Waverley
Preparatory School and Nursery

Parent Communication w/e 10th April 2026

Giving Notice to Waverley Nursery

We are now looking towards the last few weeks for our Foundation children who will soon be starting the next exciting stage of their education at 'Big School'! This is a gentle reminder to ensure you give Waverley the correct notice regarding when your child will be leaving Nursery. Please remember that our notice period for all Nursery children is two full calendar months. Two full calendar months' notice means that if your child will be leaving us in July, notice must be given by 30th April 2026, with May and June considered as the two full calendar months. If the correct notice is not provided then fees will be due in lieu of notice.

Please also note that the **last day of term for term-time only children is Friday 10th July 2026**.

To give notice, please email Mrs Helen Jenkins, Head of Admissions, via **admissions@waverleyschool.co.uk** and also copy in Mrs Fiona Harding, our Nursery Manager, via **fiona.harding@waverleyschool.co.uk**.

- **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, the children in Nursery 1 have spent time exploring some sensory bags, with Spring animals hidden beneath materials such as water, lentils, rice and flour. The Babies looked through magnifying glasses and used their hands to explore the different textures and discover the hidden animals, supporting their sensory exploration and concentration skills.

The Spring-themed activities continued with the Babies pressing paper flowers into red and green play dough. They matched the flowers to their corresponding colours and had lots of fun exploring the play dough with different tools. In the garden, the Babies were tasked with searching for hidden animal pictures within a tray of yellow-dyed water. To help them, they used a selection of plastic eggs for pouring.

The Babies also revisited some of their favourite Spring activities this week, including exploring a garden tuff tray filled with soil, plant pots and scoops for planting. They also enjoyed creating their own plants and took time out in the book shed with some shared reading with books and toys.

Nursery 2

This week in Nursery 2, the children continued to explore their interest in Spring by creating their own flower bouquets. They used cardboard vase cut-outs and posted a selection of flowers through holes in them. This activity helped the children to identify different flowers and colours alongside developing their hand-eye coordination and fine motor skills. Continuing the floral theme, the children also made their own perfumes in the garden using colourful flowers and water, experimenting with different scents.

The children continued their Spring activities by exploring a sensory tray filled with cornflour and bluebell flowers. They also took part in bark rubbing with crayons, using pieces collected from the garden.

Nursery 3

This week, the children in Nursery 3 enjoyed more activities related to their interest in movement. Making the most of the sunny weather, the children headed out on walks to the school field. They had lots of fun exploring the outdoor environment, running up and down the grassy mounds and supporting their physical development.

During their walks, the children collected sticks of various shapes and sizes, which they later transformed into colourful movement sticks. Using double-sided tape, they carefully wrapped their chosen sticks with different ribbons, creating unique and vibrant designs. This activity encouraged the development of fine motor skills and supported creativity and coordination.

Pre-Foundation

This week, Pre-Foundation have revisited one of their favourite books, 'The Gruffalo.' The children had lots of fun retelling parts of the story to their Educators, before sitting down together to read the story at group time. They also headed out on a walk into the deep, dark Waverley woods (just like the mouse) in search of some of the creatures from the story.

Continuing their interest in 'The Gruffalo,' Pre-Foundation spent some time collecting different materials whilst out on the school field. The children brought these back to their Nursery room and used them to make some 'owl ice cream.'

Foundation

In Foundation this week, the children have spent time exploring their interest in animals and habitats - as they have been inspired by some birds nesting in their garden bird box. The children went on an adventure to collect twigs and sticks, enjoying choosing the right sizes to recreate a bird's nest. They carefully arranged the sticks to form the same shape as the real nest, developing their fine motor and observation skills in the process.

Continuing their interest in birds, the children looked through books, took part in group discussions and even watched a short video about them. They also continued to observe the garden bird box, taking photos of it and exploring how nests are made.

The children also received a special visit from some rabbits this week. They learnt about their lives, what they need to grow and where they live. This supported their understanding of animal care and habitats whilst also encouraging curiosity and conversation.

Summer Menu

Next week, we are introducing our new Summer menu (Week 1).
You can view our Summer menu for School and Nursery **here**.

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