Waverley
Preparatory School and Nursery

Parent Communication w/e 10th July 2026

Goodbye & Good Luck Year 6!

Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of another fantastic year at Waverley, I just wanted to say a huge thank you to all our parents and families for your continued support. It's been a busy year filled with so many memorable moments and I'm incredibly proud of everything the children have achieved.

Year 6 Head Off On Their Next Adventures

Sadly, the time has come to say goodbye to our amazing Year 6 class. Many of the children have been part of the Waverley family since Nursery and it has been such a pleasure to watch them grow in confidence, develop new skills and make so many happy memories over the years. They have brought so much to the school, becoming fantastic role models for our younger children and have made a real difference to life at Waverley.

As they get ready for their next adventure at secondary school, all of us at Waverley are feeling both proud and sad to see them go. We will miss each and every one of the children with their unique personalities, but we know they are ready for this exciting new chapter. I am confident they will continue to excel and flourish in all they do and I can't wait to see all the amazing things they will go on to achieve. Good luck Year 6!

End of Term Awards Assembly

Earlier this afternoon, we came together for our final assembly of the year. It was a lovely opportunity to celebrate the many achievements of our children, as I presented awards to pupils from across the school and reflected on some of the highlights from another fantastic year at Waverley.

We also heard from our outgoing Head Boy and Head Girl, along with their Deputies, who shared some of their favourite memories and highlights from their time at Waverley. You can find a full list of this year's award winners **here**.

Pupil Familiarisation Day

On Tuesday, we held our whole-school Familiarisation Day, giving the children the chance to spend time in their new classrooms and meet their new teachers. It was a great opportunity for everyone to feel excited and ready for September, including our Foundation children as they begin their exciting new journey into Reception.

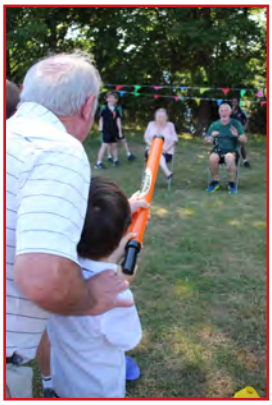
What a Wonderful WaveFest!

Last Friday, we held our first ever WaveFest event and what a fantastic evening it was! There was a wonderful atmosphere throughout, with brilliant performances from our choir and band, 'Last Orders,' as well as plenty of great tunes from DJ Kear.

Alongside favourites such as the bottle tombola and jam jar tombola, the Soak the Teacher stall proved to be a big hit. I certainly ended up getting rather wet, but it was a welcome way to cool off in the sunshine! A huge thank you to everyone who came along and helped make it such a great event. See photos **here**.

Good Luck Mr Kear

As we reach the end of another school year, we sadly must say goodbye to Mr Kear, our Clubs and Activities Manager. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Kear for everything he has done for our school and wish him every success in his new adventure. Everyone at Waverley will miss you!



Summer Improvements at Waverley

I'm delighted to share that a number of improvements will be taking place at Waverley over the summer holidays. Please click **here** to read more about the work taking place and the important site safety arrangements. We ask that all parents and carers read this carefully to help keep our Waverley community safe.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer break!

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Year 6 Leavers Week

To mark their final week at Waverley, our Year 6 class celebrated in style with a fun-filled Leavers Week packed with memorable activities.

The fun 'kicked off' on Monday with Footgolf in the sunshine, followed by an afternoon of bowling. On Tuesday, the class visited The Lookout for scenic walks through Swinley Forest. Wednesday began with a trip to Lavender Park Golf before the children returned to school for a special afternoon playing in the Parent/Pupil cricket tournament on the field.

After their cricket session, each family enjoyed a wonderful afternoon tea, which the children had prepared earlier in the day. Half the class made sandwiches and decorated cupcakes, whilst the other half arranged flowers and set the tables beautifully. See photos **here**.

During their afternoon tea, the families watched a touching montage of photos from the children's time at Waverley. With many having been at the school since Nursery, there were plenty of smiles as some very cute early photos appeared on screen! You can watch the montage video **here**. The children also performed the poem 'Going to Secondary' by John Rice, which they had been practising with Mrs Adams in their drama lessons. See their performance **here**.

There was also a heartfelt musical performance by Mr Mitchell, accompanied by Mrs Eden-Higgs on the piano. Set to the iconic tune of 'Three Lions,' Mr Mitchell's specially adapted lyrics for the class were a real highlight. It turns out his talents stretch far beyond the sports field! Watch the performance **here**.

Yesterday, the week ended with a fantastic trip to Legoland, where the children enjoyed the rides, explored the Lego villages and even took part in a Lego rollercoaster building workshop. It was a perfect way to celebrate the end of their time at Waverley. Thank you to all of the staff who helped make the week so special and enabled the children to create lasting memories together. See photos **here**.

