Waverley
Preparatory School and Nursery

Parent Communication w/e 19th June 2026

Hakuna Matata! Show Time For Key Stage 2

Dear Parents,

I hope you have all had a wonderful week. We seem to be racing towards the end of the Summer term and I can hardly believe how quickly it is approaching! It has been another busy week at Waverley, with production rehearsals in full swing, an exciting Ancient Egyptian Day for Years 3 and 4 and the fantastic achievement of our Year 4 relay team, who are now ISA National Champions. There is certainly plenty to celebrate!

All Set for The Lion King JR

This evening, our Key Stage 2 children will take to the stage for their Summer production of The Lion King JR. Having watched several rehearsals, I can confidently say that parents are in for a real treat. The show is full of fantastic acting, wonderful singing and plenty of laughs and every child has worked incredibly hard to make it a success.

The whole school had the opportunity to watch the dress rehearsal yesterday afternoon and, if that is anything to go by, tonight's performance is going to be incredible! Good luck to all of the children taking part this evening. I couldn't be prouder of their dedication, teamwork and enthusiasm and I hope everyone enjoys the performance. We look forward to sharing some photographs from the show in next week's parent communication.

Incredible ISA Athletics Achievements

A huge well done to all of the children who travelled to Birmingham on Monday to compete in the ISA Athletics Finals. Anya ran brilliantly to finish 5th in the 75m sprint – a fantastic achievement in such a strong field and the first time a Waverley pupil has ever reached a sprint final at this competition. Dominic was sensational in the vortex, securing an outstanding 2nd place overall.

It was then time for our 4 x 100m relay team to take to the track and what a performance they produced! Dominic, Hugo, Matthew and Samuel followed up their regional success by winning gold in a closely fought Year 4 Boys' Relay final, meaning they are now **ISA National Champions**!

I am incredibly proud of them all for representing Waverley so brilliantly and for achieving such fantastic results.

Reception Share Their Achievements

Earlier today, Mrs Shore and I visited Reception to find out what achievements the children wanted to share in this week's Head's Ice Lolly session. I was incredibly impressed by what our youngest pupils had to show us. From great pieces of class work to beautiful paintings and even some medals, there was so much to celebrate. The whole class should be very proud of themselves and all that they have achieved. See photos **here**.

Sports Day Reminder

As in previous years, we will be holding three separate events across the day:

- **Foundation & Reception:** from 09:00hrs – 10:00hrs.
- **Year 1 & 2:** from 10:30hrs – 12:00hrs.
- **Year 3–6:** from 13:15hrs – 15:30hrs.

The action will all take place on the school field and children should come to school in their PE kits with their House T-shirts, Waverley sun hats, sun cream and water bottles. (It is set to be a hot and sunny day!). Overflow parking will be available on the school field for each event. After their events, Foundation and KS1 pupils will return to class, whilst KS2 pupils will be dismissed as usual at the end of the day or attend their usual After School Club.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend!

Pupil Achievements

Pupils of the Week

Amara, Reception
'For making fantastic progress with her reading and writing.'

Zoravar, Year 1
'For enthusiastically sharing his outstanding knowledge of animals during the school trip.'

Anoushka, Year 2
'For her excellent Maths work this week. She takes her time and enjoys showcasing her knowledge on the carpet and in her book.'

Rupert, Year 3
'For his wonderful creative writing this week.'

Gabriel, Year 4
'For his excellent efforts shown in Maths. He has worked hard on column subtraction and creating his own polygons.'

Darcey, Year 5
'For always working so hard in lessons and really listening to feedback to improve her writing.'

Harvey, Year 6
'For showing focus and concentration in his work. He was also exceptionally helpful supporting a class mate when they needed support with some work.'

Waverley Way Award

Ben
'For showing kindness and care for an adult, checking they were okay after spotting a plaster on their finger. He is such a kind presence in the classroom!'

Eloise
'For always encouraging and supporting her classmates. This was especially evident in last week's cricket fixture.'

Diary Dates

Tuesday 23rd June:	Parent & Teacher Consultations. (AM & PM)
	Nursery Father's Day Stay & Play. 09:00hrs-10:00hrs.
Wednesday 24th June:	Swim 9.
	Year 5 & 6 Cricket vs Dolphin. Home. *
	Parent & Teacher Consultations. (AM)
Thursday 25th June:	Nursery Father's Day Stay & Play. 09:00hrs-10:00hrs.
	Parent & Teacher Consultations. (AM & PM)
Friday 26th June:	Waverley Sports 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.

Ancient Egyptian Day

On Monday, Years 3 and 4 stepped back in time to enjoy a fantastic Ancient Egyptian Day thanks to a visit from Portals to the Past. Many of the children arrived dressed for the occasion, with Pharaohs, explorers and mummies all making an appearance on the day.

The immersive session began with an introduction to Ancient Egypt, where the children learnt about its geography, famous Pharaohs and what life was like thousands of years ago. They then put their detective skills to the test, taking part in a quiz, searching around the room for answers hidden on information boards.

