



Waterside Primary Academy

Meet the teacher evening

Academic Year 2025 to 2026



#happychildrenlearn



Caring



Attitude



Respect



Effort



Safety



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Meet the Year 4 teaching team



Mrs Bain

*Year 4 Teacher
Mental Health Lead
Maths Lead*



Ms Picton

Teaching Assistant



Miss Adams

Trainee teacher



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Senior Leadership Team

Mrs Blackmore
Headteacher



Mrs Holland
SENDCo

Mrs Orchard
Deputy Head



Mrs Scott
EYFS Lead

Wider Leadership Team

Ms Trevathan
Deputy SENDCo



Ms Essex
Family Liaison
Officer





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Safeguarding Team



Look out
for our
rainbow
lanyards



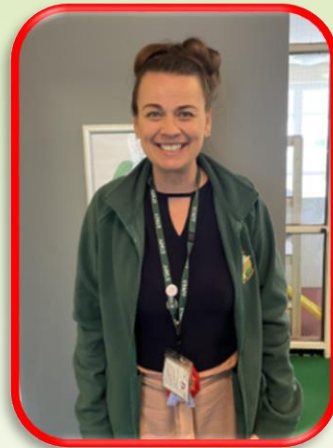
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Designated
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Our school values



Caring



Effort



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ATTITUDE



Respect



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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Year group long term plan

Year Group	Subject	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Year 4	English	<p>Guided Reading text: The Hodgeheg Volcanoes DK</p> <p>Focus Texts: Leon and the Place between Escape from Pompeii</p> <p>Writing Text Type: Adventure narrative Persuasive Advert Recount (Diary Entry) Newspaper Report</p>	<p>Guided Reading text: A World Full of Animal Stories Chocolate Cake – Michael Rosen Fantastically Great Women Who Saved The Planet</p> <p>Focus Texts: Crazy hair – Neil Gaiman (poetry) The Last Bear</p> <p>Writing Text Type: Poetry Narrative Diary Entry Formal letter</p>	<p>Guided Reading text: Great Civilisations – The Maya The Train to Impossible Places</p> <p>Focus Texts: How to train your dragon</p> <p>Writing Text Type: 1st person narrative Character description Instructions Character dialogue for performance Non-chronological report Persuasive letter</p>
	Maths	Place Value Addition and Subtraction Area Multiplication and Division	Multiplication and Division Length and perimeter Fractions Decimals	Decimals Money Time Statistics Shape Position and Direction
	History	How have children's lives changed?	What changed in Britain after the Anglo-Saxon invasion?	How did the achievements of the Ancient Maya impact their society and beyond?
	Geography	Why do people live near volcanoes?	What are rivers and how are they used?	Where does our food come from?
	Art	Power Prints (Drawing)	Light & Dark (Painting)	Mega Materials (Sculpture & 3D)
	DT	Torches (Electrical systems)	Fastenings (Structures - Textiles)	Adapting Biscuits (Food Tech)





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Year group long term plan

Science	Living things and their habitats Electricity	States of matter (water cycle) Living things and their habitats (conservation)	Sound Teeth and digestion Animals including humans (RSE)
RE	Theme: The life of the Buddha Religions: Buddhism Theme: Christmas Religions: Christianity	Theme: Buddha's Teachings Religions: Buddhism Theme: Easter Religions: Christianity	Theme: Beliefs in practice Religions: Buddhism Theme: Prayer and Worship Religions: Christianity
PSHE	Being me in my world Celebrating difference	Dreams and Goals Changing me	Relationships Healthy me
PE	Invasion Games Hockey	Gymnastics Netball	Striking & Fielding Athletics
Music	Mamma Mia (ABBA) Glockenspiel (Learning to play)	Stop! (Rap including composition) Lean on Me (Gospel)	Blackbird Reflect, Rewind and Replay (Western)
Computing	Computing systems and networks Creating media: Audio production	Programming: Repetition in shapes Data and Information: Data logging	Creating media: Photo editing Programming: Repetition in Games
French	Phonetics 2 (C) Presenting Myself (I) Family (I)	Goldilocks and the Three Bears (I) Vegetables (E)	Classroom (I) My Home (I)





