Waverley
Preparatory School and Nursery

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The Lion King JR - A Roaring Success!

Dear Parents,

I hope you have all had a wonderful week. It has certainly been a hot one, but I am pleased to say that we have managed to cope remarkably well across the school and nursery. I must commend all of the children for how well they have adapted to the warmer weather. From room changes to slightly adjusted lessons and routines, they have shown great flexibility, resilience and positivity throughout the week.

I would like to thank all of the teachers and nursery team, who have worked hard to adapt plans and activities to ensure that learning could continue comfortably and safely. I would also like to say a special thank you to Jo and the kitchen team, who have been working in incredibly high temperatures, whilst making adjustments to our menus to help keep everyone cool at lunch time. It has been a real team effort and I am grateful to everyone for their support and patience during this exceptionally warm spell!

A Fantastic KS2 Performance

For those of you who attended the KS2 production of The Lion King JR last Friday, you will know what a fantastic show it was! I was so impressed by the hard work, dedication and talent of all the students that took part. Everyone involved should feel incredibly proud!

Thank you to all of the staff for their efforts in making the performance such a huge success. I am really looking forward to seeing the professionally filmed version soon, but in the meantime, you can view photos from the performance **here**.

Year 5 Roles of Responsibility Interviews

I would like to say a huge well done to all of the Year 5 pupils who undertook their interviews for leadership positions this week. I was incredibly impressed by the high standard of applications and interviews, with many pupils overcoming their nerves and doing a fantastic job of demonstrating their personalities, strengths and enthusiasm for the roles. With so many strong candidates, we certainly have some very difficult decisions to make! Pupils will hear the outcome of the process by the end of term.

Sports Day - Now On Monday!

Due to the exceptionally high temperatures this week, we made the decision to postpone Sports Day in the interests of pupil and staff wellbeing. The event will now take place on Monday, with all timings remaining unchanged:

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

We apologise for any inconvenience this change may have caused and thank you for your understanding. Let's hope for some sunshine on the day (just a little cooler than this week!)

End of Term Assembly

As we approach the end of term, I would like to invite parents to our End of Term Assembly on Friday 10th July in Melton Hall, where we will celebrate the year and say a special farewell to our Year 6 pupils. Refreshments will be available from 13:00hrs, with the assembly running from 13:30hrs to approximately 14:30hrs. Attendance is limited to two adults per family and a form to register your attendance will be sent out next week.

If you require your child to attend After School Club on the final day of term between 14:30 - 15:30hrs, please contact Mr Kear via **clubs@waverleyschool.co.uk**. An additional charge of £11.95 will apply for this session.

I hope you all have a wonderful (and hopefully cooler) weekend!

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Pupil Achievements

Pupils of the Week

Rishi, Reception
'For some lovely writing in his Father's Day card and working really hard in all his lessons.'

Lancelot, Year 1
'For his increasing independence and all his hard work in swimming.'

Zoey, Year 2
'For her infectious enthusiasm in every lesson. She engages whole-heartedly, always putting her hand up to answer questions and share her knowledge.'

Emma, Year 3
'For being kind and helpful. She is always happy to lend a helping hand when needed!'

Victoria, Year 4
'For always doing the right thing at the right time and for being a thoughtful friend, making sure everyone feels included.'

Effy, Year 5
'For always having such an enthusiastic approach to her learning. She gives 100% to everything.'

Rebecca, Year 6
'For continuing to produce excellent work and giving her very best in all she does. Her focus is brilliant!'

Waverley Way Award

Bella
'For following the Waverley Way everyday. For being kind and thinking of others and helping her friends.'

Ellen
'For demonstrating a mature approach to everything in the classroom. She demonstrates kindness to classmates and offers help where needed.'

Diary Dates

Monday 29th June:	Waverley Sports Day. *
	Year 6 Bikeability Training.
Wednesday 1st July:	Swim 10.
	Year 5 & 6 Cricket vs Lyndhurst & St Mary's. Home. *
Thursday 2nd July:	KS1 Summer Production Dress Rehearsal. *09:30hrs.*
Friday 3rd July:	KS1 Summer Production. *09:30hrs*. Melton Hall. *
	Year 3 & 4 Parent & Pupil Cricket. *
	WFA WaveFest. *

**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

Reception Learn to Peel

In place of their Forest School session, the children practised their food preparation skills by learning how to safely peel carrots. They learned the correct peeling position, wore a glove on their helping hand for safety and carefully used a peeler to prepare their carrot. Once finished, they sat down and enjoyed tasting the carrots they had peeled themselves. See photos **here**.

