

Meet the team!



Miss Olbison
RJO



Mrs Booth
RBM



Miss
McElvogue
RBM

Class teachers

Meet the team!



Miss
Taylor



Mrs
Walker



Mrs Royce



Mrs
Brewer



Miss Bryan

LSAs

PPA cover

Our timetable

	Carpet Focus	AM focus	Carpet Focus	Carpet Focus	PM focus	End of the Day
Monday	English Input	Continuous Provision	Phonics	Go Noodle	PPA RE / ICT	Story
Tuesday	Maths Input	Continuous Provision	Phonics	Go Noodle English Input	Continuous Provision	Tapestry Tuesday
Wednesday	English Input	RBM - PE / Continuous Provision RJO - Continuous Provision / PE	Phonics	Go Noodle English Input	Phonics - Group Work	Singing/ Music
Thursday	Maths Input	Continuous Provision	Phonics	Go Noodle Maths input 	Continuous Provision	Story
Friday	Assembly English Input	Continuous Provision	Phonics	Go Noodle English Input	Phonics - Group Work	Story

- ▣ Our computing time is on a Monday.
- ▣ Our PE sessions will take place on a Wednesday morning.

School uniform

Our school uniform colour is a combination of royal blue and grey/black. Most items can be bought from High Street shops. Items marked with a * below, some of which have the school logo on, are sold at Whitakers Schoolwear (Farsley).

For girls:

- Grey school skirt/pinafore dress/shorts/trousers or blue and white checked or striped dresses
- White blouse or white/blue polo shirt
- Royal blue sweatshirt* or cardigan*, without a hood, either plain or with the Waterloo logo
- Plain short or knee length socks (not over the knee) or black, navy or grey tights

Please note that skirts should be an appropriate length and of a style which allows girls to sit comfortably on the floor. When girls wear shorts, even when these are worn over tights, they should also be of an appropriate length. Three-quarter, calf length, leggings should not be worn.

For boys:

- Grey shorts or trousers not jogging bottoms
 - White/blue shirt or polo shirt
 - Royal blue jumper, without a hood, either plain or with the Waterloo logo*
 - Plain socks
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- Footwear for girls and boys should be plain black shoes or trainers. Girls may also wear plain black boots.
 - Please name all school uniform.

Jewellery, Hair Ornaments, Makeup and Nail Varnish

- No jewellery
- Can wear studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance. Children are required to remove these during PE lessons
- Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings.
- Hair bands, ribbons/bows or 'scrunchies' should be plain not too big.
- Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school.
- The use of styling products should be kept to a minimum and children should not have decorative patterns cut into their hair or have hair coloured or dyed.

PE kit

- ❑ The children can now come into school in their PE kit on their PE day
- ❑ PE kit is a plain white t-shirt, black or navy tracksuit or shorts. You can also order school PE tops and hoodies from the office. Children will need to wear trainers too.
- ❑ Remove earrings on designated PE days - if newly pierced they can be covered (e.g. with plasters or tape) until they are able to be removed. Please do this at home.
- ❑
- ❑ Tie up long hair.

Reception Baseline

- This year we are completing the statutory Reception baseline as well as our own in school baseline.
- This is done on a one to one basis where the children complete a maths and English activity with the teacher.
- The results are sent straight to the government but parents can request a summary via the school office.

Areas of Learning

- ▣ The EYFS statutory framework highlights the 7 areas of learning that are covered over the year.
- ▣ The prime areas are:
 - Personal, Social and Emotional Development
 - Communication and Language
 - Physical Development
- ▣ The specific areas are:
 - Literacy
 - Mathematics
 - Understanding the World
 - Expressive Arts and Design

Our Curriculum

Autumn 1 - What makes us unique? The focus of this topic will be ourselves and our families.

Autumn 2 - Around the world. This is where we look at different countries and their cultures.

Spring 1 - Once upon a time. We will be looking at a range of traditional tales and familiar settings.

Our Curriculum

Spring 2 - Build It! We will be looking at buildings in the local community, past and present. We also look at shapes in the environment.

Summer 1 - The Great Outdoors. This is where we look at plants and animals.

Summer 2 - We're going on an adventure. In this term we will be looking at adventure stories, who can help us in school which links in nicely to transition.

Trips

We do lots of small group visits - these include local walks or planned visits on the minibus.

Hesketh Farm - Wednesday 7th May 2025
whole Reception trip and this will take place during the school day. Price to be confirmed.

How we learn

- ▣ Children learn and develop through playing, exploring, being active, creative and being asked questions to help their thinking.
- ▣ We allow the children lots of time to access our carefully planned provision which we regularly add to and change to meet their needs and interests.
- ▣ Adults support the children and extend their play to help with their development across all areas of learning.