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Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Journalling	Spelling	Reading	Reading	Reading
9.00-10.00am	Maths (1hour)	Maths (1hour)	Maths (1hour)	Maths (1hour)	Maths (1hour)
10.00-10.30am	Reading (30 mins)	Reading (30 mins)	Reading (30 mins)	Reading (30 mins)	Reading (30 mins)
10.30-10.45am	Breaktime				
10:45 – 11.40pm	Writing (1 hour)	Writing (1 hour)	Writing (1 hour)	Writing (1 hour)	SPAG (1 hour)
11.40-12.00	Assembly	Times Tables	Singing Assembly	Times tables	Celebration Assembly 11.30
12.00-1:00pm	Lunchtime				
1 – 1.15pm	Feedback time / Handwriting				
1.15pm-2.15pm	Computing	Music – Mrs Orchard	Science	Art	RE
2.15-3:10pm	PE	PE - Premier	History	PSHE	Science
	French				Golden Time
3:10 – 3:15pm	Class Story				

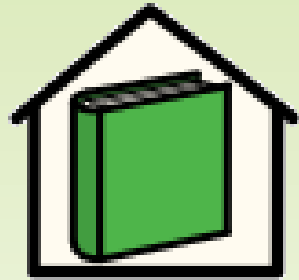




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Reading

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



Vocabulary
Inference
Prediction
Explanation
Retrieval
Summarisation



- The school library has recently been refurbished and we are now working on building up our book collection. Donations are kindly received by Miss Read and Mrs Orchard.





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Reading

- Children in Year 4 continue to use Accelerated Reader to engage, challenge and track their reading.
- Your child should aim to quiz at least 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

Year Group	Subject	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 4	VIPERS Reading	The Hodgeheg	Volcanoes DK	A world full of animal stories	Chocolate Cake – Michael Rosen Fantastically Great Women Who Saved The Planet	Great Civilisations – The Maya	Train to Impossible Places
	Focus Text	Leon and the Place between	Escape from Pompeii	The Last Bear	Crazy Hair – Neil Gaiman	How to train your dragon	How to train your dragon
	Writing purpose						
	To Entertain	Adventure narrative		Setting description Narrative	Poetry Character description	1 st person narrative Character description	Character dialogue for performance
	To Inform		Recount (Diary Entry) Newspaper Report			Instructions	Non-chronological report
	To Persuade	Persuasive Advert		Formal letter			
	SPaG	Capital letters and full stops Expanded noun phrases	Past tense Reported speech Paragraphs Fronted adverbials	Apostrophes Expanded noun phrases Paragraphs	Expanded noun phrases Possessive pronouns	Past tense Commas for lists Apostrophes for plural possession.	Nouns and pronouns to aid cohesion. Adverbials Sub-headings





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Mathematics overview

YEAR 4												
TERM	AUTUMN	Unit 1 and 2: Place value – 4-digit numbers		Unit 3: Addition and subtraction		Unit 4: Area		Unit 5: Multiplication and division (1)				
	SPRING	Unit 6: Multiplication and division (2)		Unit 7: Perimeter		Unit 8 and 9: Fractions		Unit 10: Decimals (1)				
	SUMMER	Unit 11: Decimals (2)		Unit 12: Money		Unit 13: Time		Unit 14: Geometry – angles and 2D shapes		Unit 15: Statistics		Unit 16: Position and direction





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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.



ONLY agreed items may be worn as school uniform



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

ONLY BLACK SHOES to be worn on NON PE days



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 ALL BLACK TRAINERS to be worn on PE days





Uniform reminders

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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

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.



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.





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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



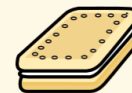
fruit



yogurt



pasta



biscuit



vegetables



cheese
cubes



wraps

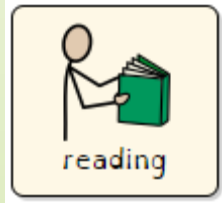
If you do not wish your child to have a school meal, please provide a packed lunch.



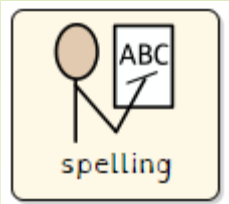


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Supporting your child at home



- All children should read 5 times a week and this should be recorded in your child's Reading Record.



- **Weekly spellings**

In class there will be a Friday lesson teaching that week's spelling pattern in school. Children will then take the spellings home to practice as part of their homework for the week. The spelling test in class will be the following Friday.

Each week, 2 spellings will be written in a full, dictation sentence to ensure children spell in context. Other spellings will be tested as individual words.





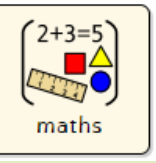
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Supporting your child at home

- *Times tables – Year 4 times tables check; Government test which takes place in the first 2 weeks of June 2026.*
 - 25 questions; 6 seconds to answer each question. UK average last year was 21.
 - Soundcheck on TTRS practices the same style as the test.
 - We use Ipads as children tend to be more familiar with the keypad.
- *Accelerated Reader 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!





