Waverley

Preparatory School and Nursery

Parent Communication w/e 17th April 2026

Welcome to the Summer Term at Waverley!

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Waverley! I hope you all had a lovely Easter break. It has been great hearing the children share all of the fun things they got up to over the past two weeks.

It is hard to believe that we have now reached the Summer term (Christmas feels like it was only yesterday), but we have got a really busy and exciting term ahead. There is plenty to look forward to including sports events, productions, school trips and some very special themed days. Be sure to follow our Parent Communications each week to hear about these as they happen.

Waverley Art Week

This week, we were delighted to celebrate our very first Waverley Art Week! Throughout the week, the children took part in a range of exciting workshops and produced some truly wonderful pieces of artwork. You can find more details about everything they've been up to on ***page 3***.

As part of Art Week, we also launched a very special 'Secret Artist' competition. The children were invited to create a piece of artwork using any medium they wished and submit it anonymously. I am pleased to say we

had a fantastic number of entries, with a wide variety of styles and materials used. It really showcased just how many talented young artists we have here at Waverley.

All of the children who took part will be awarded 3 house points and there will be an additional 10 for runners-up, 15 for those highly commended and 20 house points for our overall winner, who will also receive a special art prize.

Our special visitor, Ruth Shore, had the very difficult job of selecting the winning pieces yesterday afternoon and I am pleased to share photographs of the winning artwork **here**. The big reveal of our talented artists will be taking place in Monday morning's assembly.

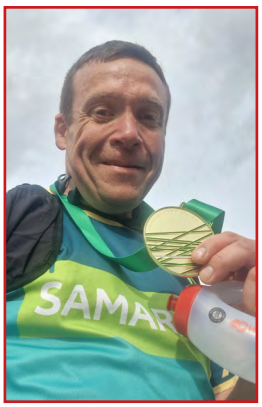
Reception 2026 Settling-In Afternoon

It was a pleasure to welcome our Reception 2026 pupils in for their settling-in session this afternoon. I was pleased to see that the children settled in incredibly well and enjoyed a variety of activities throughout the afternoon. We are already looking forward to seeing them again for their full familiarisation day in June.

Paris Marathon Success for Mr Kear!

As many of you will already know, Mr Kear, our Clubs manager completed the Paris Marathon last weekend. This was an incredible achievement, as it was his first marathon in 15 years! After weeks of training and preparation, he took on the challenge with a great deal of determination, completing the course in 5 hours and 38 minutes!

I am delighted to share that Mr Kear raised over £900 for the Samaritans. This is a fantastic achievement for a very important cause and I am sure you will all join me in saying a huge well done to him.



I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

S. Shore

Diary Dates

Monday 20th April:	School Assembly.
Wednesday 22nd April:	Swim 1.
	Year 5 & 6 Cricket vs. St Edward's. AWAY. *
Friday 24th April:	WFA Break the Rules Day.
	Year 3 & 4 Cricket vs. St Edward's. HOME. *

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

Waverley Art Week

In celebration of World Art Day on Tuesday, we enjoyed a fantastic week of creativity here at Waverley, with a range of exciting art workshops taking place across the school.

Yesterday morning, a special assembly was led by Mrs Lightstone and Ms Sykes, where the children learned about World Art Day and were introduced to our theme this year of textile art. This inspired a variety of hands-on activities for each of our year groups.

In KS1, the children created colourful textile patchworks using different fabrics and embellishments. They had lots of fun showing off their creativity, choosing different items that reflected their own personal style. Years 3 and 4 also had great fun designing their own tie-dye socks. They decorated plain white socks with coloured marker pens and then sprayed water onto their designs to create bold and unique patterns.

Year 5 and 6 took part in a very special Fashion Workshop led by Ruth Shore, a BA Fashion Design graduate who has showcased her work at London Fashion Week and now works in the industry. She gave the children a fascinating insight into the world of fashion, demonstrating how garments are designed and made. The children then had the opportunity to design their own outfits using a range of fabric off-cuts. It seems we have some budding fashion designers in Years 5 and 6! See photos from these sessions **here**.

Throughout the week, the children also spent time working collaboratively on a range of art pieces that will come together to form a whole-school art display. This will appear in the main school corridor, with the theme 'Garden in Summer/Bloom'. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 created beautiful tie-dye butterflies using baby wipes and felt pens, experimenting with colour blending to achieve some lovely effects. Year 3 focused on creating sunflowers, carefully weaving brown wool through painted paper plates to form the centres of their flowers. Year 4 explored different techniques to produce a variety of flowers, including sewing rosette designs and making bright collage creations. In Year 5, the children crafted bees using strips of yellow and black fabric, whilst Year 6 produced felt birds, adding another garden-themed element to the display.

