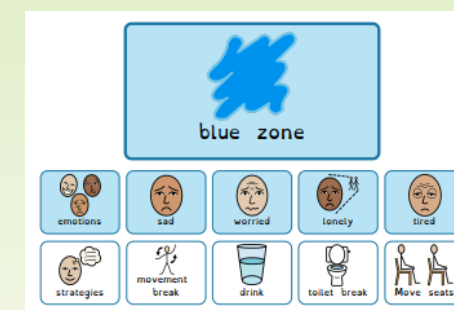
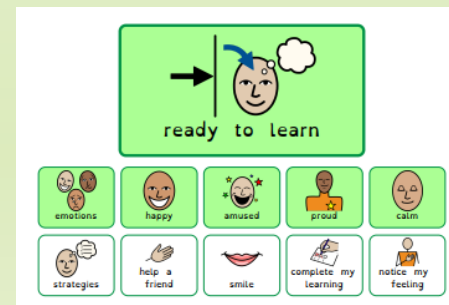




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Restorative approach within school

- The children use a daily feelings chart (Zones of regulation) and can share how they feel with the rest of the class daily.
- This helps children understand their own feelings and be able to express themselves from a young age, encouraging them to be much more emotionally intelligent and aware of others.
- Please read more about our visions and values and behaviour policy on our website.



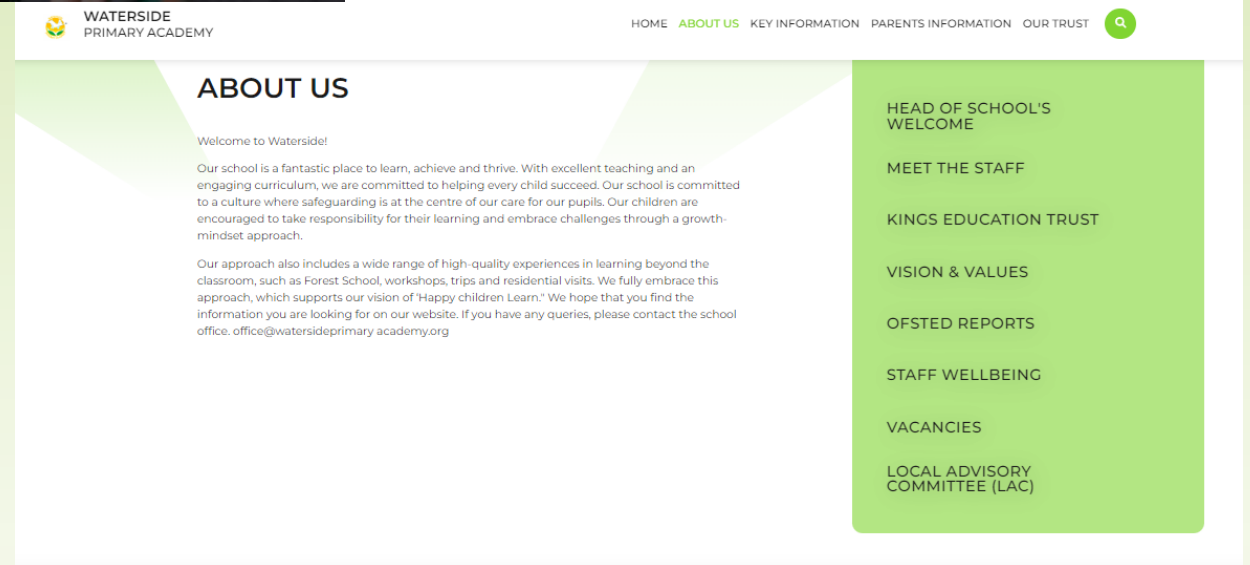


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Our website



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PTA and The Waterside Pigs



Waterside pigs



Waterside Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

A friendly and welcoming group of parents and teachers who make fun things happen for kids, while raising funds for the school to spend on our children. Last year we helped to buy classroom fans and laptops for learning.

If you can offer as little as **half an hour** of your time each year, we need you!

No big commitment required.

See leaflet for more info or email: watersideprimarypta@gmail.com or scan this QR code

PTA AGM is in Fri 3 Oct at 3.30 in the Hub. All welcome.

What you could do: make cookies – run a stall for an hour – face painting – pig-feeding – be class rep – use your skills - no offer is too small! Thank you.





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PTA and The Waterside Pigs



WATERSIDE PRIMARY ACADEMY PTA



What is it?

A friendly and welcoming group of parents and teachers who make fun things happen for kids, while also raising funds for the school to spend on our children.



You can help!

Can you give just 30 minutes of your time every year to help?

Helper roles include: manning a stall at a summer or Xmas fayre (e.g. face painting or tombola), setting up and packing away after fayres, and even feeding pigs!

Make a difference!

Recently the PTA has helped to buy industrial fans for classrooms and a suite of laptops for teaching



Contact us to join the helpers Whatsapp group or to find out more.
watersideprimarypta@gmail.com.

Co-chairs: Bex (Y2) and Helen (Y3/Y4),
Co-secretaries: Di (Y2) and Rob (Y2)

We need your skills! If you have a skill or equipment that can help the school community, let us know! (handyman, plumbing, painting, electrics etc)



Name: _____ Child in year group: _____

Contact number: _____

I would like to help at events sometimes: YES NO

I would like to be added to a PTA helpers WhatsApp group. YES NO

Other skills I can offer: _____

