



WATER PRIMARY SCHOOL



2023/2024

WATER SCHOOL

Water Primary, a small school with a big heart. In our Water family, we encourage passionate curiosity and a deeper understanding of the world around us in an environment where everyone is valued, empowered and achieves their full potential.



CORE VALUES





Respect
We respect ourselves, each other and everything around us.



Self Belief
We have confidence in our own abilities.



Healthy and Active
We keep our bodies and minds active and healthy.



Resilience
We have the ability to bounce back after something difficult has happened.

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Contact Information

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The school website can be found at: www.water.lancs.sch.uk

Our Twitter page: @waterprimary and @mrsejsmith

Information about the school, policies, lunch menus and newsletters can be found on our website.

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WATER TEAM

Miss McKay
Headteacher



Mrs Edington
Deputy
Headteacher/SENDCo



Mrs Graham
Office Manager



Teaching Staff

Mrs Smith



Miss Ashworth



Miss Launder



Miss Wilson



Support Staff

Mrs
Greenwood



Miss Ross



Mrs Collins



Mrs Sanderson



Miss Crowther



Mr Claxton
Forest School



Miss Knights



Mr Barlow
Site
Supervisor



Mrs Cole



Mr Riley



2 TERM DATES

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Absence

If your child is ill and will be absent from school, it is important that you contact school as soon as possible. Please ring the school number where you will be asked to leave a message or to speak to the office directly.

Please note that holidays taken within school time will be unauthorised and can affect your child's attendance and therefore impact their learning and progress.

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THE SCHOOL DAY AND CURRICULUM



A Typical School Day

- 8:50 - Morning task
- 9:00 - Registration
- 9:10 - Maths focus/provision
- 10:00 - Assembly
- 10:30 - Playtime
- 10:45 - English focus/provision
- 12:15 - Dinnertime
- 1:15 - Afternoon provision/sessions
- 3:10 - Story
- 3:25 - End of day

Our EYFS Curriculum

At Water Primary School, we have created a unique and inspiring EYFS Curriculum. The curriculum is designed to reflect the interests and needs of our children and to immerse them in a language rich environment. We prioritise high quality interactions through continuous provision learning, alongside carefully selected adult focussed activities. Our children guide and drive their own learning through carefully resourced continuous provision with invitations to learn (enhancements) to aid the development of skills and knowledge.

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Phonics and Reading

We are a reading school. We actively encourage our children to read each night to embed their phonics learning. The children will receive a home reading book as soon as possible. We ask that you spend time with your child to read with them-they may initially be books which just encourage your child to talk about what is happening in the pictures. The teachers will continually assess your children to make sure their reading book is at the right level too. Please sign their reading record to show you have read with them.

Maths

Our school follows the power maths scheme of work. This encourages children to explore number at a mastery level. We will break down the curriculum into smaller chunks to suit the needs of our learners. You can help at home by encouraging your children to count objects, recognise shapes around the home and the world around them.

Seven Early Learning Areas

1. Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Building Relationships

Managing Self

Self-Regulation

2. Communication & language

Listening, Attention & Understanding

Speaking

3. Physical development

Gross motor skills

Fine motor skills

4. Literacy

Comprehension

Word Reading

Writing

5. Mathematics

Number

Numerical Patterns

6. Understanding the World

People, Communities and

Cultures

The Natural World

Past and Present

7. Expressive Arts & Design

Creating with Materials

Being Imaginative and Expressive

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SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD

Separating from carers

Settling into school can be a little tricky for some children. Please help them by reassuring them that you, or someone that they love will be picking them up at home time. Keeping the morning routine consistent and making the goodbye positive and brief will also greatly help. We do goodbyes at the door so that the classroom is calm and comforting.

Dressing and undressing

At school, children will take their jumpers on and off, pull on coats, change into waterproofs and wellies and try on dressing-up clothes. Zips, buttons, Velcro and tights can be tricky so please practise as often as possible at home and praise them for their efforts. It would be helpful if you could teach them how to get their clothes and shoes on the right way and to send them with Velcro shoes.

