



Pudsey Waterloo
Primary School

Friday 19/09/25

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a great start to the year at Waterloo. The children have been absolutely loving their lunchtimes and the **new OPaL resources**. They've been having a great time on the new swings and climbing ropes, and the den-building has been a huge hit. They've also been busy with some great craft activities outside.

Please remember that we play outside in all weather, so please ensure your child has **suitable footwear and a waterproof coat** to enjoy their outdoor time to the fullest.



Nursery

The children in nursery were glad to see their friends from last year and are busy getting to know all of our new starters whilst playing inside and out. We are also enjoying singing lots of nursery rhymes and sharing stories together.

Reception

Reception have settled in well and have made a really good start at Waterloo. The children have met their new buddies and have been spending lots of time during lunch with them. This week we have been talking about our families and also started learning phonics.



Year 1

Year 1 has had an excellent start to the academic year. Our focus in English and guided reading has been the book, *The Rainbow Fish*. The children have been highly engaged with the story, offering thoughtful insights into its key messages. We look forward to exploring character descriptions of *The Rainbow Fish* in the coming weeks.



Year 2

Year 2 has begun the year brilliantly! It's been wonderful to observe their growing independence in settling down to their activities each morning. In English and guided reading, we've been engrossed in "The Selfish Crocodile." The children have successfully learned and retold the story, and next week, they'll be creating their own versions featuring a selfish animal. We're very excited to read their imaginative tales!

Year 3

Year 3 have been enjoying their first weeks in Key Stage Two! All the children had a chance to log in to Times Table Rockstars and create their new 'rock character'. They also love their new history topic on the Stone Age. We've been writing our own descriptions of a Stone Age girl who joins Waterloo!

Year 4

Year 4 have all been swimming now and have enjoyed their first lesson and it was great to see the effort they made during their lessons. Over the course of the year, children can look forward to building confidence in the water, improving their technique and increasing their stamina. They will also learn about water safety and how to keep safe when near open water.

Year 5

Year 5 have made a great start to the year. We have read the story of Beowulf in our Guided Reading and English lessons. It is a gruesome and thrilling story about how Beowulf defeats a terrifying monster called Grendel. They are next going to write the story from the perspective of Beowulf. On Monday, the children learnt about air resistance where they concluded that the bigger the surface area of an object, the more air resistance it will have.

Year 6

Year 6 has made a wonderful start to the year, we are so impressed with their maturity and positive attitude. Last week they spent some time meeting their 'buddies' in reception and have enjoyed beginning to build relationships with them and having an opportunity to shine as positive role models. Well done Y6!



Summer Reading Challenge 2025

Well done to the pupils throughout school that completed the Summer Reading Challenge this year. As an extra reward, they were treated to hot chocolate and biscuits today and they received a little gift to take home with them.

Important Dates & Information

Event	Date & Time
Reception Reading meeting	Tuesday 23rd September at 5pm
New Reception Parents Open Mornings	Wednesday 24th September at 9:30am
Parents' Evening (Day 1)	Wednesday 22nd October from 3:30pm - 7:00pm
Parents' Evening (Day 2)	Thursday 23rd October from 3:30pm - 5:30pm

Training Days for the 2025/26 Academic Year: Please mark your calendars for our upcoming training days:

- Friday, October 24th, 2025
- Monday, January 5th, 2026
- Monday, July 20th, 2026
- Tuesday, July 21st, 2026

Learners of the week

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

	Friday 12th September	Friday 19th September
Nursery	Lilly Walker	Ezra Ricketts
Reception	RJO - Jack Drinkall RBM - Ilyaas Siddiq	RJO - Amelia Parker RBM - Ibrahim Yasin
Year 1	1SW - Damaris LeaAvalleau 1ED- Elias Ricketts	1SW- Chloe Crow 1ED- Tommy Walker
Year 2	2NB - Sienna Douglas 2JB - Karam Mohammed	2NB - Yuvraaj Kaushal 2JB- Alfie Childs
Year 3	3CR - Shreyo Dev 3PW - Tarun Rehal	3CR - Faith McNair 3PW- Ellie Taylor
Year 4	4BD - Rhys Ebenezer 4KL - Aidan Human	4BD - Mia Petty 4KL - Mohammed Qasim
Year 5	5RH - Zoe Heath-Brown 5LP - Caleb Lambert	5RH - Scarlett Rowley 5LP - Orla Hunt
Year 6	6SW - Maxwell Baldock 6NW - Lucas Sheridan	6SW - Emily Warcup 6NW - Orla Lin

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

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.

Pudsey Community Project

School uniforms are available to collect from a local run charity.

“Our Kids’ Clothes provision aims to save people money and help the planet by reducing fabric waste and encouraging people to reuse clothes instead of buying new. We have an active [Facebook](#) page where we advertise some seasonal items and people can message us with requests for bags to be made up for them to collect.

We work with The Leeds Uniform Exchange run by Zero Waste Leeds, running uniform stalls at the Leeds Breeze Events and participating in the Winter Coat Appeal.”

We donate any lost property at the end of the year to the project so there are always plenty of Waterloo colours available.

Pudsey Community Project,

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