



Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

As we come to the end of another busy and successful year at Waterloo Primary School, I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your ongoing support, enthusiasm and commitment to our school community. It has been a year full of change, achievements, new experiences and wonderful memories for our pupils, staff and families, and I'm so grateful for the tremendous support shared by all in our school community. Thank you!

In the last half term, we undertook school-to-school Safeguarding and NASEN reviews with our Mersey View Learning Trust partners (Valewood and Rowan), and the North West Maths Hub undertook a Maths Review. Positive feedback was received for all.

Thank you to the staff and pupils for showcasing what they do day in day out in terms of safeguarding, SEND and Maths provision. Every visitor, as part of these processes, has commented on how lovely and welcoming our children are and how enthusiastic they were to share their knowledge and understanding, which makes us incredibly proud.

We look forward to continuing our work with our Trust school colleagues next year.

School Highlights

- **Trips and Visits:** This year, pupils have enjoyed visits to local museums, parks, farms, safari parks and landmarks and learned so much beyond the classroom.
- **Sports:** Our teams have competed in weekly tournaments, showing great sportsmanship and teamwork (even having a few wins!).
- **Performances:** Each year group/class has shared special assemblies with their families and friends, and our Year 5 pupils performed brilliantly at the Equality and Diversity concert earlier in the year.
- **Charity & Community:** Together, we've raised money for a range of local, national, and international charities. We continue to support the education and well-being of a little girl in Sierra Leone and reach out to our community to show that we care and value what we have in our locality and the people who live in it. Our PTA has raised funds to support the Y6 residential, reading books and the purchase of fish tanks, to name just a few things, and some parents have put their hands deep into their pockets to support the cost of trips when the school couldn't afford to.

How lucky we are both to give and receive such kindness and generosity!

- **Engagement beyond the classroom:** Many have engaged in extra-curricular activities in and out of school, earning credits towards their Children's University graduation as well as learning new skills and having great fun.

Celebrating Our Pupils

We are incredibly proud of all our children, who have shown resilience, kindness and a love of learning throughout the year.

From exciting curriculum topics and creative projects to sporting events and class assemblies, our pupils have continued to impress us with their talents, dedication and enthusiasm.

Special congratulations go to our Year 6 leavers, who are moving on to the next stage of their education. Due to the pandemic, they missed a large chunk of their formative school years, but have worked tremendously hard not just this year, but since returning to school and have achieved really pleasing results.

Whilst I'm giving them a shout out for academic achievement, those who know me know that I'm passionate about celebrating the whole child, so it would be remiss of me not to also mention what fantastic role models they have been in terms of promoting our values, leading us in song, supporting others and sharing a wide range of talents across the curriculum, spending hours sorting and returning the mountains of lost property, leading and supporting our assemblies and being the most fantastically, engaging group to take on a Residential!

Year 6, you have been AMAZING and I'm so proud of the fantastic individuals that you've become!

We wish you all every success and happiness in your new schools - you will always be part of our Waterloo family!

In the Spotlight



Some continue to share their reading workshops in the local community.



Whilst others give up their time voluntarily to tidy up our school environment.



We have superstar Scouts..... and fantastic footballers



..... In fact..... we have a school full of stars and they all shine brightly in their own unique and special ways, creating the most beautiful Waterloo Primary sky! Thank you to you all, children and to your parents for entrusting you to us and allowing us to support you in your educational journey.





Staffing Updates

A heartfelt thank you to all our staff for their hard work, dedication and care for every pupil. We are grateful for the positive impact they have every day.

Sadly, we say farewell to several staff members this summer. This is never easy, as all have played an integral part in making our special school team function so effectively. We will truly miss every individual.

Our best wishes go to:

Mrs Carolan, who is retiring after many years of service in our cleaning team; Mr Taylor, who is taking a career break; Mr Duckworth, who is heading to teach in Thailand; Mr Dewhurst, who will be teaching in Belgium; Miss Joyce is moving to teach in Manila, and Miss Peters will be teaching in Dubai. Mrs Sutton left the school at the beginning of the month as she and her husband are both taking up teaching positions in Vietnam. We hope that all will maintain contact with us, and it would be fantastic to establish pen pals across the world, as it is a wonderful opportunity for our children to find out about life and culture in other countries and hopefully build some lasting friendships.

Attendance - 'We Can't Teach an Empty Chair!'

The school's average attendance is 93.36% (94.01% excluding Nursery).

Please support the school in giving your child their best life chances by ensuring that they attend school regularly and avoid unnecessary absences.

Every minute truly does count, and it's both stressful and challenging for our children to catch up on lost learning with the pace of the curriculum.

<https://waterloo-primary-school.secure-primariesite.net/attendance-we-cant-teach-an-empty-chair/>

Safeguarding

If you allow your children out alone, please ensure that they tell you where they are going, who they are going with and when they will be back.

If they are playing online, please ensure that you regularly check their online activity and those they befriend. We have an extensive range of parent online safety guides for games and apps that can be found in the safeguarding section of our website.

Should the hot weather continue, please ensure that your children are wearing appropriate clothing and sun cream and avoiding being out in the middle of the day. We have had so many children suffering from sunburn after playing out last weekend.

Pastoral

Children are regularly reminded of the importance of our mission statement and code of conduct. Your appreciation in reinforcing these is greatly appreciated, as children respond far more effectively when they know that school and home are working closely together and share the same expectations.



Mission Statement

At Waterloo Primary School we support pupils to SHINE through:

S	Social and emotional education
H	High expectations
I	Inclusivity
N	Nurturing growth
E	Empowering every learner

Code of Conduct

At Waterloo Primary School we:

- Listen** and welcome the opinions of others.
- Value** everyone and everything.
- Respect** everybody and everything.
- Care** for others and our world and help everybody stay safe.
- Encourage** each other as we learn together.
- Forgive** each other!
- Try** our best in all things and never give up.

Dates for the Diary

WATERLOO PRIMARY SCHOOL

HOLIDAY LIST 2025/26

AUTUMN TERM 2025

INSET DAYS:	Monday 1 st September & Tuesday 2 nd September 20025
Term Commences:	<u>Wednesday 3rd September 2025</u>
Half Term:	Monday 27 th October – Friday 31 st October 2025 (inclusive)
INSET:	Monday 3 rd November & Tuesday 4 th November 2025
School Begins:	<u>Wednesday 5th November 2025</u>
Term Ends:	Friday 19 th December 2025

SPRING TERM 2026

Term Commences:	<u>Monday 5th January 2026</u>
Half Term:	Monday 16 th February – Friday 20 th February 2026 (inclusive)
School Begins:	<u>Monday 23rd February 2026</u>
Term Ends:	Friday 27 th March 2026

SUMMER TERM 2026

INSET:	Monday 13 th April 2026
Term Commences:	<u>Tuesday 14th April 2026</u>
Half Term:	Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May 2026 (inclusive)
School Begins:	Monday 1 st June 2026
Term Ends:	<u>Friday 17th July 2026</u>
INSET DAYS:	Monday 20 th July 2026

Please ensure that all breakfast, after school club and lunch payments have been paid up in full and a reminder that pupils

moving into Year 3 are no longer entitled to a free school lunch, unless eligible for Pupil Premium, so if you wish for your child to have them, then they will need to be ordered and paid for.

Have a fantastic summer break, and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on **Wednesday 3rd September**, looking smart and in full and correct school uniform.

Gates and doors will open at 8:45 am and close at 8:55 am.

Kind regards,

Mrs Maciver and the Waterloo Team

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