Waverley
Preparatory School and Nursery

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Celebrating Year 6 Scholarship Successes!

Dear Parents,

I hope you have all had a wonderful week! It has been another busy and exciting week at Waverley. We celebrated British Science Week with some fantastic hands-on science sessions, enjoyed a range of fixtures (with even our Year 2 pupils getting involved) and witnessed lots of engaging lessons taking place across the school.

Year 6 Achieve Amazing Scholarship Offers

I am delighted to celebrate the outstanding secondary school scholarship successes of our current Year 6 pupils. Congratulations to Rebecca, Ellen, Mikey, William, Sienna, Toby and Aurelia, who have all received scholarship offers from a range of senior schools, including Luckley, The Abbey, Farnborough Hill and Crosfields School.

Special congratulations go to Mikey and Aurelia, who have earned sports scholarships and to Rebecca, Toby, Ellen, William and Sienna, who have been awarded academic scholarships. A historic moment was achieved by Ellen, the first Waverley pupil to receive an academic scholarship from Reading Blue Coat School. Likewise, our Head Boy, Toby, who received academic scholarships from both of his preferred senior schools.

All of our scholarship pupils have worked incredibly hard to earn these awards. These successes celebrate not only the academic talents of Waverley pupils but also their sporting prowess, highlighting the remarkable multi-talented young people our Year 6 cohort is growing into. While pupils may not always decide to take up their

scholarship offers, attaining one is a tremendous achievement and deserves full recognition. I look forward to sharing news of all our Year 6 pupils' secondary school offers with you very shortly.

Science Faction Sessions

Yesterday, the whole school took part in exciting Science Faction Workshops to celebrate British Science Week. The children enjoyed lots of fun experiments packed with fascinating science facts. From creating lava lamps to explore density, to watching the creation of 'elephant's toothpaste' to demonstrate a chemical reaction with hydrogen peroxide, there was plenty to be excited about.

Rockets soared to the ceiling, electricity was explored in circuits and the children even demonstrated how it can safely through the human body as everyone shared 'good vibes' with Professor H. They even witnessed a vortex in action, with smoke forming a perfect doughnut shape shot from an air blaster.

Everyone had a fantastic time, enjoying every moment of the day whilst learning so much along the way. It was a fun and memorable experience for all, leaving everyone energized and eager to explore more in the world of science! See photos **here**.

Waverley Choir Wows at Woodley Festival

A huge well done to the Waverley KS2 Choir for their fantastic performance at the Woodley Festival last weekend! Representing the school with pride, they impressed everyone in attendance with their beautiful singing.

The choir achieved an impressive third place in the Upper Junior Choir category, which is a remarkable accomplishment they should all be very proud of. Thank you to Mrs Eden-Higgs and Mrs Amankwah for supporting the choir on the day!

Year 2 Mother's Day Assembly

This morning we welcomed our Year 2 parents into school for a heart-warming Mother's Day Assembly. The children shared beautiful paintings of their Mums, gave out handmade cards, spoke about what their Mums mean to them and also sang a lovely song.

I would like to say a huge well done to Year 2 for performing so confidently and a big thank you to Miss Page and Mrs Ayling for organising such a special assembly. Watch a video of their fantastic song **here**.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend!

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Pupil Achievements

Pupils of the Week

Amara, Reception
'For working so hard in Read, Write Inc. and Maths.'

Maya, Year 1
'For her confidence in delivering her lines in the Year 1 World Book Day assembly.'

Kiyaan, Year 2
'For his excellent focus in his learning this week.'

Megan, Year 3
'For her enthusiasm, wonderful effort and work in her lessons this week.'

Hamish, Year 4
'For his wonderful effort and brilliant work in all subjects. He was also fantastic handling the chicks and enjoyed sharing his knowledge about them.'

George, Year 5
'For working hard in lessons and always bringing such fantastic knowledge and enthusiasm to class discussions.'

William, Year 6
'For being super conscientious and hard working across all areas of his work and being a model Year 6 pupil!'

Waverley Way Award

Nishree
'For being kind to others and remembering to say please and thank you.'

Samuel
'For always showing kindness to both adults and his friends and for being so thoughtful in the classroom.'

Diary Dates

Monday 16th March: School Assembly: St Patrick's Day.
Tuesday 17th March: Mother's Day Stay & Play. *09:00hrs. (Nursery 2, Extension & Foundation)*
Wednesday 18th March: Swim 9.
Year 5 & 6 Rugby vs St Edward's. Away. *
Year 5 & 6 Netball vs Eton End. Home. *

Thursday 19th March: Mother's Day Stay & Play. *09:00hrs. (Nursery 1, 3 & Pre-Foundation)*
Friday 20th March: Red Nose Day. *Wear Something Red. £2 Donation.*
Year 5 & 6 Independent Projects - Parent Viewing.
Year 3 & 4 Rugby vs St Edward's. Home. *
Year 3 & 4 Netball vs St Edward's & Lyndhurst. Away. *

**Parents welcome.*

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

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Reception Heads Hot Chocolate

This week, Reception enjoyed a very special 'Heads Hot Chocolate' session out in the woods during forest school. The children shared a joint storybook they had written for World Book Day, inspired by 'On the Way Home' by Jill Murphy's and 'Tiddler' by Julia Donaldson.