Next, the children explored hieroglyphics. Working together in pairs, they deciphered the ancient symbols, which led them on to learn about Egyptian measurements. They discovered how the Ancient Egyptians used units based on body parts, such as fingers, palms and hands.

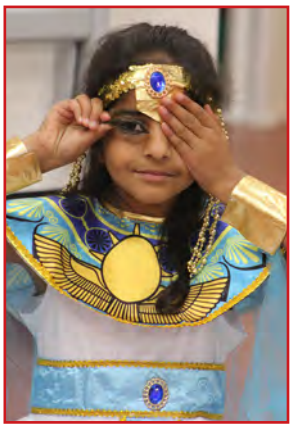
The children also learnt how to play a game called, 'Hounds and Jackals,' an ancient Egyptian race game similar to 'Snakes and Ladders.'

One of the key highlights of the day was the opportunity to investigate some genuine Ancient Egyptian artefacts. The children had the opportunity to handle and examine the artefacts, some of which were thousands of years old. They explored pieces of jewellery and scarab beetle amulets, gaining a real sense of connection to the past. A particularly special moment was the chance to look through a genuine eye piece from an ancient Egyptian death mask. Very few people have ever had the opportunity to hold and look through this remarkable artefact, making it an unforgettable experience for the children.

In the afternoon, the children learned about the fascinating process of mummification and how the Ancient Egyptians prepared their dead for the afterlife. Some brave volunteers even took part in a demonstration, helping to remove the body's organs and place them into canopic jars, just as the Egyptians would have done thousands of years ago.

Overall, it was a really enjoyable day packed with lots of hands-on activities. The children had a brilliant time bringing their history topic to life and learning more about the world of Ancient Egypt. A huge thank you to our wonderful WFA for funding this fantastic experience for the children!

See photos from the day **here**.



Waverley School News

Multi Year Payment Option

Following requests from several parents, please see **here** a letter from the Chair of Governors regarding the option to pay fees for multiple years in advance.

If you have any questions, would like a fee calculation or would like to take up this option, please contact our Bursar, Mrs Carole Barke, via email: **carole.barke@waverleyschool.co.uk**.

Swimming Gala

On Wednesday, we held our annual Swimming Gala, giving the children the chance to showcase everything they have learnt over the past year. It was wonderful to see so many parents joining us to support and celebrate the children's achievements.

Everyone performed brilliantly and at the end of the event, Mercury and Jupiter were tied on 9 points. To decide the overall winner, house representatives Sophie and Samuel (Mercury) and Dominic and Chanel (Jupiter) took part in a fun bombing competition, with the winner decided by our parent judges. Congratulations to Jupiter, who were crowned this year's Swimming Gala champions!

Reception Harvest Potatoes

A few weeks before the Easter holidays, our Reception children planted some potatoes in their garden area to see if they could grow some of their own. Over the weeks, they carefully watered and monitored their plants, eagerly waiting to see what would happen.

Earlier this week, the class were very excited to discover a selection of small potatoes growing beneath the soil! Well done Reception, your hard work really did pay off! See photos **here**.

Wiz Wham Alakazam Ticket Reminder

We are very much looking forward to the upcoming KS1 summer production of 'Wiz Wham Alakazam,' on Friday 3rd July at 9:30am. If you haven't already done so, please remember to book your tickets via the MCAS app. Tickets are £4.80 per person, which includes access to a recording of the performance and refreshments. Each family may book up to 2 tickets.

Once all families have had the opportunity to book, any remaining tickets will be offered first to Year 2 families, before being made available to other year groups.

Waverley School News

Summer Holiday Club Bookings Now Open

Get ready for seven weeks of fun, creativity and exciting activities at Waverley's Summer Holiday Club.

Running from 13th July to 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!

Full summer schedules for KS1 & KS2 will be released soon.
To book your space, click **here**.

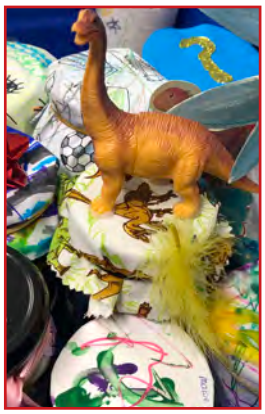
WFA News

Frozen Fridays Success

We hope everyone enjoyed Frozen Fridays this month. It was lovely to see the excitement on the children's faces each week!

Big Thank You for Jam Jars and Bottles!

Thank you to everyone who donated bottles and entered the jam jar competition. All the jars looked amazing, making it a difficult task for Mr Shore to choose the winners. Winners from each year group will receive a certificate and prize next week. You'll also have the chance to win the jars and bottles in the WaveFest tombola's.



Sports Day Hamper Raffles - Friday 26th June

WFA Year Reps have created special hampers to be raffled at Sports Day next week. Raffle tickets will be available to buy on the day, so please bring some cash. Winners will be drawn at the end of each key stage event.

