Waverley
Preparatory School and Nursery

Parent Communication w/e 20th March 2026

A Wonderful Red Nose Day at Waverley!

Dear Parents,

I hope you have all had a fantastic week! It's amazing how quickly the Spring Term has flown by. With just one week to go until the Easter holidays, there is still plenty to look forward to at Waverley next week. We have many exciting events ahead, including the House Music Competition, House Cross Country and the annual WFA Easter Bunny Hunt!

Red Nose Day Celebrations

Today, we celebrated Red Nose Day with a fun non-uniform day! The school was filled with the colour red and I spotted a selection of fun red noses coming through the gates this morning. All proceeds from today will go to Comic Relief and I am delighted to share that Waverley has raised a total of £320! Thank you all for your generosity! See photos **here**.

Celebrating Pupils' Achievements

Mr Mitchell began this week's assembly by sharing some exciting news and celebrating pupils' achievements outside of school and what a bumper week it has been! A big congratulations to Nandi, who won three silver

medals in gymnastics last weekend (for floor, vault and beam), a fantastic accomplishment and great preparation for the upcoming ISA gymnastics competition!

I would also like to commend our strong swimming successes, with Rose, George, Chanel and Verity all performing brilliantly in the pool. A special mention must also go to Dominic, who only recently took up swimming outside of school after impressing instructors in our school lessons. He has already achieved incredible success, winning two races, placing highly in others and earning an overall gold medal in his age group at his first swimming gala! Well done to everyone for representing Waverley so positively!

Woodley Festival Success

Another achievement shared in assembly this week was the success of three Year 5 pupils: Kate, Sonia and Verity, at the Woodley Festival Speech and Drama section. Despite strong competition, they performed confidently and represented Waverley brilliantly.

I am pleased to share that Kate won gold in Verse reading and silver in Prose, Sonia achieved silver in Verse, and Verity earned bronze in Prose. The Mayor of Woodley also praised their performances, and most importantly, the girls had great fun and felt proud of their achievements. I am very proud of them all!

Drama Exam Results

Last week, 24 pupils took their Speech & Drama exams and contrary to popular belief, 'Friday the 13th' turned out to be a fantastic day for them all. Ms Carolyn Backhouse, our visiting examiner, was once again hugely impressed by the children's enthusiasm and described them as excellent ambassadors for the school.

I am very proud to announce that all pupils achieved either a Merit or Distinction and I would like to say a special congratulations to Diya B, Kate T, Sonia S, Effy A and Eloise A, who all scored 90 or above. What a wonderful achievement. Well done to everyone!

End of Term Arrangements

I would like to remind parents that the school term finishes at 14:30hrs next Friday (27th March). If you wish your child to stay after 14:30hrs, they will need to be booked into After School Club. There will be an additional cost of £11.95 to cover the session from 14:30 – 15:30hrs. To book, email Mr Kear on **clubs@waverleyschool.co.uk**.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend!

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Pupil Achievements

Pupils of the Week

Ema, Reception
'For her fantastic listening this week. She has been really helpful around the classroom.'

Kivanc, Year 1
'For a huge improvement in his listening. He is also trying really hard with his handwriting.'

Heloise, Year 2
'For her confident line delivery and enthusiasm in the Year 2 class assembly.'

Harry, Year 3
'For focusing on the quality of his work. He has been working very hard in lessons.'

Sophie, Year 4
'For having a positive attitude towards her learning and having a growth mindset.'

Hanna, Year 5
'For her incredible effort in Netball. She has steadily been improving throughout the season and her defending has really improved!'

Charlotte, Year 6
'For producing an excellent piece of work about Elizabeth I in history.'

Waverley Way Award

Effie
'For being such a kind influence in the classroom, ensuring everything is neat and tidy - without being asked.'

Alice
'For being so kind and supportive to a friend who was feeling sad. She demonstrated the Waverley Way perfectly.'

Diary Dates

Monday 23rd March:	School Assembly: Waverley Way. Whole School Lockdown Practise.
Wednesday 25th March:	Swim 10. WFA Easter Bunny Hunt. House Music Competition. 14:00hrs. *In Melton Hall.* *
Friday 27th March:	House Cross Country Competition for KS2. 09:00hrs. * Final Assembly. 13:30hrs. *In Melton Hall.* * End of Spring Term. 14:30hrs.
Monday 31st March - Monday 14th April:	Easter Holiday Club Open.

