



Dear parents and carers,

It has been an incredibly busy half term in school. I would like to thank you for ensuring that your child is turning up to school in the correct school uniform - on time - each day.

This newsletter includes information about what has been going on across the school and key dates for next half term. All of these dates can be found on the school website.

Please can I thank all of you who have named every item of clothing worn by your child in school - including lunch boxes and water bottles. As you can imagine - with over 430 children in the school we accumulate significant amounts of items without names. Unfortunately we do not have the capacity to store significant amounts of lost property. All lost property is now making its way to the School Office and is on a table in the foyer to be reclaimed. None of this is named.

We will be donating any unclaimed and unnamed uniform to charity at the end of the half term.

Thankyou for your assistance with this.

We have had several concerns raised with regards to parking outside the school. Parents have also reported that cars are blocking pavements and this is putting our children at significant risk of harm. We have an arrangement with the Library that parking for our parents before and after school is free. Please collect a slip from the school office to put on your dashboard if you would like to take advantage of this provision.

We are saying goodbye to two members of staff at the end of this half term. Mrs Mitchell, who works as a midday welfare will be retiring and also Mrs Jackson - who works in our Breakfast Club and as a Midday welfare, will also be retiring from these roles on Friday. Mrs Jackson will continue to work as a cleaner after school.

We wish them both a happy and healthy retirement from their roles and thank them for the contribution they have made whilst working with the children at Waterloo over many years.

### **Mersey View Learning Trust Update**

On 1st September our school, along with Chesterfield High, Forefield Infants, Forefield Juniors, Valewood and Rowan Park joined together as a Multi-Academy Trust called **“Mersey View Learning Trust”**. We are really excited by the support which we continue to gain by working together as like minded schools and look forward to an exciting future.

**One key change for children in our mainstream school is that, if it is your preferred choice on the Y7 admissions application, a child will gain a secondary place at Chesterfield High School if they already attend Waterloo.**

### **Attendance**

School attendance is currently 94.3%. This is concerning so early in the year as that is 2% below the national expectation and the other primary schools in our Multi-Academy Trust partnership.

518 days (3,108 hours) of learning have been lost due to pupil absence and 31 pupils have been taken on unauthorised holidays resulting in fines. All of this significantly impacts not just academic, but also social and emotional learning (anxiety, friendships etc.).

You will have received a link to the Parent Attendance Policy on a page which outlines the school tiered response to attendance and punctuality, so that families are aware of the procedures that school follows and actions that will be taken to ensure that children receive their legal entitlement to education. Please follow this link to view it. [Attendance | Waterloo Primary School](#)

**Attendance & Punctuality Guide**

The national attendance expectation is 96.5%

Doors open at 8:45am and close at 8:55am

Children arriving after this time will be marked as late and **MUST** be signed in by a parent at the main office. This is a safeguarding requirement.

<p><b>96.5%+ attendance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Parent must contact the school by 9:15am if child is absent</li> <li>- School will contact parents if we haven't been advised of reason for absence and/or if absence is suspicious</li> <li>- Home visit actioned if unable to make contact</li> <li>- Calling card left</li> <li>- Further visits to check and contact attempted daily from school /attendance worker</li> <li>- Other contacts on records contacted if still no response</li> </ul>
<p><b>90 - 96.49% attendance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- As above +</li> <li>- Daily and weekly monitoring by attendance team</li> <li>- Supportive attendance meeting with Mrs Maciver (attendance lead) to discuss how to improve</li> </ul>
<p><b>Below 90%</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- As above +</li> <li>- Meeting with Mrs Evison (Early Help Pastoral &amp; Attendance Worker) to agree an attendance support action plan</li> <li>- 6 weekly review meetings of support action plans</li> <li>- If no improvement then referral to Local Authority resulting in fine, town hall panel meeting, social care referral or referral to court by Local Authority</li> </ul>

Pick up is 3:25pm

£80 per child/per parent/per week for first holiday  
£120 per child/per parent/per week for second holiday  
Court proceedings for the third holiday within a three year period  
Universal Expectations (all pupils)

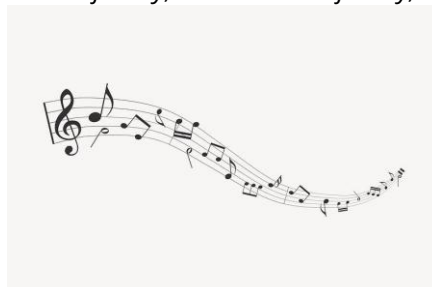
We are delighted to share that 164 children currently have 100% attendance and appreciate that there are many more who have only had legitimate periods of illness resulting in absence. Your child should only be off school if they have a medical appointment that cannot be arranged out of school hours or an illness which prevents them from being in school. Weekly class attendance figures are available via the website and the poster in the entrance foyer, so that you can see which classes are winning the weekly £10 awarded to class of the week. Classes can save their £10 and then the children choose how to spend their total earned as a reward for the class at the end of the year.

