



Pudsey Waterloo
Primary School

Friday 5th December

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to launch the **Waterloo Family Team**, a friendly group of staff members dedicated to strengthening our school community and supporting every family. You will see members of this team wearing recognisable blue vests in the playground or near the gates at the **start and end of the school day**. Their primary role is to be an accessible, friendly face - someone available for you to talk to about anything, whether it's a quick question, a small concern, or just a moment to check in. Please feel free to approach any member of the Waterloo Family Team; they are here to listen, help connect you with the right resources, and ensure our school is a welcoming and supportive environment for all.



Alison Walker



Hayley Hainsworth





Rebecca Macdonald



Sue Nichol

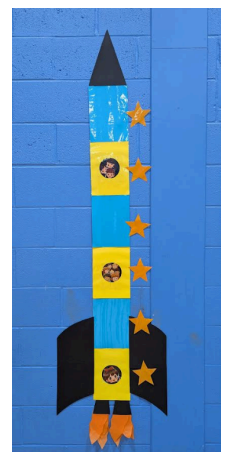
This will be launched on Monday so please come and speak to the staff if there is anything you want to talk about.

Attendance Award

 Blast Off! We Earned Our First Star! 

We are absolutely thrilled to announce that we have officially earned the first star on our Attendance Rocket! It was a fantastic week, with whole-school attendance hitting over 96%. A huge thank you to everyone for making this happen. As we count down the days to Christmas, please keep up the amazing work! As part of our ongoing focus on encouraging high attendance, we are introducing a new **Attendance Tracker**. This will be sent home at the end of each term to keep you fully informed of how your child is progressing throughout the year.

You will receive your child's first tracker at the end of this term. We have included an example below so you can see what to look out for.



Thank you for your continued support and for working with us to get the children to school every day.

Attendance %	Attendance Rating
96.2%	

Color Code	Percentage Range	Definition
	97% – 100%	Excellent. The best chance of success.
	96% – 96.9%	Good. On track for expected progress.
	93% – 95.9%	Satisfactory. Monitoring may be required.
	90% – 92.9%	Concern. Risk of underachievement.
	Below 90%	Serious Concern. Persistently absent.

Nursery

This week we have been busy reading the story of the First Christmas and practising our songs for our sing-along. We are hoping parents/carers can join us on Tuesday morning or Thursday afternoon. We have also made some beautiful baubles for our Christmas Tree!

Reception

This week Reception have been writing their letters to Santa and we walked to the post box in small groups to post them. We have also been practising our nativity and we are looking forward to showing you this on Monday morning and Thursday afternoon.



Y1

Year 1 had a spectacular Superhero Day where every child dressed up as their favourite hero! We were absolutely thrilled by the children's creativity and engagement throughout the day. The children then wrote a fantastic character description of their superhero selves, demonstrating their brilliant writing skills. They used a wide range of exciting adjectives to describe their powers and personalities, showing great vocabulary.



If your child is a narrator in the Nativity please could they bring in a Christmas outfit, such as a Christmas jumper on **Monday 8th December in a named bag**. Thank you, Year 1 team.

Y2

Year 2 had a great time at St George's Crypt watching their performance of the nativity called 'Your Way Is Better' and enjoyed joining in with the songs and the actions. They represented Waterloo well and the parishioners commented on how well they behaved.

Y3

Year 3 have been working hard on their DT project 'Moving Pictures' where they have been experimenting with pivot and slider mechanisms to create a character for a children's story book. We have been so impressed with the quality of their work. Well done Year 3!

Y4

Year 4 had a fabulous visit to the Mosque last week. The children thoroughly enjoy learning about different religions and the visit was a great way for them to see and hear how people worship at the mosque. We would like to thank all the staff and volunteers for giving up their time to accompany the children. As always, we were very proud of the children's behaviour on this trip - they made Waterloo proud!