Scissors and Pencils

Using pencils and scissors can be really tricky for little hands and it requires lots of practise. In school, we will carry out lots of activities to strengthen gross and fine motor skills. There are also lots of fun things that you could do at home to help. You could play games like operation or buckaroo, threading games, playdough and tweezers.

Toileting

At school, children will independently manage their own toileting and personal hygiene. We will be there to remind them to go and to prompt them to clean themselves effectively.

Eating

At school, children eat their dinner with their friends in the hall. They will be supervised by myself and Mrs | Greenwood, and we can help to cut tricky items, but it would be very helpful if you could practise eating with a knife and fork at home and teach them the skills needed.

Independence

At school, children will be encouraged to try lots of things for themselves. Please give them as many opportunities to attempt things independently. Please help them to recognise their own belongings and to be responsible for carrying them into school. Putting names on all of their belongings will help greatly with this.

Communication

Being able to talk to the adults and other children in school is important for every child as they settle into school. Children will talk as they play, explaining their ideas and creating stories and narratives. They will also ask others for help if they need it. At home, encourage your child to talk clearly, using the correct words for objects to help them to be understood by others.

Attitude to Learning

In EYFS, children have lots of responsibility for their own learning. It is vital that they value the importance of their learning choices. We will support your child to share, empathise, cooperate, and take turns. Children will be encouraged to respect each other and their learning environment.

Mark making, reading and counting

At Water Primary, we encourage a love of learning. A love of reading and writing is so important. Please share stories with your children every day. Encourage them to read their home reading book for 5 minutes each night and share a bedtime story. Talk about stories, characters, repeated words and rhymes. Look for letters everywhere you go and play games like eye spy. Encourage your child to write or 'mark-make' and praise them for their effort (even if this is just lines, circles and zig-zags). Let your child see you reading and writing for pleasure.

Being able to count is a fundamental skill. Please help your child to develop a love of numbers. Count everywhere you go (steps, objects, cars, cutlery etc) and talk about numbers around you (house numbers, number plates, price tags etc).

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COMMUNICATION



We try to adopt a paperless culture at our school as much as possible, therefore key letters and information will be text to families and also available on our website.

We also have a weekly newsletter which will inform you of any upcoming events, school dinners or any other important information.

Website

Our school website www.water.lancs.sch.uk is filled with any information you may want to know about our school.

Class teachers update the class webpage each half term to keep you updated with what the children will be learning. We also have a twitter page where we upload all the great things we do in school [@waterprimary](https://twitter.com/waterprimary)

Class Dojo

Your class teacher will set you up with a class dojo account. This is an app that you can download on your phone or tablet. We use class dojo as a communication tool. Teachers will use it to remind or inform you about what may be happening in the class, forest school or trips.

Please note that we ask parents to use dojo respectfully and if you have any serious concerns that you make an appointment to see the teacher directly.



Breakfast and After School Club

Our breakfast club is open from 7:45 every morning. It is payable on parent pay. The children will receive breakfast and will be able to join in active games.

The after school club is run by Bridges. If you want to book your child onto the club, please use forms provided.

School Clubs

As a school, we recognise the importance of the wider curriculum and school life. We provide clubs most night from 3:25 p.m. to 4:25 p.m. These can vary from sports, arts and gardening! You will be notified of the clubs at the beginning of each half term, an online form will be text for you to complete.

Seeds and Gardeners

Water has a 'Seeds and Gardeners' project where your reception child (the seed) will be linked to one of our year 6 pupils (the gardeners). Gardeners will act as a buddy to their seed, helping them find their way around school. seeds and gardeners will attend forest school together and see each other regularly. Our seeds and gardener project is always a great success and loved by all the children.

