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A Christmas Cracker of a Week at Waverley!

Dear Parents,

Here we are at the end of another term! Can you believe that we have reached this time of year again already? Throughout this term, we have managed to pack in so many wonderful school events. For their final week of the year, the children have enjoyed a number of festive activities.

Christmas Productions

I would like to begin by congratulating our Key Stage 2 students, who all took part in their Christmas production last Friday. The children did a fantastic job performing A Victorian Christmas, with incredible acting and singing throughout. A special mention goes to Charlotte, Bea, Sacha, Aurelia and Molly for their wonderful solo performances. You all sang beautifully! A huge well done to everyone involved; it truly was a brilliant show. It was also lovely to have parents join in with the singing at the end. Thank you for adding to the festive atmosphere! See photos from the performance **here**.

On Tuesday, we welcomed parents in for the Foundation and Reception Christmas performance. This year, the children performed the nativity 'A Miracle in Town' and I must say, it was absolutely fantastic! A huge well done

to our Reception class who took on the leading roles for the performance. From Mary and Joseph, to shepherds, camels and wise men, you were all brilliant!

Well done also to Foundation who took part in their first Waverley production. All of the children sang beautifully and sat so patiently throughout the whole performance. They also looked absolutely fantastic in their costumes! See the photos **here**.

Christmas Jumper Day

On Wednesday, we held our annual Christmas Jumper Day, with children across the school and nursery invited to wear their most festive attire. I was very impressed by the variety on display again this year. From Grinch-themed garments, to sparkly Christmas dresses and colourful novelty knits. Everyone went above and beyond, dressing to impress! I would like to say a special well done to Miss McIntyre-Jones in the school office, who won the Best Dressed award for her 'Christmas-cracker' of an outfit!

Each year, we ask for a donation to Save the Children and I am delighted to share that this year we raised £150. A big thank you to everyone who contributed to this important cause.

Father Christmas Visit

Continuing the festive fun, there was also a 'jolly' exciting visitor at Nursery and School on Wednesday morning. We must have all made the nice list, as Father Christmas managed to squeeze in a quick visit to Waverley during his very busy festive schedule.

Father Christmas visited each classroom to speak with the children, taking time to listen to their Christmas wishes and finding out whether they had been good this year. The children were full of excitement as he chatted with them, shared a few festive laughs and sprinkled a little Christmas magic before handing out some very special gifts to everyone.

I would like to say a huge thank you to our amazing WFA for organising such a magical treat. The children absolutely loved it! See photos **here**.

Christmas Lunch

We also enjoyed a big Christmas Lunch on Wednesday afternoon. The children were treated to a festive feast of turkey and all the trimmings and they had great fun pulling crackers and sharing jokes with their friends.

I would like to say a big thank you to our wonderful catering team for preparing such a lovely lunch. It was absolutely delicious!

Thank you as well to the teachers, who acted as waiting staff and helped make the occasion extra special. See photos **here**.

The Masked Singer

As if all that wasn't enough, on Wednesday afternoon we held the very first Waverley Masked Singer competition. Four mystery teachers took to the stage to battle it out for the title of Best Singer. I had the fun job of hosting, whilst our Head Boy and Head Girl, alongside their deputies, took on the role of judges.

Split into two separate events, the competition was absolutely fantastic, with both children and parents thoroughly enjoying the festive fun! After singing his heart out, Mr Mitchell emerged victorious in the KS1 show, beating the likes of Mrs Amankwah and Mr Barlow, while Mrs Eden-Higgs was crowned the winner in the KS2 show. We also enjoyed a very special performance from the KS2 choir, which was a real treat!

I would like to say a huge thank you to the WFA for organising such a fun and festive event. This was unlike anything we have done before at Waverley and I'm sure everyone will agree that it was a roaring success! See photos **here**.

Goodbye & Good Luck Mrs Mayes!

As we reach the end of term, we are sadly saying goodbye to one of our longest-standing members of staff, Mrs Mayes. Today marks her final day after more than 10 years at Waverley. She will soon be moving to Scotland to begin a new adventure with Mr Mayes and I would like to wish them both the very best of luck for the future. You will be sorely missed by us all!

I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope everyone enjoys the festive break and I look forward to seeing you all in 2026!