**Parents welcome.*

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

Spring Term Prize Winners 2026

The following children will be receiving an award at our End of Term Prize Giving Assembly next Friday.

Reception

- Alfie T
- Bella W-C
- Lucia E
- Rishi S
- Vivaan P

Year 1

- Arthur O
- Asa W
- Ella B
- Kivanc P
- Sadhana R
- Sofia K

Year 2

- Anoushka S
- Ben H
- Effie C
- George M
- Mehar S
- Sara S
- Sonam S

Year 3

- Ataho M
- Benji S
- Emma C
- Max V
- Megan M
- Oscar H
- Priyanka A-M

Year 4

- Alice D
- Dominic W
- Ella O
- Hamish B
- Jack F
- Rajan O
- Victoria W

Year 5

- Aahana T
- Alice S-L
- Effy O-A
- Emily B
- Otto W
- Verity V

Year 6

- Aurelia L
- Ellen G
- Harvey B
- Jerald S-A
- Mikey B
- Sacha K
- Sienna O
- William L

To help us work out numbers, please can you let us know if you wish to attend the event on the final day of term, by completing this **form** by 17:00hrs on Monday 23rd March.

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Reception Explore Magnetic Objects

This week, Reception built on last week's Science fun by exploring magnetic materials. Using magnet wands, the children tested a variety of objects to see which ones were magnetic. They then marked each magnetic item on their worksheets, making the learning hands-on and exciting. See photos **here**.

Year 1 Discover the Lifecycle of a Frog

After learning about chicks and hens in their Science lesson last week, Year 1 turned their attention to frogs this week. They explored the frog lifecycle and created posters with key facts, including that a group of frogs is called an army and that frogs can drink through their skin. They also enjoyed the story 'The Perfect Ribbit,' which follows a frog's journey from frogspawn to tadpoles, froglets and finally adult frogs.

Year 2 Plant Spring Flowers

On Tuesday, Year 2 got into the spirit of Spring by planting some new flowers in the planters outside their classroom. During last week's forest school session, they had already turned over the soil and cleared the weeds ready for planting. This meant that in their Science lesson this week, each child planted two pansies, creating a bright and cheerful addition to the playground. The class is now taking turns in pairs to monitor and water the plants each day.

Year 3 Mother's Day Cards

Last week, we shared that Year 3 had been making something special for Mother's Day. In their Art lessons, the children created some beautiful 3D flower cards and we hope all of their mums loved them! We are now pleased to share a glimpse of their wonderful creations **here**.

Hugo & Dominic Rock Year 4!

As if Dominic's swimming achievements weren't impressive enough, he and brother Hugo have also been learning the electric guitar (Hugo) and bass guitar (Dominic) with their parents. On Wednesday, they treated the class to two special performances. Dominic rocked out to Queen's 'Another One Bites the Dust,' while Hugo played Deep Purple's 'Smoke on the Water.' The whole class was thoroughly impressed and the boys should be very proud of themselves! Watch snippets of their performances **here**.

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Year 4 & 5 Explore Orchestra Instruments

In their Music lesson this week, Year 4 and 5 have been learning about the different instruments of an orchestra. In pairs, they prepared presentations on an instrument of their choice, covering its history, famous performers and even some fun facts. The presentations were really impressive and everyone learnt a lot from each other. See photos **here**.

Year 5 Investigate Mary, Queen of Scots

In their History lesson this week, Year 5 enjoyed a hands-on activity exploring the life of Mary, Queen of Scots. They investigated whether she was a victim, a threat, or a trouble-maker, using evidence cards, suspect profiles and letter excerpts. There was lots of deliberation between each group, as they worked through the evidence to see which sources supported Mary, which went against her and which were suspicious or uncertain. It was a thought-provoking lesson that sparked lively discussion, highlighting how historians still debate whether Mary was unlucky, dangerous, or simply badly advised. See photos **here**.

Final Fixtures

The sunny skies returned for our final Spring term fixtures this week. On Wednesday, the Year 6 rugby team headed over to St Edward's. It was a challenging final match, but the children demonstrated a lot of fantastic teamwork! At the same time, Eton End visited Waverley for Netball. Team Waverley faced some very fast and exceptionally tall opponents, but gave it their all. See photos **here**.

