



Pudsey Waterloo
Primary School

Friday 7th February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are really looking forward to **'Into the Woods'** literature theme week next week. Some year groups have already started reading lots of traditional tales and working on their own pieces of writing inspired by the stories. We can't wait to invite you into school on the afternoon of Thursday 27th of February to show you what the children have created!



Social Media

Don't forget to follow us on our social media channels to keep up to date with everything that is happening at Pudsey Waterloo!

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LSA Appreciation Assembly

In the first week back after the half term break, we will be holding an assembly to say thank you to our wonderful LSAs for all their hard work and all they do to support the children at our school. If you would like to pass on a message to our teaching assistants, please email the office at office@waterloo.owlcotesmat.org and we will share your kind words with them on the day.

Year 2

Year 2 students had a special skipping lesson on Thursday, February 6th. Katie from the Skipping School taught them proper rope handling and the double bounce technique. The children also played "keep the pot boiling," which involves running in, jumping, and running out. Throughout the term, they'll learn various skipping skills and 30 students will be selected to represent the school at the Skipping Festival in June.

Year 6

In Year 6 we enjoyed discussing our 'Talk Homework' as a class. We have been impressed with the way the pupils can articulate their thoughts on topics such as, 'If you were Prime Minister for the day, what is the first change you would make?'. We are very grateful to adults at home who have taken the time to discuss these topics with their child, so that they are able to share their ideas in such an articulate way. The pupils have demonstrated wonderful 'Active Listening' and 'Skilled Speaking' during our discussions.

Lego Club

Year 5 lego club has been a great success this half term with some very impressive models being built in record times. The children have really enjoyed choosing from the large variety of sets on offer and have worked collaboratively to build them systematically and carefully. Keep your eyes peeled to see which year group has a chance to join lego club next half term!



Friends of Waterloo

School disco - Wednesday 26th February

Tickets for the school disco are now available on Arbor Shop. These are £4 each which includes a drink, snack and tuck shop items. Children do not need to bring any additional money to the disco.

Sip and Paint - Friday 28th February 7pm onwards

We are excited to be running our very first Sip and Paint session! This is an adults only event. Tickets for this are £5 and include your canvas, paints, pizza and paint lesson from the amazing Wendy! Tickets are available on the Arbor Shop.

Upcoming events

Friday 28th March - Mothers day celebrations

Friday 13th June - Fathers day celebrations

Extra Club

Holiday Club will be running over February half term for the full week. Booking for this is on Arbor. If you have further questions or queries please contact Miss Breddy - extraclub@waterloo.owlcotesmat.org

Key School Dates

School Disco	Wednesday 26th February
Literature Week Showcase for parents	2:30pm - 5:30pm Thursday 27th February
World Book Day	Thursday 6th March
4KL Class Assembly	9am on Wednesday 26th February
5RM Space Camp	6pm on Thursday 6th of March
5RH Space Camp	6pm on Thursday 20th of March
3PW Class Assembly	9am on Wednesday 26th March
5RH Class Assembly	9am on Wednesday 2nd April
4SM Class Assembly	9am on Wednesday 30th April
5RM Class Assembly	9am on Wednesday 21st of May
1JB Class Assembly	9am on Wednesday 7th May
1SW Class Assembly	9am on Wednesday 4th June
3CR Class Assembly	9am on Wednesday 11th June

2NB Class assembly	9am on Wednesday 18th June
2BD class assembly	9am Wednesday 9th July

Science Week 2025

We are thinking ahead to our science week for 2025 and we are looking for parents/carers who have got a background in science or their job that links to STEM (Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics). If this is you, we would love you to come in and speak to the children about your job, what it entails and how it links to science. Please email info@waterloo.owlcotesmat.org and we will get back to you.

Many thanks

Miss Bowes and Miss Walker

Kilvington Coaches

Huge thanks to Kilvington's Coaches, a local bus and coach company who have donated some lovely brand new books for us to put in our libraries and book corners. It's much appreciated.



Truman Books

Pudsey Waterloo has a points scheme set up with Truman Books in Farsley. This means that if you buy a book from them and quote our school, we automatically acquire points. The points can then be used to get discounts on books for school or even some free children's books for our library!

Wobble and Toddle

Our Wobble and Toddle sessions take place every Monday every Monday morning 9am - 11am in the hall. If you fancy joining us for a play, toast and tea please turn up at the office. These sessions cost £2 per family. We hope to see you all there!

Learners of the week

The following children have received a good worker award. Well done to....

