Waterthorpe Nursery Infant School
October Newsletter 2026

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A Message from Mrs Appleby

I wanted to take a moment to share how delighted we are with how wonderfully our children have settled into their routines at Waterthorpe. Whether your child is new to us this year or returning, it has been a joy to see them building friendships, engaging with their learning, and becoming confident members of our school community. Well done everyone.

Shelly Appleby

Cycle Skills – Thursday 8th October

As part of our school's involvement with the South Yorkshire Active Travel project; Modeshift STARS, we have arranged for a playground based 'cycle Skills' session for pupils. The session is FREE but with limited places. This session is for children who can ride a bicycle confidently and independently without stabilisers . Children must wear a helmet.

Y2 Expectation Workshop

Please join us for our Y2 Expectations Family Workshop on Thursday 8th October at 2.30p.m. in the school hall. This workshop is for families of children in Y2; Marriott's Class.

At the workshop you will learn about what your child will be working on over the year to help prepare them for the end of year expectations and moving to junior school.

The workshop will last for approximately 30 minutes.

We hope you can come.

Harvest Festival – Tuesday 20th October

We will be celebrating the Harvest Festival and exploring the theme of sharing on **Tuesday 20th October**. Will be collecting donations for the S20 Food Bank. We would really appreciate donations for this valuable charity serving our community.

Long life milk, juice, tins of beans, potatoes, meat, tuna, soup, pie, vegetables, pasta, cereal, tea, coffee, sugar, biscuits, jars of sauce.

We are collecting nonperishable foods. All items will be greatly appreciated.

Reading Workshop - Friday 16th October

Please join us for our Reading and Phonics Family Workshop on Friday 16th October at 9.00a.m. in the school hall.

You will learn how to help your child with their reading and phonics.

NSPCC Kindness Day -7th October

We are delighted to be supporting Childline by taking part in the Kindness Challenge this October.

On Wednesday 7th October we will be spending the day creating more kindness in our school community by working through a list of kindness acts.

We will be wearing yellow on this day to symbolise happiness and kindness. If your child would like to wear yellow, we kindly ask for a small donation. All donations will go towards supporting this special day.

If you would like to support Childline further, we have attached a sponsor form so that friends and family can sponsor your child as they take part in our Kindness Challenge. Every donation, no matter how small, will help to support Childline and the important work they do.

Please donate via Parent Pay.

School Photographs Thursday 15th October

All children in school and nursery will have their individual picture taken.



If you would like a family photograph with siblings, please come to the school hall from 8.00a.m.



Halloween Disco – Thursday 22nd October

We are having a Halloween disco on Thursday 22nd October at 2.30p.m. until 3.45p.m.

All children in school are invited and we are asking for a contribution of £4.00 which can be paid for on ParentPay. Children who do not want to participate will can be collected from their normal classroom doors at 3.15p.m. Children may come to school in Halloween fancy dress. Children can be collected at 3. 45p.m. from their normal classroom door.

Scooter Skills – Friday 9th October

As part of our school's involvement with the South Yorkshire Active Travel project; Modeshift STARS, we have arranged for a playground based 'Scooter Skills' session for pupils. The session is FREE but with limited places. During the playground lesson, pupils will learn about the safest places to scoot, how to handle the scooter safely, how to share the pavement with pedestrians in a responsible manner, and how to cross the road safely.

Autumn Term 1 – October Diary Dates **Class**	Nursery	Red Base	Rainbow	Y2	Y1
Wednesday 7th October – NSPCC Kindness Day					
Thursday 8th October – Y2 Expectations Workshop					
Thursday 8th October Cycle Skills					
Friday 9th October – Scooter skills					
Thursday 15th October Emotional Regulation Family Learning Workshop					
Thursday 15th October Individual Photographs					
Friday 16th October Read Write Inc. Workshop					
Tuesday 20th October Harvest Festival					
Thursday 22nd October Halloween Disco					
Friday 23rd October Last day of Autumn 1					