The children wrote some incredibly imaginative excuses for being late to school, including meeting a friendly dragon, getting stopped by a big, cuddly polar bear, singing 'Let It Go' with Elsa and even going for a fast drive in a race car! Reception did a great job creating a fun and collaborative class project. See photos **here**.

Year 1 Explore the Hen's Lifecycle

This week in Science, Year 1 have been learning about the life cycle of a hen. After meeting the Waverley chicks last week, the children were curious about how chicks grow into chickens. They learned that a hen lays an egg, which hatches into a chick and the chick then grows into a chicken, continuing the cycle.

The class watched a video of an egg hatching and completed a worksheet, writing sentences to explain each stage of the process. See photos **here**.

Year 2 Shine in Their First Tag Rugby Fixture

On Tuesday, Year 2 took part in their very first tag rugby fixture against St Edwards School. The children had a fun-filled afternoon and played some superb rugby. Special mention goes to Effie, Marko, Heloise and George, who showed incredible speed, agility and heart on the pitch.

The class also learned how to give three cheers at the end of the match, but the highlight of the day for many was enjoying the match tea! A big thank you to all of the parents who came along to support the children. See photos **here**.

Year 3 Mother's Day Creations

This week, Year 3 have been busy putting their creativity and care into making something truly special for Mother's Day on Sunday. We don't want to spoil the surprise, but we can't wait to share their wonderful creations with you next week!

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Year 4 Create Amazing 3D Bugs

In their Art lesson this week, Year 4 started an exciting new project! They have been tasked with creating 3D models of insects and bugs. First, they are designing their creatures, and then they will bring them to life using recyclable materials. The models are being built up in layers, so this is a creative project they will continue to develop over the next few weeks. See how they have begun **here**.

Year 5 Deliver Exciting News Reports

This week, Year 5 filmed their very own news reports, a project they have been working on over the past week. In groups, they wrote scripts retelling the events of William Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' in the style of a live news broadcast. Their reports featured reporters and interviews, bringing the magical chaos of the forest near Athens to life as if it were breaking news. See photos **here**. (*Year 5 parents can view the videos on Google Classroom).*

Waverley Teams Score Big in Touch Rugby & Netball

On Wednesday afternoon, two teams from Waverley took to the field for an action-packed afternoon of touch rugby. There was some fantastic teamwork on display, with excellent skills throughout the matches. Special mentions go to Otto, Mikey, Mateja and Harvey, who scored excellent tries by running the full length of the pitch, keeping the opposition on their toes. Both teams delivered brilliant performances and should be very proud!

Over on the school playground, our netball teams faced some tough competition against LVS. Team Waverley rose to the challenge, keeping up strongly throughout each match. Super shooter Sacha scored some impressive goals, whilst Anya and Aurelia made brilliant interceptions. Hanna was a defensive star, catching numerous rebounds and showing excellent defending skills. The matches highlighted how much the players' skills are developing and their ability to compete in fast-paced games. Well done to all! See photos **here**.

Year 6 Visit Nursery 3

On Monday morning, our Year 6 class visited Nursery 3 to share some stories they had written about the chicks that hatched at Waverley recently. It was lovely to see the older pupils sharing their writing, whilst the nursery children connected the stories to their own experience of watching the chicks hatch and grow. See photos **here**.

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Expecting a Baby in 2026?

Final Nursery places for babies born/due by 31st August 2026 are now being allocated. If you will need Nursery care in 2026 or 2027 but haven't yet secured a place, please contact Mrs Helen Jenkins, Head of Admissions, as soon as possible. While Waverley families are prioritised, places depend on availability and fill quickly (ideally contact us around 4–5 months into your pregnancy). If you would like to discuss a Nursery place, please email: **admissions@waverleyschool.co.uk**

Easter Holiday Club – Bookings NOW OPEN!

We're egg-cited to announce that bookings are officially open for Waverley's Easter Holiday Club! From Monday 30th March to Monday 13th April 2026, children can enjoy a jam-packed programme of fun, including sports, cookery, arts & crafts, inflatables, laser tag, cinema trips, and much more. Spaces are filling fast, so don't miss out!

View the KS1 schedule **here**.
View the KS2 schedule **here**.
Book your space **here**.

WFA News

WFA Easter Bunny Hunt – Wednesday 25th March

This year's Easter Bunny Hunt will take place on Wednesday 25th March. We can't wait to see all the children having fun as they explore the school playground in search of our special Easter stones!

WFA Second-Hand Uniform Shop

As we head into the Spring Term, we would like to ask parents (especially Year 6) to donate outgrown uniforms to the Waverley Second-Hand Uniform Shop. Please drop donations into the wheelie bin by reception. To view all available uniform items, click **here**.

