Waverley

Preparatory School and Nursery

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Waverley Celebrates 92% Pass Rate for Selected Senior Schools

Dear Parents,

I hope you have all had a great week. As we move closer to the Christmas break, we have lots of exciting events coming up for everyone to enjoy. This week, there has been lots happening at Waverley including the annual House Football competition, production rehearsals and a very special World War II Day event for Years 5 and 6.

Waverley's Secondary School Successes

A core part of our ethos at Waverley is ensuring that every Year 6 pupil secures a senior school place that will best nurture their strengths and aspirations. I'm delighted to share that last year our pupils sat 48 entrance exams and passed 44 of them - an outstanding 92% success rate. Well done Year 6!

Many pupils received multiple offers, enabling them to choose the school that best suited their ambitions. Even more impressively, 100% of our pupils were offered a place at their first-choice senior school, improving on our already exceptional 96% result in 2024.

I am also incredibly proud that several pupils received scholarships, not only for academic excellence but also for sporting talent. This truly reflects Waverley's commitment to developing both the academic and non-academic strengths of every child. Read my full letter **here**.

My Child at School (MCAS) Update

As mentioned in last week's communication, we are currently moving over to our new school portal, 'My Child at School' (MCAS). I'm pleased to say that you should have received your login details via email yesterday. If you experience any issues accessing your account, please contact the school office and they will be happy to help.

Parents can now book clubs for the Spring term through MCAS. The booklet outlining all available clubs is available on our website **here** and instructions for booking clubs on the new MCAS portal can also be found **here**. Please note that bookings for Spring Term 2026 clubs will close on **Friday 19th December**.

Christmas Productions

It is hard to believe there are only two weeks left of the school term and with our Christmas productions taking place next week, time really has flown by! Rehearsals have been underway throughout the week and I have thoroughly enjoyed hearing the carols drift down the school corridors. You are all in for a real treat when you come to watch the productions next week.

We have three different productions this year:

- **KS1: Prickly Hay** – *Friday 5th December at 09:30hrs*
- **KS2: A Victorian Christmas** – *Friday 5th December at 18:00hrs*
- **Pre-Foundation, Foundation & Reception: A Miracle in Town** – *Tuesday 9th December at 09:30hrs*

All performances will be professionally recorded and links will be shared once the productions have taken place. Invoices for all tickets will also be sent out in due course.

Christmas Countdown

The countdown to Christmas is officially on! You may have noticed that lights, decorations and Christmas trees are starting to pop up around school. I am sure you'll agree that they've made Waverley feel wonderfully festive.

Our Christmas Card Post Box is now in place in the main school corridor. Children are welcome to write Christmas cards for their friends and post them in the box. Please ensure that names and classes are clearly written on each envelope. Our Year 6 elves will happily sort and deliver the cards to the correct classrooms each day. The last post will be on **Wednesday 10th December**.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend!

Pupil Achievements

Pupils of the Week

Meha, Reception
'For trying her very best in all areas. She has done a great job of learning her lines for the production.'

Asa, Year 1
'For demonstrating amazing focus and participation, particularly in Maths.'

Ibby, Year 2
'For doing some incredible subtractions this week. He also supported a friend when they were struggling, helping them to succeed.'

Evie, Year 3
'For her positive attitude, determination and enthusiasm in all of her lessons.'

Victoria, Year 4
'For her wonderful work in English. She is starting to use a variety of fronted adverbials to make her writing more exciting.'

Varun, Year 5
'For having a brilliant, focused attitude towards his work.'

Eddie, Year 6
'For writing an outstanding biography of Churchill. It was really mature and well structured.'

Waverley Way Award

Hukam, KS1
'For always being so polite and making sure everyone is taken care of.'

Sophie, KS2
'For going the extra mile to help the younger children in and around school. She shows kindness and thoughtfulness, all with a big smile on her face.'

Diary Dates

Monday 1st December:	School Assembly: Advent.
Thursday 4th December:	KS1 Christmas Production Dress Rehearsal. *09:30hrs - 10:30hrs.*
	KS2 Christmas Production Dress Rehearsal. *14:00hrs - 15:00hrs.*
Friday 5th December:	KS1 Christmas Production. *09:30hrs - 10:30hrs.**
	KS2 Christmas Production. *18:00hrs - 19:00hrs. **

**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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House Football Competition

This week, we held another of our hotly anticipated events - the House Football Competition. Year 5 & 6 took to the pitch on Wednesday afternoon, with plenty of exciting matches taking place and the children showcasing the brilliant skills they have developed this half term. There were great performances all round, with lots of goals scored and some wonderful displays of sportsmanship. We were also joined by a special guest referee for the afternoon, as Otto (Year 5) stepped in to officiate whilst he was unable to compete himself.

Joshua L scored a fantastic long-distance goal and there were some more impressive strikes from Mikey, Eddie and Rebecca. We also saw outstanding goalkeeping from Eloise, William and Joseph. In the end, it was Jupiter who claimed victory in the Year 5 & 6 tournament... But the overall trophy was still undecided, with the Year 3 & 4 competition still to come.

