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 : July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Huge congratulations to all our pupils who have taken part in the statutory assessments for Phonics (Y1), Multiplication Tests (Y4) and KS2 SATS (Y6). They all showed a great deal of determination, perseverance and effort. They should be very proud of their achievements. A big thank you to all the staff team who have supported our children in these assessments to ensure they were calm, confident and suitably prepared.

This last term has been very busy, and the children have taken part in many exciting learning activities.

Safeguarding over the Summer holidays

Mrs Hulme and I will be checking our emails periodically over the summer holidays. We do have a direct safeguarding email address which is safeguarding@waterhouses.staffs.sch.uk should you need to inform us of any concerns.

Father's Day Lunch

We welcomed over 60 Dads and Grandads to our Father's Day Lunch – they all enjoyed their meal of Fish and Chips dinner and the children entertained by singing "My Hero" by the Foo Fighters.

Primary Stars Rounders

Another great tournament with other local schools.
Well done to all who took part - you demonstrated our school values and behaved brilliantly.

In Ladybirds…

Lots of different learning activities… the pictures speak for themselves.

In Otters …

This half term we have been learning about our local area and comparing it with Tulum in Mexico. The children went for a local walk to identify human and physical features of Waterhouses. Additionally, Otters had World Cup Fever! The children were given a country in the world cup, they found their flag using an atlas, coloured it in and found out some different facts about their country. In design and technology, the children have created a moving monster toy. They explored levers, pivots and linkages and then they used their knowledge in order to attach them together and create their own monsters!

In Penguins …This term, we have had the pleasure of using our Forest school for a variety of different fun activities! They have been using acrylic paints to pain their own beautiful scenes on pebbles and stones; making magic wands from the sticks they find in nature; and exploring our natural resources that we have in the forest area itself! The children love the area we have and it's great to see them exploring the nature we have!

In White Tigers…

They have been busy rehearsing our play – Mary Poppins. Y6 also took part in the Goblin challenge at Lichfield. They designed the cart and took part in the races at the racetrack. Penguins and White Tigers took part in a First Aid morning led by Mrs Harris, they learned about CPR, water safety and dealing with injuries such as breaks and sprains. As a school, we attended the Methodist Chapel with Rev Julie leading our service where she talked about moving onto new adventures and being salt in the world. Some of our leavers led the prayers and recited a poem entitled "Spread your Wings."

Reminders for Uniform for September

Some of you may be purchasing new uniform for September. Below are our expectations for our uniform and footwear. We do have some good condition second hand uniform which you are more than welcome to help yourself to. Thank you for your support.

PLEASE ENSURE ALL ITEMS OF YOUR CHILD'S CLOTHING ARE NAMED, SO IF THEY DO GET MISLAID, THEY CAN BE RETURNED TO THE OWNER!

Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo with black/grey trousers, skirt or shorts; white/pale blue polo shirt, shirt or blouse. In summer, shorts or a blue and white checked dress may be worn. Dark coloured appropriate school shoes are required (not trainers).

School uniform with the school logo (*items with logo required) is available to buy from:

SuperSport: Hope Silk Mill, Macclesfield Rd, Leek Tel: 01538 386226
(https://www.supersport.co.uk/schoolwear/waterhouses-primary.html)

*Navy sweatshirt with embroidered school badge from 3/4 years up to 11/12 years
*Navy cardigan with embroidered school badge from 3/4 years up to 11/12 years

PE: Indoor - pale blue or white collarless t-shirt (with or without logo) and navy-blue shorts, Outdoor - trainers and navy blue or black tracksuit/jogging bottoms and sweatshirt are recommended for colder weather.

Swimming: All in one plain swimsuit or fitted swimming trunks (not baggy beach shorts). No sequined items please. Swim caps must be worn. £4 from the school office Reception has a full swimming programme. Nursery will have some taster sessions in the Summer Term.

Outdoor Forest Learning: Suitable outdoor clothing including waterproof jacket and trousers or splash suit and wellingtons/sturdy weatherproof footwear.

Earrings – only studs. These will need to be removed for swimming and PE.

****Please note we DO NOT accept draw string / pull string bags in Nursery and Reception. Please send your child's items in an alternative format. ****

Scooters and Bikes

From a safety point of view, we politely ask that children do not use their bikes and scooters by the blue seating area and the entrance way where children are being dropped off and collected at the end of the day.