## **Pastoral**

This half term we have been focusing on our school code of conduct (***listen, value, care, try, encourage, respect and forgive***); reinforcing children's understanding of what it means to be part of our Waterloo family and encouraging children to think about how they contribute to our family.

Last year all year groups wrote a verse for our school anthem linked to our code and we have greatly enjoyed sharing the piece produced in assemblies (the backing track is 'Yellow Submarine,' so see if your child can share the chorus with you!)

*"We all go to Waterloo Primary, to Waterloo Primary, to Waterloo Primary.  
We're part of the Waterloo family, the Waterloo family, the Waterloo family."*



We celebrated the European Day of languages and learnt that 61 children in our school speak languages other than English at home and celebrated that some actually speak 4 languages

which they shared confidently with us in assembly. During the week, pupils put their skills to the test exploring greeting people in a range of different languages in order to embrace and celebrate the diversity of our school community.



All children are working hard to fill people's buckets through their kind words and deeds. We are not sure if we will meet our target of 70 litres of tokens - we will know during the end of half term assembly. It's very close! Please continue to encourage your children at home by reinforcing the school values.

If we reach the target not only will everybody feel happier and proud, but children will earn 10 minutes of extra play time for the whole school.

### **Pupil Voice - school leaders**

Tanay & Erin (Our pupil leaders) are settling well into their roles and already making their mark in supporting the leadership of assemblies - presenting certificates and ensuring that pupils are well settled in the hall and ready to share in the thought for the week and our praise of achievements.

Our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors are visible through the wearing of their hi-viz jackets. It was good to hear from an external visitor who spoke with children across school that they were praised by their peers for helping them feel safe and supported in school.

They will be working hard to plan anti-bullying week in November.

School Council and Eco Council have embarked upon their work, and a group of representatives will be going on an Eco residential trip to Mallam with Miss Parker, Mrs Williams and Mrs Baldwin later in the term.

### **Spotlight on Early Years**

We are so proud of how well the children have settled into Nursery and Reception this school year. They have had lots of fun exploring their new environments and making new friends.

Nursery have been taking part in lots of learning around nursery rhymes and have been singing The Wheels on the Bus, Twinkle Twinkle Little Star, and Humpty Dumpty. They have had lots of follow-up activities in continuous provision and have enjoyed washing cars and building walls for Humpty.



In Reception our topic is 'All About Me' and we have been talking about how we can be kind friends and follow the school code of conduct. We have painted self-portraits and made paper dolls. We have also explored our emotions, what makes us happy or sad, and how we can help regulate our emotions.



As a reminder, PE for Reception is a Tuesday and children should come to school in their PE kit, earrings should be removed before coming in. Please ensure all items of uniform, including shoes are named.

## Spotlight on Year 1 & Year 2

Year 1 and Year 2 have settled really well and have been trying hard to focus in lessons to ensure they are learning lots of new things.