It has been great to see the children working both independently and together, with each element helping to build what will be a very eye-catching and collaborative piece of artwork. Once all of the pieces are complete, Mrs Lightstone will bring everything together into a stunning display. We look forward to sharing the finished result with you soon. See photos from the collaborative art project **here**.

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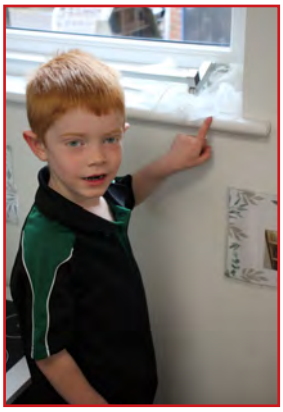
Fairies Visit the Reception Classroom

It has been a very magical week in Reception! Before the Easter break, the children spotted some fairy doors that had mysteriously appeared around their classroom. They had lots of questions about the fairies living behind them, so they decided to write some letters to find out more.

On Wednesday morning, the children were very excited to discover some special replies waiting for them outside each little door. Wrapped up in tiny fairy bags were little letters from Fizzlewick, Picklewick and Luna Dewglow, the elf, sprite and fairy that live behind each door. Each letter answered the childrens' questions and even asked some questions back, so the class will be writing their replies back soon. See photos of the children receiving their letters **here**.

The class have also been exploring the story 'The Elves and the Shoemaker.' On Thursday morning, the children were amazed to find that their Reception fairies had been busy again, 'helping out' by fixing a pair of Ms Sykes' shoes, just like in the story!



Year 4 Work on Their Acting Skills

In their Drama lesson this week, Year 4 have started exploring the skill of acting. Each child was given a script, with a different story or scenario to bring to life. From describing dinosaurs to footballers chatting during a match, there were lots of fun ideas for them to explore.

Some of the pieces were for a duo, whilst others were solo performances. The children will continue working on these scripts over the next term, building their confidence and developing their acting skills along the way. Click **here** to see photos of the class getting to grips with their new scripts.

Year 6 Prepare for Secondary School

On Wednesday morning, Year 6 had a special visit from Wayne Dixon from the charity, Christian Connections in Schools. He talked to the children about getting ready for secondary school, sharing useful tips on handling change, making the transition a bit easier and how to make new friends.

The children were really engaged throughout, listening carefully, asking questions and even joining in with a special rap (see **here**). Each child also received a free copy of 'It's Your Move: The Secondary School Survival Guide' to take home. You can see some photos from the visit **here**.

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Summer Term School Fees Reminder

A quick reminder to please ensure that (if not already done) all Summer term invoices are settled as soon as possible. These were emailed out to school parents, during the Easter break and termly fees were due in full by the first day of term (Tuesday 14th April). Please note that if you have opted to pay annually or monthly then you will have only been invoiced for any upcoming school trips; the next monthly invoice will be circulated towards the end of April.

Spring Term Ad Hoc Bookings Reminder

Please can all outstanding ad hoc After School Club bookings for the Spring term also be settled as soon as possible. Payment can be made via bank transfer as usual, or via card through the Outstanding Payments (Balances tab) section of MCAS.

WFA News

We hope everyone had a lovely Easter break and are excited for the upcoming WFA events we have planned over the next few months!

Break the Rules Day – 24th April

Next Friday, we are excited to be hosting 'Break the Rules Day' again at Waverley! For one day only, the children will have the chance to break a few of the usual school rules (without even getting told off!) For £1 per rule, children can enjoy some special treats such as coming to school in non-uniform, having extra playtime, enjoying a sweet snack, bringing fruit juice rather than water, or even having no homework for the day. There are five rules in total and children can choose which ones they would like to take part in. If your child would like to join in the fun, you can purchase their chosen rule breaks using the link provided **here**.

Colour Run - 17th May

Tickets are now live for the WFA Colour Run! Premium child tickets are £10 (including sunglasses and white T-shirt) or £8 for a standard adult or child ticket, with all children receiving a finisher's medal. The event will be an untimed run around Waverley Playing Fields in year groups. Please note all participants must complete a waiver form to take part. You can find FAQs and complete the form **here**.

WFA Diary Dates:

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

Waverley Nursery News

Congratulations Miss O'Rourke

We would like to congratulate Miss O'Rourke on the birth of her baby boy, Sonny Archie Armstrong, who was born on Wednesday. We are all so thrilled for her and partner Joe and can't wait to meet the little one soon!