Reception Make Potions

The children in Reception have also had lots of fun making their own magical potions this week. They enjoyed mixing a range of ingredients and watching them bubble, froth and change colour. The activity sparked plenty of excitement and curiosity as the children explored what might happen next. See the photos **here**.

Year 1 Enjoy Shaded Outdoor Walk

It was a little too hot to venture into the woods this week, but that didn't stop Year 1 from enjoying the outdoors. The children went on a walk through the shaded areas around the school, exploring nature and collecting natural materials. See photos **here**.

Year 1 Create Picasso Portraits

In their recent Art lessons, Year 1 have been exploring the work of Pablo Picasso and creating their own colourful portraits using coloured pencils, wax crayons and pens. The children really enjoyed trying their hand at Picasso's abstract style, expressing themselves in bold and imaginative ways. See photos **here**.

Year 2 Practise for Sports Day

Sports Day may have been slightly delayed, but that hasn't stopped Year 2 from getting ready for the big day this week.

On Monday, (before the heatwave arrived) the children spent some time practising a variety of events, including the vortex throw, sprint races and the always-popular egg and spoon race. There was lots of enthusiasm, determination and fun on show and we can't wait to see the children put their skills into action on Monday. See photos **here**.

KS2 Beat the Heat with Fun Sports Quizzes

To beat the heat, our Key Stage 2 children took part in a fun sports quiz in place of their cancelled fixtures and games lessons. Quiz Master Mr Mitchell tested their knowledge across a wide range of sports, with rounds including unusual sporting trivia, national anthems and sporting facts from around the world. The children had great fun while keeping cool in the air-conditioned Community Hall.

Year 6 Water Experiment

Year 6 have been learning about light in Science and recently investigated how water affects the speed of light. Using pencils placed in cups of water, they observed how the pencils appeared to bend at the water's surface. This simple experiment helped the children explore the scientific concept of refraction and understand how light changes direction when it travels between different materials.

After School Club Bookings - Autumn Term

We are excited to share some early details about our Autumn Term clubs programme. Alongside the return of popular favourites such as Little Musketeers, Badminton, Den Building and Eco/Gardening Club, we are delighted to be introducing several new clubs, including Arts & Crafts, Little Dragons Chinese Club and Sensory Club. The full Waverley Clubs Booklet will be released early next week, with bookings opening on MCAS at 18:00hrs on Monday 6th July.

KS1 Production Additional Tickets

We are very excited for the upcoming KS1 production of Wiz Wham Alakazam next Friday. There are still some tickets available for the production. If you would like to purchase additional tickets for the performance, please contact Carole Barke via email: **Carole.Barke@waverleyschool.co.uk**

Our rehearsals have been sounding fantastic over the past few weeks and we're excited to share this wonderful performance with all of you.

Waverley Staff Updates

As we come to the end of another school year, we're already looking ahead to September and the new academic year. We will be welcoming some new faces to the Waverley team and we are excited for you to meet them. Please find a letter **here** containing details of all our staff updates for September 2026.

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

Sports Day Hamper Raffles - Friday 26th June

Each of our fantastic Class Reps has kindly put together a wonderful hamper for one lucky family in their year group to win at Sports Day! Raffle tickets will be available to purchase at the start of each Key Stage Sports Day, with the winning ticket drawn at the end of the session. Please note that raffle tickets are cash only, as card payments will not be available on the day.

Good luck to Neptune, Mercury and Jupiter from everyone at the WFA. We hope you have a fantastic Sports Day!

WaveFest 2026 - Friday 3rd July

The WFA Committee will make a decision next week regarding the release of any additional entry-only tickets, based on the latest weather forecast, so please keep an eye out for further updates.

We are looking forward to what promises to be a fantastic event, filled with music, food, stalls and plenty of celebrations for everyone to enjoy!

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

Congratulations Miss Moore

A huge congratulations to Miss Moore on the arrival of her beautiful baby daughter, Nancie, last week! We wish her all the very best as she starts this amazing journey of motherhood and can't wait to meet the little one soon.

