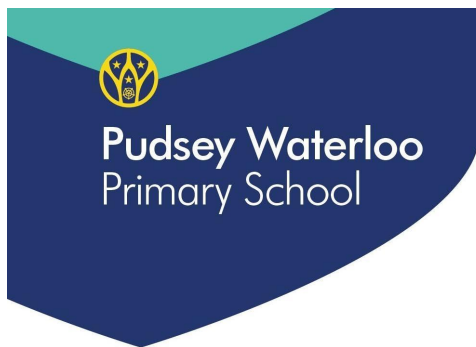




Friday 25th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

The new school year is now well underway, and we have had loads of exciting things and great learning happening right across the school. From Year 4's educational visit to the Yorkshire Water Education Centre to Year 6 welcoming their new Reception buddies, our pupils have thrown themselves into their autumn topics with fantastic enthusiasm. Whether exploring local geography in Year 1, creating vibrant Kusama-inspired artwork in Year 2, or starting guitar lessons in Year 5, it has been a wonderfully busy start to the term.

Reception 2027 Open Mornings

We are running open mornings for children due to start Reception in September 2027. These sessions are an opportunity to look around our wonderful school, meet our team, and see our learning environment in action.

The sessions will run from 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. on the following dates:

- Tuesday 29th September
- Wednesday 4th November
- Thursday 7th January

Please pass these details along to any friends, family, or neighbours who are currently looking for a Reception place for September 2027. We look forward to welcoming them!

Attendance Reward

The children are doing really well at reaching their attendance target of 96% per week, and we already have two stars on our rocket! For our next reward, we are working towards getting bouncy castles in school for a day! Thank you so much for everything you do to support our school attendance and for speaking to your children about the importance of attending school every day!

Nursery

Our returning children have been helping our new starters settle into their routines and make new friendships. Together, we've really enjoyed reading 'Umar' by David Cahn—a story based on a real boy from Leeds who loves keys. This inspired us to explore our own favourite things and learn all about what makes each of us unique.

Reception

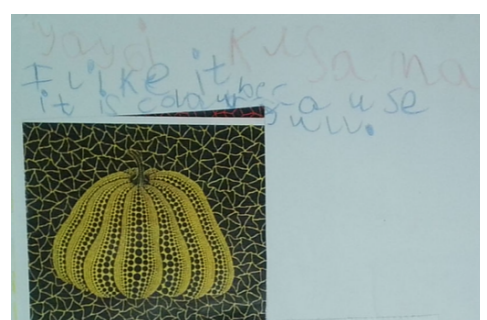
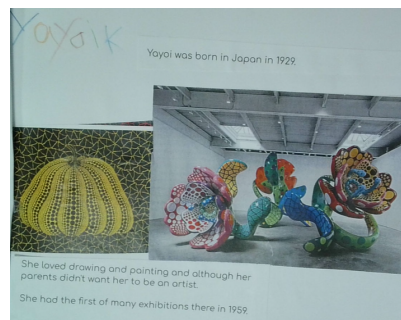
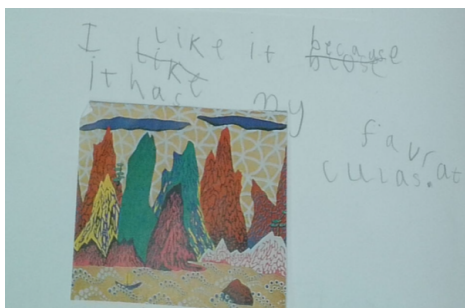
Our Reception children have made a fantastic start to their very first school year! They have settled into classroom routines brilliantly, listening carefully and following our school rules every day. As part of our "Our Families" topic, the children have been speaking using clear, full sentences to share special memories and introduce their family members to their new friends. Alongside all this fantastic talking and listening, they have thrown themselves into various classroom challenges with huge smiles. We are so proud of how confident and settled they already are!

Year 1

Year 1 has made a fantastic start to the new school year and have started the year with some really exciting learning. In geography we have been learning all about Pudsey and the human features we might see around town. We have made maps for anyone who might lose their way on Victoria Road and we have also created our own towns in the classroom.

Year 2

Year 2 has had a fantastic start to their new art topic, learning all about the famous Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama! The children have loved exploring her iconic style and using bright colours and patterns to create their own vibrant, dotty-inspired artworks!



Year 3

Year 3 have made a fantastic start to Key Stage 2, settling in brilliantly and adapting well to their new routines. In History, we have started our 'Stone Age to Iron Age' topic, which links closely with our English text, *Stone Age Boy*. The children are thoroughly engaged,

discovering fascinating facts and gaining a real understanding of what life was like in the Stone Age.