ISA INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION Accredited Member

Diary Dates

Monday 15th - Tuesday 23rd December:	School Holidays. Nursery & Holiday Club Open.
Wednesday 24th December - Friday 2nd January:	School & Nursery Closed.
Monday 5th January:	Inset Day. School Closed. Nursery & Holiday Club Open.
Tuesday 6th January:	Inset Day. School Closed. Nursery & Holiday Club Open.
Wednesday 7th January:	Spring Term 2026 Begins.

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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Christmas Art Activities

This week, Year 1 have been enjoying a variety of fun, festive art activities! They made lollipop Christmas tree decorations and crafted their own mini Christmas tree ornaments by attaching pine cones to small log slices, which they then decorated in traditional Christmas colours. Take a look at the photos **here**.

Christmas Letters to Royal Berks Hospital

Earlier this week, our Year 5 and 6 classes sent handwritten card and letters to the staff at the Royal Berks Hospital to say thank you to those working over Christmas. This has become a cherished annual tradition and is always warmly received by the hospital staff, who spend the festive season away from their families to ensure patients are safe and well cared for.

Mrs Mayes' Final Forest School Session

In honour of Mrs Mayes' final Forest School session, the fire pit was brought out for a delicious treat. The children enjoyed toasting marshmallows and making campfire banana splits, creating a fun and memorable way to celebrate her time with us. A big thank you to Mrs Mayes for all her wonderful Forest School adventures over the years! See the photos **here**.

Year 6 Science - Body Health

This week, Year 6 concluded their Body Health topic with an exciting science experiment exploring how different types of exercise affect pulse rate. The class planned the experiment, considered the variables and then carried it out together, taking part in a variety of energetic exercises.

After completing their experiment, the children finished by using a bar graph to review and analyse their results. It was a great hands-on lesson for the class. See a video from the lesson **here**.

Mrs Lightstone Is A World Champion!

A huge congratulations to Mrs Lightstone, who recently took part in the Street Dance World Championships in Crawley. Competing alongside her son and former pupil Leo, in the Parent-Child Duos category, they won the competition—making them officially World Champions! Both are members of Urban Stylez, a local dance school specialising in hip-hop, popping, locking, house and breakdancing. Well done to you both!

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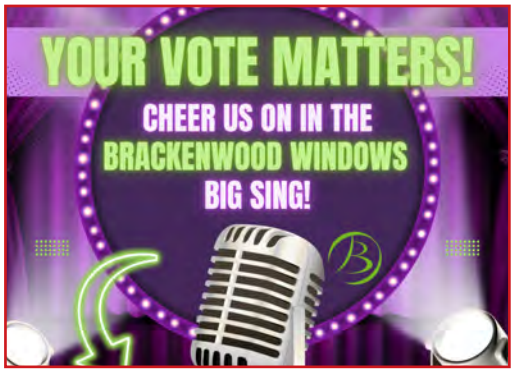

Support the Waverley Choir!

There are still a couple of days left to support The Waverley Choir who are competing in Brackenwood Windows' Christmas carol competition! Show your support by voting **here** and sharing with friends and family. Voting closes on **next Monday (15th December)** with the winner announced 17th December. Let's help our talented singers shine this festive season!

Holiday Club - Bookings Remain OPEN!

Christmas Holiday Club opens on Monday! We have got a fantastic festive line up planned, including crafts, inflatables, woodland walks, baking, gymnastics, sports and a bumper Christmas party. A few places are still available, so book your space **here**.

To view the KS1 schedule, click **here**.
To view the KS2 schedule, click **here**.

WFA News

Father Christmas Visit

We hope the children enjoyed their visit from Father Christmas on Wednesday. He kindly delivered a WFA gift of festive Christmas socks to each child.

Christmas Masked Singer Spectacular

Our Masked Singer event took place on Wednesday evening. The children (and parents) had a fantastic time enjoying festive songs performed by our talented teachers. A huge congratulations to both Father Christmas and Snowman, who battled it out in both show finals to be crowned the ultimate Christmas Masked Singer! Special thanks to our Year 6 Head and Deputy Head Boys and Girls for judging the shows so brilliantly and to all the teachers and parents who helped make the event such a great success! See the photos **here**.

