



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 18 : 23-6-25

Dear Parents/Carers,

A huge well done and congratulations to our Y1 and Y4 pupils who sat their statutory assessments in phonics and X tables last week. Miss Hall and Mr Walker have told me that each of them focussed and tried their absolute best with stamina and resilience. We are so proud of you!

Well done to our Y3-6 children who headed off to Parwich to take part in our cluster rounders tournament. They all worked so hard and performed well as a team and as usual showed fantastic sportsmanship, perseverance and enjoyment of all their matches.

White Tigers also visited Queen Elizabeth's to enjoy the Humanities Day. Mrs Samways and Mr Walker commented how well behaved and polite our pupils were and everyone showed interest in the different lessons and activities.

Our Y6s with Mr Mason and Mr Walker took part in the annual Goblin car race near Lichfield. In preparation, all the Y6s had taken time to decorate our Goblins car to make it stand out. Mr Mason worked hard to check it was in perfect working order ready for their racing. I hope you enjoy the photos below. There are others on Class DoJo.



Last Monday, our children enjoyed a day to explore different aspects of spirituality. They all took in a series of activities on Christian mindfulness, outdoor learning, PE, baking, art and music. Thank you to all the staff who arranged such a variety of opportunities for the children to think about what makes us unique and special.

Thank you to Miss Mandi and her team who cooked a delicious meal for our Father's Day lunch last Tuesday and to the governors and staff who helped to serve the meals.

Ofsted

Thank you to those of you who completed the online questionnaires and took time to speak to the inspectors. As ever, our pupils spoke with enthusiasm about their learning and all the other activities we do as part of school life. We are waiting for the written report and hope to be able to share this before the end of term.

PTFA Disco

Thank you to the PTFA members and staff who organised and helped out at our school disco a couple of weeks ago. All the children thoroughly enjoyed the music, dancing and refreshments.

School Structure and Staffing Update

Due to our fluctuating numbers throughout the school, the QEGSMAT, TMPF and our Governing body and I have been working on our school structure for the next academic year.

From September our classes will be

Ladybirds – Nursery and Reception

Otters – Y1 and Y2

Penguins - Y3

White Tigers – Y4/5/6.

The classes will continue to be supported by our brilliant teaching assistants.

We will be welcoming two new teachers as Miss Cuff has secured a new role at an independent school in Derby and Mrs Samways is also leaving us to join a bigger village primary school near Ashbourne. I know you will be sad to hear of their decision to leave and I would like to thank Miss Cuff for her care and hard work initially in White Tigers but more recently in Penguins. Mrs Samways has worked tirelessly in White Tigers to enable our children to be ready for their next schools. I know they will be much missed.

As a result, our governing body and I am pleased to inform you that Mr Matthew Evans will be joining us in Penguins class. He is currently covering a maternity leave job at St Johns and we are thrilled he has been appointed to join our team. Mr Alex Bettany will also be joining us in September to lead our White Tigers class. He will be working closely with myself and Mr Walker. They will both be coming into school before the end of term to meet their new classes and work with Miss Cuff and Mrs Samways to ensure a smooth transition of classes and staffing. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to me.

We have rearranged our Meet the Teachers date to provide you with a opportunity to meet Mr Evans and Mr Bettany, along with Miss Hall and Mrs Hulme. This will now take place on Wednesday 9th July at 3:40pm. There will be 2 presentations to allow you chance to see more than one teacher if you have children in different classes.

Sports Day – Friday 20th June

Thank you again to Mr Walker and Mrs Bradbury for organising such another brilliant sports day for our children. Photos will be posted on DoJo soon.

School Photos Thursday 26th June

On Thursday we are hoping to do our class photos, as they are outside this is weather permitting. Please send your child into school wearing their smart school uniform and school jumper.

Forest School

This half term, Primary Stars will be leading Forest School for all the children. Each class will have one final session, White Tigers 27th June and Ladybirds 4th and 11th July. Please send your children in long sleeved tops and leggings/trousers.



Best wishes,

Rachel Linton (Mrs)

Headteacher

Dates for the Year

| Summer Term 2025 | |
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| 24 June | Full Governors Meeting |

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| 28 June | Class Photos |
| 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 |
| 7 Jul | Drop-in Parents Meeting : an opportunity to discuss your child's annual report. |
| 9 July | Meet the teacher for September 2025 3:40 pm |
| 8,9 and 10 Jul | Queen Elizabeth's Transition days for Y6 |
| 10 July | Ladybirds visit to Adventure Farm – Burton |
| 11 Jul | Y1-6 Derby Museum trip |
| 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 | 1:15 : PTFA event for the children School closes for the summer holidays |

Autumn Term 2025

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