Father's Day Stay & Play Events

Thank you to everyone who attended our first Father's Day Stay & Play session on Tuesday morning. We hope you all had a lovely time with your children. Unfortunately, our second event was postponed due to the extreme heat. This will now take place next Thursday (2nd July) for all Nursery 1, Nursery 3 and Foundation parents. We hope to see you there!

Foundation Sports Day - Now On Monday!

Due to the high temperatures, Foundation's Sports Day was postponed. The event will now take place on Monday (29th June) from 09:00–10:00hrs. Thank you for your understanding and we apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Nursery Photos - Next Tuesday

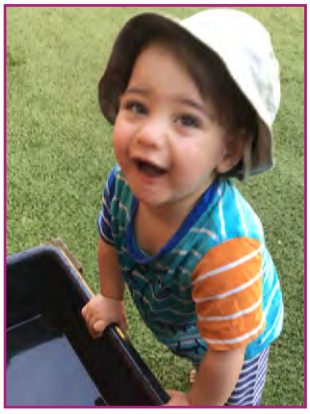
Don't forget! Photographers will be in on Tuesday from 08:30hrs to take individual and sibling portraits. If your child does not attend on Tuesdays but you would like to have their photo taken, please contact Mrs Harding.

- **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 to explore their interest in enveloping and enclosing through a variety of sensory activities. They enjoyed digging through a tray of sand to find hidden objects and used their hands to move bubbles around in a water tray to reveal hidden boat pictures. These activities supported their fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination, concentration and helped encourage their curiosity.

The Babies also had fun investigating raw some spaghetti this week. They spent time lifting and moving it to find more underneath. They enjoyed exploring the different textures, working together and using their coordination and problem-solving skills.



Nursery 2

This week, the children in Nursery 2 continued exploring their interest in caring for themselves and others through a range of fun activities. They enjoyed looking after their pretend babies by giving them water and applying sun cream to keep them safe in the sunshine. The children also cared some little ducks by adding ice to their water, exploring how it felt and noticing how the ice changed the temperature of the water.

The children also celebrated Father's Day this week. They enjoyed finding family pictures in the water tray and sensory bags and using loose parts to create their own family pictures. They also spent time exploring music and instruments, using movement, dancing and sounds to develop their fine and gross motor skills.

Nursery 3

This week, Nursery 3 have been learning more about keeping their bodies healthy and exploring the important role doctors play in helping us. The children enjoyed a hand-washing activity where they practised washing away germs from toy gloves and hand prints, using soap and water. They sang their cleaning hand song, counted their fingers and developed their understanding of good hygiene routines.

Continuing their interest in healthy habits, the children also investigated a range of fresh and frozen vegetables and berries. They enjoyed using these to feed the baby dolls, exploring different textures and talking about foods that help keep our bodies strong and healthy. These activities supported their fine motor skills and encouraged them to care for themselves.

Pre-Foundation

This week, Pre-Foundation have been developing their early writing skills through creative mark-making. The children enjoyed creating patterns in rice and glitter using their fingers and paintbrushes, supporting their pencil control, coordination and confidence with writing.

The children also explored their interest in space through name rockets and Father's Day activities. They practised recognising letters and sounds, created their own rockets and developed their fine motor skills through a range of fun space-themed tasks.

Foundation

The Foundation children continued their exciting journey 'Around the World' this week, using their passports to explore new countries and cultures. They discovered Costa Rica, Mexico, the United States of America and France through a variety of hands-on activities. The children explored wildlife, landmarks, music and traditions whilst taking part in a variety of creative activities including art, construction, sensory play and role-play.

Throughout their travels, Foundation were able to develop their understanding of the wider world, with the children building their communication, teamwork, creativity and problem-solving skills. They enjoyed exploring different materials, creating models and learning about the unique characteristics of each country.

New Pupil Familiarisation Day – Tuesday 7th July

We are very much looking forward to welcoming our new pupils to Waverley Prep School in September. Our Familiarisation Day on **Tuesday 7th July** will give children the opportunity to spend the day in their new classes with teachers and classmates. The day runs from 08:30hrs to 15:30hrs, with parent refreshments available from 15:00hrs. Attendance is strongly encouraged.

Please send children in uniform with a rucksack containing a nut-free snack, water bottle and PE kit. If you could please confirm your child's attendance by midday on **Tuesday 30th June**, by clicking **here**.
For full details of the event, please see a letter **here**.

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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