



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 : March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very busy Spring term with lots of lovely learning opportunities and activities happening in and around school. Please do look at our DoJo and Facebook pages.

We celebrated Mothering Sunday with our annual meal and a performance of “I’ll be there for you.” A big thank you to Miss Danielle and Mrs Irene our cooks for a delicious and tasty meal and to the staff who helped serve and tidy away.



Primary Stars Sports Events

All out pupils have enjoyed taking part in sporting events this term with other local small schools. R-Y2 took part in gymnastics and a fundamentals activity. Y3-6 competed in a Hockey event and also a gymnastics festival. As ever, the resilience, respect and behaviour was outstanding. Well done!





Penguins : In science, the children have been learning about how magnets work. They've learnt that they are about to attract metals and other magnets as well as repel magnets too! We then decided to create our own magnetic mazes!



Offers class have been busy in Art using sticks to make figures. They also made the most of the early Spring warm days and had an art lesson outside in the beautiful sunshine!



Ladybirds : The children had a lovely morning learning the challenges of fundamental PE skills.



The skills were explained to the children and that the obstacle course was not a race, but the apparatus was out to challenge the children's skills of climbing, balancing, crawling under and over. The children had to work together as a team to use their skills when using a ball. They rolled and kicked the different sized balls to reach the apparatus. If their ball touched the apparatus they won that piece for their team.



Ladybirds class have also been enjoying their learning outside.



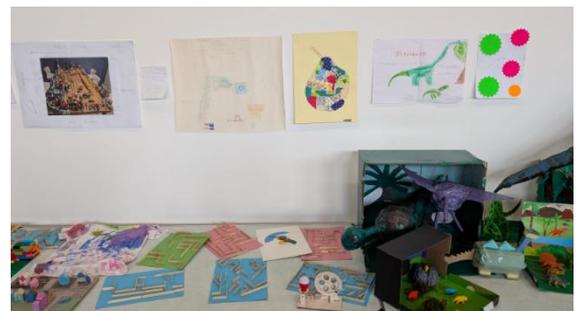
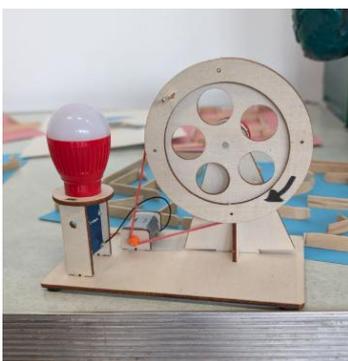


White Tigers have completed a unit of Art based around architecture and the design of houses. We spent time looking at some fabulous multi-million pound houses, then made some designs of our own. We then used polystyrene backed card to build our designs. The children then added their own embellishments and decorations.



Half termly homework

A huge well done to all the children who completed the half termly homework. This home learning supports the lessons and activities the children have been doing in school. The effort and hard work is evident. DoJos and certificates have been awarded for the completion of this. Here are just a selection...





Pep the Poet

As part of our World Book Day, we were delighted to welcome back Pep the Poet. He worked with each class to bring an enjoyment and love of reading, writing and performing poems.



CANCELLED

After School Club

There will be no after school club available on Friday 27th March. This is the last day of Spring 2 term. Thank you for your understanding.

Parent Pay

Please can all balances be cleared by the end of term. Many thanks.



A Message from the PTFA



Thank you for everyone who donated chocolate and came along to our fantastic Chocolate Bingo evening last week. We are delighted to tell you we raised over £740 which will all go towards supporting your children in school.

We have another "Break the Rules" day planned for the Friday 12th June. Please look out for the poster and DoJo messages after Easter.

Please do follow us on our Facebook page - Waterhouses CE Primary Academy PTFA to keep up to date with exciting upcoming events.