Y5

Year 5 had a great time during our visit to York as part of our Viking learning journey. After a long coach journey there, they were excited to get stuck into the many activities we had planned. Whilst at the Jorvik Viking Centre, they travelled back in time to take a tour of Jorvik in 960 AD. They then visited the museum where they saw lots of fascinating Viking artefacts - the world's largest fossilised human poo being a highlight for many! Our next destination was Dig, where they had the chance to hold Viking weapons and armour. They also acted as archaeologists by searching the ground for hidden artefacts. Overall, the children were amazing and the visit has really helped deepen their understanding of history.



Y6

Year 6 had a great time participating in Bikeability over the last two weeks. They showed off their cycling skills on our playground before progressing to the streets of Pudsey! Despite some challenging weather, they proved themselves to be responsible road users and have gained an important skill as they become more independent. The instructors said that they were a lovely group of children to work with - well done Year 6!



Leaving Us

We are very sorry to be saying goodbye to Gemma Morris, who will be leaving Waterloo at the end of this term. Gemma has been a dedicated member of our team for the past five years, working as both a Lunchtime Supervisor and a Learning Support Assistant (LSA). During her time here, she has supported so many children, particularly within Year 1, Year 2, and Year 4.

She will be truly missed by all the staff and children. We would like to thank Gemma for all her hard work and wish her the very best as she continues her career.

Mad Science Club

Last week, the pupils in Mad Science club had lots of fun learning about rock formation and using different materials to create their own test tube with different layers of rock. There will be another club starting after the Christmas break with limited places left. To book a place online please see the link below:

<https://northengland.madscience.org/parents-register-a.aspx>



Homeless Hampers charity appeal

Waterloo have been working with local charity Homeless Hampers to create a Christmas gift bag for people living on the street at Christmas. Children in years 4, 5 and 6 have been coming up with their own festive designs to add a bit of Christmas cheer to the presents that Homeless Hampers will provide for vulnerable people and children living in our city this Christmas. Well done to all the children involved, the bags are looking fantastic!



For more information about Homeless Hampers, please visit their website.

www.homelesshampers.co.uk



Important Dates & Information

Event	Date & Time
Nursery Sing-along	Tuesday 9th December 10.45am Thursday 11th December 2.15pm
Reception Nativity Performance	Monday 8th December from 9:30am Thursday 11th December from 2:00pm
Year 1 Nativity Performance	Tuesday 9th December from 2:00pm Thursday 11th December from 9:30am
Year 2 Nativity Performance	Monday 8th December from 2:00pm Tuesday 9th December from 9:30am
KS2 Christmas Performances at Pudsey Parish Church	Tuesday 16th December 1:45pm - 2:45pm Wednesday 17th December 9:45am - 10:45am

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

- Monday, January 5th, 2026
- Monday, July 20th, 2026
- Tuesday, July 21st, 2026

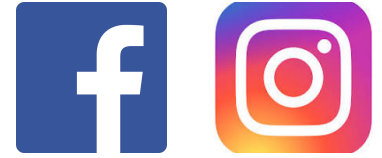
Learners of the week

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

	Friday 28th November	Friday 5th December
Nursery	Romeo Thompson	Ezra Ricketts Mikael Miah
Reception	RJO - Max Williams RBM - Anaya Iqbal	RJO - Daisy Dibb RBM - Arlo Darby
Year 1	1SW - Jax Pearson 1ED- Grace Ellis	1SW- Jacob Coleman 1ED- Mia Birdsall
Year 2	2NB - JJ Silveria 2JB- Mila Lin	2NB - Aurora D'Adundo 2JB - Rory Burke
Year 3	3CR - Milana Balule 3PW- Penelopy Thompson-Hill	3CR - Sophie Wilson 3PW - Carly-May Dickinson
Year 4	4BD - Oscar Manchester 4KL - Alexis Tolios	4BD - Jude Urwin 4KL - Noah Jones
Year 5	5RH - Skyler Pearson 5LP - Stevie Allen	5RH - Keeley-Anne Everson 5LP - Oliver Grogan
Year 6	6NW - Ophelia West	6NW - Sadeed Amini

Stay Connected! Don't forget to follow us on social media to keep up-to-date with all the latest happenings at Pudsey Waterloo!