Diary Dates

Monday 13th July:	Summer Holiday Club Opens.
Tuesday 1st September:	Autumn Term Begins for Nursery.
	Inset Day. School Closed. Holiday Club & Nursery Open.
Wednesday 2nd September:	Inset Day. School Closed. Holiday Club & Nursery Open.
Thursday 3rd September:	Autumn Term Begins for School.

**Parents welcome.*

Our Academic dates can be viewed here.
All calendar dates are available on our parent portal here and on our website here.

Waverley School News

Reception Complete First Year of School

Congratulations to our wonderful Reception class on completing their very first year at Waverley! They have all grown so much this year, becoming more confident, curious and independent every day. We are proud of everything they have achieved, from making new friends to learning new skills. Well done on an amazing first year!

Year 2 Science - Observing Trees

In their Science lessons over the past few weeks, Year 2 have been investigating plants. After learning about the different parts of a flower, the children headed out to the school playground to observe the flowers in the planters and the trees on the back playground. They carefully sketched what they could see, identifying the different features and comparing the flowers with the trees to spot similarities and differences.

Year 3 Plant Carrots

Throughout the term, Year 3 have been learning all about plants, including how water travels through a plant, what plants need to grow and the important role each part of a plant plays. To finish their learning, each child planted their own carrot in a recycled plastic bottle. Their summer challenge is to look after their carrot plant and see what grows over the holidays!

Year 4 'Be The Teacher' Week

This week saw the return of 'Be the Teacher' Week in Year 4! From leading PE games and craft sessions making beaded lizards to teaching a lesson on gravity, showing classmates how to make slime and designing chocolate wrappers, there were plenty of exciting and creative lessons taking place throughout the final week of term. A huge well done to all of the children for planning such engaging lessons for their classmates! See the photos **here**.

Year 5 Trojan War Timeline

Continuing their Ancient Greece topic, the children in Year 5 have been learning about the Trojan War and the key events that shaped this legendary conflict. Working in groups, they explored different stages of the war and created their own sections of a class timeline. Once complete, each group presented their work to the class and then came together to create one large visual timeline of the Trojan War. See photos **here**.

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Year 5 Board Games Projects

Over the past few weeks, Year 5 have been busy designing and creating their own board games. They came up with some fantastic ideas, including Berkshire Monopoly, an Alien vs Human game, a town mystery adventure and even a Zombie Apocalypse themed challenge! Yesterday, the children swapped games and had lots of fun playing each other's creations. They have shown brilliant creativity and teamwork throughout the project. See photos **here**.

South Hill Park Art Trip

On Monday, Year 3, 4 and 5 visited South Hill Park Arts Centre for WILDE WEEK, taking part in a fun-filled day of creative activities centred around the theme of sustainability. Throughout the day, the children enjoyed a range of workshops, including a dance workshop and a drama session where they were challenged to create an advertisement for something that could help their local community.

They also got creative by making puppets using natural materials foraged from the forest, such as leaves, pine cones and sticks. Using recyclable materials, they took part in junk modelling to design and create their own masks. To finish the day, the children used clay to make sustainable items that could be found in a town. It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to explore sustainability through creativity, teamwork and imagination. See photos **here**.

Parent vs Child Cricket Fixtures

This week saw the return of our ever-popular Parent/Pupil Cricket Fixtures, with parents, grandparents and older siblings invited to team up with our Waverley pupils to form batting pairs and see how many runs they could score.

Both events were filled with plenty of friendly competition, fantastic teamwork and some brilliant cricket skills on display. It was wonderful to see so many families getting involved, supporting the children and enjoying a great afternoon of cricket together. A huge thank you to everyone who came along and braved the sunshine. See Year 3 & 4 photos **here**. See Year 5 & 6 photos **here**.

Final Week of Fun at After School Club

It has been another busy and fun week in our final after-school club sessions. The children have been baking delicious Biscoff rocky road bars, practising circus skills and even enjoyed chasing bubbles in the sunshine. See photos **here**.

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Summer Holiday Club - Starts Next Week!

Waverley's Summer Holiday Club starts next week, with seven weeks of fun, creativity and exciting activities!

Running until 2nd September, we offer flexible sessions from 07:30hrs to 18:00hrs, with all activities, meals and snacks included. Children can enjoy making memories, trying new experiences and having fun while we take care of the rest. Spaces are limited, so book now to secure your child's place!

View full KS1 schedule **here**.
View full KS2 schedule **here**.
To book your space, click **here**.

WFA News

WaveFest Fun!

We hope everyone had a fantastic time at WaveFest! A huge thank you to all the Reps and families who gave up their time to help set up before the event and tidy up afterwards. Your generosity and support make events like this possible.

A special thank you also goes to 'Last Orders' for providing the live music, our resident DJ Mr Kear for keeping the party going and 'A Bit of a Do' for the delicious food. See photos **here**.

The WFA Committee Thanks YOU!

Rachel, Lisa and Lauren would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has supported the WFA this past year. We hope the children have enjoyed the many events and experiences that the WFA organised and funded for the school community.