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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
NO DISCOUNT FOR EARLY PAYMENT

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

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

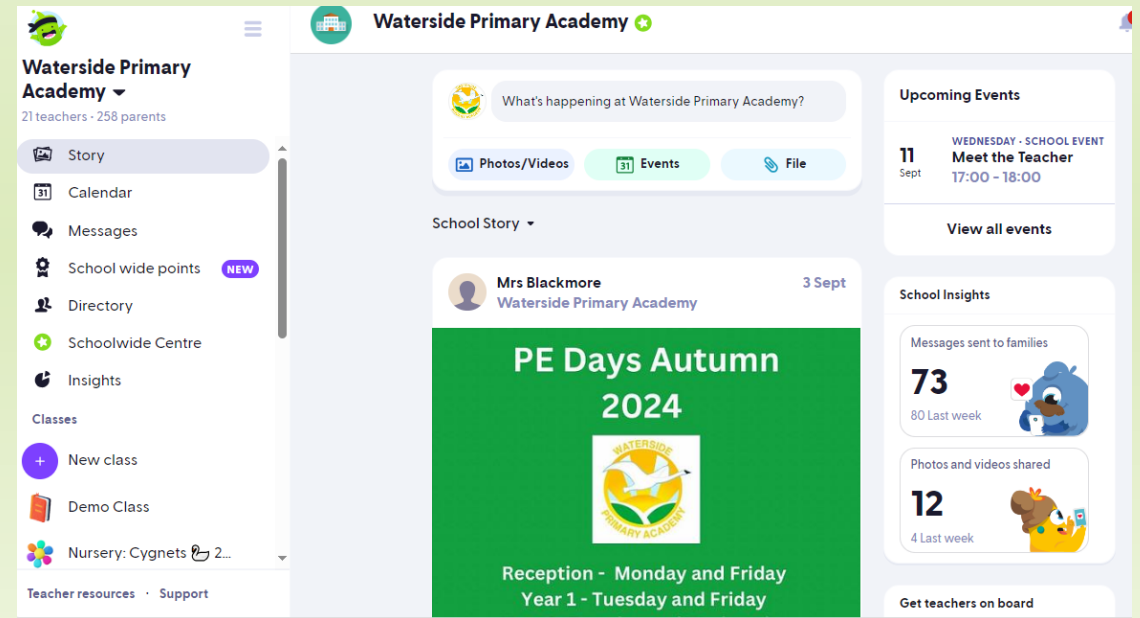
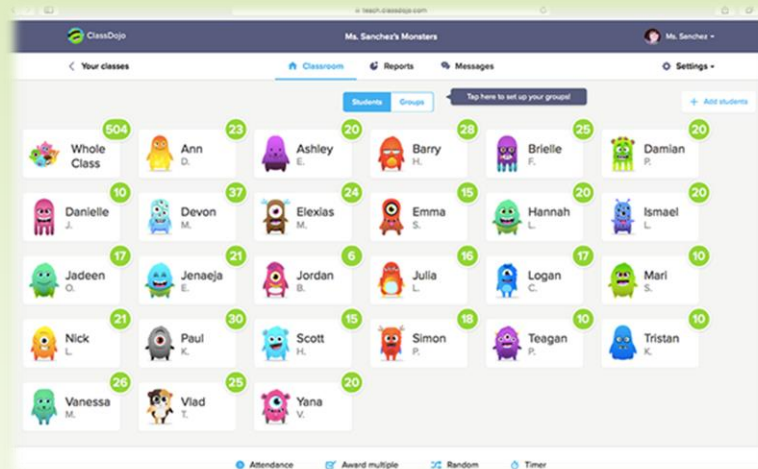
A family member's birthday	Sickness of parent or sibling
Shopping for uniforms	Sibling's school closed
Inadequate clothing for school	Refusing to attend, but able to
Child being used as a carer	Poor family organisation
Problems with transport	Family holidays
Visiting relatives abroad	No absence request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

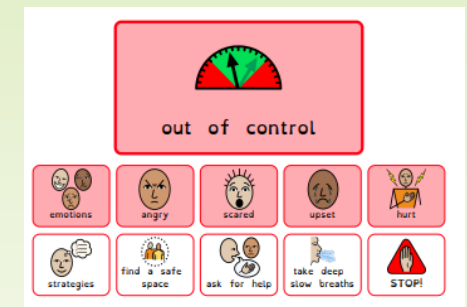
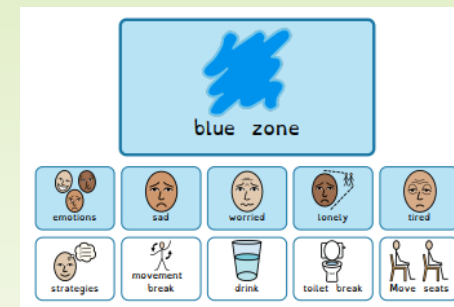
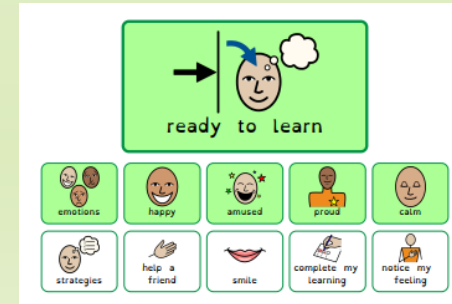




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Restorative approach within school

- 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.



