Waverley
Preparatory School and Nursery

Parent Communication w/e 14th November 2025

A Roar-some Day at Waverley!

Dear Parents,

I hope you have all had a wonderful week. It's been another jam-packed few days here at Waverley, filled with exciting activities and memorable moments for the children. From our first sporting fixtures to a surprise visit from some 'dinosaurs' and of course, everyone proudly wearing their odd socks today. It has certainly been a week to remember!

An Unforgettable Visit From Teach Rex

Yesterday, the children enjoyed a 'roar-some' day at Waverley, as we welcomed some truly prehistoric visitors! The children were thrilled to come face to face with dinosaurs, as the incredible team from Teach Rex brought learning to life. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to explore these fascinating creatures up close and discover more about their different characteristics. I would like to say a huge thank you to our incredible WFA for organising and funding such a fantastic experience. It really was a day to remember! For all the details, see ***page 4***.

Anti-Bullying Week

This week, our school assembly focused on Anti-Bullying Week, an annual event that raises awareness of bullying and encourages everyone to play their part in preventing it. The theme this year, 'Power for Good'

reminds us that each of us has the ability to make a positive difference, by speaking up, supporting others and helping to build a kind and inclusive community. During the assembly, Mr Mitchell shared this year's Anti-Bullying Week song by Andy and the Odd Socks, which celebrates how we can all use our power for good.

As part of Anti-Bullying Week, we have been celebrating Odd Socks Day today. For this, the children had the opportunity to come into school wearing odd socks. The idea behind this is to celebrate not only the freedom to wear whatever kind of socks people want, but also make a statement about embracing differences and being kind to people instead of bullying them for being unique. It was great to see so many children coming in with an array of different coloured and patterned socks.

Introducing Our New Parent Portal – My Child at School

I am delighted to announce that Waverley will soon be moving to a new parent portal, My Child at School (MCAS), to make it easier for parents to access information and communicate with us. From 1st January 2026, MCAS will replace our current Schoolbase system (which will close on 31st December 2025). The portal, provided by Bromcom, will be available online and via a mobile app, allowing parents to do everything from reporting absences to booking clubs, viewing timetables and checking school reports.

Please look out for further updates over the coming weeks to help you get set up before the switch. You can find a letter explaining everything **here**.

Congratulations William - Judo Champion!

Back at the beginning of the school year, I shared the wonderful news about William (Year 6) winning a gold medal at the British Adaptive & VI Open Judo Championships 2025 in Cardiff over the summer. I am now extremely proud to share that William attended the London Area Adaptive & VI Championships last weekend and after winning all of his fights, received another gold medal and is now the current London Area Adaptive Champion for u42s . This is another fantastic achievement and I couldn't be more proud of William! Could we have a future Paralympian on our hands?

Waverley Honours Remembrance Day

On Tuesday, the whole school came together on the playground to observe a two-minute silence in honour of Remembrance Day. I would like to thank all of the children for the incredible respect and maturity they showed during the silence. It was truly moving to see the entire school stand together so thoughtfully. Well done Waverley!

Have a lovely weekend!.

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Pupil Achievements

Pupils of the Week

Nicole, Reception
'For trying her very best in Read, Write Inc. She is showing a 'can do' attitude to her learning.'

Ella, Year 1
'For showing confidence in Maths and taking on challenges with increasing enthusiasm.'

Miles, Year 2
'For his brilliant work this week in all subjects. In particular his tips for looking after your teeth in Read, Write Inc. were totally terrific!'

Banee, Year 3
'For always trying her best. She works very hard to always achieve her best.'

Diya, Year 4
'For her helpful presence around the classroom, she always offers so much! She also learnt her lines fabulously for the Year 4 class assembly.'

Aahana, Year 5
'For always working incredibly hard on everything that is asked of her. It has been lovely seeing her confidence in herself grow.'

Ellen, Year 6
'For her incredible work ethic and giving her best in everything she does. She also great at championing other pupils when they succeed.'

Waverley Way Award

Marko
'For being so helpful to everyone within the school. He is always kind and does his best without ever being asked.'

Mete
'For speaking so confidently and enthusiastically about life at Waverley to prospective parents being shown around the school.'