Break the Rules Day – 24th April

For £1 per rule, children can enjoy fun treats like non-uniform, extra playtime, a sweet snack, fruit juice, or no homework! There are five rules to break. Click **here** to join the fun!

Colour Run - 17th May

Preparations are now underway for the return of our spectacular Colour Run. We are extremely excited to bring back this wonderfully vibrant event. Bookings will be going live next week. Keep your eyes peeled for this.

WFA Diary Dates:

25th March: Easter Bunny Hunt
24th April: Break the Rules Day
17th May: Colour Run
5th, 12th & 19th June: Frozen Fridays
3rd July: WFA Summer Fayre

Waverley Nursery News

Mother's Day Stay & Play Breakfast - Next Week

Thank you to everyone that confirmed their attendance for our Mother's Day Stay & Play Breakfast events next week. We are looking forward to welcoming you in for refreshments and Nursery fun with your child. The Nursery 2, Nursery Extension & Foundation event will take place on Tuesday 17th March (09:00-10:00hrs) and then the Nursery 1, Nursery 3 & Pre-Foundation event will be on Thursday 19th March (09:00-10:00hrs)

Ballet Watching Week

Our next Ballet Watching Week will take place on Monday 23rd March, in our Community Hall. The Foundation session will be held between 08:50 – 09:20hrs and Nursery 3 will be held between 09:20 – 09:50hrs. We look forward to seeing some of you there.

Limited Availability Now Remaining For Reception 2027

We have limited places remaining in our Reception 2027 class. As a single-form entry school, ranked 15th in the UK, Waverley offers a pathway to outstanding regional and national secondary schools, so places fill quickly. To learn more about our Prep School, click here. For enquiries or to discuss your child joining Reception 2027, please contact us at **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 in Nursery 1, the Babies noticed signs of Spring during their walks including birds singing, flowers blooming and insects returning. To build on their interest, they explored sensory trays with green rice and natural Spring items such as leaves and flowers. This activity encouraged the Babies to talk about the different colours and textures they could find and ultimately discover new words.

The Babies also took part in creative and sensory activities, including flower painting with cardboard tubes and searching for hidden flowers in green spaghetti 'grass.' They also explored water and rice trays containing flowers, spoons and bowls and were encouraged to fill, pour and mix to develop their fine motor skills and curiosity.

Nursery Extension

This week in the Nursery Extension, the children explored a new interest in aeroplanes. They made their own binoculars using toilet roll tubes, painting and sticking them together before going outside to spot planes. Whilst looking at the sky, the children counted the planes they could see and talked about their features.

The children created plane and cloud pictures by rolling toy aeroplanes in paint to make tracks and adding clouds with cotton wool. They also made their own passports using coloured paper and different materials to decorate the covers.

Nursery 2

This week in Nursery 2, the children began to explore a new habitat - a farm. They investigated a sensory farmyard tray filled with textured grass, Weetabix and farm animals such as pigs, cows and horses. The children also matched mother and baby farm animals using pictures, helping them notice similarities and learn new animal names.

Nursery 2 also took part in hands-on activities including 'shearing a sheep,' where they spread shaving foam onto a sheep picture while learning about wool and why sheep are sheared. They also explored a cornflour 'mud' tray filled with farm animals. This encouraged imaginative play, as the children made the animals stomp through the mud before washing them clean with water.

Nursery 3

This week, the children in Nursery 3 were visited by the Year 6 class, who came to read stories they had written about chicks. This helped build the children's confidence when meeting new people while developing their listening skills and vocabulary. The children also explored their interest in chicks, babies and mummies by looking at life cycle pictures and matching baby animals to their adults.

To extend this interest, the children role-played caring for babies by giving their dolls a bath and talking about their own bath time routines at home. They also made 'formula' drinks for the babies using flour and water, practising bottle feeding whilst developing their imagination, language and hand control.

Pre-Foundation

This week, the children in Pre-Foundation created some very special cards for Mother's Day. They drew colourful petals around their faces to turn themselves into flowers and used sparkles to decorate their cards. The children also practised their tripod grip whilst writing their names inside.

Following their interest in chicks and nesting after visiting the chicks at Waverley, the children also made their own chicks this week. For this, they used yellow card, googly eyes and orange beaks. They also went bird watching on the field, using clipboards and tick sheets to spot different birds and talk about their colours, feathers and names.

Foundation

This week, the children in Foundation started to look at plants. They explored the plant life cycle using photographs showing each stage from a small seed to a fully grown plant. The children discussed what happened at each stage and worked together to put the pictures in the correct order. This activity helped to support their observation, problem-solving skills and understanding of how plants grow.

The children in Foundation also showed an interest in fruit and vegetables this week. They spent time playing a matching game to pair whole foods with their cut versions, discussing seeds and where foods grow. They also role-played gardening using soil and tools, planting vegetables whilst also talking about different healthy foods and how they grow. This activity helped to extend the children's learning about the world around them.

Menus

Next week our lunch menu will be Week 1.
You can view our Winter menu for School and Nursery **here**.

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

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