This afternoon, our Year 3 and 4 Netball and Rugby teams enjoyed home matches against St Edward's. There were brilliant tries from Rajan and Samuel and some stand-out netball from Chanel and Victoria. What a great end to the term! See photos **here**.

House Competitions

Next week, we will be holding our House Cross Country and House Music Competitions. The **House Music Competition** will take place on **Wednesday 25th March** at 14:00hrs in Melton Hall, while the **House Cross Country** will be on **Friday 27th March** from 09:00hrs on the school playing field, with staggered race starts for each year group. Please can you ensure your child has their house t-shirt with them for both events.

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After School Club Fun

It's been another fun-packed week in After School Club! From baking cheese scones to practising gymnastic skills, dancing around and drawing capybaras, everyone has had a fantastic time. See photos **here**.

Bookings for our Summer After School Clubs go live on **Thursday 26th March at 10:00hrs**. Next term, we are excited to welcome back Circus Skills on a Monday afternoon and introduce a new Tag Rugby club for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 on a Tuesday afternoon. A taster session will be available for anyone interested in trying Tag Rugby before committing to the class. This will be taking place next Tuesday (24th March). Please contact Mr Kear via email **here** if you wish for your child to join. To view the full Summer Term Clubs Booklet, click **here**.

Car Park Reminder

Please can we remind parents not park on the zebra crossings in the school car park. Cars parked there force children to walk into the road, which is very dangerous. We appreciate parking can be tricky, but keeping our children safe must always come first.

School Illnesses

For children who have had diarrhoea or vomiting, please ensure they are 48 hours clear of any symptoms before returning to school, as tummy bugs are highly contagious. Do not give medication to mask symptoms and send your child in, as they can become unwell quickly once it wears off. If your child is poorly, keep them at home to protect the whole school community. Don't forget you can report absence via the MCAS app under 'Attendance'.

Lockdown Practise

Next Monday, we will be practising our Lockdown Procedure. We have explained to our pupils that sometimes there are events that happen which mean we all have to stay safely inside school. We have tried to ensure that our children do not feel frightened about the concept but, at the same time, are aware of the importance of it.

Earring Reminder

For safety, students may wear only small stud earrings. During PE, sports, and swimming, earrings must be removed or securely taped. If your child cannot do this independently, please ensure they arrive at school with earrings already removed or taped.

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Upcoming Secondary School Open Mornings

For Year 5 parents thinking ahead to secondary school, some local schools will soon be holding open mornings and taster days. On Thursday 23 April and Wednesday 13 May, Luckley House will host Year 5 taster days. These sessions give pupils a full day of academic and co-curricular experiences and support families with the Year 7 2027 selection process. For more details, click **here**.

Farnborough Hill will be holding their final Open Afternoon on Friday 24th April at 13:40hrs and two Year 5 Taster Days on Thursday 18th and Monday 22nd June. For more details on these, click **here**.

Easter Holiday Club – Bookings NOW OPEN!

We're egg-cited to announce that bookings remain 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, a cinema trip 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 – Next Wednesday!

This year's Easter Bunny Hunt will take place next Wednesday. 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

Ahead of the Spring Term, parents may be looking for second-hand summer uniform. We are very fortunate to have this fantastic service, run by volunteer working parents! To browse all available 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

We are extremely excited to bring back this wonderfully vibrant event for 2026! For full details and to book your place, click **here**.

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 who attended our Mother's Day Stay & Play Breakfast events this week. It was wonderful to welcome you in for some fun activities with your children. We hope you enjoyed the events! Please remember that mobile phones should not be used during nursery events; staff will take photos and share them via Parenta. To see a selection of photos from each event, click **here**.

Ballet Watching Week - Next Week

Ballet Watching Week is taking place on Monday, in our Community Hall. The Foundation session will be held at 08:50 – 09:20hrs and Nursery 3 & Pre-Foundation will be held between 09:20 – 09:50hrs. We hope to see you there.

End of Term Reminder

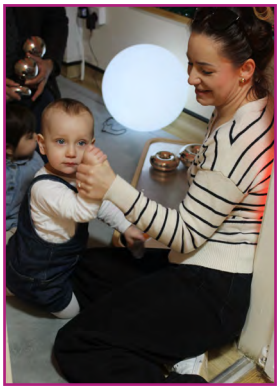
A quick reminder that term finishes next Friday (27th March) at 18:00hrs for our term-time only children. We hope you all have a wonderful Easter break and look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 13th April.

