Waverley
Preparatory School and Nursery

Parent Communication w/e 5th December 2025

Stars of the Stable... Year 1 & 2 Shine in Prickly Hay

Dear Parents,

I hope you have all had a great week. Can you believe there is only one week left of this term!? Time flies when you are having fun and we sure have had lots of fun this term at Waverley. Once again, it has been a busy week with plenty of events taking place.

Christmas Productions

This morning, children from Year 1 and 2 took part in their Christmas production, 'Prickly Hay'. It was lovely to be able to welcome so many parents and family members into school to watch the performance. For those of you who attended, I'm sure you will agree that the children did an absolutely 'yee-haw-worthy' job! 'Hats off' to both classes who remembered all of their lines, spoke so clearly, sang beautifully and also demonstrated their very best dance moves! A big thank you to Ms. Bell and Mrs Mayes for all your hard work, pulling the whole thing together! It was fantastic! See photos **here**.

This evening, our Key Stage 2 children will take to the stage for their production, 'A Victorian Christmas'. If the dress rehearsal is anything to go by, those attending tonight are in for a real treat! It is set to be a fantastically festive show, with some brilliant acting and solo vocals from our Year 6 class, as well as some wonderful singing from every single year group. I would like to wish all of the children taking part the very best of luck! I am sure you will all be amazing! If you are attending this evening, please remember to park in the school playground.

Monitoring Your Child's Progress

I'm pleased to share that, following our internal review and Parent Voice feedback, we are updating how we report on pupils' progress. Parent/Teacher Meetings will now take place earlier in the Autumn and Spring Terms with a clearer focus on pupils' settling, learning and well being. PiRA and PUMA assessments will be carried out later in each term, with new Report Cards issued to share results and academic outcomes. Our full written report in the Summer remains unchanged, with optional follow-up meetings available. You can read my full letter **here**.

KS2 Christmas Production Poster Competition

This year, we held a competition for children in Years 3 – 6, to design a poster to advertise our KS2 Christmas Production. A winner was chosen for each year and then an overall winning design was also picked.

Winners for each year were as follows:
- Year 3: **Lara**
- Year 4: **Rajan**
- Year 5: **Aahana**
- Year 6: **Toby**

The overall winner of the competition was **Aryahi** (Year 5) who created an absolutely fantastic design to promote 'A Victorian Christmas'. Parents will be able to see her brilliant drawing on the front cover of tonight's programme. Well done Aryahi!

Final Week Events

There may only be one more week left of term, but we still have lots of fun events to come. On Tuesday morning, Foundation and Reception will take part in their Christmas Production, 'A Miracle in Town'. Then, in true festive spirit, the children will be treated to a pantomime in the afternoon. This year, they will enjoy a performance of 'Scroogical,' an adaptation of Charles Dickens' classic story, A Christmas Carol. A big thank you to the WFA for organising this wonderful treat for the children!

On Wednesday, the school will be celebrating Christmas Jumper Day. For this, the children will be able to come into school wearing a Christmas jumper alongside their own clothes, in exchange for a £2 donation which will go to Save the Children. On the day, we will also be enjoying our Christmas Lunch, the WFA Masked Singer event and a school visit from a very special festive guest.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend!

Pupil Achievements

Pupils of the Week

Rishi, Reception
'For working hard in Read, Write Inc and for being helpful around the classroom.'

Axel, Year 1
'For his improved focus. He concentrated really well during the production and sang along beautifully.'

George, Year 2
'For his use of adjectives and adverbs in his sentences. They sound so impressive and detailed. His shape knowledge in Maths was also brilliant!'

Max, Year 3
'For consistently working hard in lessons and activities and for being a kind and thoughtful friend.'

Mia, Year 4
'For being kind and helpful and for always having a positive attitude in the classroom. She gives her all in everything she does.'

Verity, Year 5
'For having a fantastic work ethic. She always puts 100% effort into all tasks and does it with enthusiasm.'

Charlotte, Year 6
'For working really hard on her Science work, despite not being in an earlier lesson. Very impressive work!'

Waverley Way Award

Heloise, KS1
'For showing kindness to a friend who was upset in a lesson. She kept checking in on them, gave a hug and a quiet word and made a real difference!'

George, KS2
'For showing great support to his peers, by helping them in a science lesson, even though the task was a competition. He made sure everyone could participate and succeed.'