WaveFest 2026 - Friday 3rd July

Tickets are now sold out. Numbers are limited to ensure we can safely move indoors if required due to adverse weather. During the week commencing 29th June, we will review the forecast and if dry conditions are expected, release a further allocation of entry-only tickets. Please remember that all attendees need a valid ticket and will receive a bespoke WaveFest wristband on arrival.

Second-Hand Uniform Sales

As we approach the Summer holidays, second-hand uniform sales will follow a revised schedule. The final orders will be distributed on **16th July**, with the next orders processed from **1st September**.

Waverley Nursery News

Father's Day Stay & Play Events

Thank you to everyone who confirmed their attendance at our upcoming Father's Day Stay & Play events next week. We look forward to you joining us for some fun activities with your children.

Foundation Sports Day

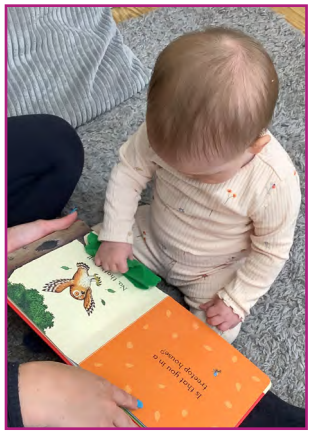
Next Friday is Sports Day for our Foundation children! Parents are warmly invited to come along and cheer them on. If your child does not usually attend nursery on a Friday but would like to take part, please contact the Foundation team to let them know you will be attending.

Save The Date: Nursery Photo Day

Nursery photo day is coming up on **Tuesday 30th June**. The photographers will be ready to take both individual and sibling portraits starting just after 08:30hrs that day. If your child doesn't usually attend Nursery on Tuesdays, but you would like them to have their photo taken, please get in touch with Mrs Harding via email **here**.

- **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 enjoyed exploring how different objects can be hidden, covered and contained. They enjoyed unwrapping items hidden in foil, using their fingers to peel and pull the wrapping away. The children were curious to discover what was underneath and enjoyed looking at the different shapes and sizes. They also explored shape sorters, practising fitting the different shapes into the correct spaces.

Nursery 1 also enjoyed some outdoor adventures this week. The Babies explored dens in the garden, crawling through the different spaces and discovering what was inside. They also enjoyed finding hidden textured objects under cups and foil. The Babies showed lots of excitement as they lifted, peeled and revealed the surprises, developing both their fine and gross motor skills.

Nursery Extension

The children in the Nursery Extension enjoyed getting creative with some World Cup-themed activities this week. They painted their own paper chains using recycled materials, making different marks and patterns and exploring colours whilst developing their hand-eye coordination. They also worked on their pouring skills, filling bottles with water and watching it fall through small holes like rain.

The football activities continued as the children painted their own footballs using a range of bright colours and spent time outdoors, using recycled boxes as goals and practising kicking balls towards the targets. This helped to develop their gross motor skills and their coordination.

Nursery 2

This week, the children in Nursery 2 continued to explore their interest in caring for babies. They enjoyed changing nappies on their dolls, following simple steps after watching demonstrations from the Educators. The children also spoke about why babies need their nappies changed, developing their understanding of care and routines..

The children continued to care for their babies by taking them to the 'doctors' when they were feeling poorly. They worked together, explored different medical equipment and practised dressing up independently. The children also enjoyed some World Cup themed activities, exploring a 'football pitch' rice tray and some flags from different World Cup countries.

Nursery 3

In Nursery 3 this week, the children continued to explore their interest in doctors and caring for others. They looked at a selection of X-ray pictures and then created their own bone pictures using cotton buds. This activity helped to develop their creativity and fine motor skills.

The children enjoyed taking part in dentist role-play, using toothbrushes to clean model teeth and talking about healthy foods. They also had lots of fun caring for cuts and grazes by adding plasters to body outlines and bandaging dolls and peers. These activities helped them learn the names of different body parts, whilst also developing their fine motor skills.

Pre-Foundation

This week, the children in Pre-Foundation enjoyed creating some special Father's Day cards. They talked about their Daddies and other special people in their lives, whilst exploring different paint colours and mixing them together. The children also had a go at writing their names, practising letter formation and learning about the different sounds they could hear in their names.

The children also enjoyed exploring magnetic tiles and blocks this week, as they attempted to build their own rockets. They looked at pictures for inspiration and used a variety of shapes and colours in their creations. This activity encouraged imagination, communication and early problem-solving skills.

Foundation

In Foundation this week, the children have been learning about the seven continents of the world and the different animals that live within them. They enjoyed sorting animal figures into different habitats, such as forests, deserts, oceans and polar regions and talked about why each animal belonged there. This activity helped the children develop their understanding of different environments and how animals adapt to survive.

The children also took part in some continent-themed games. They used picture clues to guess which continent their Educator was 'travelling' to and explored a range of scents linked to different parts of the world. The children loved sharing their ideas, making predictions and learning about different cultures, animals and environments.

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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