Hamper Winners

Well done to the families who won the hampers last week. We hope you enjoy them! A special thank you to the year group reps for putting together such beautiful hampers.

The WFA would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We look forward to seeing you in 2026 for more exciting events, including the return of the Colour Run and our annual Parent's Quiz Night.

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Foundation Christmas Production

A huge well done to our Pre-Foundation and Foundation children who took part in their Christmas production on Tuesday morning! They all did an amazing job and should be really proud of themselves. See photos **here**.

Father Christmas Visit

On Wednesday morning, the children were very excited to receive a visit from Father Christmas! He visited each of the nursery rooms and handed out special Christmas socks to everyone. A big thank you to the WFA for funding this wonderful treat. See photos **here**.

Term-Time and Christmas Holiday Closure Reminder

A reminder to parents that term-time only children will finish at 18:00hrs on Tuesday 16th December. The nursery will then 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.

- **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 in Nursery 1, the Babies explored occupations. After enjoying a bakery role play, they became doctors caring for babies, giving medicine and wrapping bandages on their patients. The Babies also tried on outfits in preparation for Nursery 2, supporting their imaginative play and communication skills.

The Babies also took part in an animal salon activity, using a sensory 'dirt' mixture and warm soapy water to clean toy animals. This encouraged them to use their practical skills, imaginative play and take part in sensory exploration.

Nursery 1 also enjoyed lots of festive celebrations this week, including Christmas lunch, Christmas Jumper Day and a visit from Father Christmas. Children washed baubles and decorated some festive placemats using crayons and stencils to develop their fine motor skills.

Nursery 2

This week, the children in Nursery 2 learnt about taking care of themselves, focusing on brushing their teeth. The children explored why it is so important to brush their teeth daily and practiced holding and using a toothbrush. This activity helped develop their fine and gross motor skills.

Continuing their interest in self-care, Nursery 2 took part in a hand-washing activity. They looked at pictures of hands covered in green 'germs' and then used sponges and warm soapy water to clean them. Throughout this fun 'hands-on' activity, the children learnt the different, important steps of proper hand hygiene.

On Wednesday, the children enjoyed a very special visit from Father Christmas and shared a delicious Christmas lunch together. Throughout the week, they have also taken part in lots of fun Christmas-themed activities, which helped them get into the festive spirit.

Nursery 3

This week, the children in Nursery 3 have shown a keen interest in Christmas. They spent time exploring gingerbread through a sensory tray that included a cookie crumble base, festive scents, bowls, rolling pins and gingerbread men cutters of different sizes. The children enjoyed comparing the different sizes of cutters and discovering the textures, whilst pretending to make their own gingerbread men.

The children continued to explore gingerbread through a selection of other activities. They decorated felt gingerbread men with various loose parts and also coloured in a paper gingerbread man, helping 'George the gingerbread man' gain festive colour. These activities helped to encourage imagination and communication, whilst also developing the children's fine motor skills.

On Wednesday morning, the children in Nursery 3 met Father Christmas and shared what they might like for Christmas. They also created their own tablecloths for their Christmas dinner and decorated biscuits, enjoying a fun and creative festive day together.

Pre-Foundation

This week, the children in Pre-Foundation have enjoyed a number of fun and festive activities. They enjoyed exploring a Christmas sensory tray filled with tinsel and baubles, made their own cards shaped like Christmas trees and added pom poms to Christmas tree drawings.

The children were very excited to receive a visit from Father Christmas on Wednesday morning. He stopped by the Pre-Foundation room to hand out some special Christmas socks to all of the children. As they collected their gifts from Father Christmas, the children made sure they said thank you. Well done Pre-Foundation!

Foundation

This week, the children in Foundation explored their creativity by making their own tree ornaments and designing Christmas jumpers. For this, using large sheets of paper the children drew around each other to create outlines. They then decorated the outlines with crayons, pens and pencils.

On Tuesday morning, Foundation proudly performed in their first-ever Christmas production, in front of their grown-ups. The children did a brilliant job singing along to all of the songs and sitting really well.

The children also enjoyed a festive party, creating their own party hats by cutting and sticking decorations onto coloured paper.

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

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