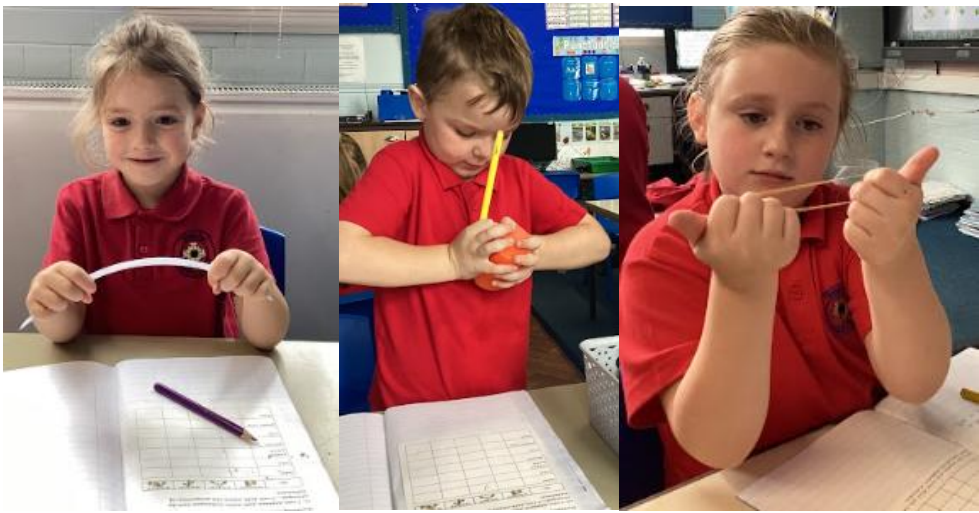
In Year 1 the children have been studying the famous artist Lowry as part of their Art Curriculum.



The children have been observing closely, using magnifying glasses to study his different pieces of art. If your child is in Year 1 - please encourage them to talk about this learning at home.

Our Year 2 children have been learning about materials in their Science lessons. They have been exploring the properties of different materials and thinking about their uses.

They enjoyed investigating whether they could change the shape of different materials like plastic, rubber, metal, paper and wood. They thought about how they might be able to do this by twisting, bending, stretching and squashing the different objects.



They discovered that they couldn't change the shape of the plastic or metal objects because they are strong and hard. The children then talked about how we recycle plastic objects and metal food cans so that we can use the material again.



If your child is in Year 2 you could look at different objects at home and identify what they are made of and whether their shape can be changed.

**Curriculum Spotlight on Year 3 and Year 4**

In Year 3 the children have been studying the Bronze age in History. The children took an exciting trip to Llandudno, where after a very windy walk along the prom, they traveled on a tram up the Great Orme to go back in time and ventured into the copper mines just like the children did 4000 years ago!



Once they returned to the present and left the mines they made it all the way to the top of the Orme and had a great time playing in the park!



Ask your child what amazing facts they have learned about the Stone Age.

## Year 4

Year 4 have been very busy chefs, making the tastiest pizzas in cookery club. It was lots of delicious fun!





Mr Dewhurst's class have started their weekly swimming lessons and have behaved impeccably.

We are immensely proud of our pupils who have represented our school at the football tournaments at Chesterfield High.

Our pupils and teachers are benefitting from the support and expertise of our colleagues from Chesterfield High, who have been delivering Spanish lessons (developing conversational language) and music lessons (improving their musicality and skills when using glockenspiels).



## Year 6

Year 6 have made a brilliant start to the new academic year. They have been working hard and behaving well. We are all greatly anticipating our residential trip to Borwick Hall at the end of this half term.

Currently, we are immersed in narratives such as 'Holes' by Louis Sachar and 'The Lion and the Unicorn' by Shirley Hughes.

In art, we are learning about surrealism and the artist Joan Miro. This is allowing us to be as imaginative and creative as possible, as quoted by Miro himself, 'I never dream when I sleep, only when I'm awake.'



In music, we are currently working alongside Mr Duckworth and his fantastic electric guitar to sing and perform, 'Livin' on a Prayer by Bon Jovi'.



We continue to have lots of interesting trips ahead of us, such as visiting the Liverpool Slavery Museum; this will bring our history topic on Ancient Benin to life!

A big thank you to parents and carers for the excellent turn out for our 'Meet the Teacher' event. It was lovely for you to share some of the fantastic work they have completed so far. We hope you are as proud of your children as we are!

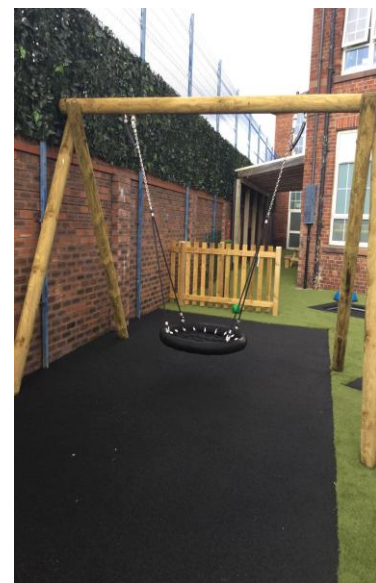
Children (and teachers) have been benefiting from dance lessons, delivered by a specialist teacher from Chesterfield. Our children are **fantastic** at the jive!

