WATER STREET WEEKLY

AUTUMN TERM 2026 WEEK 2

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

What a fantastic week it has been at Water Street. The children have continued with their excellent start to life in their new classes, settling quickly, working hard and approaching their learning with enthusiasm and focus.

In assemblies this week, we explored our school vision, CREATE values, British Values and Protected Characteristics. I was incredibly impressed by the children's knowledge and understanding of why these are so important in helping us create a caring, respectful and inclusive school community. We also introduced our new SCARF PSHE programme, based around the values of Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience and Friendship. These values align perfectly with our ethos and further strengthen our PSHE curriculum offer.

A huge thank you to everyone who attended the Friends of Water Street AGM on Wednesday. We are incredibly grateful for the dedication of our FOWS volunteers, who give so much of their time to raise valuable funds for our school. Please look out for the exciting events and fundraising opportunities planned throughout the year.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone about the importance of keeping our children safe during drop-off and pick-up times. There has been a noticeable increase in traffic around school this week, and while we appreciate the challenges busy mornings and afternoons can bring, reducing congestion around the school gates makes a real difference. Thank you to those families who choose to park a little further away and walk the final part of their journey. Your efforts help create a safer environment for everyone. For those who currently drive right up to school, I would be grateful if you could reflect on whether there may be alternative options available. As a reminder, the Coach Street Car Park offers a free parking period at the beginning and end of the school day to support families with drop-off and collection.

The children have returned looking incredibly smart. Thank you for your support with our uniform expectations. We have noticed, however, that some hair accessories do not align with our policy. A gentle reminder that hair bands, bows and ribbons should be plain blue, white or black.

Finally, this week will be Miss Dale's last before she begins her maternity leave. On behalf of the whole Water Street community, I would like to wish her, and her family, every happiness as they prepare for this exciting time. We can't wait to meet the newest member of her family! A separate letter will be sent to Year 2 and Year 4 families regarding teaching arrangements from Monday 28th September.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you at Meet The Teacher Evening.

Neil Gunstone (Headteacher)

WE create BRIGHT FUTURES

"Individually, we are one drop. Together, we are an ocean."
Ryunosuke Satoro

Remember you can park your car in Coach Street Car Park. Parking wardens allow for a short time to pick up & drop off children.

STARS OF THE WEEK

YEAR 1
Teddy E & Reuben W

YEAR 2
Anna & Merryn

YEAR 3
Ollie & Evelyn

YEAR 4
Rosie A & Noah

YEAR 5
Nikita & Brynmor

YEAR 6
Shenuka, Matilda H & Harry

WELL DONE EVERYONE!
KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!

HOUSE POINTS

WENSLEYDALE	113
RIBBLESDALE	116
SWALEDALE	101
NIDDERDALE	105

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Congratulations to Ribblesdale

PLEASE REMEMBER

that we are a
NUT FREE SCHOOL

We have a number of children in school with serious nut allergies. Please remember there should be no food in lunch boxes or breaktime snacks that contain nuts. This includes peanut butter and Nutella.

MEET THE TEACHER EVENING

Wednesday 23rd September 2026

We are delighted to invite you to our annual Meet the Teacher Evening. This event provides a valuable opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher, visit their classroom and find out more about the exciting year ahead.

Why Attend?

- Meet your child's teacher(s)
- Explore your child's new classroom and learning environment
- Discover exciting topics, experiences and learning opportunities planned for the year
- Learn about key routines, expectations and ways to support learning at home
- Ask questions and find out how we can work together to help every child thrive

Session Times

The timings have been staggered to enable parents and carers with children in multiple year groups to attend more than one session wherever possible.

Year Group	Session 1	Session 2
Year 1	4:00pm	5:45pm
Year 2	3:30pm	5:15pm
Year 3	4:00pm	5:15pm
Year 4	3:30pm	5:45pm
Year 5	3:30pm	5:45pm
Year 6	4:00pm	5:15pm

We look forward to welcoming you into school and hope that you find these meetings informative and helpful.

