

# Wavendon Gate School Poetry Spine Updated 2025-2026

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

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

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