Waverley
Preparatory School and Nursery

Parent Communication w/e 2nd April 2026

Good Luck Miss O'Rourke!

As many of you know, our Nursery 2 Extension Room Leader Miss O'Rourke is expecting her first baby later this month and today was her last day at Nursery, before heading off on maternity leave. We would all like to wish her the very best of luck and can't wait to meet the little one when they are born.

Happy Easter from Waverley Nursery!

We would like to wish all of our Nursery families a very happy and restful Easter. We hope you all enjoy the long weekend break together!

- **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 Babies in Nursery 1 have taken part in Spring and Easter-themed activities. They enjoyed some sensory play, where they filled and emptied plastic eggs with oats and pasta. The Babies were encouraged to talk about what they could see and repeat words to support their vocabulary development. The activity also helped to develop their motor skills, coordination and colour recognition.

The Babies also took part in a fun Easter Egg Hunt this week. They were encouraged to search for hidden eggs around the Nursery room and return them to their Educators, promoting curiosity and exploration.

Nursery 1 continued their sensory activities throughout the week, by pressing their hands onto coloured paint inside plastic wallets and watching it spread. The Babies also strengthened their fine motor skills and coordination by using spoons to fill eggs with lentils and rice crispies.

Nursery Extension

This week, the children from the Nursery Extension spent time in Nursery 2, ahead of them getting ready to move up to their new room. They enjoyed lots of Spring-themed activities, such as making flower pictures with petals, sticks, and stems and created some nature faces using items collected from the garden.

The children explored flowers frozen in coloured water, using pipettes to melt the ice and developing their fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination. They also decorated cardboard Easter eggs with coloured pasta and rice, which boosted their creativity and sensory skills.

Nursery 2

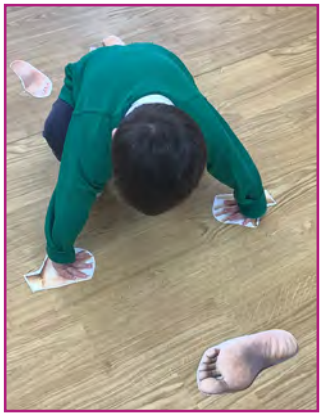
This week, Nursery 2 have continued to explore Spring through a range of creative activities. Firstly, they used petals, sticks, stems and flowers to make their own flower pictures. They also searched for ladybirds in the garden, each with a different numbers of spots on, to help with their counting and number recognition skills.

The children also created nature faces by collecting natural resources from the garden and arranging them in frames, using mirrors to identify different features. Inside, they used pipettes to melt frozen flowers in coloured water and decorated cardboard Easter eggs with coloured pasta and rice, applying glue to make their own colourful patterns.

Nursery 3

Nursery 3 continued to explore their interest in body parts this week. The children explored a mini hand and footprint path, where they matched their hands and feet to those on the floor. Some prints were placed sideways to encourage body movement and problem-solving, as the children adjusted their positions to fit. They also used their bodies to create larger movements and even set up their own obstacle course in the garden to practise manoeuvring and coordination.

The children combined their interest in hands with a fun colour-mixing activity. They chose a primary colour to paint their hands and created prints on paper, observing what happened when the colours overlapped. This activity supported their creativity and early understanding of colour mixing.



Pre-Foundation

This week, Pre-Foundation have been celebrating Easter through a range of fun and creative activities. The children made pretend chicks using yellow feathers and pom poms and designed some colourful Easter eggs using glitter, sequins and felt tip pens.

The children also enjoyed a woodland walk with their chicks, pretending they could fly and decorated some Easter biscuits with melted chocolate, edible eyes and marshmallows to create cute Easter bunny designs.

Foundation

In Foundation this week, the children have focused on developing their cutting and puzzle skills. Using scissors, they followed lines on Easter egg templates, cutting them into different puzzle-shaped pieces. They then worked to reassemble the pieces back into the correct order, sticking them onto paper to recreate the egg, supporting their problem-solving skills.

The children also enjoyed creating egg patterns using loose parts such as cheerios, penne pasta and spaghetti pieces. They were encouraged to follow and build their own patterns, which supported their fine motor skills, spatial awareness and shape recognition, as they repeated and extended sequences.

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