Earlier today, Year 3 & 4 played their matches and once again we saw some brilliant football on display. There were superb performances from Jack, Samuel and Arlo, who scored some impressive goals, along with strong defending from Ataho and Emma, plus excellent goalkeeping from Nandi. Each team did a brilliant job, with everyone achieving points for their efforts.

It was Mercury who topped the table for Year 3 & 4 and once all the points were added up, Mr Mitchell was able to announce the overall House Football winners are… Going to be announced during assembly on Monday morning! Watch out for the announcement in next week's comms.

A huge thank you to all the parents who came along to watch on the sidelines. It was wonderful to see so many of you supporting the children. See photos **here**.

World War II Day

On Monday, the whole of Year 5 and 6 spent the day learning about World War II thanks to a visit from Portals To The Past. The children were taught about the time line of the war, enjoyed a bomb disposal activity, tried their hands at code breaking and even got to see some genuine WW2 artefacts and weapons.

A big thank you to the WFA for organising the event. The children found the event extremely informative whilst also having a great time throughout the day. See photos **here**.

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World War II Artefacts

Following on from WW2 Day, Ellen (Year 6) was excited to share a genuine Ration Book and Identity Card that belonged to her Grandad and Great Grandad. It was wonderful for the children to see the real artefacts after learning about them as part of their WW2 topic, bringing history to life.

Reception Create Clay Creatures

This week, Reception have been exploring two much-loved Julia Donaldson stories: The Gruffalo and Stick Man. The children took part in a range of activities inspired by woodland creatures, including a fun craft session where they created their very own woodland animals using clay and sticks. Their imaginations ran wild as they modelled snakes, hedgehogs, squirrels and even a Gruffalo! Take a look at their brilliant creations **here**.

Year 2's Final Drama Lesson of the Year

This week's lesson had a festive theme, as it was the final session before the Christmas break. The children showed off their acting skills by demonstrating how they would decorate their Christmas tree, wrap their presents and wake up on Christmas morning, full of excitement at the sight of a beautifully decorated tree.

The class were then asked to share one Christmas wish they would make this year. Their responses ranged from talking teddies and extra presents to thoughtful wishes for those less fortunate to enjoy a special Christmas too. After sharing their wishes, Mrs Adams read the class a heartfelt story called 'A Letter to Santa.' The story begins with a child asking Santa for toys but soon realises that what they truly want is to bring joy to others - a lovely message that echoed the children's own wishes.

Year 5's Paper Plane Challenge

Year 5 have been learning about the forces of gravity and air resistance and this week they put their understanding to the test with a fun STEM challenge. They were tasked with designing and making the most effective paper aeroplane, carefully considering how shape, weight and wing size would affect its flight.

The children then flew their planes in the corridor, to see whose design would go the furthest. They were amazed at how far their planes travelled. Some glided smoothly, whilst others soared impressively. It was a fantastic way to see science in action. See photos **here**.

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Key Stage 2 Production Arrangements

Please can we ask parents to drop Key Stage 2 children at the Front Door at 17:30hrs (no earlier) for the production on Friday 5th December. Years 3, 4 and 5 should arrive in costume, whilst Year 6 can change at school. Once children have been dropped off, light refreshments will be available for parents before the show starts at 18:00hrs.

The performance is expected to last approximately 40 minutes and at the end of the show, children will be dismissed via the front doors.

End of Term Arrangements

Just a quick reminder that **school finishes at 14:30hrs on Friday 12th December** and our End of Term Assembly will take place in Melton Hall at 13:30hrs. Parking will be allowed on the school playground from 13:00hrs and refreshments will be available beforehand.

If you wish your child to stay after 14:30hrs, they will need to be booked into After School Club. There will be an additional cost of £11.95 to cover the session from 14:30hrs – 15:30hrs. To book, click **here**.

Support The Waverley Choir!

Last week, we shared that The Waverley Choir has entered a Christmas carol competition run by Brackenwood Windows. Voting is now open and we need your help! We are calling on all Waverley families to show their support for our fantastic choir. Please vote for them by clicking **here**. Don't forget to share with friends and family, near and far! Every vote counts and your support could help our talented singers shine this festive season.

Voting closes on 15th December, with the winner announced on 17th December. Let's help the Waverley choir bring home the festive crown!

Whole School Photograph

The Waverley whole-school photo is still available to view and order on the Tempest Photography website. The whole-school photograph is only taken every two years, so don't miss out!

Click **here** to order yours.

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Parking Reminder

Please can we remind parents that during drop-off (08:30hrs) and pick-up (16:30hrs), double parking is not permitted. Double parking is only allowed at 15:30hrs. There have also been instances of cars double parking in front of empty spaces, causing traffic issues for everyone. Please be mindful and considerate in the future. Thank you for helping us keep our car park safe and accessible.

Holiday Club - Bookings Now OPEN!

