



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the last couple of days of the school year, I would like to express my sincere thanks to every single one of you for your unstinting support. In particular, I have to thank you for reading with, or listening to your child read every day as part of their homework. Not only is this an important experience for parent and child, it is having such an impact on your child's progress and their enjoyment of the whole curriculum. This is evident from your child's school report which will be emailed to you on Monday evening.

A huge thank you must go to our PTA, who with your support, have tirelessly arranged events over the year, raising over £6000 this academic year to support the school. This has enabled us to buy more new dining furniture; continue to reduce the cost of the Y6 residential; purchase more reading books; offer additional educational visits and so much more. The monthly coffee mornings, Games Club, Bingo Nights, activities for children and the Fayres have seen much needed funds being donated to school. On behalf of all of the staff I would like to extend a huge thankyou to the PTA team, who are so generous with their time and completely committed to supporting the school in this way. I know they are always keen for new members – so please come along to a coffee morning or approach one of the PTA for further information in September.

I am privileged to continue to lead such a team of dedicated and hardworking staff. Every member of staff gives their very best to support the children of the school. This is what makes Waterloo Primary School such a special community of learning.

The final year at Primary School is always tinged with sadness as we say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils. A large number of our pupils have spent 7 years in our care – 2 years of which covered a period of significant disruption due to COVID. They have worked so hard to continue to narrow the gaps in their learning that had appeared as a result of the disruption to education from when they were in Year 2 in 2020. We all acknowledge that this has not always been an easy path but this group of young people should be incredibly proud of their journey at Waterloo Primary

School. They have made outstanding progress and achieved the best set of SAT's results we have had for many years which is down to - not only their hard work – but the dedication of the staff across the school and your continued support as parents.

We will miss all of our Year 6 pupils and wish them the very best of luck for the future. I am looking forward to hearing of the great success they make of Year 7 and beyond from their new schools and feel sure that we will be visited in September from these outstanding young people wearing new blazers, school shoes with their complaints about homework! We also say goodbye to those parents who are also leaving our school – thank you for your dedication and commitment to the school over many years.

The school curriculum has been enhanced by a wealth of learning opportunities. I know some of you will have shared some of our fantastic educational visits by acting as a volunteer. The staff can't thank you enough for finding the time or booking the time off work to accompany them on visits and really value the contribution you make. Without your support we would be unable to take our children on these valuable visits e.g. Llandudno going down the mine and up the Great Orme, Martin Mere, Museums, Galleries, walking to Library, Concerts at the Philharmonic, weekly tennis at Waterloo Tennis Club and Sports Day (when the rain finally stopped!) ..... the list is endless. We try hard to give children a wide range of opportunities to make the curriculum come alive and with your help this has happened again this year. If anyone hasn't had the opportunity to volunteer to accompany children on an educational visit or if you have the capacity to help in school on a regular basis we would love to hear from you.

I would also like to thank the Governing Body of the school for the significant part they play in the life of the school and for giving up their time so willingly to ensure that the children receive the education they deserve.

#### School Uniform from September

I have sent a reminder of the uniform in previous newsletters.

From September, children will **NOT** be allowed to wear black trainers, or any other trainers for school, unless this is with their P.E. Kit. Children must wear black school shoes (no open toe shoes or heels) unless they are coming into school in their P.E. Kit. Also – we must stress that only school uniform can be worn for school. For P.E. days this is a red polo shirt and blue shorts or blue/black leggings/jogging bottoms. No brand items can be worn as part of uniform unless you decide to purchase school logo kit. Children should also wear school P.E. Kit for any sports after school club.

All long hair (for both boys and girls) must be worn tied back for health and safety reasons. We will provide hair bobbles if necessary as children enter school but would urge this to be done prior to coming into school.

No child can wear nail varnish for school. We will have nail polish remover in school and children will be asked to remove it themselves. In addition, for health and safety reasons children are not allowed to wear acrylic or false nails.