Diary Dates

Monday 17th November:	School Assembly: Waverley Way - We Are Honest.
Wednesday 19th November:	Swim 9.
	Year 5 & 6 Football vs. St Joseph's. Home. *
	Year 5 & 6 Hockey vs. St Joseph's. Home. *
Thursday 20th November:	Year 2 Parent Coffee & Cake with Miss Page. *15:00hrs - 16:00hrs.*
	Year 5 & 6 Trip to Come From Away. *11:45hrs - 16:30hrs.*
Friday 21st November:	Children in Need Non-Uniform Day. *£2 donation required.*
	Year 3 & 4 Football vs. St Joseph's. Away. *
	Year 3 & 4 Hockey vs. St Joseph's. Away. *

**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.

Dino Day at Waverley

Yesterday was a very special day at Waverley as we celebrated Dino Day! It was very exciting for Pre-Foundation, Foundation, Reception and KS1 children as they arrived at school dressed as dinosaurs and explorers, ready for a prehistoric fun day. We saw a fantastic array of costumes. From roaring triceratops' to adventurous paleontologists, everyone looked amazing!

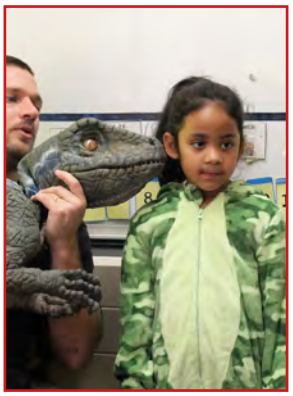
The day began with special assemblies for KS1 and KS2 run by Sam and Olly from Teach Rex, where the children were introduced to a very special guest - Jam the T-Rex! They learnt about the incredible senses of a T-Rex, especially its powerful sense of smell and hearing. The children took part in interactive activities, 'hiding' food and then sneaking quietly to collect it without Jam noticing. Even the teachers joined in! Well done to Mr Barlow and Mrs Shore for their impressive speed and stealth!

The children also learnt that T-Rexes were carnivores and predators, with sharp teeth designed for eating meat. Some brave volunteers even became Jam's 'lunch,' lying on the floor ready to be gobbled up. There was also plenty of laughter (and mighty dinosaur roars) as everyone practised their very best dinosaur impressions.

After the assemblies, Pre-Foundation, Foundation, Reception and Year 1 had some very special visitors in their classrooms - adorable baby dinosaurs called Sky, Dinky Binky and Roger. The children learnt how to call the dinosaurs, gently stroked them and even gave them compliments before having their photograph taken with Roger. It was truly a magical experience!

In the afternoon, KS2 pupils took part in an exciting green screen workshop. They began by exploring vocabulary (verbs, adverbs and expanded noun phrases) to describe Jam the T-Rex. They then developed these into similes and metaphors before using their new language skills in a creative filming activity. The children had great fun acting in front of the green screen, creating videos of themselves running away from a dinosaur. The finished videos were quickly edited so everyone could enjoy them and even the teachers joined in the fun! See their videos **here**. Year 5 and 6 were also given a fascinating behind-the-scenes look at how Jam works. Sam and Olly explained the technology and puppetry involved, including the camera hidden in Jam's nose that helps bring him to life.

It was a 'roaring' success of a day, full of learning, laughter and unforgettable memories! For a sneak peek at some of the photos click **here**. *We will share more photos and a video next week, so keep an eye out for these.*



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Reception Enjoy Dinosaur Activities

Ahead of Dinosaur Day, Reception have had a roaringly good time exploring all things dinosaur. They have spent the week investigating fossils, creating amazing dinosaur drawings, looking at a variety of dinosaur books and completing a tricky dinosaur puzzle. To top it all off, the children made an exciting discovery... A dinosaur egg hidden in their classroom! See photos **here**.

First Football Fixture for Year 2

It was a very soggy Monday afternoon, but nothing could dampen the spirits of our Year 2 team in their first-ever school fixture against Upton House. The children displayed outstanding teamwork, resilience and determination throughout the match, with some fantastic goals scored and brilliant defending on show. We are so incredibly proud of them all for their effort and enthusiasm. See photos **here**.

ISA Hockey Tournament

Last Friday, a team of Year 3 and 4 students headed to Cantley Park for an ISA Hockey tournament. Whilst not a national qualifier, it was a great opportunity to compete against other schools and practise their skills. The team (Nandi, Sophie, Diya, Priyanka, Evie R, Theo, Evelyn and Chanel) all did a fantastic job, showing determination and improvement throughout five matches, drawing two and narrowly losing three. Special congratulations to Evelyn, voted Player of the Day for her exceptional sportsmanship and well done to the entire team!

Year 4 Class Assembly

Earlier today, Year 4 led their class assembly on the importance of being modest. They performed their own version of The Emperor's New Clothes with Trinny and Susannah! The story follows a vain Emperor tricked into believing he's wearing an invisible suit. Everyone is too proud to admit they can't see it, until the tailors reveal he's actually in his underwear! Year 4 then explained why it is important to celebrate achievements but remain humble. Everyone did a brilliant job. Watch their performance of 'The Kindness Song' **here**.

