Waverley
Preparatory School and Nursery

Parent Communication w/e 10th October 2025

Waverley Wears Yellow For Wellbeing

Dear Parents,

I hope you have all had a wonderful week! It's been another busy and exciting few days here at Waverley, filled with fixtures, football tournaments, fun lessons, poetry rehearsals and a very 'yellow' Mental Health Day today. It has been great to see everyone getting involved and all having such a good time.

World Mental Health Day

Today is World Mental Health Day and everyone at Waverley has worn yellow to support the charity Young Minds, showing young people that they are not alone with their mental health. It was wonderful to see a sea of yellow coming through the school gates this morning, from t-shirts to socks, hats and even hair bands. See photos **here**.

At Waverley, we believe that positive mental health is vital to keeping children safe, happy and ready to learn. We are proud to offer a range of wellbeing resources, activities and support, including our two trained Mental Health Awareness First-Aiders, Mrs Hatton-Evans and Mrs Mayes, who are always available for a chat or regular catch-ups. We also have our 'Time to Talk' post-box and playground buddy system to ensure every child knows there is always someone ready to listen.

School Assembly: Wellbeing & Mental Health

In our assembly this week, Mr. Mitchell spoke to the children about the importance of mental health and wellbeing. He began by asking what the children understood by the term 'mental wellbeing' and they shared words such as unhappy, anxious and sad. The children then took part in a fun game, guessing the meanings of different emojis that represent certain feelings including happy, angry, mind-blown, nervous and excited.

Mr. Mitchell explained that it is perfectly normal to experience a range of emotions in one day, but it is important to notice if feelings of sadness last for a long time and to know what to do about it. He also reminded everyone that, unlike physical illness (where symptoms like a high temperature or rash are easy to spot) mental health struggles can be harder to see. That is why it is so important to talk about our feelings and reach out for help when we need it.

Football Tournaments

On Wednesday, a team of Year 5 & 6 Waverley players headed to Dolphin with Mr. Mitchell to take part in an U11 football tournament. The team did a fantastic job, playing several competitive matches (winning two and losing three) and finishing mid-table overall.

There were some brilliant moments, including a great goal from Mikey, a superb free-kick from Otto and some excellent saves in goal from Joseph. With most of our players in Year 5 competing against mainly Year 6 teams, they should be really proud of how well they played and how much they are improving as a team.

This afternoon, our Year 3 and 4 footballers took part in their own tournament and I look forward to sharing more about this next week.

Year 6 Secondary School Interviews Practise

Over the last few weeks, I have had the pleasure of spending time with our Year 6 class, carrying out mock interviews to help them prepare for their upcoming meetings at prospective schools for next September. It has been a great opportunity for them to build confidence and develop their communication skills.

This practise-run is not only useful for their upcoming interviews, but also valuable experience for any interviews they undertake in the future. I am delighted to say that they all did a fantastic job and should be incredibly proud of themselves!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

S. Shore

ISA INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION Accredited Member

Pupil Achievements

Pupils of the Week

Jovan, Reception
'For being conscientious and working hard. He has made a great start to life in Reception.'

Arthur, Year 1
'For trying so hard in Read, Write Inc and using these skills to produce some excellent Description writing.'