All jewellery must be removed for P.E. Children should leave this at home on days when they come to school in P.E. Kit. All ear-rings MUST be removed for any sport. This is school and Sefton policy.

### School Meals

Please note that if your child is moving into Year 3, the Free Infant Meals no longer applies, and payment must be made for school meals (£12.50 per week) unless your child is eligible for benefits related free meals. We would urge you to complete an application form which can be found on our school website. At the moment this also entitles your child to vouchers during all school holidays (£15 a week per child).

### Staffing information

Each year, not only do we say goodbye to our Y6 pupils, we also say goodbye to some members of our valued team of staff. This year is no exception.

Mrs Thorpe, who is currently teaching in Year 1, has made the decision to retire early from teaching at the end of this term. I would like to thank her on behalf of the whole school community for the dedication she has shown to the children at Waterloo over the past ten years. She has worked across Reception and Year 1 whilst at Waterloo and made a significant difference to the education of many children. She will be greatly missed by staff and pupils. We wish Mrs Thorpe a long, happy and healthy retirement.

Mrs McAdam, one of our long-standing Midday Welfare staff will be retiring at the end of this school year. She has been a dedicated member of staff, supervising children in school hall and also on the playground. She has such a long association with the school as a former pupil, parent and member of staff and we thank her for the significant contribution she has made over the years. We all send her our good wishes for her retirement

Mrs Shaw, who has worked as a both a Cover Supervisor, Teaching Assistant and Academic Mentor will be leaving at the end of this year to take up the post of Apprentice Teacher at Valewood. We are delighted that she is beginning the route into qualified teacher status and look forward to our paths crossing within Mersey View Multi Academy trust which will begin on 1 September 2024

We say goodbye to two teachers who started last September. Miss Greeves, who has been teaching in Year 2 will begin her new teacher post on the Wirral. We wish her the very best of luck for September and thank her for everything she has given to our school this year. We also say goodbye to Miss Williams who has been teaching in Reception for half of the week with Mrs Farrall, in Year 2 on a Tuesday and in Year 4 on a Monday. She will be moving to Thomas Gray Primary School in September. Once again, I would like to thank her for the commitment she has shown to the school this year.

Mrs Fitzpatrick, who has been working in Nursery and also across the school at lunchtime and Mrs Perry who has been working in Year 4 and in Nursery at lunchtime will both be leaving at the end of this term. We wish them both the very best of luck for the future. We also say goodbye to Mrs Battersby who is relocating to another part of the North West and has a new position for September.

Finally, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Carr who has been working in the School Office and who will be retiring at the end of this school year. We wish her health and happiness for her retirement

We welcome back to school Miss Au and Mrs Cranshaw in September. Miss Au will be teaching in year 2 and Mrs Cranshaw will be teaching in Year 1.

### Welcome to new staff

We have been appointing new staff to school. We welcome to the staff Miss Saunders, who has been working with Mr Donoghue in Year 3 this year and is currently on supply covering his absence. She will be taking a Year 3 class in September. (Miss Robinson will now be working alongside Y6 staff and continuing to work with the North West Maths Hub).

We have also appointed Miss Bacon as a cover supervisor, and a number of new Teaching Assistants to school. A full staffing list will be available at the start of next year as we are still finalising appointments.

### Building Work

Once again – a significant amount of work will be taking place over the holidays. The ASD Unit play space is being transformed as are 2 of the classrooms which are currently unsuitable to meet needs. Issues with the roof are also being addressed. I would like to thank the Premises team in advance of their very busy summer.

### Mersey View Learning Trust

I am delighted to advise you that from 1.9.24 school will be an Academy and part of Mersey View Learning Trust. As a group of schools we are already working closely together to ensure the very best educational outcomes and opportunities for our children and staff.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your support during this incredibly busy year and send you my very best wishes for a lovely summer break. We look forward to welcoming your child back to school on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

**Doors will open at 8.40 a.m. and will close at 8.50 a.m.**

Now to the rest of the news .....