Diary Dates

Monday 8th December:	Foundation & Reception Dress Rehearsal. *09:30hrs - 10:30hrs.*
Tuesday 9th December:	Foundation & Reception Christmas Production. *09:30hrs - 10:30hrs.* *
	School Pantomime. *14:00hrs.*
Wednesday 10th December:	Christmas Jumper Day. £2 donation to Save the Children.
	Father Christmas Visit.
	Whole School Christmas Lunch.
	Waverley Masked Singer. (**KS1 Show:** *15:45hrs.* **KS2 Show:** *17:00hrs.)* *
Thursday 11th December:	Whole School Christmas Party.
Friday 12th December:	Christmas Prize Giving Assembly. *13:30hrs.* *
	End of Autumn Term. *14:30hrs.*

**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.

Christmas Prize Winners 2025

The following children will be receiving an award at our End of Term Prize Giving Assembly next Friday.

Reception

- Gabi ST
- Meha D-K
- Saskia S
- Scarlett M

Year 1

- Axel S
- Henry C
- Hukam B
- Kayah T
- Lancelot L
- Maya LPM

Year 2

- Alistair E
- Effie C
- George M
- Harry L
- Heloise SL
- Marko N
- Navya B
- Valentina B

Year 3

- Arlo K
- Banee B
- Evie R
- Harry S
- Max V
- Maya M
- Rupert R

Year 4

- Arjan K
- Chanel C
- Diya B
- Matthew A
- Rajan O
- Samuel D
- Sophie T

Year 5

- Aryahi H
- Darcey W
- Joseph C
- Kate T
- Otto W
- Varun K

Year 6

- Aurelia L
- Bea D
- Eddie F
- Ellen G
- Mikey B
- Molly C
- Rebecca W
- Sienna O
- Toby S
- William L

To help us work out numbers, please can you let us know if you wish to attend the event on the final day of term, by completing this **form** by 09:00hrs on Monday 8th December.

Waverley School News

House Football Competition Winners

Last week, we held our annual House Football Competition and were treated to two fantastic tournaments, with children showcasing brilliant skills throughout. We know many of you have been on tenterhooks waiting to hear the results and we're delighted to announce that Mercury were crowned this year's champions! A huge well done to all the children who took part. View photos from both competitions **here**.

Year 5 & 6 Autumn Projects

We have already shared the fantastic projects created by our Year 3 and 4 classes this term and we are now delighted to showcase two more brilliant collections from Years 5 and 6. Year 5 were tasked with exploring Earth and Beyond, choosing anything from astronauts and planets to space travel and objects in space, creating their projects in any form they wished. Their work was truly out of this world! From papier-mâché planets to 3D-printed rockets and even a LEGO International Space Station, their work was truly out of this world! The children really did go to infinity and beyond. See photos **here**.

Year 6 were set the challenge of producing projects linked to their World War II topic. From model aeroplanes and wartime posters to ration books and model shelters, the children showcased wonderful creativity and understanding. See photos of their work **here**.

After presenting their work to their classmates, both year groups proudly welcomed parents in to view the projects last Friday evening. Well done Year 5 and 6!

Festive Forest School Activities

Earlier today, our Reception class enjoyed a fun and festive Forest School session. Firstly, they headed out on a nice winter walk, where they came across Santa's postbox. Once back in the classroom, the children created their own mini Christmas tree decorations. They attached pine cones to small log slices and then decorated them in Christmas colours. Their creations will make perfect additions to any Christmas table. See photos **here**.

Christmas Card - Last Post Reminder

If your child wishes to send Christmas cards to their peers, our Christmas postbox is open until **Wednesday 10th December**. Our helpful Year 6 elves will deliver post to classrooms each day.

Waverley School News

Support the Waverley Choir!

The Waverley Choir is competing in Brackenwood Windows' Christmas carol competition and voting remains open! Show your support by voting **here** and sharing with friends and family. Voting closes on **15th December**, with the winner announced 17th December. Let's help our talented singers shine this festive season!

End of Term Arrangements

A reminder that school finishes at 14:30hrs on Friday 12th December, with our End of Term Assembly in Melton Hall at 13:30hrs. Parking will be available on the school playground from 13:00hrs and refreshments will be served beforehand. Children staying after 14:30hrs must be booked into After School Club (£11.95 for 14:30 – 15:30hrs). Book **here**.

Holiday Club - Bookings Remain OPEN!

Just one week to go until Christmas Holiday Club opens! 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

Christmas Masked Singer – 10th December

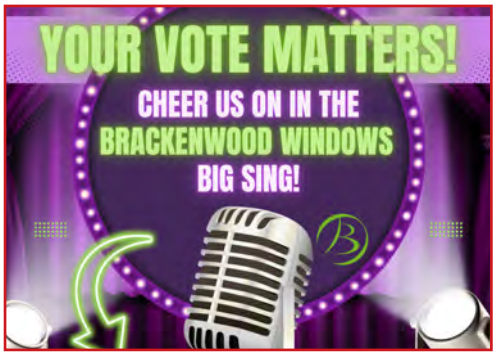
Ticket sales are now closed. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets! We can't wait to see you next Wednesday for what promises to be a Christmas cracker of an event, as four teachers go head-to-head to be crowned Masked Singer Champion. It's definitely not one to be missed! Catch a sneak peek of our contestants **here**.