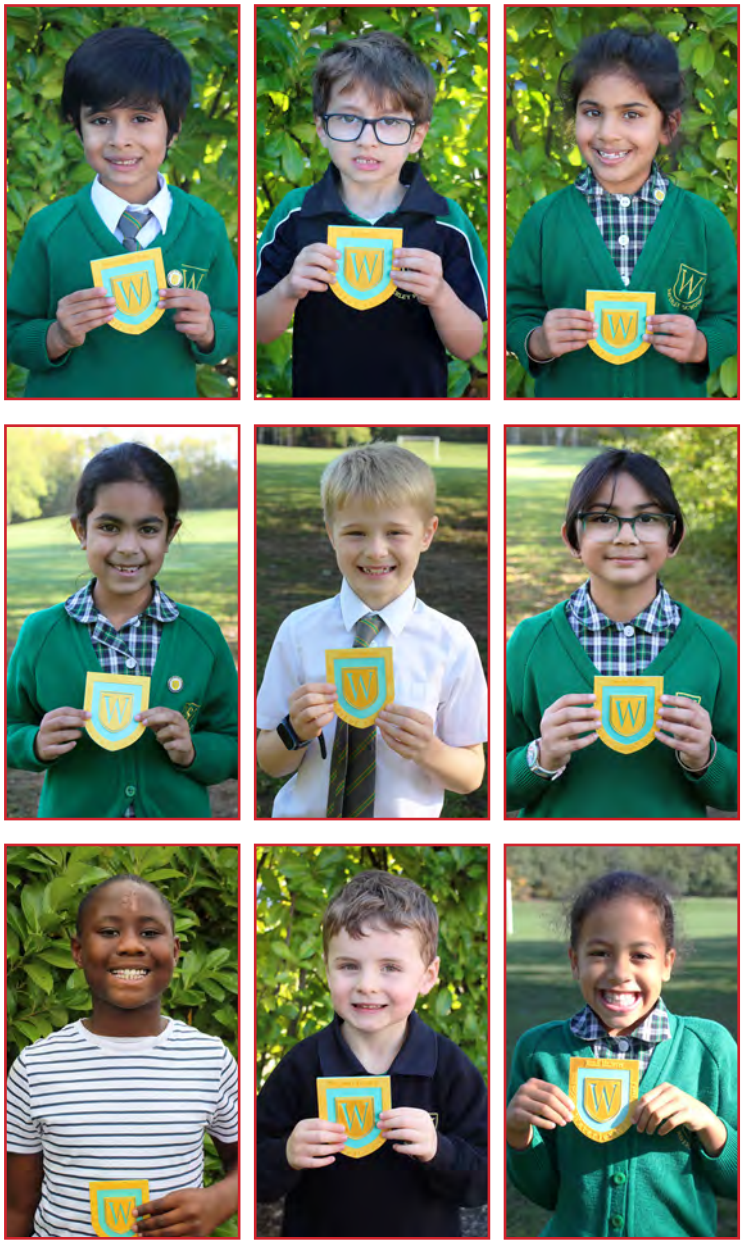
Sonam, Year 2
'For sharing her incredible knowledge with the class about what it means to be a Sikh.'

Maya, Year 3
'For being a kind and thoughtful friend to others. She always makes sure everyone feels included.'

Samuel, Year 4
'For his wonderful attitude and excellent work ethic, giving his best in all that he does. He also has unfailingly polite manners too.'

Aryahi, Year 5
'For giving 100% in all that she does, whether it is a task in school or set for homework. She should be proud of the effort she puts in.'

Jerald, Year 6
'For his outstanding knowledge in his Science lesson about the parts of blood. He shared some in-depth and scientifically complex vocabulary and facts.'



Waverley Way Award

Alex
'For always being so polite and helpful. He always remembers his manners.'

Nandi
'For her wonderful help in Mindfulness Club. She is always helpful and shows kindness, warmth and encouragement to the younger children.'

Diary Dates

Monday 13th October:	School Assembly: Black History Month.
Wednesday 14th October:	Swim 6.
	Year 5 & 6 Football vs. St Mary's. Home. *
	Year 5 & 6 Hockey vs. St Mary's. Home. *
Friday 17th October:	Year 3 & 4 Football vs. St Mary's. Home. *
	Year 3 & 4 Hockey vs. St Mary's. Home. *

**Parents welcome to attend.*

Our Academic dates can be viewed here.
All calendar dates are available on our parent portal here and on our website here.

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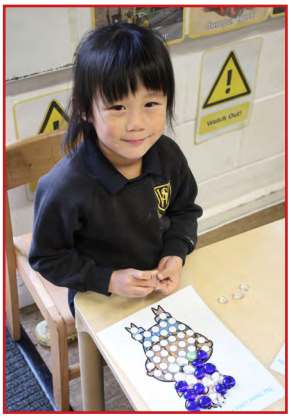
Read Write Inc Information Evening

A big thank you to all the parents who joined us for our Read Write Inc Information Evening on Monday. We were thrilled to see such a fantastic turnout and hope that everyone found the event informative and useful.

