AUTUMN TERM 2026

Important Dates for families

DATE	EVENT
Tuesday 1st September	**Staff Inset Day** Waterside is closed for staff training.
Wednesday 2nd September	**Staff Inset Day** Waterside is closed for staff training.
Week Beginning 21st September	**PEP (Personal Education Plan) review Meeting with Families/ Parents and Carers for children with PEPs.** Families are invited to meet with their child's key worker to review their child's PEP. If your child has a PEP, the Keyworker will contact you to arrange a meeting time.
Wednesday 30th September *please book a time slot between 2.00-4.00pm* *waterside@norcot.reading.sch.uk*	**Concerned About Your Child's Development? Join Us for a Supportive Chat!** We warmly invite you to join us for a casual chat over a cup of tea or coffee. This is a great opportunity to meet Lisa and Paige, our SEND and SEND assistant who will be available to provide advice and support regarding any concerns you might have about your child's development.
Week beginning 12th October	**Harvest donation** We would appreciate donation of any unperishable items such as tins and packets. Please place them in the box outside of the main office entrance door. We understand that not everyone is able to contribute so this is entirely voluntary. Donations will be taken to food bank.
Week beginning 19th October	**Black History Month** Families are invited to come in and cook food with the children. Please speak to your child's key worker to arrange details.
Thursday 22nd October	**Individual photo's** If your child does not attend this day and you would like them to have an individual photo, you are welcome to bring your child in. Please let Lisa or Paige know.
November *Please book directly with Helen hwalsh@norcot.reading.sch.uk.*	**School Application Process** Are you unsure about the school application process for primary school? It is important to remember that late applications won't be considered until after the first round of allocations and you may not get your preferred school.
Monday 2nd November	**Norcot Bonfire** Children will be having a bonfire with hot chocolate and roasted vegetables. This is a child only event for children who attend this day.
Week beginning 2nd November	**Progress meetings** Lisa/Paige will contact you to inform you of the date and time for your 10-minute slot with your child's keyworker. This will be held during the day by in-person. If you would like a telephone appointment, please inform your child's keyworker.
Week beginning 2nd November	**Diwali** Families who celebrate Diwali are invited to come in and share with us how you celebrate this special festival, cook traditional food or share photos and items connected to it.
Tuesday 10th November	**Diwali dance session** Children will be taking part in this session run by Kala the arts, a south Asian dance experience. If your child does not attend this day and you would like them to participate, you are welcome to bring your child in. Please let Lisa or Paige know.
Wednesday 11th November	**Remembrance Day** Children are invited to wear something red on this day and will be holding a 1-minute reflection
TBC	**Emma's Art**

	Children will have the opportunity to experiment and share creative ideas and work together on an art project. This event is for children only.
Friday 20th November	**Children in Need** Children are invited to wear their pyjamas today and make a donation to the charity
Tuesday 1st December *please book a time slot between 10.00am-12.00pm* *waterside@norcot.reading.sch.uk*	**Concerned About Your Child's Development? Join Us for a Supportive Chat!** We warmly invite you to join us for a casual chat over a cup of tea or coffee. This is a great opportunity to meet Lisa and Paige, our SEND and SEND assistant who will be available to provide advice and support regarding any concerns you might have about your child's development.
Tuesday 1st December	**Family breakfast** Families are welcome to join Waterside children for breakfast 8am to 8.45am
Week beginning 7th December	**Hanukah** We welcome families that celebrate Hanukah to come in and talk to the children about how they celebrate this special festival or cook a traditional food.
Tuesday 8th December	**Singing at Tea Time** Families are welcome to join Waterside children and staff for singing at tea-time. Song sheets and time will follow along with more details nearer the time.
Thursday 10th December	**Save the Children Day** Children and staff are invited to wear a Christmas jumper
Wednesday 16th December	**Waterside Christmas Lunch** This is for Waterside children that usually attend on a Wednesday.
Friday 18th December	**Christmas Party (with a special guest)** Waterside children will have a party lunch on this day. We will have a special guest visiting too! This is an event is only for children who attend on a Friday. If your child does not attend a Friday and would like to see Santa, we will arrange a time for you nearer the date.
Wednesday 23rd December	**The Night Before Christmas** Children are invited to dress up for the day in the theme 'the night before Christmas'.
Thursday 24th December	**Staff Inset Day** Waterside is closed for staff training.
Friday 25th December – Monday 4th January	**Closed** Waterside is closed
Monday 4th January	**Staff Inset Day** Waterside is closed for staff training.

Groovy Movers

From week beginning 7th September, Groovy movers will be moving from a Thursday to a Tuesday.

SENDCo

Our SENDCo Lisa and SENDCo Assistant Paige are here to help if you have any SEND (special educational needs) concerns or queries. Please email waterside@norcot.reading.sch.uk to arrange a time to meet with them.

Reading for love and enjoyment

Families are invited into nursery to read stories to the children throughout the term. We also encourage you to read stories in the language that you speak at home. We will provide many lovely children's books to choose from but please do bring in favourites from home if you wish. Please let your child's key worker know when you are able to come in.