



Pudsey Waterloo
Primary School

Friday 3rd July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hello everyone and welcome to our latest newsletter. There has been lots happening in school recently! From Year 2 building sandcastles on their brilliant trip to Scarborough to Year 6 showing off their fantastic speaking skills in the Owlcotes MAT debate competition, our children have been incredibly busy!

Staying Cool Next Week

We are expecting the temperatures to warm up again next week. Please could you ensure that sun cream is applied to the children before they come to school on sunny days.

We will be making sure there are lots of chances for the children to cool off with lots of fun water play! We're planning plenty of splashing, getting wet, and staying refreshed during playtimes and lunchtimes, which they are really looking forward to!

Sports Days



What an incredible Sports Day we had! Every single child showed fantastic sportsmanship, giving their absolute all in every event and cheering on their teammates with brilliant team spirit. A thank you goes to our wonderful grown ups who helped walk the children safely to the venues, and a huge shoutout to everyone who braved the adults' race. Thank you for setting such a fun example for the kids!

FOW Summer Fair

A massive thank you to everyone who joined us for the Waterloo Summer Fair last Saturday! It was a brilliant event from start to finish. The school was buzzing with great games, lovely food, a bouncy castle, and a very popular 'Soak the Headteacher' stall!

We want to say a huge thank you to the brilliant Friends of Waterloo for putting on such a fantastic day. Thanks to your incredible generosity, we raised nearly £1300, which will really help our children. Thanks again for your wonderful support!

Pudsey Olympics

Our fantastic pupils made Pudsey Waterloo proud at the Pudsey Olympics, competing brilliantly against 10 other schools at the John Charles Centre for Sport. Showcasing incredible talent and determination, the children took part in a wide variety of track and field events, giving every single activity their absolute all. Despite the intense heat, their energy never wavered; they showed true resilience by never giving up and kept their spirits high by constantly cheering one another on. We could not be prouder of their exceptional sportsmanship and dedication!



Dance Spectacular 2026



What an absolute triumph for our incredible dancers at Dance Spectacular 2026! Despite having to rehearse in a short space of time, the children showed true resilience and dedication, proving that talent knows no boundaries. Their hard work and determination spectacularly paid off in front of a cheering crowd. We could not be prouder of how they represented us. Head over to our Facebook and Instagram pages to see the full dance routine along with plenty of other fantastic pictures from this unforgettable day!

Summer Reading Challenge

The theme of the Summer Reading Challenge this year is 'Read to the Beat'. It is created by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with public libraries, such as Pudsey library. The challenge is a FREE, fun-packed way to keep children reading and learning all summer long.

Children can sign up at a local library or online. **Saturday 4th July, 2pm–3pm is Sign-Up Saturday at Pudsey Community Hub and Library.** Sign up for free, create a funky shaker, get creative making beats or a stop-motion music video with Lego! Once signed up children can earn rewards, certificates and prizes. Children choose their own books to read, collect rewards and receive a medal or certificate when they complete the challenge. Visit your local library or go online at summerreadingchallenge.org.uk.

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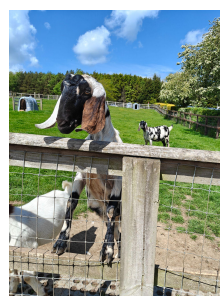
This week the children have enjoyed our new digging area and looking for buried treasure. Look out next week for some new water play activities to keep the children cool. Our next project is to make a garden area. If you have any unwanted pieces of decking, please send them to the school office. We are also on the look out for some old bike wheels, other wheeled objects and an old garden fire pit.

Upcoming OPaL event – Parents stay and Play on Thursday 10th September.
We look forward to seeing you all there!



Nursery

Nursery have enjoyed small group visits to None Go Bye Farm this half term. The animals were very pleased to see us when they realised we had food! As always, the children behaved brilliantly.



Reception

Reception have enjoyed learning all about how to keep ourselves healthy. We have enjoyed different sporting activities and healthy snacks. This week we have learnt lots of new skills to make a cheese wrap. We have grated cheese, shredded lettuce, chopped tomatoes and cut cucumber. The results were delicious!



