Waverley
Preparatory School and Nursery

Parent Communication w/e 29th May 2026

Save The Date: Nursery Photo Day

Nursery photo day is coming up on **Tuesday 30th June**. The photographers will be ready to take both individual and sibling portraits starting just after 08:30hrs that day. If your child doesn't usually attend Nursery on a Tuesday but you would like them to have their photo taken, please get in touch with Mrs Harding via email **here**.

Foundation Graduation Reminder

We would like to remind parents that this year's Foundation Graduation will take place on **Thursday 9th July** at 14:00hrs. Foundation parents are welcome to attend and are asked to bring a party picnic for their child to enjoy in the garden afterwards.

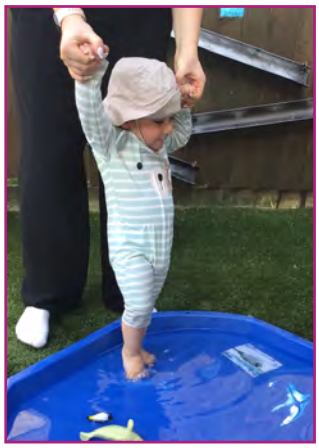
- **Holiday Booked?** Please complete our short form to advise us of your holiday plans. You can either scan the QR code on the outside noticeboard or click **here**. It helps us with planning and also ensures no food wastage.
- **Poorly?** If your child is poorly and will not be attending Nursery, please 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

In Nursery 1 this week, the Babies have continued to explore their interest in habitats and the animals that live within them. They enjoyed exploring an Arctic-themed water tray filled with animals such as polar bears, orcas, seals and sea lions. The Babies especially loved holding frozen penguins and watching the ice slowly melt, supporting their sensory development and curiosity.

The Babies also took part in an animal rescue activity where they were tasked with saving sea and safari animals that had been tangled in pipe cleaners. They carefully used their fine motor skills to free the animals, helping to develop their concentration, hand-eye coordination and problem-solving skills through play.

To keep cool during the warm weather, the Babies enjoyed lots of splashing and water play throughout the week. They also investigated some animal touch-and-feel books and listened to different animal sounds, encouraging their sensory exploration and early language development.



Nursery 2

This week, the children in Nursery 2 'travelled' to Spain, as they continued to explore their interest in planes. They enjoyed learning about the Spanish flag through sensory activities, including a rice tray filled with red and yellow rice. The children used their fine motor skills to investigate the different textures and colours and also explored some red and yellow play dough.

Nursery 2 also took part in a fun cooking activity where they worked together to make Spanish potato wedges using a variety of seasoning. They enjoyed mixing, pouring and weighing the ingredients, helping to develop their teamwork and confidence through hands-on learning. The children have also enjoyed spending time outdoors this week, taking part in water play and bubble activities to help keep them cool.

Nursery 3

Nursery 3 have been busy creating their own salt dough bug fossils this week. They enjoyed rolling and flattening the dough with their hands and rolling pins before using cups to cut out fossil shapes. The children then chose different bugs to press into the dough to create their fossil prints, before leaving them to dry and then painting them. This activity helped to develop their creativity and fine motor skills.

The children also created some bug houses this week, using natural materials such as soil, bark and wooden resources. They discussed where bugs live and compared bug habitats to their own homes, encouraging their communication and understanding of the world. The children made also the most of the warm weather, enjoying outdoor play, water trays and a variety of fun activities in the sunshine.

Pre-Foundation

This week, Pre-Foundation have been practising their weaving skills by threading pipe cleaners in and out of holes in cardboard bees. This activity helped the children to develop their fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination and concentration whilst also encouraging them to carefully follow patterns and movements.

The children also explored building and construction as they worked together to create bug houses using a variety of materials. They used provocations for inspiration and discussed what bugs need to survive and where they like to live. This activity encouraged teamwork, creativity and communication.

Foundation

This week, the children in Foundation have continued to explore their interest in fairy tales. They spent time learning about castles and their different features, including moats and drawbridges. The children enjoyed watching clips of real castles and then took part in some imaginative water play using loose parts and a wooden structure to create their own castles and bridges.

The children continued the castle-themed activities, using recycled materials and some magnetic resources to build some more. This activity helped them to develop their hand-eye coordination and spatial reasoning skills.

Foundation also had some fun with role play this week. The children created paper plate crowns using glue, gems and mark-making materials, which they used to dress up as kings and queens. The children used their imaginations during play and had lots of fun.

Menus

Next week our lunch menu will be Week 2.

You can view our Summer menu for School and Nursery **here.**

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

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