Waverley
Preparatory School and Nursery

Parent Communication w/e 15th May 2026

Wicker-Weaving At Waverley!

Dear Parents,

I hope you have all had a wonderful week. It's been another busy one here at Waverley, with Year 6 completing their SATs, pupils dodging the rain showers during cricket fixtures and everyone enjoying some fantastic whole-school wicker weaving workshops.

Whole School Wicker-Weaving Project

Over the past three days, you may have spotted a rather special structure taking shape on the lawn at the front of school. Every child across the school had the chance to take part in some fantastic wicker-weaving workshops, helping to create the beautiful new woodland shelter.

Each class spent time learning the traditional tight-weave technique, contributing to building the incredible structure, which will stay on site for the whole school community to enjoy for many years to come. As a thank you for their efforts, every child also had the opportunity to make their own personal wicker crown to take home.

It has been wonderful to see the children so engaged in such a creative, hands-on project, working together to bring the structure to life. I am sure it will quickly become a much-loved feature of our school grounds.

I would like to say a big thank you to the WFA for funding this brilliant project and making it all possible. You can watch a timelapse video of the build **here** and view photos **here**.

Year 6 Complete Their SATs!

A huge congratulations to all of Year 6 who have now completed their SATs. I am incredibly proud of each and every one of you, as I know you gave it your all! To celebrate the end of a big week, the class enjoyed some well-earned free time on the school field yesterday, followed by a special pizza lunch. With SATs out of the way, the children can now look forward to their PGL trip next week! See photos from their fun on the field **here**.

Team Waverley Attends ISA Gymnastics Competition

A huge well done to our Waverley Gymnastics Team who competed in the ISA National Gymnastics Competition on Sunday! Attending the event for only the second time, the girls showed incredible determination, confidence and teamwork across a range of challenging disciplines.

I am so proud of everything they achieved, both individually and as a team. Their hard work, dedication and support for one another really shone through on the day. A special mention must go to Nandi, who achieved an outstanding 5th place! (Narrowly missing out on 3rd place by just 0.3 of a mark). An incredible achievement at national level! See photos **here**.

Year 4 Heads Hot Chocolate

Earlier today, I had the pleasure of visiting Year 4 to take a look at some of their recent proud achievements. Again, instead of the usual hot chocolate treat, the children enjoyed ice lollies whilst talking about all the fantastic things they have been up to.

From Lego structures to sporting achievements, creative art pieces and school work, there was so much to celebrate. It was a lovely opportunity to recognise their efforts and achievements together.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend!

ISA INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION Accredited Member

Pupil Achievements

Pupils of the Week

Johnnie, Reception
'For his positive attitude towards his learning and making fantastic progress in his reading and writing.'

Arthur, Year 1
'For his growing independence and beginning to speak with confidence to the class.'

Alistair, Year 2
'For his generous donation of sunflower seeds which allowed other children to plant their own sunflowers. A great initiative as part of his Green Council role.'

Mete, Year 3
'For taking feedback on board in lessons and using it to challenge himself further and for working well in collaborative tasks.'

Chanel, Year 4
'For being thoughtful and taking her own initiative to help others in the classroom.'

Kate, Year 5
'For having a positive attitude towards her work and working well in group tasks.'

Mikey, Year 6
'For his hard work and determination in all areas, in particular those that he finds hard.'

Waverley Way Award

Kayah
'For always looking after others. She is a kind, caring and helpful member of the class.'

Joshua M
'For being an incredibly supportive teammate during Cricket, checking in on peers and swapping positions to make sure it was always fair.'

Diary Dates

Sunday 17th May:	WFA Colour Run.
Monday 18th May:	School Assembly.
Wednesday 20th May:	Swim 5.
Wednesday 20th - Friday 22nd May:	Year 5 & 6 PGL Trip.
Friday 22nd May:	Year 3 Head's Hot Chocolate. (Break Time).
	Year 3 & 4 Cricket vs Lyndhurst & Dolphin. AWAY.*
	School Half Term Ends. *Normal School Day.*

**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

Year 2 Forest School Fun

Year 2 had lots of fun during their Forest School session this week. Although the weather was not quite as warm as in previous weeks, it did not stop the children from having a fantastic time outdoors.

The children got stuck in building fantastic dens, enjoyed lots of time on the forest swing and practised their fine motor skills hammering pegs into the ground. The mud kitchen was also very popular, with some creative concoctions being made and the children were very excited that they spotted a deer in the distance! See photos **here**.