**LITTER PICKING CHALLENGE**

Sofia and Oscar Jones (Year 2 and Reception) got a book from the library called 'The odd fish'. The book is about rubbish ending up in the ocean. After they read it, they wanted to do some litter picking at the beach so they went to our local beach and filled up a bag. They are going to do a challenge to do 1 litter pick each week over the summer holidays. They have both made posters and Sofia has made her own book. They wanted to share this and encourage others to do it too. Well done Sofia and Oscar!



**POET VISIT**

We were delighted to welcome the performance poet, Ian Bland, to our school for an enriching two-day visit last week.

Throughout his stay, Ian captivated students with his lively performances and engaging storytelling. He conducted interactive workshops that inspired students to explore their creativity, teaching them the art of crafting their own poems with enthusiasm and flair. Ian's visit not only deepened our appreciation for poetry but also sparked a newfound passion for writing it, making his visit an unforgettable highlight of our school year.





**GOLDEN TICKET WINNERS**

4RC enjoyed a movie and popcorn morning after one of our class won a Golden Ticket in the PTA fundraiser.



**ADVANCE NOTICE - INCREASE IN SCHOOL MEAL COSTS FROM SEPTEMBER 2024**

School lunches will be going up in September to £2.50 per day, £12.50 per week. This will be for pupils who are in Year 3 - Year 6 who are not eligible for benefits related free school meals.

**BRINGING SNACKS TO SCHOOL**

A gentle reminder that if your child brings a snack to eat in school it must be a healthy snack, for example a piece of fruit and not crisps, chocolate bars or cake. Thank you for your support.

**SCHOOL NURSE VIRTUAL DROP-IN SESSIONS (10AM – 4PM 21 AUGUST 2024)**

See link below to view flyer. The flyer is also available on the Letters Home page on school website.

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**IMMUNISATION CATCHUP PROGRAMME**

**Calling all young people and parents or carers!**



Over the Summer holidays, Mersey Care's School Immunisation Team will be offering 'catch up clinics' for children and young people across Liverpool, St Helens, Sefton and Knowsley for any routine pre-school or school immunisations they may have missed.

The summer holidays are an ideal time for parents or carers to catch up any missed immunisations and ensure your child is fully protected before they return to school in September.

If you are unsure whether your child is up to date with all their childhood vaccinations, you can check this by contacting your GP or your local School Aged Immunisation Team on:

Liverpool Schools: 0151 295 3833

Sefton Schools: 0151 247 6130

Knowsley Schools: 0151 351 8805

St Helens Schools: 01744 415 645

Drop-in immunisation clinic will be held at:

Clinic address	Date	Time
Ashtons Green Childrens Centre, WA9 2AP	22 July 2024	9.30am to 4.30pm
Halewood Primary Care Resource Centre, Roseheath Drive, L26 9UH	23 July 2024	9.30am to 4.30pm
St Chads Primary Care Resource Centre, St Chads Drive, L32 8RE	24 July 2024	9.30am to 4.30pm
Manor Farm Primary Care Resource Centre, Manor Farm Road, L36 0UB	25 July 2024	9.30am to 4.30pm
Ashtons Green Childrens Centre, WA9 2AP	30 July 2024	9.30am to 4.30pm
Childwall Fiveways Health Centre, 215 Childwall Road, L15 6UT	1 August 2024	9.30am to 4.30pm
Southport Health and Wellbeing Centre, Houghton Street, PR9 0PQ	1 August 2024	9.30am to 3.30pm
Mere Lane Clinic, 49-51 Mere Lane, L5 0QW	6 August 2024	9.30am to 4.00pm
Ashtons Green Childrens Centre, WA9 2AP	6 August 2024	9.30am to 4.30pm
Litherland Town Hall Health Centre, Hatton Hill, L21 9JN	6 August 2024	9.30am to 3.30pm
Childwall Fiveways Health Centre, 215 Childwall Road, L15 6UT	8 August 2024	9.30am to 4.00pm
Princes Park Health Centre, 9 Bentley Road, L8 0SY	10 August 2024	9.30am to 4pm
Townsend Lane Neighbourhood Health Centre, 98 Townsend Lane, L6 0AY	13 August 2024	9.30am to 4pm
St Chads Primary Care Resource Centre, St Chads Drive, L32 8RE	14 August 2024	9.30am to 4.30pm
Townsend Lane Neighbourhood Health Centre, 98 Townsend Lane, L6 0AY	15 August 2024	9.30am to 4pm
Ashtons Green Childrens Centre, WA9 2AP	15 August 2024	9.30am to 4.30pm
Manor Farm Primary Care Resource Centre, Manor Farm Road, L36 0UB	15 August 2024	9.30am to 4.30pm
Mere Lane Clinic, 49-51 Mere Lane, L5 0QW	20 August 2024	9.30am to 4pm
Millennium Centre (St Helens Walk-in Centre) WA10 1HJ	20 August 2024	9.30am to 4pm
Childwall Fiveways Health Centre, 215 Childwall Road, L15 6UT	22 August 2024	9.30am to 4pm
Southport Health and Wellbeing Centre, Houghton Street, PR9 0PQ	22 August 2024	9.30am to 3.30pm
South Liverpool Treatment Centre Garston, 32 Church Road, L19 2LW	24 August 2024	9.30am to 4pm
Townsend Lane Neighbourhood Health Centre, 98 Townsend Lane, L6 0AY	27 August 2024	9.30am to 4pm



## DISCOUNTS ON SCHOOL UNIFORMS

**Who is doing School Uniform discounts this Summer?**

	25% off School Uniform, starting on Tuesday 23rd July.	
	25% off School Uniform until Thursday 27th June.	
	20% off all School Uniform from Thursday 2nd July.	
	£5 School Uniform Bundle available from Thursday 4th July.	

# SUMMER EVENTS

**ULTIMATE KIDS HAF SUMMER CAMPS**

Free Spaces are available to families in receipt of benefit related free school meals through the government funded Holiday, Food & Activity Programme. Ultimate Kids will provide children who attend one meal and snacks throughout each day as well as participating in 20+ sports, arts & crafts and food workshops

See link to flyer below.

[summer-haf-letter-ultimate-kids.pdf \(primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com\)](https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/summer-haf-letter-ultimate-kids.pdf)

**WATERLOO HOT SHOTS SUMMER EVENTS**

See poster about the free sessions and a flyer for the holiday club. Children on free school meals can have free places for the first 3 weeks of the holiday club.

**FREE TENNIS LESSONS!!!**  
 You must be a foreign national or on free school meals to be eligible.  
**AT WATERLOO LAWN TENNIS CLUB,  
 PARK ROAD, WATERLOO, L22 3XG**  
**UNDER 9S: MONDAYS AT 5.15PM  
 AND SUNDAYS AT 3PM**  
**OVER 8S: MONDAYS AT 6PM**  
**UNDER 12S: TUESDAYS AT 4PM**  
**ALL JUNIORS: FRIDAYS AT 5PM**  
**ADULTS: THURSDAYS AT 12:30PM AND  
 6:45PM**  
**CONTACT JOHN FENTON  
 07788 611 950**  
**email: waterloohotshots@gmail.com**  
**www.waterloohotshots.org**

**Summer Hols Tennis Camp: Waterloo Tennis Club**  
 Park Road L22 3XG  
**Mon 22nd July to Fri 30th Aug 9am-4pm**  
 email: waterloohotshots@gmail.com  
 www.waterloohotshots.org

**TENNIS**  
 DODGEBALL  
 ROUNDERS  
 OUTDOOR GAMES  
 INDOOR GAMES  
 ARTS / CRAFTS  
 MUSICAL GAMES  
 FOREST ACTIVITIES

**£27.50/DAY  
 £110/WEEK**  
**10% OFF FOR MEMBERS TO  
 £24.75/DAY, £99/WEEK**  
**20% SIBLING DISCOUNT**  
**10% EARLY BOOKING DISCOUNT**  
**FSM - FREE PLACES!!**

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 JOHN FENTON TENNIS

**FREE SUMMER HAF CAMPS**

Free spaces available to families in receipt of benefit related free school meals. Please see the school website or recent Letters Home via Parent App for more information.