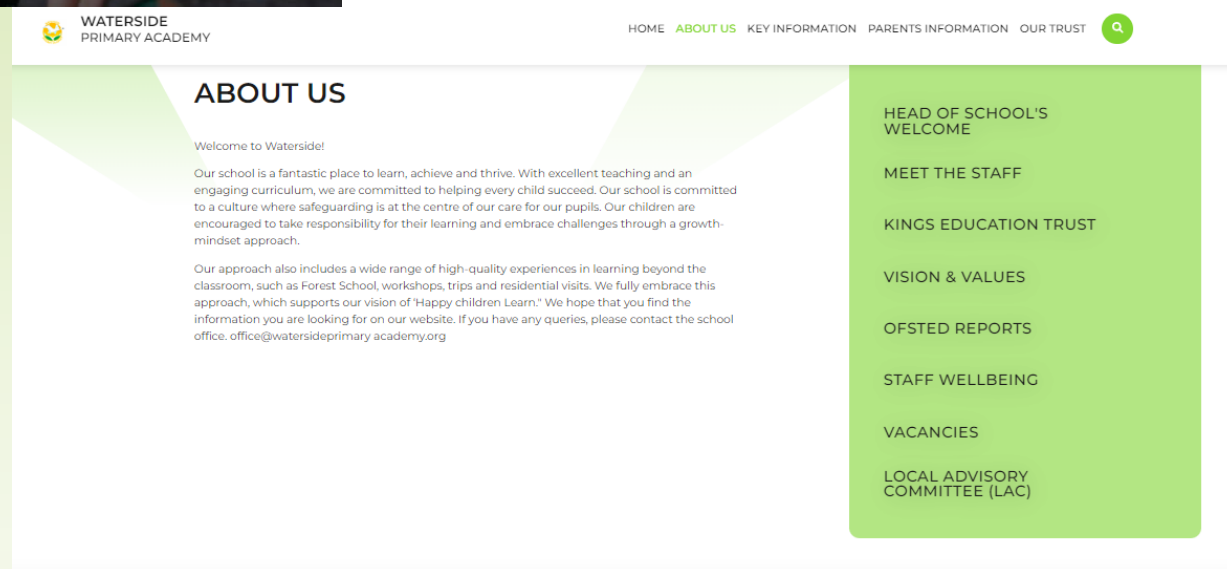


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Our website



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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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Breakfast club- Before school


- This club is run by our Waterside Team members (Miss Bell, Miss Cyster and Mr McHugh).
- Breakfast Club is held in the Dining Room until 8:45 when the children will be sent to class to start the school day. You will need to book in advance. Each child must be booked separately.
- Access is via the Box Tree Close entrance, open from 7:40 - 8:05am
- This club costs £4 per session with a nutritious breakfast provided. £3 for each additional sibling. Children who are in receipt of Pupil Premium can access this club for free.
- After their breakfast, children may join another table where activities are laid out or choose to play or chat with friends. Activities may include construction toys, board games, drawing materials, reading, completing homework or simply chatting quietly to friends.





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Wraparound care- Premier (After school)




Academic year 2025/26

Wraparound Care for Waterside Primary School


Before and afterschool care everyday the school is open to children.



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Excellent
Trustpilot

Premier Education are honoured to be able to provide the wraparound care at your school.

Our aim is to deliver a top quality, Ofsted registered provision, with a range of stimulating activities in a safe, secure and fun environment, providing an outstanding service for busy parents.

Parents can relax knowing their children are in safe hands as all staff have experience working with primary school children, have been DBS checked, and hold Paediatric First Aid and Safeguarding certificates.

Wraparound care sessions are open to children from Reception to Year 6, with no deposit or registration fee required. You can make Ad-hoc bookings, or book multiple session over a half term period. Healthy snacks are provided, with specific dietary requirements also being catered for.

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After School options:
3:15-6:00pm = £13.00
3:15-4:30pm = £8.50
4:15-6:00pm = £8.50



BOOK TODAY!

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