Illness and Returning to Waverley

To help prevent the spread of contagious illnesses in the Nursery, you must ensure children are symptom-free for 48 hours after cases of diarrhoea, vomiting, or loose nappies. Children with a temperature over 38°C should stay at home until it has been normal for 24 hours. For Hand, Foot and Mouth, children must stay off for 5 days and may return once blisters are healing. Please do not send unwell children into Nursery after taking medication, as it can mask symptoms. If a child becomes unwell at Nursery, parents will be contacted and must collect within one hour, in line with NHS guidance.

- **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, Nursery 1 continued their Spring-themed activities, building on the Babies' curiosity about animals. They explored a sensory farm, discovering different textures as they played with green rice (grass) and crushed Weetabix (mud), using toy animals, flowers and pictures to inspire imaginative play. They also enjoyed a water activity where they watered flowers with blue-coloured water, supporting their hand-eye coordination and sensory development.

The Babies also enjoyed creating colourful chicks using paint, forks and different craft materials. They also added features like eyes and beaks to their chicks to practice their fine motor skills. Sensory trays and play dough with chicks and feathers in also encouraged the Babies' creativity, language development and both fine and gross motor skills.

Nursery Extension

In the Nursery Extension this week, the children have continued to explore their interest in aeroplanes with a cloud-themed sensory tray filled with a variety of textures. During the Mother's Day breakfast event on Tuesday, the children explored a range of sensory activities including play dough, rice and pasta trays and some outdoor water and aeroplane tuff trays.

With the weather warming up, the children headed out on a nature walk this week, collecting natural resources to investigate back in the classroom. They also took part in a bug hunt in the garden, using magnifying glasses to find hidden insects, supporting their understanding of positional language, turn-taking, and exploration skills.

Nursery 2

This week, Nursery 2 have continued to explore their interest in farm animals, using bricks to build homes for the animals and exploring where each one lives. They also took part in a sensory activity with bowls of Weetabix and spoons, pretending to feed the animals and supporting imaginative play and fine motor skills.

Nursery 2 also celebrated Mother's Day this week, with special activities alongside their mummies, including planting sunflower seeds, exploring play dough with family pictures and using sand, rice and pasta trays. The children also explored Spring through flower play, printing flowers into play dough and discussing the different textures, colours and scents.

Nursery 3

This week, Nursery 3 have continued their focus on caring for Babies. The children explored brushing teeth with toothbrushes and pretend toothpaste, preparing healthy fruit and vegetables to feed the babies and learning about toilet training with nappies, pants and wipes. These activities supported role play, fine motor skills, counting and the children's understanding daily routines.

Nursery 3 also enjoyed sharing these activities with their mummies during their Mother's Day breakfast yesterday morning, reinforcing healthy habits and caring routines. Alongside this, they also celebrated St Patrick's Day with green-themed play dough activities, creating marks and patterns whilst exploring textures and colours.

Pre-Foundation

This week, Pre-Foundation have been busy creating their own bird nests. They used scissors to cut brown card into sticks and some paint to add eggs, chicks, or other birds they spotted during last week's bird-watching hunt. The activity encouraged creativity, and reinforced the children's scissor skills.

The children also enjoyed making some chicks with play dough this week. This activity allowed them to practice their fine motor skills and follow simple instructions to support their listening and comprehension development.

Foundation

This week, Foundation have been noticing signs of Spring, going on an outdoor adventure with a checklist to spot changes in the environment. The activity encouraged turn-taking, new vocabulary and teamwork, whilst supporting the children's current interest in seasonal changes. They further explored Spring by creating flowers from tissue paper and pipe cleaners, developing their fine motor skills and creativity.

Foundation also enjoyed some fun Mother's Day activities with their families during their Mother's Day Stay & Play event. These included sunflower and tomato seed planting, biscuit decorating, water play and play dough stations.

As your child nears the end of Foundation, please remember to give Waverley Nursery the required two full calendar months' notice of their leaving date by emailing Mrs Helen Jenkins (**admissions@waverleyschool.co.uk**) and copying Mrs Fiona Harding (**fiona.harding@waverleyschool.co.uk**). Without correct notice, fees will be due. The last day of term for term-time children is Friday 10th July 2026. We thank you for choosing Waverley Nursery and wish your child every success at 'Big School'.

Menus

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

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

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