Erin and Tanay, our Head Boy and Head Girl have been supporting our school leaders in delivering weekly assemblies.

**Curriculum Spotlight on our ASD Unit Provision (Mrs Escott Shaw)**



Over the Summer holidays we had a specialist playground company called “Playsounds” in to develop our play space for the ASD Unit classrooms. This was funded by Sefton specifically for our children in the Units. The spaces before the refurbishment were small, enclosed and the pupils could not interact with those from different classes. We have had the spaces opened up, and designed each area carefully to suit the needs of the pupils here at Waterloo.



We have climbing frames, a track to ride bikes on, basket swings, a beautiful wooden teepee, sensory music equipment and even trampolines sunk into the ground!

Since the start of term all of our pupils have loved their new play space, and we couldn't be happier watching them use it. They can now spend time with each other and explore the different equipment. No-one wants to be inside anymore!

### **Inclusion update**

Calling all parents of pupils with Special Educational Needs! Mrs Jones would like some of you to join a Waterloo Primary School SEND Parent/Carer Forum so that you can help us evaluate our SEND Policy. The Forum would meet up to 3 times a year and talk about specific themes. If you are interested in this, please email Mrs Jones at [senco@waterlooprimaryschool.co.uk](mailto:senco@waterlooprimaryschool.co.uk).

### **Enrichment Clubs**

We are delighted to announce that Waterloo is now participating in Children's University. Activity passports are available to buy via Parent Pay for £5.

## What is Children's University?

We are a national charitable organisation which celebrates learning that takes place outside of school hours. Pupils collect 'credits' for the time they spend outside of school hours participating in a huge variety of different learning activities.

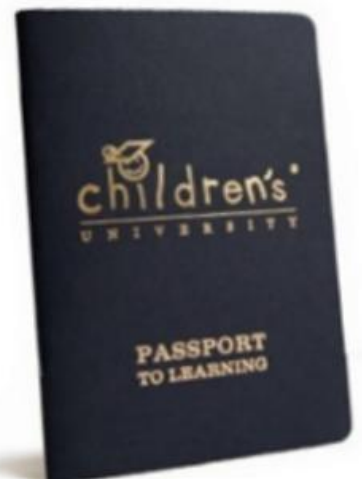
## How does it work?

Your child can collect 'credits' by:

- **Attending after school clubs run by your child's school**
- **Attending 'Learning Destinations' in your area (such as swimming lessons, cubs, brownies, football training, gymnastics lessons, music lessons, the list is endless!)**
- **Attending structured activity sessions at libraries, museums, farms, leisure centres and more across the whole country.**
- **By taking part in holiday challenges set by your local Children's University.**

## What are the five golden rules?

- Learning must be voluntary
- Learning must be outside of normal school hours
- There must be structured learning taking place
- Pupils can gain no more than 10 credits per activity per term (this is to encourage children to try lots of activities)
- All activities need to be accredited by Children's University and will display our Learning Destination logo.



We have a fantastic range of extra curricular activities for children to enjoy and earn credits. Take a look at the time tables below for Autumn 2. Please book after school clubs via Parent App.

# Join in with the fun at lunch time!

Gardening Club is open to everyone, every day in the Well Being Garden with Miss Molyneux



<u>Monday</u>	Spanish Mrs Sutton 13:00 - 13:30 Year 5 and 6		Chess Mr Duckworth 13:00-13:30 Year 5 and 6		Helping Hands with our caretakers, Ash and Dave 13:00-13:30 Year 5 and 6	
<u>Tuesday</u>	Sing and Sign Mrs Escott-Shaw 12:45 - 13:15 Year 3 and 4					
<u>Wednesday</u>	Spanish Mrs Sutton 12:45- 13:15 Year 3 and 4		TAG (Christian faith club) Miss Young 13:00- 13:30 Year 5 and 6		Helping Hands with our caretakers, Ash and Dave 13:00-13:30 Year 5 and 6	
<u>Thursday</u>	Computer club Miss Jones 13:00 - 13:30 Year 5 and 6		Arts & Crafts Mrs Rees 12.45-13.15 Year 3 and 4			
<u>Friday</u>	Arts and Crafts Miss Au 12:30 - 13:00 Year 1 and 2		Construction club Mrs Cranshaw 12:30 - 13:00 Year 1 and 2		Helping Hands with our caretakers, Ash and Dave 13:00-13:30 Year 5 and 6	