Year 4

The children had a brilliant visit to Yorkshire Water Education Centre and learnt all about the treatment works. With a tour around the site, children enjoyed seeing how the water is treated before it reaches our homes. We looked at the Water Cycle and how in Yorkshire, 45% of the water that comes into our homes comes from local reservoirs. We also looked at how we can save water at home. If you wanted to see how this could work at home please feel free to look at the Yorkshire Water website. <https://www.yorkshirewater.com/your-water/save-water>



Year 5

The children were really excited to start their guitar lessons. They have listened to Mr Elvin with great respect and enthusiasm. We cannot wait to see and hear how they progress over this term.

Year 6

Year 6 children have had such a busy start to the year! They are really engaged in their World War Two topic, and we are enjoying reading our class text Letters from the Lighthouse together. In science, the children used the electrical equipment to test different types of circuits this week. The children were great at observing the results and making scientific conclusions. All of the children were also very excited to meet their reception buddies on Wednesday! The Year 6s delivered their buddy a letter and read them a story. It was lovely to see how caring and welcoming they were.

Sustainability Week

This year, we are delighted to be participating in OMAT's sustainability week starting on Monday 19th October. We are looking forward to collaborating with our families on some exciting projects during the week.

Extra Club

Holiday club booking is now open and live on Arbor. Please book via clubs, payment will be required in full to secure your place. We have a fun filled week planned for the children with lots of exciting activities. If you would like a copy of the activity plan please email extracub@waterloo.wilcotesmat.org

Uniform Exchange

On Monday 19th October we will be holding a uniform exchange on the main playground. If you have any clean, unused uniform, in good condition, that you are able to donate, we will be collecting this in school, via the school office, starting from Monday 28th September. The uniform will then be offered to families on the main playground after school on Monday 19th October. There will be no charge for the uniform but there will be an opportunity to make a small donation if families are able to.

Autumn Term Important Dates

Event	Date & Time
FOW Reception Junk Modelling Evening	6pm on Friday 25th of September
Reception 2027 Open Morning	9:15am - 10:15am on Tuesday 29th September
Y6 Robinwood Trip	Wednesday 30th September to Friday 2nd October
Reception 2027 Open Morning	9:15am - 10:15am on Wednesday 4th November
FOW Grandparents Afternoon Tea	Friday 2nd October
Year 5 Library visits	Friday 9th October 5RH Friday 16th October 5NB
Parents Evening Rec-Y6	Wednesday 21st October 3:30pm-7:00pm
Parents Evening Rec-Y6	Thursday 22nd October 3:30pm - 5:30pm
Training Day	Friday 23rd October
Year 3 library visits	Thursday 5th November Friday 6th November
Year 6 Robinwood Assembly	Wednesday 11th November 9am- 9:30am
FOW Disco	Wednesday 11th November
FOW Breakfast with Santa	Saturday 5th December
Year 5 Jorvik visit	Monday 18th January

Learners of the week

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

	Friday 18th September	Friday 25th September
Nursery	Lucca Smith	Asa Hobson
Reception	RJO - Catherine Melia RBM - Jack Milner	RJO - Elizabeth Bogdans RBM - Fiolaoluwahan Komolafe
Year 1	1SW - Marley Sloane 1ED - Lennon Heward	1SW - Dylan Dickinson 1ED - Daisy Dibb
Year 2	2JB - Noah Harding 2JM - Olivia Stow	2JB - Chloe Crow 2JM - Florence Parker
Year 3	3SW - Veer Jassi 3LP - Alfie Childs	3SW - Maya-Noor Farooqi 3LP - Jack Major
Year 4	4BD - Jack Unsworth 4KL - Olivia Coleman	4BD - Harper Stevens 4KL - Ellie Wilson
Year 5	5RH - Henry Bond 5NB - Qasim Mohammed	5RH - Martin Nabory 5NB - Oliver Simpson
Year 6	6NW - Leo Packer 6HW - Tallulah Ambler	6NW - Dotty Hern 6HW - Savannah Eastwood

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, LS28 8LP

Yorkshire Dyslexia Festival

Saturday 3rd October 2026 – Pudsey Civic Hall, Leeds

Join us at the Yorkshire Dyslexia Festival from 9:30am for talks and great exhibitors.

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SENCOs, SEN staff and teachers attend free of charge, including every talk in the programme. Use code **EDU2026** on Eventbrite.



Dr Susie Nyman

H&SC, HoD, Conference Speaker & Podcaster

Blast-Off Revision! Create Dyslexia-Friendly Learning Aids

10:00 – 10:45



Fionna Pilgrim

Davis Facilitator at Davis Method

WHO KNEW...Dyslexia is a Way of Thinking

11:00 – 12:00



Janet Goring

Maths & Dyscalculia SpLD Specialist

Maths & Dyscalculia

13:00 – 13:45



Sue White

Senior Educational Specialist at Widgeit

Championing Dyslexic Learners: Practical, Visual and Inclusive Support

14:00 – 14:30



Alison Szalay

Specialist Advisory Teacher and Educational Consultant

Supporting and Motivating Dyslexic Children to Read

14:45 – 15:00



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