Y2 At Scarborough

Year 2 had an amazing day at Scarborough Wednesday 24th June. We were really pleased that it was cooler at the seaside compared to Pudsey! The children had a great day building sandcastles, burying each other, sunbathing and eating a delicious ice cream. To help cool us all off they were able to have a paddle in the sea which was an added bonus. All of year 2 were a pleasure to take and this was noticed by members of the public who commented on how well behaved the children were. The coach coming back was rather quiet with lots of tired, sleepy children!



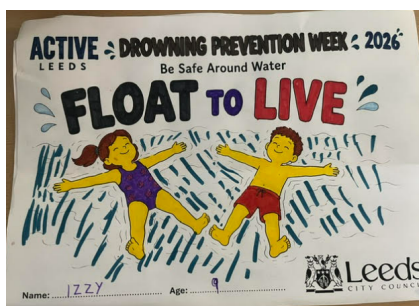
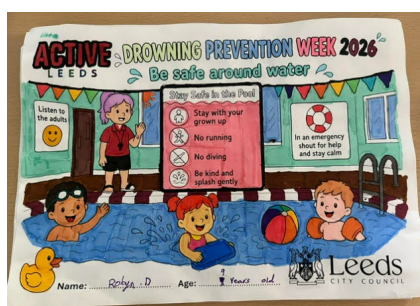
Y2 Skipping Festival

Year 2 participated in the annual skipping festival at Armley Leisure Centre and competed against 4 other schools. The children showed great enthusiasm and resilience in their individual and group events. We came home with some golds, silvers and a bronze. Well done to all that participated!



Y4 Drowning Prevention Week

Year 4 children have thoroughly enjoyed their time swimming this year and it has been a fantastic experience for all of the children to progress with such an important life skill. The children shared their 'Drown Prevention' week posters with the leisure centre to promote the need to be safe near any water. Year 4 learnt how to stay afloat, how to communicate if they were to get into any difficulty and what to do if they saw someone who needed rescuing. A whole school assembly also ensured that the key messages were shared across school to all children.



Y6 Debate Competition

This half term, all of the pupils in Year 6 have been learning the skills of debating. They have all taken part in debates in class and developed skills such as: improved oracy, how to write a well-balanced argument and how to speak with confidence when taking part in a debate. This week their hard work culminated in a debating competition at Pudsey Civic Hall, which saw a team from each Year 6 class taking part in debates on the motions of 'AI should be banned in schools' and 'The age for social media should be raised to 16' against other schools in the Owlcotes MAT. Both teams were a credit to our school, speaking articulately, persuasively and with passion. We had two great victories: one team in 6SW winning their debate and a child in 6NW winning best speaker!



Summer Term Important Dates

Event	Date & Time
Nursery Sports Days	Tuesday 7th July 10.30am Thursday 9th July 2pm
Waterloo's Got Talent	Tuesday 7th July 6:30pm
IED Class Assembly	Wednesday 8th July, 9:00am
Year 6 Leavers' Disco	Friday 10th July, 6:30pm – 8pm
Year 6 Leavers' Assembly	Friday 17th July, 1:30pm
OPAL Stay and Play Afternoon	Thursday 10th September, 2026

Training Days for the 2025/26 Academic Year:

Please mark your calendars for our upcoming training days:

- 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 26th June	Friday 3rd July
Nursery	Thomas Harding Mohammed Malik	Caleb Douglas
Reception	RJO – Bardeaux Birdsall RBM – Jessica Harrop	RJO – Savannah Denny RBM – Elis Hawke
Year 1	1SW – Ivy Maughan 1ED – Noah Benson	1SW– Jax Pearson 1ED– Nixon Beniston
Year 2	2NB – Albie Spencer 2JB – Isaac Allanson	2NB – Nandini Steinmetz 2JB – Rory Burke
Year 3	3CR – Yash Shaw 3PW– Harper Stevens	3CR – Heidi Doig 3PW – Molly Spink
Year 4	4BD – Mia Petty 4KL – Alexis Tolios	4BD – Rhys Ebenezer 4KL – Thinula Madhurapperuma Arachchillage
Year 5	5RH – Alexia Tincescu-Lungu 5LP – Leo Packer	5RH – Josh Prescott 5LP – Matilda Hart
Year 6	6NW – Emmeline Meech 6SW – Alice Mann	6NW – Lilly-Mai Woodhead 6SW – Noah Allen

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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