Outdoor learning

- ▣ Outdoor learning is a key element of the EYFS.
- ▣ Research has shown that outdoor learning has equal value to indoor learning.
- ▣ Being outdoors has a positive impact on children's well being.
- ▣ It offers opportunities for doing things in different ways and on different scales.
- ▣ It gives children the freedom to explore, use their senses, take risks and be physically active.
- ▣ During free flow children will have access to our outdoor provision, please ensure they come to school with the appropriate clothes for the weather!

Phonics

- ▣ Phonics is now taught through a programme called Floppy's phonics.
- ▣ Phonics will be taught everyday to all of the children.
- ▣ Phonics is the main way we teach children to read fluently.
- ▣ They will learn 2 new sounds a week and a copy of the activities will be sent home on a Friday for you to complete with your child for further practice.
- ▣ This will also help your child with their spelling and handwriting.

Reading books

- ▣ Reading books will be sent home once your child knows the first group of sounds.
- ▣ Children will get one decodable book and one reading for pleasure book once a week. They will also get an activity sheet and cumulative reading activity linked to the sounds they have practiced that week.
- ▣ There is also an extra practice zone for your child to practice the sounds taught - logins will be given at the meeting.
- ▣ We will hold a reading meeting with further information on Wednesday 25th September at 5:00pm.

Maths

- If you would like to practise your maths skills. The White Rose maths app is really good
- It is free to download and easy to set up
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New from the White Rose team...
It's 1-Minute Maths!

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Rose
Maths

**1-minute
MATHS**

Subitising
+ Addition
- Subtraction

KS1

Our new 1-Minute Maths app helps your pupils to build greater number confidence and fluency. It's all about targeted practice in engaging, one-minute chunks!

Available on the App Store and Google Play

Tapestry

- ▣ Tapestry is an online journal. This is used to capture WOW moments both in school and from home.
- ▣ Tapestry Tuesday is when we will share the home wow moments, so please make sure these are uploaded before Tuesday dinner time.
- ▣ Tapestry letters have been sent out and you should all have received an activation link for your child's account.
- ▣ If this is not the case please speak to a member of the team or email the school office.

Photo permission list

- ▣ Photo permission slips can be obtained in the office. Please state if your child can/cannot have their photos taken, be shared on the website or in the newsletter etc.
- ▣ Tapestry requires us to take pictures of children so it is important to make sure these forms are accurate.

Rewards

- Sticker charts - Each child has a chart that they can fill throughout the week, once it is filled they are able to access the prize box.
- Class tiles- Each classroom has a set of tiles to fill and once they are filled the class will receive a class party of their choice.
- Merits - These are rewards for outstanding effort. Once a child gains 25 merits they will receive a bronze certificate, then they work towards silver, gold and platinum. These awards are presented in Fridays celebration assembly.

Behaviour system



This is our new behaviour ladder system.

This has been explained to the children.

Other information

- We ask that you let the teachers or office know if anyone other than yourself will be picking up your child. As a safety measure you will be asked to set a password.
- Staff are around at the beginning or the end of the school day if you need to speak with them. Please could you wait until all the children have safely entered or left school before you approach the teacher on the door. Also you can contact your child's teacher via the school office or info@waterloo.owlcotesmat.org

Other information

- ▣ Please use School Grid to choose your child's lunches. This can be in advance. We just ask that you let your child know their choices before they come in. We can also do this in school if you forget one day!
- ▣ Please send your child with a water bottle. Please only send your child with water.
- ▣ Please send your child with a named school book bag ready for books to be sent home.
- ▣ Snack - children will have a snack from school on a morning - this will be either fruit or other foods that we offer such as breadsticks, crackers, pancakes etc as well as new foods for the children to try.
- ▣ Children can then bring an extra snack for the afternoon and must be either a fruit or a vegetable.
- ▣ You should have received information about milk. It can be paid for termly on school money. The children will have this as part of their morning snack. If they do not drink milk they can have their water.

- ▣ Please ensure **EVERYTHING** is named.

Other information

Instagram groups that offer nice advice and ideas. Mini writers club offer advise on phonics and about what the school day looks like in Reception.



Phonics Family - offers support and advice for ideas to do with your child for phonics and starting school

**PHONICS
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Friends of Waterloo

Friends of Waterloo is a PTA group ran by parents and carers who organise fundraising events throughout the year.

Meetings are held in school on the second Monday of each month.

If you are interested in being part of Friends of Waterloo or would like more information please contact the chair Rachel Eastwood.

E mail - friendsofwaterloo2020@yahoo.com or find us on Facebook.



Friends of Waterloo

New parents Event

Friends of Waterloo would like to invite you to a Family Quiz night on Friday 27th September at 6pm.

Tickets are £4 per family.

Food and drinks will be available on the night.

There will be prizes for the winners.

Tickets are available from the office.

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