Waverley
Preparatory School and Nursery

Parent Communication w/e 20th February 2026

Welcome to Our New Nursery Team Members!

We are delighted to welcome Miss Stock and Mr Wise as our newest Nursery Educators. Miss Stock joins us in Nursery 2 and brings with her a wealth of experience from previous roles working across all age groups. Mr Wise joins our Foundation team and brings 9 years worth of experience from his previous Nursery Educator role. We are so excited for the energy, knowledge and care they will bring to Waverley!

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March

There's just over two weeks to go until World Book Day 2026. All Nursery children are invited to dress as their favourite book characters to enjoy a day full of fun, themed activities. Although the overall theme of the day at Waverley will be fairy tales, children are welcome to come as any book character they wish. There is no need for anything elaborate, as often the simplest ideas are the most effective. We can't wait to share this day with everyone!

- **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

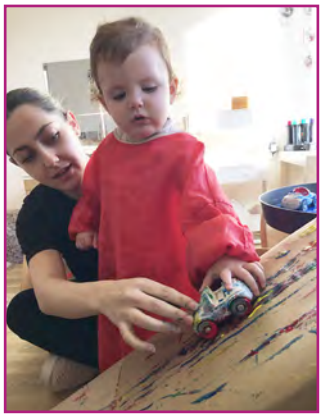
This week, Nursery 1 have continued to explore and investigate colours and colour mixing. The Babies were given a tray of paint, covered in cling film and had lots of fun using their fingers to blend the paints together without getting messy. They also mixed food colouring into shaving foam using paintbrushes, learning new colour words as they went along. Some of the Babies even repeated simple colours including 'red' or 'blue'.

The Babies have also celebrated two very special events in Nursery this week, as they took part in Pancake Day and Chinese New Year activities. They created their own pancakes out of play dough, adding their chosen 'toppings' and sharing them with their peers. They also practiced using chopsticks to pick up spaghetti and listened to some Chinese New Year music for their celebrations.

Nursery Extension

The children in the Nursery Extension have been enjoying lots of colour-themed activities this week. They dipped cars into colourful paint and then pushed them down a ramp, observing the different marks they made. The children also mixed paints in a tuff tray covered with cling film, using their fine motor skills to squeeze and manipulate the film and watch how the colours blended and changed.

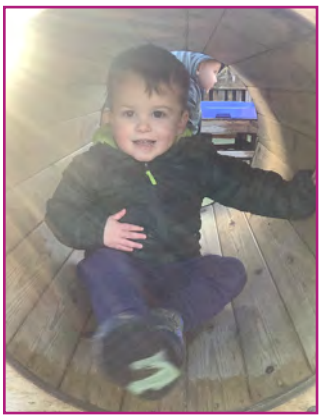
To continue their colour interest, the children also painted with some frozen paint ice cubes and matched pom poms with corresponding coloured toilet roll tubes.



Nursery 2

Nursery 2 continued exploring animal habitats this week, investigating a sensory 'coral reef' tray with shells, fish and water, using forks and spoons to scoop them up. They also matched coloured pipe cleaner fish to pom poms and enjoyed a jungle-themed 'nursery safari,' learning about jungle animals and the different sounds they make.

The children also enjoyed taking part in activities to celebrate Chinese New Year and Pancake Day. For Chinese New Year, they explored a colourful sensory tray, looked at themed pictures, practised using tongs to transport noodles into bowls and completed horse puzzles to mark the Year of the Horse. For Pancake Day, they had great fun using pans and play dough pancakes to take part in pancake races across the garden.



Nursery 3

This week in Nursery 3, the children have shown a keen interest in patterns. They explored this by creating dragons to celebrate Chinese New Year, rolling out play dough and selecting coloured buttons to arrange into their own sequence. They continued their pattern work during Pancake Day celebrations, decorating pretend pancakes with different shaped fruit to create colourful designs.

The children also demonstrated their artistic skills this week, as they designed circular print patterns using paint and created mosaic pictures with a variety of bright, colourful shapes. Nursery 3 ended the week with a pattern shape puzzle. The children were tasked with carefully matching shapes to their outlined spaces and identifying how the patterns were arranged, helping with their problem solving skills.

Pre-Foundation

At the start of the week, Pre-Foundation enjoyed some themed-activities to celebrate Pancake Day. The children spoke about what they like to eat on their pancakes, including their favourite fruits and sauces. They also created their own paper pancakes, using glue to stick toppings on, before colouring in their choice of sauce - either red for strawberry or brown for chocolate.

The children also took part in some Chinese New Year celebrations this week, when they created their own Chinese fans. They painted half of a paper plate with some red paint, which is a colour that signifies good luck. The children then sprinkled some gold glitter onto their fans, before adding a lollipop stick to the back to make a handle.

Foundation

This week, the children in Foundation became mini scientists, as they took part in some fun experiments. They began by looking at how rain is made, filling a clear jar with water and adding a layer of shaving foam to represent a cloud. The children carefully dropped food colouring onto the foam and watched as the colour slowly moved through the 'cloud' and dripped into the water below - just like rain falling from the sky.

The children also explored what happens when bicarbonate of soda and vinegar are mixed together. They poured vinegar into a bottle, then added the bicarbonate of soda to a balloon. The balloon was then carefully stretched over the top of the bottle and when they were ready, the children lifted it so the components mixed together. The children were very excited to watch the mixture suddenly fizz and foam, whilst the balloon inflated with the gas formed by the reaction.

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