Many thanks,
Neil Gunstone
Headteacher

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UPCOMING EVENTS

September	
Mon 21st	Y6 School Council Presentations Dentist visiting YR (pm)
Tues 22nd	Y4 Basketball Festival (am) Y6 WWI Workshop
Wed 23rd	Meet The Teacher Evening
Thurs 24th	Y5 School Council Presentations
Fri 25th	Macmillan Coffee Morning
Wed 30th	Y5 Residential to Nell Bank

October	
Mon 5th	Online Safety Evening for Parents
Tues 6th	Y3 Farm Visit to Buckden
Wed 14th	EYFS & KS1 Phonics Evening
Thurs 15th	Flu Immunisations
Thurs 22nd	School Closes for Half Term
Fri 23rd	Staff Training Day

November	
Mon 2nd	School Reopens Image Theatre Preformance

REMINDERS & USEFUL INFORMATION

SCHOOL UNIFORM

- Grey/Black Trousers or Shorts
- Dark Grey Pinafore or Knee Length Skirt
- Checked Skirts or Pinafore Dresses • Blue and White Gingham Dress (Summer Only)
- White Short-Sleeved Polo Shirt
- Royal Blue School Sweatshirt or Cardigan
- Grey, White or Black Socks / Royal Blue, Black or Dark Grey Tights
- Black School Shoes/Trainers or Black Boots (Ankle Length) or Sandals *
- Sandals in summer should be flat and not ornate, ideally with covered toes
- Hair should be worn tidily; blue, white or black headbands, no extreme hairstyles, colours or ornaments
- No nail varnish or jewellery (except a basic watch, stud earrings)

All children should also bring:

- A named water bottle, taken home each day for washing
- A book bag (children from Y3 can bring a different bag, but please keep these small as our cloakrooms get very overcrowded)
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PE Uniform

- PE T-Shirt in house colour
- Black or navy-blue shorts
- School PE Hoodie
- Plain black or dark jogging bottoms
- Trainers
- Hair longer than shoulder length should be tied back for PE.

LABELLING UNIFORM

Please can all school uniform be labelled clearly with first and ideally last names. This is particularly important in the warmer months, with children wanting to remove jumpers and coats when playing outside.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO ORDER SCHOOL DINNERS IN ADVANCE

Please book school dinners by 8.30am each day. Not only does this enable the kitchen team to plan accordingly for the meals that they need to prepare, it also reduces the amount of time class teachers are having to spend on ordering meals at the start of each day.

SCHOOL APP

Did you know that along with our school website, we also have an associated app.

Scroll to the bottom of the homepage and follow the instructions to download.

It makes keeping up to date with school life and events much easier!

BREAKFAST CLUB BOOKING

We will always try to accommodate children in Breakfast Club and understand that sometimes a last minute booking might be needed. However, please note that the latest a booking can be made for the next day is 4.30pm, which is when the school office closes.

ATTENDANCE

This week	Year to date	DfE Target for Water Street 2025 - 2026
98.2%	97.9%	96.6%

Attendance and lessons missed

95% attendance means approximately 50 missed lessons. This means a child misses about 10 days or 2 weeks of lessons in the school year.

90% attendance means approximately 100 missed lessons. This means a child misses around four weeks of lessons in the school year.

85% attendance means approximately 150 missed lessons. This means the child misses almost 6 weeks of lessons in the school year.

80% attendance means approximately 200 missed lessons. This means the child misses around 8 weeks of lessons in the school year.

75% attendance means approximately 250 missed lessons. This means the child misses about 10 weeks of lessons in the school year.

Punctuality

Arriving 5 minutes late every day adds up to over 3 days of lessons lost each year.

Arriving 15 minutes late every day adds up to 2 weeks of lessons lost each year.

Arriving 30 minutes late every day adds up to 19 days of lessons lost each year.

***Please note, these calculations are approximate, based on how the terms fall each calendar year.**

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF BAD WEATHER IMPACTS THE DAY?

If bad weather impacts the school day, we will always endeavour to inform you as early as possible via text. However, mindful that during peak times texts may not always get through, we will provide updates on the school website calendar and Facebook page.

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FRIENDS OF WATER STREET

Are you entering Skipton's Santa Fun Run this year?

We know it's a little early to mention

but did you know that if you type **Friends of Water Street** into the team name box we will be in with the chance of getting a donation.

It's as simple as that!

WHAT'S ON IN SKIPTON