Thank you! Jo, Rach & the PTFA team 😊

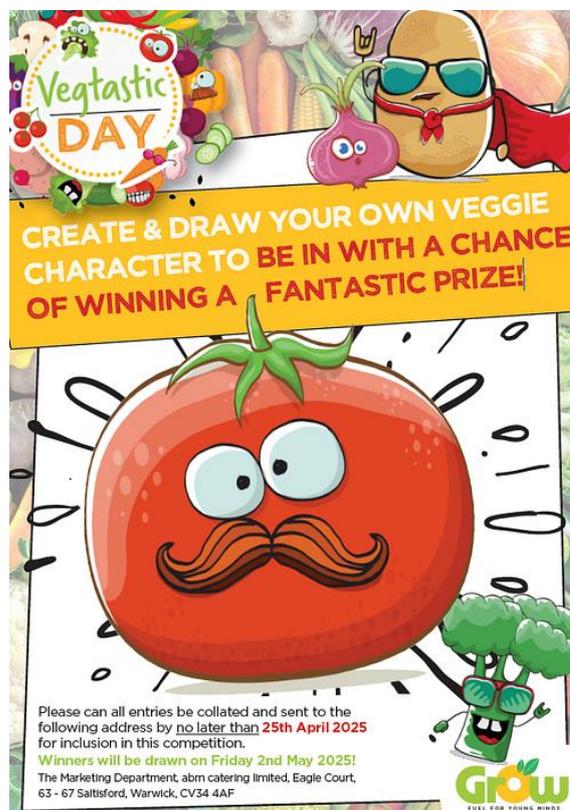
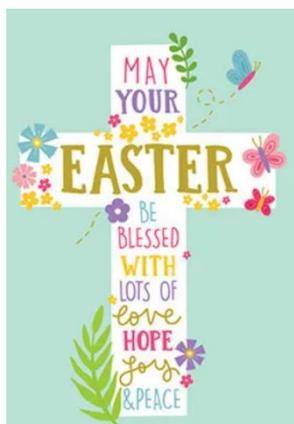
I wish to pass on my thanks to the PTFA and their team of volunteers who work hard to raise funds for all the children of Waterhouses. Their donations for items, trips and those little extras make such a difference and allow us to provide an enriched and enhanced curriculum.



Sally Mellor, our Gymnastics club leader will be starting a Toddler Gymnastics activity club on a Tuesday morning in school after Easter. More information to follow.

Competition

ABM, our catering provider is running a competition. Please see the poster for information of how to enter.



Our Easter Service is on Wednesday 25th March at 9:15am. Some of the children will be leading the service with Rev Jane. The staff and I wish you all a very Happy Easter. We hope you enjoy the 2 weeks off, whether you are staying at home or travelling away.

School reopens for all pupils on Tuesday 14th April at 8:45am, Sunshine Club will be open from 7:45am. School swimming will be taking place the first day back for everyone.

Best wishes,

Rachel Linton

Headteacher

Dates for the Year 2025-6

Summer Term 2026	
13 Apr	INSET day for Staff
14 Apr	Children return for Summer 1
15 April	Queen Elizabeth's Dance teacher to visit White Tigers/Penguins
1 May	9am – 2.30pm Penguins and White Tigers – Primary Arts Festival at Queen Elizabeth's
4 May	School closed for Bank holiday
11-14 May	KS2 SATs
22 May	9:15am Celebration Assembly School closes for half term holiday
HALF TERM	
1 June	INSET day for Staff
2 June	Children return for Summer 2 Y4 MTC check over next 2 weeks
4 June	Y6 – Goblin Car Festival
8 June	Saltmine theatre company to perform to Y1-6
8 – 12 June	Y1 Phonics Screener
16 June	Primary Stars Rounders at Parwich
26 June	Sports Day - Ladybirds AM Y1-6 PM
30 June/1 Jul	Churnet View Transition days
3 Jul	Reserve Sports Day
6 Jul	Dress Rehearsal for Penguins and White Tigers Play
7 and 8 Jul	Queen Elizabeth's Y7 Transition days
10 Jul	9:15am Celebration Assembly Annual reports sent out to parents
13 July	2pm and 6pm Penguins and White Tigers Play : PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE
14 Jul	Last Swimming for the year 3.30 and 4pm : Meet the Teacher
15 Jul	3:15 – 4:15pm Drop in Parents - a chance to discuss your child's report
16 Jul	2:30pm Leavers Assembly
17 Jul	School closes for the Summer holidays
1 Sept 2026	INSET Day for staff