Keep Your Eyes Peeled… Father Christmas is on His Way!

We are so excited to see the children's faces light up next Wednesday when Father Christmas visits to deliver a special Christmas gift from the WFA. Look out for photos next week!

Parent School Quiz Night – Save the Date

Mark your calendars! Our next Parents Quiz Night will take place on Saturday 7th February 2026. More details will be shared soon - get ready for another fun-filled evening!



WFA Diary Dates

9th December: School Pantomime

10th December: Festive Activities & Christmas Event

7th February 2026: Parents Quiz

Waverley Nursery News

Christmas Carol Sing-Along

Thank you to everyone who joined our nursery singalong on Monday! We had a fantastic turnout once again this year and it was wonderful to see so many of you enjoying the festive fun. The children sang beautifully and the Christmas cheer was felt all around. We hope it helped get all of our families into the festive spirit!

Congratulations Miss Fedkiv!

We are delighted to share a huge congratulations with Miss Maria Fedkiv, who has successfully achieved her Level 3 qualification with distinction and is now a fully qualified Early Years Educator! Well done Maria, we are so incredibly proud of you and all your hard work!.

Christmas Jumper Day - Next Wednesday (10th)

Children are invited to wear their best Christmas jumper for a fun, festive day. We kindly ask for a £2 donation in support of Save the Children. The Christmas festivities will continue with a very special guest visiting each of the nursery rooms - someone who 'claus-es' quite a bit of excitement wherever he goes.

- **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 explored all things related to babies. They cared for them in the home corner, fed them and practiced looking after them, developing both their imaginative play and social skills.

The Babies also continued exploring occupations this week, with a focus on food. The nursery room was transformed into a bakery and a pizzeria, where the children used play dough to make pizzas, decorate them with colourful toppings and practice measuring, pouring and mixing ingredients. They also took part in baking activities including making flapjacks.

Lots of Christmas-themed activities have also taken place in Nursery 1 this week. The Babies finger-painted snow on black card to create a winter scene and took part in a sensory 'Arctic world' activity, digging for winter animals in ice.

Nursery 2

This week, some of the children in Nursery 2 have shown a keen interest in babies, so the Educators set up a range of baby-themed activities. The children practiced dressing some baby dolls, putting on their different clothes and feeding them at the table. These activities encouraged imaginative play and helped the children to develop their fine motor skills.

Continuing their interest in caring for babies, Nursery 2 learnt how to change nappies. Babies were set out on the tables with nappies and wipes and the Educators guided the children in wiping and fastening the nappies. The children practiced using their fingers to open and close the tabs, further developing their coordination and dexterity.

In the garden, the children washed their babies' clothes in warm, soapy water, before hanging them out to dry. They also encouraged their babies to drink from beakers, supporting both nurturing skills and hand–eye coordination while engaging in meaningful, practical play.

Nursery 3

Following on from their dinosaur exploration last week, the children in Nursery 3 used pens and pencils to draw their own dinosaurs. They focused on different features, sizes and colours, while their Educators encouraged them to use descriptive language to describe each one. This activity supported both their fine motor skills and vocabulary development.

Nursery 3 also engaged in dinosaur-themed sensory play with oobleck, exploring how materials change and developing their imagination and curiosity. The children created snowy winter scenes for their dinosaurs, discussing the snow and enjoying the tactile experience of the tray.

Throughout the week, the children showed great excitement for Christmas. They practiced singing songs and took part in creative activities, beginning with making Christmas trees from paper plates and colourful buttons, which encouraged their creativity and fine motor skills.

Pre-Foundation

In Pre-Foundation this week, the children spent time exploring play dough, using it to roll, shape and create their own festive baubles. Throughout the activity, they practised both their fine and gross motor skills, developing coordination and control.

The children then decorated their baubles with a variety of materials, including pom-poms and sequins. This allowed them to experiment with colour, texture and design, whilst also encouraging creativity and hand–eye coordination in a fun, festive activity.

Foundation

This week, the children in Foundation experimented with various resources to create their own snowmen and decorate Christmas trees. They explored different materials and practiced their fine motor skills, whilst adding details and decorations to their festive creations.

To continue the Christmas activities, the children made Christmas wreaths using toilet roll inners dipped in green paint to print onto card. They then added glitter, tissue paper and pom-poms to decorate their wreaths. The children also created Christmas characters by sticking their faces onto coloured card and using a variety of shapes and materials to design festive scenes.

Menus

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

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

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