# Autumn 2 After School Activities 3:30 - 4:15

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Choir Year 3,4,5 & 6 	Arts and Crafts Year 5 & 6 	Dodgeball Team Games Year 3,4,5 & 6 	Multi Sports Year 3,4,5 & 6 	Multi Sports Year 1 & 2 
Dance Year 1 & 2 	TT ROCK STARS Year 3 & 4 	Boxing and Mindfulness Year 4, 5 and 6 	Cheerleading Year 5 and 6 	
Embroidery Year 4, 5 and 6 	Football Team Games Year 4,5 & 6 			
Basketball Year 3,4, 5 & 6 				

Musical Minds offer drumming, piano and guitar lessons for Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 during the school day. Please book directly <https://www.musical-minds.net/sign-up/>

For any any further information or questions about enrichment clubs, please contact Mrs Cranshaw [r.cranshaw@waterlooprimaryschool.co.uk](mailto:r.cranshaw@waterlooprimaryschool.co.uk)

**Visitors to school enhancing curriculum and enrichment**



This term we have been lucky enough to have a visit from World Class boxer, Natasha Jonas. Natasha led a boxing session with fourteen children from across school.

She then led a whole school assembly which was truly inspirational! Our children learnt the value of

hardwork, dedication and resilience. We are hoping to offer after school boxing sessions in the

near future so watch this space...



### **A visit from our elderly friends**

In Year 1, we had a lovely visit from our

friends,

Anne and Bernie. They traveled in their mini bus from Cambridge Court Care Home to help us

with our history topic. They told us all about the toys they used to play with when they were

little. They left with such high spirits, they decided to walk home in the sunshine rather than take

the bus!



<b>6th</b>	Yr 6 Trip to Slavery & World Museum
<b>7th</b>	Yr 5 Football Match, St Lukes
<b>11th</b>	<b>ANTI BULLYING WEEK - CHOOSE RESPECT</b> Grosvenor Museum Yr 4 Trip Football Match, Valewood
3:45-4:45	
<b>13th</b>	
10.30-11.30	Nursery Parent lesson share
2:15-3:15	Nursery Parent Lesson share
<b>18th</b>	Eco Committee Residential YHA Malham
<b>19th</b>	Eco Committee Residential YHA Malham
<b>20th</b>	Eco Committee Residential YHA Malham Yr 6 NCMP Heights and Weights
<b>21st</b>	Yr 5 Trip World Museum

## Dates For Autumn Term so far..

### **NOVEMBER**

<b>4th</b>	Inset day	<b>21st</b>	
<b>5th</b>	School Begins	2:30-3:15	3NS Parent Lesson Share

<b>26th</b> 9:10-10:10	2NA Parent Lesson Share	<b>11th</b> 10:30-11:30	Christmas Lunch
<b>28th</b> 2:20 - 3:15	Year 1 walk to the Waterloo Christmas light switch on and grotto. Parent helpers required	2:15-3:15	Nursery Xmas Celebration for parents Nursery Xmas Celebration for parents
<b>28th</b> 2:20 - 3:15	1RC Parent share	<b>17th</b> 2:30- 3.20	Reception Christmas Celebration for parents
<b>29th</b> 2:00-3:30	Argo & Lyra Parent Lesson Share Christmas Theme	<b>18th</b>	ASD Unit Christmas Party
<b>DECEMBER</b>		<b>20th</b>	<b>End of Term &amp; Christmas Parties</b>
<b>4th</b> 2:30-3:15	KS1 Winter Performance for parents	<b>JANUARY 2025</b>	
<b>5th</b> 2:30-3:15	KS1 Winter Performance for parents	<b>6th</b>	<b>Term Start</b>

## **Mental Health Day Donations - Wear Something Yellow To School Day**

Many thanks to all who took part and contributed to our Mental Health Day. We raised £189.86.

Thanks to all for your support.

As we welcome Year 6 pupils back from their residential trip today - I would like to thank the staff who have given up their evenings, free time (and sleep!) to ensure that our pupils can benefit from this experience. I know parents have been avidly following the information and looking at the pictures on Dojo.

I would also like to thank the members of the PTA who give their time so generously to provide opportunities for our pupils and additional funds. We are very grateful for their support.

School begins on Tuesday 5th November. Have a lovely half term break.

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