PSHE and RSE Parent Workshop – Thursday 24th September

As part of the curriculum changes and updates for PSHE and RSE we will be holding a workshop for parents/carers in September. This session will not be suitable for children due to the issues being discussed. We will go with the majority of parents/carers requests. Please use the link to express your interest, name and preferred time by Monday 1st September.

https://forms.office.com/e/pFEqixtQKK

Parent Pay

Please can all balances be cleared by the end of term. Many thanks.
The TMPF trust does not allow balances to exceed £35.

A Message from the PTFA

We hope that all of the children are looking forward to the last day of term disco which will be run again by the ever-popular DNA kids. Looking forward, we are keen to keep the fun and events coming to raise money for the children at our school so please do join us at one of our meetings or send us an email to waterhousesprimaryptfa@gmail.com to be added to our WhatsApp group.

Thank you to all of those who have supported us through this year.

Jo, Rach & the PTFA team

Rainbows

We have been asked to share that there are spaces at Rainbows, which is based at Ipstones Memorial Hall. This term they have been working on their Express Myself badge; recently they all made masks and had a visit from a lovely friendly Guide Dog. The Rainbows can all work on badges at home too if they like. The group also like to get out and about; they do activities outside and also have trips to RSPB Coombes Valley and Consall Scout camp coming up this Summer. They meet each Wednesday and it costs £3 per week. Please speak to the school office for contact information.

Celebration Worship Awards

We enjoyed a lovely Celebration worship on Friday to showcase the many talents of our children in school, the last one of this school year. It was special to hear of all the other activities and learning which takes place outside of school. Thank you to everyone who joined us and a fabulous well done to our award winners. Please look at the photos on Class DoJo.

Immersive Experiences Dome

Many thanks to the PTFA who paid for Immersive Experiences to visit school on Thursday. Every child was able to visit the Dome and experience a range of different environments – from under the ocean to outer space, aswell as volcanoes, Roman life and coral reefs. It was fabulous and all the children thoroughly enjoyed the event. There are some photos on Class DoJo.

Finally, I would like to thank all the children, parents and staff for all their hard work and support this year. Every child has succeeded and made progress in a huge variety of ways, from reading, writing, maths to swimming, sports and music. They have gained confidence and achieved things which have amazed us – performing in plays, singing and leading Collective Worships. Each pupil has blossomed and "Let their Light shine." As a staff team, we are all so incredibly proud and pleased to share their learning journey! We wish all our leavers every success and happiness in their new schools.

I hope you have a wonderful summer break – full of happy adventures, laughter and fun whether you are at home or further afield. I would also like to thank my fabulous staff team for their

dedication and commitment to encourage and support our pupils and each other throughout this year.

School opens for pupils on Wednesday 2nd September at 8:45am. Sunshine Club opens at 7:45am. Unfortunately, we are unable to offer the after-school club on Wednesday 2nd due to all the staff attending statutory safeguarding update training.

Best wishes,

Mrs R. A. Linton

Headteacher

Dates for the Year 2026/7 – more will be added in September.

Autumn Term 1	
1 Sept	INSET DAY for staff – school closed for pupils
2 Sept	School opens for pupils - Aut 1 **No after school club due to all staff attending statutory safeguarding update training.**
9 Sept	Phonics workshop for all parents of Ladybirds 3:45pm
24 Sept	PSHE and RSE Parent Workshop – details to follow
30 Sept	Grandparents Lunch – details to follow
9 Oct	Individual and Sibling photos
15 Oct	3:40 – 5:50pm Parents Evening
16 Oct	9:15am – Celebration Worship – all welcome
19 Oct	White Tigers – Safe and Sound – details to follow
21 Oct	3:40 – 5:50pm Parents Evening
23 Oct	School closes for half term holiday
HALF TERM	
2 Nov	School opens for Aut 2
19 Nov	Flu Programme for R-Y6
4 Dec	9:15am – Celebration Worship – all welcome
8 Dec	Panto – Buxton Opera House – Sleeping Beauty - Whole School Trip – details to follow
9 Dec	Parents Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper day
10 Dec	2pm and 6pm Otters Christmas Play
11 Dec	9:30am Ladybirds Nativity Play
18 Dec	School closes for Christmas Holiday