	Friday 31st January	Friday 7th February
Nursery	Maxwell Horsman Cody Jones-Giscombe	Ezra Ricketts
Reception	RJO - Findley Heberd RBM - Olivia Stow	RJO - Baz Nawaz RBM - Isaac Khan
Year 1	1SW - Oliver Parker 1JB - Veer Jassi	1SW - Nola Marchant 1JB- Maya Farooqi
Year 2	2NB - Max Packer 2BD - Skyler Musgrave	2NB - Nellie Benton 2BD - Amelia Summers
Year 3	3CR - Emelia Ricketts 3PW - Teddie Thompson	3CR - Grace Taylor-Axall 3PW - Sadie Norfolk
Year 4	4SM - Kayden Sykes 4KL - Alfie Taylor	4SM - Lily Jennings-papendick 4KL - Esther Brook
Year 5	5RH - Lucas Valys 5RM - Evelyn Rhodes	5RH - April King 5RM - Harper Ambler
Year 6	6SW - Nadine Niemczyk 6NW - Oscar Lokuciejewski	6SW - Jenna Shepherd 6NW - Harrison Webb

Important Reminder to all parents;

Please **DO NOT** send any products containing nuts into school, either in your child's lunch box or as a breaktime snack. This includes any **chocolate flavoured foods which contain nuts**. We have a number of children in school who have severe allergies. Thank you for your help with this.

School Attendance - Our whole school attendance this week is: 95.6%

Training Days for This Academic Year

- Monday 21st July
- Tuesday 22nd July

Holiday Requests in Term Time

All holiday requests must be submitted to Mr White prior to going away on an '**Exceptional Circumstances Request Form**' which can be collected from the school office or printed from Leeds City Council's website. Leave of absence will not be granted in term time unless there are reasons considered to be exceptional by the Headteacher. Across Owlcotes Trust we interpret exceptional to mean "very unusual, significant, unavoidable and short". By 'unavoidable' we mean an event that could not reasonably be scheduled at another time.

Absences

If your child is absent then you need to call school before 9am, if possible, and inform us of the reason for their absence so we can code the absence on our registers. Any un-reported absences are recorded as unauthorised so please make sure you keep us informed.

If your child has a medical appointment, please notify the office beforehand. If possible, bring in a letter or text so we can code the absence correctly.

If you need your child to take time off during term time then you need to fill out an Exceptional Leave form which you can collect and return to the office before you take them out of school. This will be submitted to the Head Teacher.

Please note that the structure of fines for school absences has changed and came into effect in Leeds at the beginning of term. See the table below for more details.

New National Penalty Notice Framework (unauthorised school absence)



The following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines from 19th August 2024 across the whole of England

- Schools **MUST** consider a penalty notice for 10 unauthorised sessions (usually 5 school days) within a rolling 10 school week period of time (these sessions do not have to be consecutive and can be made up of any unauthorised absences and can span different terms and school years).
- Penalty Notices are issued per parent, per child (For example, if there are 3 children in a family, each parent may receive 3 separate penalty notices).

National Penalty Notice Framework (offences in a three year rolling period)

First Offence	Second Offence	Third Offence (or any further offences within 3 years)
The first penalty notice will be issued at £160 per parent if paid within 28 days (this will be reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days)	The second penalty notice will be issued at £160 per parent if paid within 28 days (this will not be reduced)	A penalty notice will not be issued, and the case will be considered for potential legal action. This can result in a criminal record and fines of up to £1,000 plus costs.

School dinners

If you would like your child to swap between school meals and packed lunches then **we no longer require you to give us two weeks notice before changing**. However, please be mindful the kitchen will need to order food resources in advance. It is important every child who has a school dinner also has an account with School Grid so you can choose your child's lunches and make payments. If your child has any allergies then please also provide details of this on your child's account.

School Uniform

All school PE kits can be purchased through the company 'Sports Bulk'. Their contact details are: phone 01274 724455 or www.sportsbulk.co.uk with other school uniform from Whittakers Schoolwear shop based on Farsley Town Street.



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Our parent coffee morning sessions are for parents and carers of children who display traits associated with, or have a diagnosis of, a neurodevelopmental condition including: autism, sensory processing, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), or Foetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD). A diagnosis is not needed.

These free drop-in sessions will provide a safe space for parents and carers to meet others in a similar situation and provide the opportunity for peer support, enabling parents to support each other, share experiences and ideas. These groups are facilitated by a member of the Autism Central team. The aim is to provide a supportive and empowering environment for our parents and carers.

Autism Central is a free programme commissioned by the NHS which provides high quality and accessible autism information, education and coaching for families and carers.

Daisy Chain is the charity delivering this service in the North East and Yorkshire.

As well as group and individual coaching and support, we provide regular online and in-person learning opportunities and support sessions covering a variety of topics relating to autism.

Upcoming Sessions:

Wednesday 11th September 10.30am-12.30pm
Wednesday 9th October 10.30am-12.30pm
Thursday 14th November 10.30am-12.30pm
Thursday 12th December 10.30am-12.30pm



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Leeds Library Parent Support Drop In

Wednesday 19th February

Wednesday 5th March

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