Below are the links that Mrs Shore shared during the evening:
- Ruth Miskin Parents' Page - click **here**.
- Ruth Miskin Facebook - click **here**.
- Free e-books for home reading - click **here**.
- Sound pronunciation guide - click **here**.

Reception

This week, Reception have been exploring the story of the 'Three Little Pigs.' The children enjoyed a range of activities inspired by the story, including creating wanted posters for the Big Bad Wolf, building houses for the pigs in their outdoor environment and taking part in pebble play, where they placed pebbles on pictures of pigs to develop their fine motor skills.



Year 1 Art

This week in Art, Year 1 have been inspired by the artist Jackson Pollock. The children explored his famous drip painting technique and enjoyed creating their own versions, pouring, splashing and flicking paint to produce vibrant, expressive artworks. See photos of their finished pieces **here**.

Year 1 Drama

In their drama lesson this week, Year 1 enjoyed a 'bear-y' fun activity with Mrs Adams. After listening to a poem about bears hibernating, the children became bears themselves, crawling around, diving into water, hunting salmon and shaking off their fur before settling into their bear caves to hibernate. They acted out sleeping snugly through the hibernation period, then emerging to hunt more fish. It was a fun activity that helped the children explore imaginative performance.

Pupil of the Week & Waverley Way Badges

If your child has recently been a Pupil of the Week or Waverley Way award winner and still has their badge, please could you return it to Mr Mitchell as soon as possible. A number of badges are currently missing, which means future award winners may not have the chance to receive a badge in recognition of their achievements.

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Year 3 Share Their Achievements

At break time today, Mr and Mrs Shore enjoyed hot chocolate with our Year 3 class, as they took the opportunity to showcase something they are proud of - and Year 3 did not disappoint! From sports trophies and medals, to Lego constructions, Norman shields and even Cub Scout badges, the children shared lots of wonderful things.

Year 3 Maths Fun

In their Maths lesson this week, Year 3 explored adding and subtracting ones to 3-digit numbers. The children started by rolling dice to create a 3-digit number and a 1-digit number. They then used place counters to represent the ones, tens and hundreds, helping them see exactly what happens when they add or subtract. The class enjoyed experimenting with different numbers and sharing their strategies. See photos **here**.

Year 3 & 4 Football Fixture

Earlier today, our Year 3 & 4 footballers took to the field for their fixture against Lyndhurst. Over the past few weeks, the team has shown great improvement, learning to pass the ball well, support each other and play as a team. The final score was 2-1 to Waverley and there were some fantastic performances from Mete and Max, as well as brilliants goals from Oscar and a combined effort from both Sacha and Rupert. See photos **here**.

Young Entrepreneurs at Work

We have some budding entrepreneurs in Years 3 and 4! A group of children have come together to form the 'Origami Cats Club' and have been spending their time creatively making origami cats to share with others. They have also put up mini posters around the school to promote their venture and will be handing out their creations during lunch break. Well done everyone!

Year 5 Science: Moon Crater Experiment

This week in Science, Year 5 enjoyed investigating how craters are formed on the Moon. The children created the Moon's surface using trays of flour and cocoa powder, then dropped different impactors (golf balls, ping pong balls and marbles) from various heights. They measured the depth of each crater using a ruler and repeated the experiment to see how height affected the results. See photos **here**.

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Year 5 Maths: Rounding Challenge

Last week, Year 5 were learning to round numbers to the nearest 10, 100, 1000 and 10,000. This week, they put their skills to the test in an exciting game of 'Ball Pit Rounding.' Working in pairs, the children were given rounding questions and had to hunt through a ball pit to find the correct answers. It was extremely competitive and everyone did incredibly well, with the winning team earning house points and ultimate victory! See photos **here**.

Year 5 & 6 Celebrate Afro-Caribbean Art

In honour of Black History Month, our Year 5 and 6 classes have been exploring Afro-Caribbean art, focusing on its vibrant colours and striking geometric patterns. Using bright colours and a variety of tools (such as maths cubes, penne pasta and cotton buds) they experimented with printing unique geometric patterns, celebrating both creativity and cultural heritage. See photos **here**.

