



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 16 : 12-5-25

Dear Parents/Carers,

The children and staff enjoyed a special VE Day lunch last Thursday. Thank you to Miss Mandy, our school cook who prepared a special VE Day themed lunch. Please do have a look at some of the photos on our DoJo app. During the afternoon, all the children took part in activities to learn about the importance of VE Day and its impact on our nation and the world.



Since returning to school after Easter the children have enjoyed Collective Worship led by Rev Jane Held, vicar of Ipstones and a team who lead Open the Book from Ashbourne Methodist Church. We have had a visit Dog's Trust and the Moorland Climate Change groups.

As part of Deaf Awareness week, Mrs Dunn has led some lessons and an assembly to teach the children about communication and how to support others who are deaf.

We are lucky to be enjoying some wonderful sunny weather at the moment. Please can you make sure your child has a sunhat and suncream with them each day.

SIAMS Inspection

Thank you to the parents/carers who took time to speak to Sarah Milne last Thursday as part of our inspection. I would also like to thank our fabulous children who spoke so confidently with such enthusiasm and sharing their RE books with her. Thank you to our wonderful staff who also worked so hard in our preparation, especially Mrs Hulme who leads our RE and Collective Worship. We are expecting her report to be published just after the half term holiday and we will look forward to sharing it with you.

Plants needed!



Before the holiday, Mr Martin, kindly spent the day clearing the weeds from the garden area at the front of school. It is now looking ready for some new plants. We are keen to get it planted up with some new plants. If you are able to donate a plant or two, we would be really grateful. Mrs Bradbury will plant any donations with the children. Thank you for your support!

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! The inspector was most interested to see these on our notice board so please keep sending them in. We love seeing our pupils' achievements outside of school!

Forest School

This half term, Primary Stars will be leading Forest School for the Ladybirds class. Mrs Hulme has sent out information about this via DoJo.



Swimming and PE



Swimming lessons will continue every Tuesday, please ensure that your child has their kit.

PE lessons will continue for Otters on a Monday, Penguins and Ladybirds on a Wednesday and White Tigers on a Thursday.

Primary Stars Cricket

Our Y3-6 will be heading to Parwich next Tuesday to take part in the cluster event. Mrs Samways, Mr Walker and Mrs Dunn will be accompanying the children. Please ensure your child has a water bottle, sunscreen and a sunhat.

Celebration Worship

Our next celebration worship is on Friday 23rd May at 9:15am. Please send any certificates or awards to the school office so these can be presented to the children.



Best wishes,

Rachel Linton (Mrs)

Headteacher

Dates for the Year

Summer Term 2025	
12- 15 May	Y6 SATS week
20 May	Y3-6 Primary Stars : Quick Cricket at Parwich
21 May	Sum 1 Themed Homework to be brought into school for Y1-6
23 May	9:15am Celebration Worship in school School closes 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 Y4,5 and 6 : Humanities Day at Queen Elizabeth's. More details to follow
4 June	Sum 2 Themed Homework set for Y1-6
5 June	Y6 Goblin Car event at Fradley : more details to follow
9 June	Y1 Phonics screener week MTC Y4 week 2
10 June	Y3-6 Primary Stars : Rounders at Parwich
12 June	School Disco : 3.30-4.30pm
16 June	Spirituality Day : a day of different activities for the children to explore
19 June	Rugby Event for Y3-6
20 June	EYFS Sports Morning Y1-6 Sports Day Afternoon
23 June	Geography Day
24 June	Full Governors Meeting : change of date
27 June	Reserve Day for Sports Day if the weather gets wet on 20-6-25
3 July	2pm and 6pm : White Tigers end of year play
4 Jul	Annual Reports to parents sent out. Y6 girls : JCB : Women in Engineering Event : letter to follow
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

10 July	Ladybirds visit to Adventure Farm – Burton : more details to follow
11 Jul	Y1-6 Derby Museum trip : more details to follow
14 Jul	9.15am Celebration Worship : please note the change of date.
15 Jul	Sum 2 Themed Homework to be brought into school for Y1-6 Last swimming lessons for the year
17 Jul	Leavers Collective Worship : 2:15pm
18 Jul	School closes for the summer holidays

Autumn Term 2025

1 Sept	INSET Day for all staff
2 Sept	School opens for Autumn term 1 for all pupils