Waverley
Preparatory School and Nursery

Parent Communication w/e 19th December 2025

Extra-Curricular Activities

If your child is moving up to a new Nursery room in January, there will be more extra-curricular activities available to them. Please click **here** to read further information about our extra-curricular activities and to indicate whether you would like your child to participate. In order for us to plan, please **RSVP by midday on Tuesday 23rd December**.

Merry Christmas from Waverley Nursery!

The Nursery will close for children attending 51 weeks a year at 18:00hrs on Tuesday 23rd December and will re-open for all children at 07:30hrs on Monday 5th January 2026. We would like to wish all of our families a very Merry Christmas. Enjoy the festive break and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in 2026!

- **Holiday Booked?** Please complete our short form to advise us of your holiday plans. You can either scan the QR code on the outside noticeboard or click **here**. It helps us with planning and also ensures no food wastage.
- **Poorly?** If your child is poorly and will not be attending Nursery, please message our Nursery Team on **07920 268735** or email **fiona.harding@waverleyschool.co.uk** by 09:00hrs.
- **To book ad hoc sessions** please email our Nursery Manager: **fiona.harding@waverleyschool.co.uk**
- **To make permanent changes to care** such as reducing or changing days, giving notice or wanting additional days of care, please email our Head of Admissions, Mrs Helen Jenkins: **helen.jenkins@waverleyschool.co.uk**
- **To view upcoming events** please check the Nursery website calendar **here**.

Nursery 1

This week, the Babies have enjoyed a variety of Christmas-themed sensory activities, including making gingerbread men from play dough. They used cutters, rolling pins and their hands to shape and flatten the dough to form their creations. The Babies also explored a reindeer 'gloop' tray, feeling the textures and discovering different reindeer features, including antlers and Rudolph's red nose!

The Babies continued their festive activities, looking at colourful Christmas decorations such as tinsel, pom poms and baubles. They made marks by rolling baubles in paint and practised their throwing skills, as they attempted to get them into a basket.

Throughout the week, the Babies enjoyed additional sensory activities, including squeezing coloured shaving foam in bags and investigating a Christmas rice tray with noisy decorations. The Babies had lots of fun exploring the different textures and shaking the decorations, supporting both their creativity and motor development.

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Nursery 2

The children in Nursery 2 continued to explore messy play this week. They were given the opportunity to investigate a tray filled with water and soap, where they used their fine motor skills to clean dirt from the baubles using their hands. This activity supported hand strength, coordination and sensory exploration.

The children also explored a creative messy play activity using paper and paint. They rolled baubles through the paint and across the paper, observing the different marks and patterns they created. This encouraged experimentation, creativity and the development of fine motor control.

A Polar Express–themed tuff tray was also set up for the children to explore. They played with fake snow, cotton wool balls, trains and figures, engaging in imaginative role play and storytelling. This activity supported language development, cooperative play, fine motor skills and an understanding of the world.

Nursery 3

It has been a very festive week in Nursery 3. The children enjoyed a Christmas party, showing off their dancing and singing to festive songs, whilst admiring the lights from disco lights and light-up sticks. They also took part in a range of Christmas activities that supported their fine motor skills, including using tweezers to pick up Brussels sprouts and explore their different sizes.

The children explored a Christmas sensory water tray filled with baked oranges, cinnamon sticks, berries and Brussels sprouts. They used tweezers to add and rescue items from the tray, developing control and coordination. They also decorated oranges with cloves, enjoying the different Christmas scents and exploring their sense of smell.

The children also had the opportunity to create traditional Christmas decorations by making group pomanders with cloves and oranges. They discussed the smells and designs, which encouraged concentration, hand strength, fine motor skills and learning about Christmas traditions.

Pre-Foundation

The children in Pre-Foundation enjoyed exploring Christmas tree play dough this week. They used their hands and tools to shape and decorate the trees, enhancing their fine motor skills and creativity. They also explored baubles and tinsel, feeling the different textures and observing the bright, festive colours, which encouraged sensory development and curiosity.

On Wednesday, the children took part in a Christmas clue-finding activity, searching around their nursery room for hidden festive items. They enjoyed exploring the space, spotting the clues and talking about what they found, which supported their problem-solving skills, communication and teamwork. The activity brought lots of excitement and engagement, making learning about Christmas interactive and fun.

Foundation

Foundation have continued to get into the festive spirit this week. The children each made their own Christmas decorations, using their imaginations and creativity to design them. They enjoyed choosing colours and patterns and will be able to take their decorations home to display on their own Christmas trees.

To continue with the Christmas celebrations, the children made their own Christmas lights. They first drew the strings with pens and then used bottle tops to dip into coloured paints. They carefully placed the coloured dots along their drawn strings to create bright, festive lights, developing their fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination and creativity.

We would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

We're here to help!... How to contact us...

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