



ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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Broadening Horizons

26th April 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope everyone enjoyed the Easter Break and that you managed to spend some time celebrating with family. We are already well into term 5 and this newsletter gives me an opportunity to update you on some important information.

I am pleased to announce that the solar panelling project has now been completed. Solar units have been placed on the roof of our EYFS building and a large canopy has been built outside our KS2 classrooms to accommodate the solar panelling at the back of the academy. We are hoping that this project, along with our LED lighting, will help us to offset our rising electricity costs. A big thank you to the Priory Federation team who secured the grants for these projects.

We are hoping to carry out some refurbishment of the academy during the summer holidays and this will affect how we enter and exit school. But I will bring you more news of this once our plans have been finalised.

We also have a longer-term project to update and integrate our IT systems and the expected timeline for this is summer 2024.

Strike Dates

As I am sure you will have seen, the NEU has called for two further strike dates for Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May. The academy will be open as normal and if there is any further change, then I will let you know.

Y6 SATS Timetable

Please read below for further information on the Y6 SATS timetable 2023. Please note the change of dates due to the announcement of the bank holiday on Monday 8th May 2023.

It is respectfully requested that all children attend school for all tests. If your child is unable to attend, please inform us as soon as possible as we may be able to make alternative arrangements.

Date	Test Timetable
Tuesday 9 th May 2023	English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Tests Paper 1: short answer questions Paper 2: spelling

Wednesday 10 th May 2023	English Reading Test
Thursday 11 th May 2023	Mathematics Paper 1: arithmetic Paper 2: reasoning
Friday 12 th May 2023	Mathematics: Paper 3: reasoning test

Teachers will submit writing assessments by **30th June 2023**. If you have any questions about these assessments, please speak to your child's class teacher.

End of KS1 Assessments

The key stage one statutory assessments will take place during the month of **May 2023**. It is respectfully requested that **all** children attend school during this period.

The KS1 national curriculum tests consist of:

- English reading Paper 1: combined reading prompt and answer booklet;
- English reading Paper 2: reading booklet and reading answer booklet;
- English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1: spelling;
- English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 2: questions;
- Mathematics Paper 1: arithmetic;
- Mathematics Paper 2: reasoning.

Writing is assessed through teacher assessment.

Teachers must make their judgements for each pupil at the end of key stage one. This must take into account pupils' progress and performance throughout the key stage and is based on 'a broad range of evidence from across the curriculum'. It takes into account children's:

- written, practical and oral classwork;
- results of the statutory KS1 tests;
- homework.

If you have any questions about these assessments, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Y1 Phonics Screening Check

The phonics screening check is a short, simple assessment to make sure that all children have learned phonic decoding to an appropriate standard by the age of 6.

The phonics check will help teachers identify children who need extra help so they can receive the support they need to improve their reading skills. These children will then be able to retake the check in year 2.

The Y1 screening check will take place on the week beginning **Monday 12th June 2023**. If you have any questions about this screening check, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Y4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)

All schools are required to administer the online MTC to year 4 children. The purpose of the check is to determine whether children can recall their times tables fluently, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will also help us to identify those who have not yet mastered their times tables, so that additional support can be provided.

We have a 3-week check window, starting on **Monday 5th June 2023** to administer the MTC and request that all children attend school during this period.

Staffing News

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our two new members of staff. Mrs Angharad Smith, who joins us as a teaching assistant in key stage one and Mrs Natalie Matless, who joins us as a midday supervisor.

Academy Uniform

A polite reminder that when pupils join Waddington Redwood there is an agreement that children adhere to our uniform policy. Wearing of school uniform promotes pride, self-confidence and a strong sense of belonging. These factors contribute to children's well-being and remove additional pressures of deciding what to wear and expectations of peers. We ask that children adhere to the policy below and that you continue to support them with this. Please note the shoe policy and that whilst we appreciate that children grow during the year, please note the skirt length guidance is there to ensure modesty when sitting in assembly or on classroom carpets.

We do have numerous items of uniform in our lost property cupboard. You are welcome to look through this before purchasing any new items. Uniform can be purchased from Uniform Direct or a local supermarket.

- grey or black trousers, skirt or pinafore (knee length);
- white blouse or polo shirt;
- red cardigan, jumper or sweatshirt;
- red and white dress may be worn in the summer (knee length);
- grey or black shorts in the summer (knee length);
- red t-shirt and black shorts for indoor PE;
- sweatshirt, jogging trousers and training shoes/plimsolls for outdoor PE.

All children should wear **proper sensible plain black school shoes**, not coloured trainers. Only earrings of a close-fitting type may be worn. No other style is allowed for your child's own safety. Only one earring in each lobe is allowed and these should be **removed** for PE. Watches (no Smart Watches) may be worn as their use is considered beneficial in learning how to tell the time, however, they should be removed for all physical activity. Hair decorations should be discreet and be in the school colours. During physical activity, long hair must be tied back with a simple hair band and all jewellery must be removed.

If you think that your child needs an exemption from wearing school uniform either short term or long term, then please contact the academy and speak to either Mrs Milling, Mrs Newbould or Mrs Kent.

Term Dates

Please remember to look at the academy's term dates so that you can plan ahead for your holidays to coincide with academy holidays. You will find a list of dates on the [academy website](#).

Safeguarding

Waddington Redwood Primary Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. Everyone at the academy who comes into contact with our children whether paid or voluntary, has a duty to safeguard and promote welfare. We have a number of policies which we follow to ensure that we carry out these duties efficiently and effectively, including our Safeguarding Policy. All our policies are available for you to read on our academy website. Go to the 'Parents' tab and then select 'Policies'. After that select 'Policies area' which is highlighted in red and this will take you to all our policies that we now follow as part of The Priory Federation of Academies. The designated safeguarding lead (DSL) is Mrs Kent and the deputy designated safeguarding lead (DDSL) is Mrs Milling. Mrs McGeachie and Mrs Green are deputy safeguarding officers (DSO). If you need to discuss anything relating to safeguarding, please contact us through the academy office either by e-mail or telephone.

Online Safety

The Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre has released a new learning activity and picture book for 5 to 8 year olds which can be used in the classroom or be used by parent/carers at home. The book is all about online friends and how online friends are not always as they seem. You can see all the resources for free download [HERE](#).

Internet Matters have a great little quiz for parents/carers and their children to test their knowledge around areas such as fake news, disinformation, misinformation, and how to stop it from spreading. You can find the quiz [HERE](#).

Once again thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



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