Please note **the next WFA AGM will be held on 14th September**. Rachel Wolstenholme and Lisa Birchall will be stepping down from their roles as Chair and Secretary respectively.

Our outgoing Chair, Rachel, has served for the past three years and has led countless successful events and fundraising initiatives, as well as introducing our second-hand uniform website, which is an invaluable resource that is unique to our school. We are incredibly grateful for the enthusiasm and commitment she has devoted to the WFA! Thank you so much Rachel!

We wish you all a wonderful summer holiday and look forward to planning another exciting year of events!

Waverley Nursery News

Celebrating Our Foundation Graduates

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Foundation Graduation. We would like to wish all of the children heading into Reception, both at Waverley and other schools, the very best of luck for this exciting next chapter!

Final Ballet Watching Week

Thank you to all of the parents who attended our final Ballet Watching session of the year. The children proudly demonstrated all of the fantastic skills they have learnt over the past year and enjoyed sharing their achievements with you. A big thank you to Mrs Crouch for her wonderful teaching over the past year!

Term-Time Only Nursery Dates

We would like to remind parents that our term-time only children will finish nursery on Wednesday 15th July and will return on Tuesday 1st September. We hope everyone has a wonderful summer break and we look forward to welcoming you all back in September.

Expecting in 2027?

We are now offering the final Nursery places for babies due in 2027. If you will need a Nursery place for your little one in the coming years, we recommend contacting our Head of Admissions, Mrs Helen Jenkins, as soon as possible to secure your place. Please email: **admissions@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 Babies in Nursery 1 continued to explore their interest in occupations through lots of fun, hands-on activities. They enjoyed becoming hairdressers by washing and 'cutting' their baby dolls' hair, as well as mixing coloured water to see what new colours they could make. The Babies also became fire fighters, using water to put out spaghetti 'fires' and learning all about what fire fighters do to help keep people safe.

Nursery 1 also had great fun stepping into the roles of builders and chefs through creative play. They used blocks, tools and 'cement' (wet sand) to build structures and also enjoyed melting frozen food with water, developing their coordination skills, curiosity and imagination.

Nursery Extension

This week, the children in the Nursery Extension have enjoyed exploring transport and sounds. They took part in a bike wash, using wipes and soapy water to clean the bikes whilst developing their hand-eye coordination. They also explored a sound treasure basket and popped bubble wrap, listening to and comparing different sounds.

The children also enjoyed a range of creative activities, using cars to make marks and exploring how they move. They created underwater pictures and even made their own musical shakers, supporting their creativity, fine motor skills and imagination.

Nursery 2

The Nursery 2 children have taken part in lots of imaginative and creative activities this week. They opened their own ice cream shop, taking turns serving customers, choosing flavours and using the till, whilst developing their communication, social skills and early maths abilities. They also explored cause and effect by throwing balls and watching them stick to hoops, helping to build their confidence and coordination skills.

Nursery 2 also enjoyed creating underwater paintings and making their own musical shakers this week. These activities encouraged creativity, self-expression, fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination. They also enabled the children to explore different colours, sounds and textures.

Nursery 3

Nursery 3 have been enjoying exploring their interest in families this week. The children spent time looking at their family photos and counted how many people are in their families, using numbers to help recognise and match. They also created their own family portraits using different shapes and marks, encouraging creativity and early writing skills.

The children also explored homes and furniture through a fun doll house activity. They matched furniture pieces to their outlines, named the items and then decorated their own doll houses with family figures. This activity encouraged the children to use their imagination, problem-solving skills and also have conversations about their own families.

Pre-Foundation

The children in Pre-Foundation have shown lots of interest and excitement about football this week, with many following the World Cup tournament. They looked at different team flags and created their own England flags and flags from around the world, using rulers, patterns and colours. This activity helped them to develop their creativity and also their understanding of different cultures.

Pre-Foundation also continued to explore space this week, as the children created their own planets using play dough. They talked about shapes, colours and planets whilst using tools and their hands to roll, push and squeeze the dough.

Foundation

The Foundation children have enjoyed lots of imaginative play this week as they opened their own ice cream shop. They took turns being customers and shopkeepers, choosing flavours, using the till and practising their communication, counting and turn-taking skills.

The children also got creative with an underwater painting activity, using different colours to create fish, seaweed, coral and other sea creatures. They enjoyed sharing their ideas whilst developing their creativity and fine motor skills.

Yesterday afternoon, the Foundation children took part in their very special graduation ceremony. They proudly shared their lines, sang songs about their time at Waverley and moving on to big school and enjoyed seeing a slideshow about what they would like to be when they grow up.

We would like to wish all of our Foundation children the very best of luck as they take the next big step into school. Some of our children have been with us since Nursery 1 and it has been a privilege to watch them develop and grow over the years. We are so proud of everything they have achieved and will miss seeing their happy faces each day. We know they will continue to shine and wish them every success and happiness in their exciting new chapter.

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