Beatrix Potter Art

Year 2 have had a great time in their art lesson making Beatrix Potter clay figurines. The children chose either Mrs Tiggywinkle or Mr Fisher and worked hard to bring their characters to life in clay. They looked closely at the illustrations from the Beatrix Potter books they have been exploring this term and tried their best to include lots of detail in their designs. There was lots of focus and creativity throughout and the finished figurines are looking brilliant! See photos **here**.

Year 4 Design Ancient Egyptian Headdresses

Year 4 have been continuing their Ancient Egypt topic in art this term and this week they finished off designing their own pharaoh headdresses. The children used profile photos of themselves, cut them out and stuck them onto paper, then added their own creative headdress designs. There were lots of fantastic ideas, with plenty of Ancient Egyptian features and patterns included. Everyone showed great creativity and the finished pieces look amazing! See photos **here**.

Waverley Judo Success

Well done to our Waverley Judo team for some fantastic results at the Southern Schools Judo Championship last weekend! Charlotte and Aurelia both came away with gold medals, while Jack (in his very first tournament) and Ema (one of the youngest competitors) both secured silver medals. Kiyaan also did brilliantly, picking up a bronze. A super effort from everyone. Well done to you all!

Waverley School News

Swimming Lesson Update

We are pleased to share that from September, Waverley swimming lessons will move to Places Leisure in Wokingham (formerly Carnival Pool). Children will be taught by qualified Places Leisure coaches, with Waverley staff always present and lessons will continue in small, ability-assessed groups. The new venue also offers a shorter journey than Bracknell, easier coach access and excellent facilities. Swimming remains included in school fees. Please note that lessons will move from Wednesdays to Tuesdays next academic year for Years 1-4.

Waverley's 5K Race for The Cowshed

On Monday 8th June, we are excited to be supporting The Cowshed for this year's 5K race. The Cowshed is a local charity that provides clothing, toiletries, bedding and essential items to people and families in crisis across Berkshire.

All KS2 children will be taking part and can walk, jog or run, making it accessible for everyone. The event will start at 14:00hrs, with light refreshments provided by our Connect catering team. We would love to raise as much as possible for this brilliant local charity. If you would like to donate, please visit our JustGiving page **here**.

After School Club Fun

After School Club has been full of fun this week! In Cookery Club, the children have been busy making more delicious treats, whilst in Circus Club, the children have been working on hat tricks, bean bag juggling and spinning hoops (even Mr Shore joined in!) There was also lots of excitement during balloon tennis with Mr Barlow and plenty of other fun activities throughout the week. See photos **here**.

Missing School Uniform

We have been made aware that a number of children currently have items of school uniform missing. Please can all parents check their children's school bags and sports kits to ensure that nothing has been picked up or taken home by mistake.

Fire Alarm Testing - New Time

We have updated the timings of our weekly fire alarm test. From next week, this will take place on Wednesday mornings at approximately 07:25hrs.

Waverley School News

Suncream Reminder

A quick reminder about sun protection during the summer months. All children must have a Waverley sun hat in school and please ensure suncream is applied before coming into school each day, as staff are unable to apply it during the day for safeguarding and hygiene reasons. We are also unable to allow NIVEA suncream in school or Nursery due to nut allergy concerns.

May Half Term Holiday Club Bookings - Now Open!

We still have some availability for our May Half Term Holiday Club. Join us for a week packed with fun activities, including Baking, Arts & Crafts, Sports, a Golf trip, Bouncy Castle, Birds of Prey visit and so much more.

Book soon to avoid missing out! To view a full schedule of both KS1 and KS2 activities and to book your space, click **here**.

WFA News

New Waverley Willow Dome

You will now have seen the new Fox Head Willow Dome, beautifully created by Oakey Bear Bespoke Willow Structures. This wonderful project was organised and funded by the WFA. A big thank you to Chris and his assistant for working alongside our students to bring this brilliant new feature to life.

Colour Run - 17th May

We are looking forward to seeing everyone on Sunday for a fantastically colourful time! Participants should now have received emails providing registration times and important race information. If you have not received this, please contact us as soon as possible.

Waverley Summer Festival - 3rd July

The countdown to our Annual Summer Fayre is on! Planning has begun and we welcome parents who would like to support the WFA in organising the event to contact us.

Frozen Fridays - 5th, 12th & 19th June

As the days get warmer and sunnier, we are excited to bring back our ever-popular Frozen Fridays! Children will be able to purchase ice lollies for £1 to help them cool down after school. Our first Frozen Friday event will take place on Friday 5th June.