Children In Need Non-Uniform Day

Next Friday, we will be holding a non-uniform day! Children are invited to wear their own clothes in exchange for a **£2 donation**. All proceeds will go to support Children in Need.

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Year 5 Master the Apostrophe

This week, Year 5 have been learning how and when to use apostrophes. They explored using them to show possession for both singular and plural nouns, working out where the apostrophe should go in different words. It was a little tricky at first, but the children quickly picked it up and then put their knowledge to the test with a fun board game. One child read a sentence aloud while the other decided whether the noun was plural or possessive and where the apostrophe belonged. The aim was to get the most correct answers and reach the end of the board. Everyone did a fantastic job and some were even quite competitive!

Year 6 Maths Games

On Tuesday, Year 6 brought a classic board game into Maths, playing Snakes and Ladders to reinforce their knowledge of adding and subtracting mixed numbers. Each move on the board gave them a chance to solve a problem, helping them practise their skills in a fun, interactive way. The game proved to be highly engaging, with the children eagerly competing to reach the finish while applying their learning.

Forest School Clothing Reminder

Please ensure your child comes to Forest School with appropriate clothing. Hats, gloves and scarves are required, along with a good pair of wellies and a change of clothes. All items should be named, fit well and be suitable for the day's weather conditions. For details of the full kit your child needs, please see **here**.

Whole School Photograph

The Waverley whole-school photo is now available to view and order on the Tempest Photography website **here**. Free delivery to school is available until 20th November. The whole-school photograph is only taken every two years, so don't miss out!

Christmas Holiday Club - Bookings Now OPEN!

Waverley's Christmas Holiday Club is now open for bookings! From 15th December to 6th January 2026, children can enjoy a festive programme packed with Christmas crafts, winter walks, inflatables, sports, cookery and more. To view both KS1 and KS2 schedules, click **here**. To book your space, click **here**.

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Parking Reminder

Please remember to respect our disabled parking space. Only vehicles with a valid blue badge should park there and it must not be blocked by other cars. During drop-off (08:30hrs) and pick-up (16:30hrs), please avoid double parking, as several families with blue badges need access. Double parking should only occur at 15:30hrs. Thank you for helping us keep the car park safe and accessible for everyone.

Reading FC Tickets for £1!

Reading FC are offering discounted tickets for Waverley students for their first School & Grassroots fixture of 2025/26 against Rotherham on Saturday 22nd November at 3pm at the Select Car Leasing Stadium.

Please note: Last week we incorrectly shared the wrong prices. The actual ticket prices for this match are as follows: Under 13: £1 | 17 & under: £5 | 18–24: £10 | 65 & over: £10 | Adult: £15

To buy, visit **ticketing.readingfc.co.uk**, select your tickets, and enter **#WaverleySchool** at checkout. Limited availability. Offer applies to the Eamonn Dolan Stand and Y19/Y20 blocks of the Sir John Madejski Stand.

WFA News

Who's Behind the Christmas Mask?

Get ready for Waverley's first-ever Christmas Masked Singer! Four teachers (Santa, Snowman, Elf and Christmas Tree) will battle it out for the festive crown. Join us on **Wednesday 10 December 2025**, with the KS1 show from 15:45–16:40hrs and KS2 from 17:00–18:00hrs. Tickets are £4 for children (including a snack box) and £1 for adults. After School Club children can also take part under staff supervision (ticket required). Don't miss out on this amazing event. Buy your tickets **here**!

Dino Day

Yesterday was Dino Day at Waverley! A huge thank you to Teach Rex for providing a fantastic interactive experience for the children. From roaring T-Rexes to baby dinosaurs in the classroom, it was a truly memorable day for everyone!

Second-Hand Uniform Reminder

Thank you for your continued uniform donations. Can we remind parents that we do not accept KS1 grey skirts, boys grey shorts or trousers or plain white shirts or blouses.

WFA Diary Dates

9th December: School Pantomime

10th December: Father Christmas Visit & Christmas Event

Waverley Nursery News

Pre-Foundation & Foundation Enjoy Dinosaur Day

Yesterday, Pre-Foundation and Foundation had a very special visit from Teach Rex, who brought in some baby dinosaurs for the children to meet. The children had a fantastic time exploring and learning. See photos **here**.