**CONNECT STUDIOS PRESENTS SEFTON HAF CAMP**  
 WEEK 1: 29TH JULY - 1ST AUGUST  
 WEEK 2: 5TH - 8TH AUGUST  
 WEEK 3: 12TH - 15TH AUGUST  
 WEEK 4: 19TH-22ND AUGUST  
 TIME: 9AM - 1PM

**OUR ACTIVITIES**  
 DANCE, DRAMA, SINGING,  
 ARTS & CRAFTS, GAMES,  
 INFLATABLES, SPORT, YOGA &  
 MINDFULNESS  
**AGES 5 - 13**

**FREE TO THOSE IN RECEIPT  
 OF BENEFITS RELATED  
 FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

**HURRY!  
 LIMITED  
 SPACES**

**ADDRESS:  
 UNIT 20A, STELLA PRECINT,  
 SEAFORTH, L21 3TB**

**BE ACTIVE GUIDE SUMMER 2024**

[Be Active Guide Summer 2024 \(primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com\)](http://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com)

**SEFTON COMMUNITY LEARNING GUIDE AUTUMN 2024**

[Sefton Community Learning Service Course Guide, Autumn 2024 \(primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com\)](http://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com)

**SEND SUPPORT SESSIONS FOR PARENTS**

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**WATERLOO FAMILY WELLBEING CENTRE TIMETABLE JULY 24<sup>th</sup> – AUGUST 23<sup>rd</sup> 2024**

DAY	Time	Session	Location	Age	Description
TUESDAY	10.30 – 11.00	STORYTIME BABY	Crosby Library 0151 2576400	Parents & Preschool children <b>DROP IN</b>	Storytime for preschool children/ register with the library.
	9.00 – 12.00	WEIGHING CLINIC	Waterloo Family Wellbeing Centre	Parents/ Carers & Babies <b>MUST BOOK ON</b>	Parents must book their baby in with the HV team on 0151 247 6354 for an appointment.
	9.30 – 10.30	BABY STAY & PLAY	Waterloo Family Wellbeing Centre	Parents/Carers and babies	Play session for non-walking babies to explore experiences of treasure baskets, sensory play and for parents to meet other parents for peer support.
WEDNESDAY	10.00 – 12.00	SUMMER PLAYSCHHEME	Waterloo Family Wellbeing Centre	Parents/carers & primary school aged children & their younger siblings <b>MUST BOOK ON. FREE</b>	Summer playscheme with art/craft activities and outdoor play. Stay and have a healthy lunch with us.
THURSDAY	9.30 – 11.00	PARENTING ADVICE DROP IN	Waterloo Family Wellbeing Centre	Parents/Carers <b>DROP IN</b>	Support and advice of various parenting issues.
	10.00 – 11.00	OUTDOOR PLAY	Waterloo Family Wellbeing Centre	Parents/Carers and children 18 months <b>DROP IN</b>	Outdoor play in the centres garden.
FRIDAY	10.30 – 11.00	STORYTIME	Crosby Library 0151 2576400	Parents & Preschool children <b>DROP IN</b>	Storytime for preschool children and a chance to register with the library.
	9.00 – 3.00	EARLY HELP SUPPORT	Telephone contact only Julie Herbert - 07809737482	Advice for families	Julie Herbert – Early Help Worker can support via telephone only on a Friday 9 – 3PM.

\*Booking essential for some activities. Please come into the centre or call on 0151 928 6539 to secure your place for sessions that to bookable.

Click the link below for a more user friendly copy

[timetable-for-july-aug-2024.pdf \(primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com\)](http://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com)

Take care

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