There are still spaces available in our Christmas Holiday Club! This year, we have a whole host of fun, festive activities lined up. These include Christmas crafts, inflatable fun, woodland walks, festive baking gymnastics, sports and more. We even have a bumper Christmas party planned for lots of festive fun!

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

WFA News

Who's Behind the Christmas Mask?

Get ready for Waverley's first-ever Christmas Masked Singer! Four teacher's (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). Buy your tickets **here**.

Don't miss out on this amazing event! Keep an eye on the school's social media accounts next week, for a sneak peek of what is in store...

Thank You For Supporting Our Events

We hope everyone has enjoyed this term's activities, from Dino Day to WW2 Day. The children have taken part in some fantastic educational events, all made possible thanks to funding from the WFA. These opportunities can only continue if you support our events. By taking part, you help us fund even more amazing experiences for the school.

WFA Diary Dates

9th December: School Pantomime

10th December: Festive Activities & Christmas Event

Waverley Nursery News

Rescheduled Nursery Festive Photos

Our nursery festive photo shoot has been rescheduled to **Monday 1st December**. Children are invited to wear festive clothing. If your child doesn't attend on a Monday, but you would like their photo taken, please attend at the following times: **Foundation & Pre-Foundation:** 09:00hrs – 09:30hrs. **Nursery 1, 2 & 3:** 10:30hrs – 11:00hrs.

Christmas Carol Sing-Along

Join us for a Nursery Christmas Sing-Along on Monday (1st December) from 09:30 to 10:00hrs 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!

Dates for Your Diaries

Christmas Production: The children in Pre-Foundation and Foundation will take to the stage on **Tuesday 9th December** for their production of **'A Miracle in Town.'** The performance begins at 09:30hrs and refreshments will be served for parents beforehand.

Christmas Jumper Day: We will be celebrating this on **Wednesday 10th December**. All children are invited to wear Christmas clothing to nursery on that day. We can't wait to see all the festive outfits!

- **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 continued exploring transportation by sorting toys into the correct baskets and collecting items from around the Nursery room. These activities supported the Babies' problem-solving, spatial awareness and motor development, whilst a shape-matching car activity further strengthened fine motor skills.

The Babies also took part in some occupational role play this week, becoming construction workers for the day. They explored pretend cement, used tools to spread it on bricks, filled a toy digger and even dressed up in a hard hat and hi-vis jacket to enhance their imaginative play.

Nursery 1 continued their role play activities, with the older Babies caring for dolls. They fed them, put them to sleep and dressed them, all helping to develop their imaginative play, understanding of the world as well as fine and gross motor skills.

Nursery 2

This week, Nursery 2 have been looking at animals. The children played with the 'Waverley Zoo' train set, which they moved around their zoo to find different animals. They used both fine and gross motor skills while playing with the trains and had the chance to name the animals.

Continuing their interest in animals, Nursery 2 explored a rice sensory tray filled with coloured rice and hidden creatures. The Nursery Educators encouraged the children to find the animals and talk about the sounds each one made, helping to develop their communication skills.

The children also created their own sheep this week, using paper plates, cotton wool and black paper. This activity helped them to practise their fine motor skills, whilst also discussing the sheep features and colours with their Educators. Nursery 2 also practiced transporting objects, by balancing items on spoons, tipping them into baskets and moving water between different trays.

Nursery 3

This week, the children in Nursery 3 continued to look at dinosaurs. They compared the sizes of various dinosaurs and then worked together to place them in designated areas for big and small dinosaurs. This activity encouraged cooperation amongst the children, as they discussed and sorted the different species together.

The children explored their interest in dinosaurs further, by examining a selection of non-fiction books featuring life-sized fossil photographs. They also hunted for dinosaurs hidden in playdough, created dinosaur 'nests' and decorated dinosaur 'eggs,' using tools to crack them open and pretending they had discovered real dinosaur eggs.

Nursery 3 also embraced the festive spirit this week, with a range of fun Christmas activities. The children were excited to help set up the Nursery 3 Christmas tree, carefully adding baubles and decorations to make it look spectacular!

Pre-Foundation

Ths week, Pre-Foundation have been enjoying some fun festive activities. The children used play dough and a selection of loose parts to create their own snowmen. Whilst making their models, the children discussed the shapes and sizes of their snowmen and were encouraged to use their creativity to create different designs.

The children have also enjoyed decorating the Pre-Foundation Christmas tree, adding baubles and tinsel whilst listening to Christmas music. They really are getting into the festive spirit!

Foundation

This week in Foundation, the children explored a magical art activity using wax candles and watercolour paints. They began by drawing secret pictures on white paper with plain wax candles, creating nearly invisible marks like hidden messages. Using wide brushes and bright watercolours, the children painted over their drawings and added a sprinkle of glitter, making the artwork even more exciting.

The children also used their imagination and scissor skills to make paper snowflakes. They carefully folded and cut the paper, creating unique designs and patterns while developing fine motor control and artistic expression.

Menus

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

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

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