Parenta Update Reminder

We would like to remind parents that all updates to Parenta will be submitted by the end of the Nursery day at 18:00hrs. Whilst we always aim to update information as promptly as possible throughout the day, our primary focus remains on providing the highest level of care and attention to the children. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Welcome to Miss Owen

We are pleased to introduce a new member of our Nursery team. Jessica Owen, will be joining us next week and is Level 3 qualified, plus brings with her a wealth of experience in early years care and education. She will be based within our Foundation and Pre-Foundation rooms, where she is looking forward to getting to know the children and supporting their development. Please join us in giving Jessica a warm welcome when you see her.

- **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

It has been another busy week in Nursery 1. The Babies have had lots of fun exploring different sounds and music and have really enjoyed making lots of noise through their play. They used pots, pans and a selection of musical instruments to create noise, banging them with sticks to discover different sounds. This activity also helped the Babies to develop their fine motor skills, as they grasped and moved the equipment.

Nursery 1 also explored a range of sensory activities this week, including trays with different materials, homemade shakers filled with lentils and pasta and sensory bags containing items such as Rice Krispies, cornflakes and Weetabix. The Babies loved squeezing, shaking and listening to the different crunching and rustling sounds, showing lots of curiosity as they explored.

Nursery Extension

This week in the Nursery Extension, the children enjoyed exploring lots of different activities set up around the room to see what interested them most. They played with building blocks, musical instruments and animal books, with some 'reading' stories to their teddies. The children also explored sensory trays, playdough with dinosaurs, the home corner, sand play and had fun using coloured blocks and shapes on the light table.

The children also got creative with a mark-making activity and practiced their fine motor skills by threading pasta. They especially enjoyed an animal rescue activity and string painting with red, blue and yellow, helping them learn more about animals, colours and developing their fine motor skills.

Nursery 2

This week in Nursery 2, the children continued exploring their interest in Spring and insects. They created Spring pictures using a range of textured materials, practicing their fine motor skills by squeezing glue and picking up small items. They also enjoyed sensory play with gloop and different textures, using their senses to explore.

The children became especially interested in ladybirds after spotting some in their garden. They painted and printed their own ladybirds, talking about their spots and sizes and explored bugs through playdough and outdoor activities like building bug hotels and searching for bugs in soil. These activities helped to support their creativity, communication and fine motor skills.

Nursery 3

In Nursery 3 this week, the children continued to explore their interest in flowers after noticing lots of them on their daily walks. They took part in a colour matching activity, linking different flowers to coloured squares, talking about the colours they could see. They also made their own flowers using playdough, learning new words such as petals, leaves and stem.

The children also enjoyed making flower perfumes by picking up petals with tweezers and mixing them together in water. Throughout this activity, they spoke about colours and smells. The children further explored flowers through a sensory ice activity, using tools to free frozen petals.

Pre-Foundation

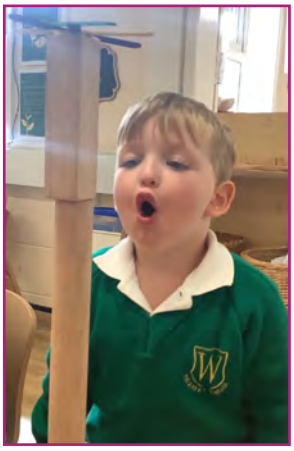
This week, Pre-Foundation have continued exploring their interest in the story, 'The Gruffalo.' The children looked at pictures of the characters and discussed the story. They thought about the order of events and used words to describe what happens first, next and last, supporting their early literacy and numeracy skills.

The children also enjoyed completing Gruffalo puzzles with different levels of difficulty. This encouraged them to challenge themselves and work together when needed. The puzzles sparked conversations about the story, characters and key moments, helping with communication and teamwork skills.

Foundation

Foundation have continued to explore their interest in animal habitats this week, through a range of hands-on activities. The children created sea creature habitats in a water tray and experimented with making bubbles using straws, pipettes and syringes, whilst talking about sea animals, their features and where they live. They also explored other habitats including snowy, forest, ocean and jungle, using materials and toy animals to sort and match them. This encouraged lots of group discussions and new vocabulary.

The children also enjoyed learnt about 'The Three Little Pigs' this week, talking about the story and characters before using different materials to build their own houses. They role played and explored which materials were strongest, supporting their understanding of the world, as well as developing their imagination and motor skills.



Menus

Next week our lunch menu will be Week 2.
You can view our Summer menu for School and Nursery **here.**

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