



Waterhouses CE Primary Academy and Nursery

"Let your light shine"

Make your light shine, so others will see the good you do and will praise your Father in heaven. Matt 5 v 16

Newsletter 10 : 3-2-25

Dear Parents/Carers,

There is a great deal of information and news to share with you!

Our fabulous White Tigers class represented our school with their keen interest, enthusiasm and superb behaviour on their trip to the Derby Open Centre. They all had a wonderful day visiting a Hindu Temple and made a clay diva. After lunch, they visited a Sikh Gurdwara. We were kindly given curry and chapati - which the children thought was delicious!



Otters Class enjoyed a walk to the park as part of their local Geography learning. They learnt first-hand the importance of fieldwork. As they walked along the route, they saw lots of physical and human features of our environment. They also enjoyed some time playing on our park equipment.



School Office



Our school office is open from 8.30 am until 4pm. If you need to speak to school urgently after 4pm, please press option 3 to speak with staff in the Sunshine Club who will pass on any messages.

Mrs Ann Rushton

We are sad that Mrs Ann Rushton will be leaving her cleaning role after 20 years. We will miss her smile and thank her for all her hard work and dedication to keeping our school so clean and tidy. If you would like to make a donation to her leaving gift, please drop it off at the school office. Thank you.

Photos needed

As part of our Christian Vision and Values, we are updating one of our display boards to show our Christian Vision and Values in action. If you have any photos of the children demonstrating our values of Love, Hope, Trust and Respect you are happy to be shared on our notice board along our corridors, please email them or bring a hard copy into school. Examples of these could be sporting activities, beavers, rainbows/brownies, helping at home, dancing... the list is endless! Thank you to those who have already sent some in.

Attendance and Punctuality



We pride ourselves on having good attendance and punctuality at Waterhouses. Our door opens at 8.45am and lessons start at 9am promptly. We would also like to politely remind parents and carers that children should be collected on time at 3.30pm, after school clubs or our Sunshine Club. We appreciate that on occasions that parents can get caught up in traffic and we would ask that you contact the school office to let us know.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Parents Evening

We are holding two parents' evenings, tonight and next Monday, 10th February from 3:30pm – 6pm. Please sign up to make an appointment with your child's class teacher. The forms are in the entrance lobby by the school office. from tomorrow.

Parents
Evening

Ban the Bully

Along with our worry boxes in school and providing opportunities for our children to speak to staff, we have a tab on our website for pupils to submit concerns. This is primarily aimed at pupils in Y3 and above, although any child can use it. We would ask that our pupils do put their real name when completing the secure online form so that we can deal with any issues and concerns. The link goes to the email inbox of Mrs Linton and Mrs Hulme. Any information as ever, is treated sensitively and confidentially. Please do speak to Mrs Linton or Mrs Hulme, the safeguarding leads, if you have any questions.

The tab can be found under the Pupils section on our website.

Primary Stars Cluster Events

All our pupils had a fantastic time at the cluster gymnastics event held in our Hall. The children enjoyed opportunities to learn new skills as well as demonstrated their talents! Well done to all our children!

Last week our Y3-6 took part in the cluster Dodgeball event. Again, our children showed great sportsmanship, respect and resilience! Well done!

Wear Red

We are supporting the "Wear Red" day which is in aid of the Air Ambulance. This vital lifesaving service relies solely on donations, and we would like the children and staff to wear something red that day and make a donation if you are able on Friday 14th February.



Children's Mental Health week

Aswell as their PSHE lessons this week, the children will be taking part in class workshops based around emotions, well being and strategies. These will be led by Mrs K Jensen.



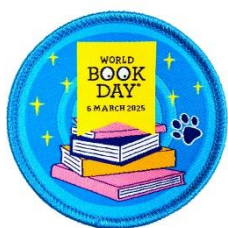
NSPCC Number Day : Friday 7th February



Miss Cuff, our Maths lead, has suggested we take part in Number Day.

Number Day is a great way to make maths fun and bring about a positive, 'can-do' attitude towards it. We are having a fun day of maths activities, and we will be taking part in Dress up for Digits. Pupils are asked to wear an item of clothing with a number on it (football shirt, cap, netball shirt or even a onesie!) or clothing that has a number of things on (spots, animals, patterns etc). You could get even more creative by dressing in a maths or numbers theme. To help raise money for the NSPCC, we are asking for donations, and we'd love everyone in the school to take part in this special event. Please send in a donation to support NSPCC's work in a sealed envelope, every little helps and we are grateful for any amount donated. Thank you.

World Book Day : Thursday 6th March : Advance Notice



This year we are asking the children to come dressed as a word. For example : happy, stripy, colourful, etc. Please do not go to any expense, use what you have already. We would also like the children to bring a favourite book to share with another child as part of their lessons that day.

Best wishes,

Rachel Linton (Mrs)

Headteacher

Dates for the Year

Spring Term 2025	
3 Feb	3:30 – 6pm Parents Evening Children's Mental Health week
10 Feb	3:30 – 6pm Parents Evening
10 Feb	Internet Safety Week
11 Feb	Full Governors Meeting
13 Feb	Spr 1 Themed Homework to be brought into school for Y1-6
14 Feb	Wear Red in aid of the Air ambulance. Please donate if you are able to. School closes for half term holiday
24 Feb	School reopens for all pupils at 8:45am
25 Feb	Spr 2 Themed Homework set for Y1-6
28 Feb	Primary Stars Dance for Otters, Penguins and White Tigers. Please bring your PE Kit to change into each Friday during Spr 2.
6 Mar	World Book Day : Come as a word!
10 Mar	Science Day
18 Mar	Primary Stars Indoor Fundamentals Festival at Waterhouses EYFS – Y2 : morning
28 March	Year 5 and 6 to visit Parliament : more information to follow
9 Apr	Spr 2 Themed Homework to be brought into school for Y1-6

11 Apr	School closes for Easter holiday
Summer Term 2025	
28 Apr	School reopens for all pupils at 8:45am
29 Apr	Sum 1 Themed Homework set for Y1-6
5 May	School closed for May Day Bank Holiday
5-9 May	Deaf Awareness week
6 May	School reopens for all pupils at 8:45am
12- 15 May	Y6 SATS week
13 May	Full Governors Meeting
21 May	Sum 1 Themed Homework to be brought into school for Y1-6
23 May	School closed for half term holiday
2 June	INSET Day : School closed for pupils
3 June	School reopens for all pupils at 8:45am MTC Y4 week 1
4 June	Sum 2 Themed Homework set for Y1-6
9 June	Y1 Phonics screener week MTC Y4 week 2
20 June	EYFS Sports Morning Y1-6 Sports Day Afternoon
23 June	Geography Day
27 June	Reserve Day for Sports Day if the weather gets wet on 20-6-25
1 Jul	Full Governors Meeting
3 July	2pm and 6pm : White Tigers end of year play
4 Jul	Annual Reports to parents sent out
7 Jul	Drop-in Parents Meeting : an opportunity to discuss your child's annual report. Meet the teacher ready for September 2025.
8,9 and 10 Jul	Queen Elizabeth's Transition days for Y6
15 Jul	Sum 2 Themed Homework to be brought into school for Y1-6
18 Jul	School closes for the summer holidays