

Wavendon Gate School Poetry Spine Updated 2025-2026

Year group	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
EYFS Weekly Nursery Rhyme focus	Pat a Cake 12345 This Old Man Five Little Ducks Things for Fingers Finger Family	I'm a Little Teapot The Grand Old Duke of York Ring O Roses Hickory Dickory Dock The Abc Song Five Little Men	Wind the Bobbin Up Rock a Bye Baby Five Little Monkeys Twinkle Twinkle If You're Happy and You Know It Head, Shoulders	Old McDonald Incy Wincy Spider Baa Baa Black Sheep Row Row Row Your Boat The Wheels on the Bus Hokey Cokey	Little Bo Beep Three Blind Mice Little Miss Muffet Mary Mary Quite Contrary There Was an Old Lady Five Speckled Frogs	Humpty Dumpty Jack and Jill Sing a Song of Sixpence London Bridge Ten in a Bed This Little Piggy Went To Market
Year 1 Poet focus – James Carter		Zim Zam Zoom! By James Carter Firework Poem by James Carter Splish Splash Splosh by James Carter BEwARe! By James Carter	Five Little senses by Anon The First Dog on the Moon by David Orme Five Haiku about the Senses By David Bateman A Sense-less Poem by Carey Blyton My Uncommon Senses by David Bateman They All Saw a Cat by Brendan Wenzel			
Year 2 Focus Poet – James Carter and Joseph Coelho		Wide Open by Rachel Rooney If You Could See Laughter by Many Coe The Magic Box by Kit Wright		A Ticket to Kalamazoo by James Carter Elephant Beat by James Carter Night Soup by James Carter The Shockodile Crocodile by Joseph Coelho Say How You Feel by Joseph Coelho Animals by Joseph Coelho		The Morning Rush by John Foster Home Time by Rachel Rooney Please Mrs Butler by Allan Ahlberg Please Do Not Feed the Animals by Robert Hull What Did You Do at School Today? By James Carter
Year 3 Focus poets – Joseph Coelho and Edward Lear	Miss Flotsam by Joseph Coelho MORERAPS by Joseph Coelho If All the World Were Paper by Joseph Coelho	River Lullaby by Matt Goodfellow Hide and Seek by Matt Goodfellow		The Jumblies by Edward Lear		Ozymandias by Percy Bysshe Shelley Seaview Haiku by John Foster Volcano Kenning by John Foster

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	I am a Writer by Joseph Coelho					
Year 4 Focus poets – Lewis Carroll and John Lyons		Granny's Sugarcake by John Lyons Happy Hummingbird Food by John Lyons Tadpole Comets by John Lyons Carib Nightfall by John Lyons Carnival Dance Lesson by John Lyons		The Jabberwocky by Lewis Carroll	I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud by Wordsworth	Cosmic Disco by Grace Nichols Who has Seen the Wind? by Christina Rosetti When the Wind Blows by John Foster Heatwave by John Foster First Snow by John Mole
Year 5 Focus poets – T S Elliot and Alfred Noyes		The Listeners by Walter De La Mare		The Highwayman by Alfred Noyes		The Naming of Cats by T S Elliot The Old Gumbie Cat by T S Elliot Old Deuteronomy by T S Elliot Macavity by T S Elliot Rum Tum Tugger by T S Elliot Skimbleshanks, The Railway Cat by T S Elliot
Year 6 Focus poets – Lord Kitchener and Alfred Tennyson	London is the Place for Me by Lord Kitchener Sweet Jamaica by Lord Kitchener People Need People by Benjamin Zephaniah The British by Benjamin Zephaniah	The Charge of the Light Brigade by Alfred Tennyson		Beowulf by Kevin Crossley-Holland	Various sonnets by William Shakespeare	Eastbourne by Joseph Coelho Richmond Park by Joseph Coelho The Old Farmer's Song by Matt Goodfellow No 115 Dreams by Jackie Kay Tempest Avenue by Ian McMillan London by William Blake City of my Birth by Carl Nova

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