- [Facebook](#)
- [Instagram](#)



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 Owlcoates 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,

Fartown, Pudsey

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WILD CATS GIRLS FOOTBALL

FA Wildcats is a dynamic youth football program dedicated to developing skills, teamwork, and a love for the game in a fun and supportive environment. Open to players of all levels, our experienced coaches focus on building confidence both on and off the pitch. Whether your child is just starting out or looking to compete at a higher level, FA Wildcats is the perfect place to grow, learn, and play. Come be a part of the Wildcats family!

When?

First Session - Wednesday 1st October 2025 (Weekly)
Wednesdays Evenings- 6pm until 7pm

Where to find us

FC Farsley Sports Club, Sports Hall, Throstle Nest, Newlands, Farsley, Leeds, LS28 5BE

How Much?

£3.00- Per session

Further Information

Contact Steve O'Brien on 07821 018 774



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food and more

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Jump Start Maths Christmas Event

The Jolly Christmas Postman Maths Adventure



Drighlington Methodist Church Hall
Tue 23rd Dec 10:00 - 11:30 am
Story • Play Stations • Crafts • Parachute
Ages 3 to 6

BOOK NOW

Limited Spaces

PUDSEY COMMUNITY PROJECT

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

ABOUT US....

Pudsey Community Project exists to transform Pudsey and its surrounding areas with and for the local community.

At our youth/children's clubs we have a team of youth workers and volunteers that are fully DBS checked and have a vast experience of working with young people.

We provide a safe, friendly, and nurturing environment for young people to learn, grow and develop social skills whilst having fun!

All of our youth work is term time only.

MONDAY



Games Cafe
 (School years 4-9)
 Board/card games, Lego and tuck shop.

6-7.30pm £1.50 entry.

TUESDAY



Cooking Club
 (School years 6-11)
 A 6 week course running each half term to learn basic cooking skills. £2 per session.

Limited places so booking is essential, please contact...

youth@pudseycommunity.org.uk

THURSDAY



Youth club (School years 4-6)
 Snooker, air hockey, table tennis, Wii, Xbox, board games and tuck shop.

6-7pm £1.50 entry.

Youth club (School years 7-11)
 Snooker, air hockey, table tennis, Wii, Xbox, boards games and tuck shop.

7.15-8.30pm £1.50 entry.



Pudsey Community Project, Fartown, LS28 8LP
 For more information, or to register your child in advance, please contact youth@pudseycommunity.org.uk
Registered charity number 1191152



Christmas

CRAFTING WORKSHOPS

Join us at The Piece Hall for some festive fun! We will be holding two hour sessions to make wooden Christmas decorations and sugar craft ornaments. Children's sessions in the morning, 10.30am-12.30pm and Adults only sessions in the afternoon, 2pm-4pm. Children £15, Adults £25

Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th December 2025

The Piece Hall, Blackledge, Halifax HX1 1RE

CONTACT INFO@THEPIECEHALL.CO.UK FOR MORE INFORMATION



Make your way down to The Piece Hall for our annual...

CHRISTMAS TRAIL!

Join us on our trail to help us build a snowman! We have the body but need your help to find all the materials to bring our snowman to life! Pick your trail up from the Visitor Centre and collect your prize at the Learning Studio.

Trail £3.50 per Child. 11am-2.30pm. Festive face painting and glitter tattoos at an additional charge. Free festive crafting will be held in the Learning Studio!

Join us on the weekends leading up to Christmas! 6th and 7th, 13th and 14th, 20th and 21st December 2025.

For more information, visit www.thepiecehall.co.uk.

