



Welcome to

Waterbeach Community Primary School

<http://www.waterbeach.cambs.sch.uk/>

Our School Ethos



Our school encourages each child to grow into a happy, confident individual, thriving in a supportive community where each is inspired to learn and discover through a kaleidoscope of opportunities, with space to imagine and to create.

“Learning, Laughter and Friendship”

These three values are at the heart of everything that happens at our school.

Each child will:

- Be inspired to learn, explore and discover
- Be encouraged to develop a growth mindset
- Develop the skills needed for their life ahead, “standing tall” in the world around them
- Be happy, healthy, resilient and a confident communicator
- Belong to and contribute to our caring school community



School Organisation

Classes

- Three Foundation Stage classes
- Three Year 1 classes
- Three Year 2 classes
- Two Year 3 classes
- Two Year 4 classes
- Three Year 5 classes
- Two Year 6 classes



Timings of the school day

- 8.40 – Children are met at their classroom door/gate by their teacher
- 8.45 – Registration opens
- 8.50 – Doors will close, after this time, children will be late and will need to come to the office and be signed in.
- Lunchtime – 1 hour staggered for year groups
- 3.15 – End of the school day



Clubs and Wrap Around Provision

At Waterbeach we offer a wide range of after school clubs. This year, these include:

- Yoga
- Book and biscuit
- Gymnastics
- Ballet and Modern Dance
- Tae Kwon Do
- Stem Club
- Triathlon
- Choir
- Art Club

We have two Wrap Around Provision for care before and after school.

Premier Education









WASPS (Waterbeach After School Play Scheme)



Our Behaviour Policy



We are committed to providing a caring, friendly and safe environment for everyone so that we can all work together in a relaxed and secure atmosphere. We believe that we can do this by trying to keep the school rules.

<p>We are gentle</p> 	<p>We are honest</p> 	<p>We are kind and helpful</p> 
<p>We try our best</p> 	<p>We listen</p> 	<p>We look after property</p> 

Meeting Individual Needs



We support and value the abilities of all our pupils at Waterbeach. It is our duty to provide equal opportunities for every person in our care in a safe and well-equipped learning environment which caters to the needs of every child as an individual. We are committed to inclusion in the school curriculum and through participation in all aspects of school life.

Our highly-skilled teaching assistants provide in class support and challenge for all pupils. Small group teaching and 1:1 teaching are used to support some pupils in overcoming barriers to learning.

Our Inclusion Manager, Mrs Scrivner, works closely with pupils, staff, families and external agencies to tailor the support pupils might need.



Early Years Foundation Stage

During your child's first year of school, we follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework and at the end of the year, children are assessed against a set of Early Learning Goals.

The ethos of the Early Years at Waterbeach School is that play underpins all aspects of children's development and the well being of children is at the heart of everything we do.



Information about our EYFS curriculum can be found via the curriculum tab on our website. <https://www.waterbeach.cambs.sch.uk/>

A really good document written for parents:



What to expect in the EYFS

<https://foundationyears.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/What-to-expect-in-the-EYFS-complete-FINAL-16.09-compressed.pdf>

Guidance to your child's learning and development in the early years foundation stage



Our Learning Environment



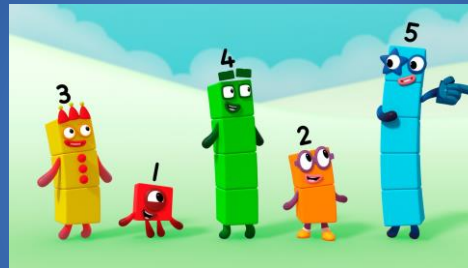
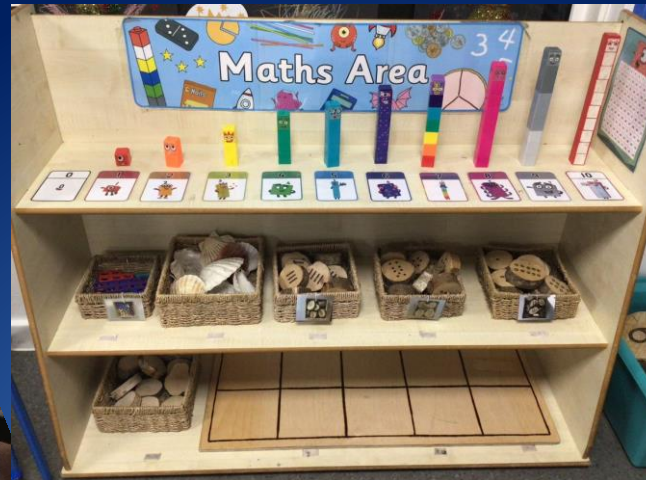


Reading and Writing

To support children to learn to read and write, we teach daily phonics sessions. We use the Little Wandle Scheme

Here is a link to information for parents/carers on the Little Wandle website - *For parents - Letters and Sounds* (littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk)





Maths

We introduce children to maths through songs, games, Numberblocks and a wide range of practical resources.

Our aim is to develop the belief for children that by working hard at maths they can succeed.

Topic



We teach your child skills through topics and stories which interest them.

This year's topics include:

Who am I?

We can all be heroes

The world around us

How does your garden grow

Nature explorers



PE



Woodwork

Forest School



Induction to school...



In the summer term it is our priority to get to know your child.
Our Summer Transition Programme this year included:



Pre-School visits



Come for Lunch



New Parent
Information
Evening



Pre-School
Storytime



Come and Play

In September...



Home Visits

At the beginning of the autumn term we start by making home visits. These are great opportunity for you and your child to meet their teacher before starting school, share information about your child and give you a chance to ask any questions you may have.

Stay and Play

We also offer a chance for you and your child to visit the school in one of our hour long Stay and Play sessions following the Home Visits. This is an opportunity for you to join your child exploring their new classroom together.

Half Days

Your child will then begin school by coming in for shorter half day sessions with only half of their class. This builds over the course of around a week to full-time with the whole of their class.

Parent Partnership



At Waterbeach School, we value our relationships between parents, carers and staff. This is especially important at these early stages of your child's development.

- Home visits
- Parent consultations
- Tapestry

You can also arrange a time to come and speak to your child's class teacher if any concerns arise. You can talk or email your child's class teacher or call the office to arrange these meetings.

How to help your child get ready for school



- Manage toilet routine independently
- Wash and dry their hands
- Put on and attempt/try to fasten their own coat
- Put shoes on the correct feet (stickers are good for learning)
- Dress and undress into PE kit
- Listen and follow simple instructions
- Tidy up and put things away when they have finished with them
- Answer people correctly using 'please' and 'thank you' when appropriate
- Hold a pencil comfortably to draw
- Use a knife and fork to cut food and eat food
- Wait their turn for things



Thank you for joining us for this presentation. Please join us now for a tour of the Foundation Stage classrooms.

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If you have any further questions, please email the school at
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