Year 6 Explore Newspapers

In their English lesson this week, Year 6 explored a range of newspapers to identify the key features of an effective newspaper article. Their task involved spotting eye-catching headlines (ideally using alliteration), distinguishing between facts and opinions, identifying quotes and locating the 5 W's of a story: who, what, when, where and why. See photos **here**.

The children will apply everything they have learnt in upcoming lessons to create their own newspaper reports about evacuees starting school.

After School Club Reminder

Most external After School Clubs will be finishing for half term next week. Please ensure you check directly with each club for exact finishing times.

We would like to remind parents collecting children between 15:30hrs - 16:30hrs to do so from the main school office, not the community hall. Once your child has been collected from After School Club, they are no longer in our care, so please ensure they are not left unattended.

Children attending After School Club on Wednesday 22nd October, will need to be collected by a parent or carer if they wish to attend the school disco. Once collected, children will not be able to return to After School Club.

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Forest School Reminder

The weather is now starting to get cooler, so we kindly ask parents to ensure their children have the appropriate clothing for Forest School and outdoor After School Club sessions. Please make sure your child is wrapped up warmly. For a full list of the required clothing for Forest School, please click **here**.

Annual Data Check

It is important that the school holds accurate information about your child. The name and address details you provide help us keep your child's personal records up to date. This information may be checked against other records held by the school and may be used to contact you in an emergency. We also ask that you provide any relevant medical and dietary information.

Please log in to your SchoolBase Parent Portal to check that all details are correct and make any necessary updates. Please complete this by **Friday 17th October** to ensure our records are accurate.

School Photographs

Have you ordered your child's individual and sibling school photographs yet? You can place your order through the Tempest website **www.tempest-orders.co.uk** or by using your unique link. Don't forget the closing date for free delivery back to school is **Tuesday 14th October**.

If you require any help with your order, please contact Tempest directly on **01736 751555** (option 3).

Illness in School

There has been a significant amount of illness across the school this week. Parents are reminded that if a child is unwell and will be absent, they should email their child's Form Teacher and copy in the school office at **info@waverleyschool.co.uk** by 09:00hrs each morning. Other members of staff do not need to be included. Please note that the school must be informed each morning that a child is off sick.

If your child is unwell with sickness and/or diarrhoea, please remember that they must stay at home for 48 hours after their last episode to help prevent the spread of infection. Children cannot return to school until this period has passed.

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October Half Term Holiday Club

Spaces are filling up fast for our October Half Term Holiday Club! Get ready for a 'spooktacular' week of activities, including pumpkin carving, LEGO challenges, a UV glow party and the return of our bouncy castle. Don't miss out, book your space now!

To view the KS1 schedule, click **here**.
To view the KS2 schedule, click **here**.
To book your place, click **here**.

WFA News

Halloween Disco - Final Tickets Available!

Don't miss out on a 'spooktacular' evening on **Wednesday 22nd October**, 16:30 – 18:30hrs at the Waverley Halloween Disco! Come dressed in your best spooky costume and dance the night away.

Tickets are £2.50 per person for entry only, or £4 per person for entry including a sausage hot dog and a drink. Every attendee (including adults) requires a ticket. Please note, children should not wear masks and Nursery children are welcome too, if supervised.

Hurry, tickets are selling fast! Food ticket sales end **midday Tuesday 14th October**. Don't be disappointed, book your tickets **here**.

Pumpkin Carving Competition

Our annual pumpkin carving competition is just around the corner! Once again, Mr Shore will judge the best entries in KS1 and KS2, with the winners announced at the school disco. Please drop off your pumpkins on the morning of **Wednesday 22nd October**, if you wish to enter the competition. Pumpkins will need to be collected and taken home after the disco.

Help the WFA with Easyfundraising

Want to help the WFA raise more money for amazing activities throughout the year? Sign up to Easyfundraising! We have created a short video showing just how easy it is to get started. See **here**.

Until 31st October, the WFA will receive £2 for every new supporter who signs up via the Easyfundraising app.

WFA Diary Dates

22nd October: Halloween Disco *(16:30 - 18:30hrs)*

10th December: Father Christmas Visit & Christmas Event

Waverley Nursery News

Nursery Term Dates

Unfortunately, we have noticed an error on one part of our school website regarding term dates. We can confirm that Nursery ends for term-time only children at 18:00hrs on **Tuesday 16th December 2025** and not on Friday 12th December 2025.