WFA Diary Dates:

17th May: Colour Run

5th, 12th & 19th June: Frozen Fridays

3rd July: WFA Summer Fayre

Waverley Nursery News

Scrumys Update

As you may be aware, Scrumy's sessions have not been running since the start of the summer term, as Coach Alan has been unwell. We have now received an update confirming that, following further medical advice, Coach Alan requires a longer recovery period and unfortunately, will not be able to return to coaching for the remainder of the Summer term. We appreciate this news may be disappointing for the children who enjoy the sessions and we would like to thank you all for your patience and understanding during this time. We wish Coach Alan a full and speedy recovery and will keep you updated should sessions be able to resume in the future.

Photo Consent Form

Many thanks to all those Nursery parents who have now completed their photo/media consent update. Thank you also to those parents who expressed their thanks to Waverley Nursery as we seek to ensure that our Nursery children's data is kept safe in accordance with their parents' wishes.

Our photo/media consent online form has now closed and new consent preferences will take effect from Monday 18th May. If parents have not given their photo/media consent or the online form has not been completed or not completed fully, then it will assumed that photo/media consent has NOT been given. If you wish to change your child's photo/media consents at any time in the future, please email both Mrs Helen Jenkins (**helen.jenkins@waverleyschool.co.uk**) and Mrs Fiona Harding (**fiona.harding@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 exploring their interest in transporting through a variety of engaging activities. They enjoyed taking part in a car wash activity where they moved dirty cars from a tray filled with soil to a tray of soapy water using their fine motor skills. With support from their Educators, the Babies practised cleaning the cars using sponges while developing their sensory awareness and hand-eye coordination.

The Babies also investigated transporting objects up and down string, carefully moving items to the top before letting them fall back down and watching with excitement as they repeated the process. They further explored creativity during pine cone painting, covering pine cones in paint and rolling them across paper to create colourful marks and patterns.

Nursery Extension

This week in Nursery Extension, the children continued exploring colours and animals through lots of fun sensory and matching activities. They enjoyed finding hidden animals, matching animal figures to pictures and talking about the different animals, colours and sounds they discovered. They also practised their colour recognition and fine motor skills with cotton bud colour posting.

The children loved getting creative with ice painting, car ramp painting and making jellyfish crafts. They also enjoyed exploring different textures in the farmyard sensory tray and experimenting with colours and patterns while painting and rolling cars through paint.

Nursery 2

This week in Nursery 2, the children continued exploring their interest in planes through lots of fun activities. They enjoyed matching coloured aeroplanes to help with colour recognition and language development and loved making their own paper aeroplanes before seeing how far they could throw them outside.

The children also had fun using the iPad to take photos for their own passports, helping them practise turn-taking and learn about technology. They explored different flags and talked about the colours and shapes they could see and enjoyed packing suitcases with the right clothes ready for a pretend summer holiday.

Nursery 3

This week in Nursery 3, the children continued exploring their interest in bees, bugs and insects through a range of hands-on activities. They enjoyed rescuing bees and bugs from coloured rice using tweezers and practised their counting skills by adding pom pom spots to ladybirds.

The children also got creative making colourful butterfly pictures with paint and loved revealing their finished designs. Outdoors, they explored bugs with magnifying glasses and had lots of fun acting out “Incy Wincy Spider” using water, spiders and pipes around a giant spider’s web.

Pre-Foundation

This week in Pre-Foundation, the children explored insects through a range of fun and creative activities. They enjoyed making their own spiders by threading pipe cleaners and feathers through a googly-eyed colander, while talking about spider legs, sizes and where spiders can be found.

The children also listened to a ladybird poem before taking part in a number game. They rolled a dice and matched the correct number piece to the ladybird picture, helping to develop number recognition, pattern skills, turn-taking and patience.

Foundation

This week in Foundation, the children explored the theme of Fairy Tales through the story The Three Wishes. They enjoyed making magical stars and writing their own wishes before decorating them with glitter and craft materials. The children also created friendship potions using ingredients labelled with kind words such as kindness, caring and sharing, while talking about what makes a good friend.

The children loved getting creative by making their own magic wands using colourful craft materials and enjoyed using them during role play and imaginative play activities. They were also very excited to discover birds nesting in the bird box in the garden and took part in the whole-school willow weaving project, helping to build the new structure at the front of the school and receiving their own willow crowns for helping.

Menus

Next week our lunch menu will be Week 3.
You can view our Summer menu for School and Nursery **here.**

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

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