Forest Friday

Forest School sessions are pupil led and take place in Kenton's Wood, which is located just behind the school. Coming to Kenton's Wood regularly develops children's independence and self-confidence. They learn how to solve problems and overcome difficulties such as feeling cold, getting muddy, and how to care for our very important, slimy, wriggly creatures!

In the forest; We will keep ourselves safe, keep each other safe and look after our Forest. Children will go each Friday and are asked to wear their P. kit and bring clothes to wear over them which are suitable for messy play (wellies and waterproofs.)

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INFORMATION

Safeguarding

Water Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people in line with government legislation. The school expects all staff and volunteers to share in this commitment, raising concerns when necessary. Please see the safeguarding policy on the school website for further information.



Celebration

We have four core values at water:

- Resilience
- Respect
- Healthy and Active
- Self - Belief

Each Friday, at 3:00 p.m. we welcome parents and families to celebrate our superstars who have demonstrated these values throughout the week. Children are also celebrated for being marvellous mathematicians, wonderful writers, radical readers and super scientists.

You will be notified by text if your child is receiving a certificate the day before.

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UNIFORM



Children are asked to wear;

- Plain navy blue sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan
- Yellow polo shirt
- Black or navy blue trousers, skirt or pinafore (no tracksuit bottoms)
- Blue or yellow gingham dresses
- Plain black, blue or grey tights or socks

All uniform should have their name clearly written or sewed into it.

We also have our own Water Primary School PE kit. The children will wear this kit for the whole day on their PE day as well as Friday's. The P.E. kit is available from Surridge Sports.

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SCHOOL MEALS AND SNACKS



All children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 will be eligible for a free school meal. Our school cook, Mrs Wilkinson, provides delicious and healthy hot or sandwich meals using fresh, local and sustainable ingredients for all their dishes. The lunches will include a daily choice of a main meal, a vegetarian option, a jacket potato or a sandwich, plus a choice of desserts including a hot pudding, yoghurt and fruit every day. From Year 3 onwards, meals cost £2.50 per day and we have an easy and flexible online ordering system (Parent Pay).

We also provide a healthy, mid-morning snack every day, for those who would like it at a cost of £1 per week that is paid termly. This money should be paid via Parent Pay at the beginning of each new term. All children receive free fruit throughout the day.

The children are provided a re-usable bottle of fresh water each day (with their name written on) that the children will have access to throughout the school day.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional Funding for Pupils

Some pupils are entitled to additional funding in schools called Pupil Premium. This entitlement is available for families on job seekers/income support, children from armed forces families, looked after children, adopted children or children who have been or are fostered at any point from birth onwards. If you feel your child falls into one of the above categories, please do come and speak to Mrs Graham in confidence.

Additional funding means we can offer reduced rates for trips, before and after school club and other events. It may also be used for additional learning resources or support.



Starting School

School starts on the 4th September. Children in Reception will be attending full days from the start. The class teachers will spend the first couple of weeks getting to know your children and helping them get used to the routines of school.

Reporting to Parents

Formal parents meetings will take place in the autumn and spring term where your child's friendships, interests, behaviour, progress and next steps in learning are shared.

At the end of the academic year, each child will receive a written report. Parents are welcome to view children's learning journey's anytime throughout the year.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Important Dates

Friday 30th June – Family Forest School
9:30 – 11:00

Meet at School – appropriate clothing

Wednesday 5th July – 9:30 – 11:00 (Parents
Welcome)

Wednesday 12th July – 9:30 – 11:30
(Without Parents)



School Start Date

Monday 4th September 9:00 a.m.

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WELCOME TO WATER



I hope this has given you an overview of joining our school. However, please remember we are always available via phone calls or emails should you need any more information.

We are proud of our school and we are looking forward to welcoming your children and families to Water Primary School.

Please remember the door is always open, there is always support at Water. Strong relationships between school and parents are key to making sure the children flourish and thrive on their Primary School journey.