World Mental Health Day

Today, we celebrated World Mental Health Day at Waverley Nursery with a non-uniform day. Children were invited to wear something yellow to show support and raise awareness of mental health and wellbeing. See photos **here**.

Nursery Sickness

We've recently had several cases of sickness and diarrhoea in the Nursery. Children should only return 48 hours after their last symptoms and be well enough to join all activities, including meals. Children not fully participating will be sent home. If your child develops symptoms, please call the Nursery on **0118 973 1121**.

- **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, Nursery 1 has continued to explore animals through a variety of engaging activities. The children enjoyed feeding a selection of farm animals, using spoons to hold oats and offering them to the animals' mouths.

The Babies also spent time washing animals in a water tray. They used paint brushes to clean the toy animals and then dried them carefully, developing their fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination. These activities encouraged the children to learn about animals and their needs whilst also supporting their communication skills and language development.

Nursery 1 also spent time investigating horses this week. They built stables using blocks in their construction area, role-played feeding and brushing the toy horses and practiced drawing horses with crayons and paper. These activities allowed the Babies to use their creativity and develop their problem-solving skills.

Nursery 2

This week in Nursery 2, the children have been exploring different forms of transport. They focused on how vehicles move, their different shapes and sizes and also their colours. The children also enjoyed investigating a variety of materials, including small blocks, funnels and tubes, to explore how different vehicles travel. Throughout the activities, the children learnt new language to help them describe the movements, such as 'fast' and 'slow.'

After showing a keen interest in fire engines, the children started to look at people who help us, such as police officers, ambulance staff and fire fighters. For this, the children took part in a fun matching game, pairing each helper with their correct vehicle. This activity helped their understanding of the world, gross and fine motor skills and encouraged communication and language development.

In the extension area, the children continued exploring different types of movement. They focused on rolling balls through tunnels, pushing balls and transport toys along tracks and following low-level tunnels around the room. These activities promoted gross and fine motor skills, coordination and language.

Nursery 3

Following their exploration of houses last week, Nursery 3 were introduced to the story of 'The Three Little Pigs.' The children really enjoyed listening to the story during group time and eagerly joined in, reciting some of the well-known phrases from the book. Lots of the children also began to re-tell the story independently whilst taking part in their activities, showing excitement and engagement.

Whilst on their outdoor walk this week, the children acted out the story of 'The Three Little Pigs.' The had lots of fun collected a selection of sticks to build houses against the trees in the Waverley wood. Once built, the children then practised blowing the stick houses down, whilst saying key phrases from the story, such as, 'I'll huff and puff and blow your house down.'

Using the sticks collected on their walk, the children created smaller houses for their toy pigs (using some play dough for extra support). This activity encouraged creativity, fine motor skills and imagination, as well as allowing the children to explore the story in a fun and hands-on way.

Pre-Foundation

This week, Pre-Foundation continued to learn about autumn. The children showed lots of curiosity about the changes in the environment, exploring fallen leaves, acorns and other seasonal objects during their outdoor walks. They talked about the different autumn colours they could see and collected items to bring back to their Nursery room.

The children have enjoyed a variety of autumn-themed activities this week. They experimented with chalk to transfer leaf patterns on paper and explored play dough printing with both leaves and acorns. The children also practised counting from 1 to 10 using acorn number cards.

Foundation

This week, the children in Foundation have been exploring the changing seasons in the Waverley woods. They noticed the autumn colours and made observations including the leaves changing to brown and how lots of them had started to fall off the trees The children enjoyed a variety of autumn-themed activities, including a sensory light tray with coloured chickpeas, autumn tree paintings, play dough leaves, leaf mark making in salt and making leaf decorations with scissors and paper.

The Foundation butterflies have continued to emerge from their chrysalises this week and the Foundation children were extremely excited to observe this phenomenon. So far, four butterflies have appeared and the children have been closely watching their colour, size and life cycle.

Menus

Next week our lunch menu will be Week 2.
You can view our Summer menu for School and Nursery **here.**

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

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