Ballet Watching Week – Monday 17th November 2025

Ballet Watching Week is taking place on Monday (17th November) in the Community Hall. Parents are warmly invited to watch the children showcase the Ballet skills they have learnt this term. **Foundation is from 08:50 – 09:20hrs** and **Nursery 3 & Pre-Foundation is from 09:20 – 09:50hrs**. We look forward to seeing you there!

Nursery Festive Photos – Tuesday 25th November 2025

Smiles at School Photography will visit the Nursery on Tuesday 25 November 2025 for individual and sibling festive photos. If your child does not normally attend on Tuesdays but you would like them to have a photo, please contact your Nursery room to arrange this.

Christmas Carol Sing-Along

Join us for a Nursery Christmas Sing-Along on Monday 1st December from 9:30 to 10:00 AM in Melton Hall. This event is for children in Nursery 1 – Nursery 3 and their families. Come and enjoy a morning of festive songs with your little ones and get into the Christmas spirit together!

- **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 have continued to explore their interest in transporting, through a range of hands-on activities. The Babies used spoons to move cereal to their baby dolls sat in high chairs, developing their hand-eye coordination and independence. They also transported dry materials into recycling boxes, exploring sounds and sizes.

To mark Remembrance Day on Tuesday, a sensory tray was created with coloured rice and pasta arranged as a poppy. The Babies explored the textures as they learnt about the special day. They also filled coloured eggs with Rice Krispies using spoons to strengthen their fine motor skills and confidence in feeding themselves.

The transporting interest continued with a sandcastle building activity, painting with toy cars and rolling balls down ramps. The children also started their Christmas activities, making some reindeer food by scooping oats into bags.

Nursery 2

This week in Nursery 2, the children have continued exploring transporting, whilst also developing an interest in shapes. They practised drawing around different shapes and matching them to their outlines, building fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination. The children took part in a shape sand hunt that encouraged digging and moving sand to find hidden shapes, while a shape sorter activity promoted teamwork, problem-solving and shape recognition.

To celebrate Remembrance Day, the children enjoyed a range of themed sensory activities, including poppy play dough and a poppy rice tray. They practised gluing and sticking to create their own poppies, strengthening fine motor control whilst also learning about the significance of the day.

Throughout the week, the Nursery 2 activities have helped support the children's language development, coordination and confidence in exploring new materials, all while combining their interests in transporting and shapes.

Nursery 3

Nursery 3 have continued exploring their interest in letters whilst also learning about Remembrance Day this week. They practised identifying and matching letters through a car park activity, where each car was labelled with a letter and driven to its matching parking space. This encouraged letter recognition, problem-solving and fine motor control.

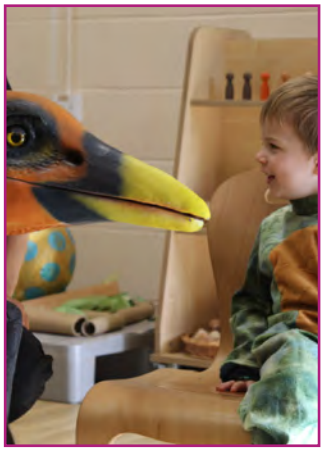
To mark Remembrance Day, the children painted poppies to take home and watched CBeebies Poppies to learn about the day in an age-appropriate way. They also joined in with a minute of silence at 11am and listened to The Last Post.

Two sensory trays were set up with coloured rice for the children to explore. One featured poppy pictures whilst the other contained letters to spell 'Poppy.' Using tweezers, the children picked out items to strengthen their pincer grip and fine motor skills and they explored the textures with their hands. They also enjoyed tracing and colouring bubble letters, supporting both letter recognition and handwriting development.

Pre-Foundation

Remembrance Day fell on a woodland school day this week, so the children began learning about it early. They discussed the importance of the poppy and created their own using cotton buds and tissue paper, exploring colours and developing fine motor skills, whilst learning about its meaning.

The Pre-Foundation children also enjoyed lots of dinosaur-themed activities this week. They painted footprints, explored books and investigating a mysterious dinosaur egg, before receiving a visit from some baby dinosaurs yesterday.



Foundation

This week, the children in Foundation marked Remembrance Day by using potato printing to create poppy artwork, experimenting with colour and pattern. They also enjoyed an exciting Dinosaur Day with footprint painting, matching games and a very special visit from Teach Rex, which sparked a lot of excitement and curiosity.

The children were also fascinated by the rain and explored water play in depth. They collected rainwater using pots and pans, poured it through tubes to watch it flow, and used pipettes and syringes to create colourful rain art. These activities encouraged scientific thinking, creativity, and the development of fine motor skills.

Menus

Next week our lunch menu will be Week 3.
You can view our Winter menu for School and Nursery **here.**

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