Waverley
Preparatory School and Nursery

Parent Communication w/e 27th February 2026

An 'Egg-citing' Week At Waverley!

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Waverley! I hope you all had a fantastic half term break and are feeling refreshed. I am incredibly excited for this half term as we have an action-packed schedule of exciting events planned, including World Book Day, Red Nose Day, House Competitions and a whole host of school fixtures.

Pancake Day Assembly

Our assembly this week celebrated Pancake Day. Although this year Pancake Day fell during the half term break (and most of the children celebrated at home) we still wanted to mark the occasion at Waverley and continue our new tradition from last year: The Waverley Pancake Day Race. Our reigning champion, Mrs Amankwah handed over her frying pan to this year's competitors: Mrs Ayling, Emily B (Year 5) and Gabriel O (Year 4) who were all up for the challenge. To see who flipped their way to victory this year, watch the race **here**.

Living Eggs Arrive

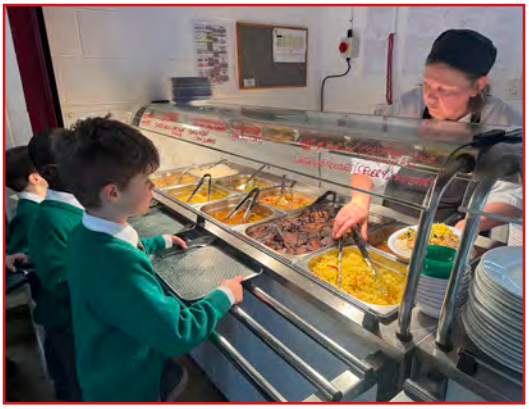
On Monday, we welcomed some living eggs into school and over the past few days, we have been carefully watching and waiting as they began to hatch. It has been so special seeing the process up close and we are delighted to share that we now have nine healthy, fluffy Waverley chicks!

The children have been popping by the office to catch a glimpse and next week they will have the opportunity to meet and handle the chicks in class groups. It definitely feels like Spring is on the way!

Belated Chinese New Year Celebrations

This week we enjoyed a Chinese New Year assembly and special workshops led by Waverley parent, Mrs Liang. The children learnt how to write 'Happy New Year' in Chinese and also discovered the meaning behind each symbol in the phrase. In the assembly, we also learnt about the Year of the Horse and discovered that some of our Year 6 pupils were born in the previous Year of the Horse (2014). I would like to thank Mrs Liang for both her engaging workshops and informative assembly.

We were also treated to a very special Chinese New Year themed lunch on Tuesday. I would like to thank our incredible Connect catering team for preparing a variety of delicious dishes. It was a wonderful way for the whole school to celebrate the occasion together. See photos from the day **here**.



Reception 2026 Afternoon Tea

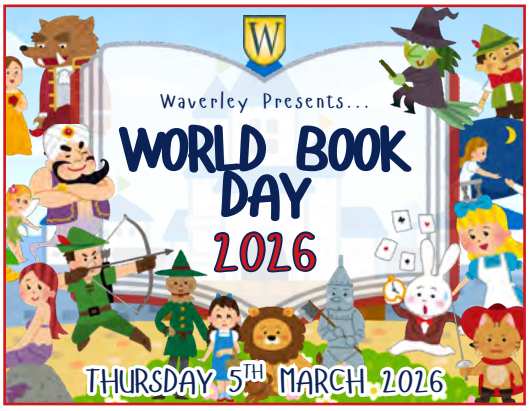
A big thank you to all of the parents that attended our Reception 2026 Afternoon Tea this afternoon. It was lovely to meet everyone and we hope that the event provided you with all the information required ahead of your child starting school in September.

Good Luck Nandi!

I would like to wish the very best of luck to Nandi (Year 4), who is competing in the National ISA Cross Country Finals tomorrow. After successfully qualifying a few weeks ago, Nandi will be heading to Dudley to take part in her first ISA Cross Country race. I am incredibly proud of Nandi for representing Waverley at this exciting event and am sure she will do us proud!

World Book Day - Next Thursday!

Next Thursday is World Book Day at Waverley! Children in school and nursery are invited to dress up as their favourite book characters for the day. With enchanting activities planned, courtesy of our fantastic WFA, it promises to be bigger and better than ever. I am sure the children will have an absolutely brilliant time!



I hope you all have a wonderful weekend!

S. Shore

ISA INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION Accredited Member

Pupil Achievements

Pupils of the Week

Lucia, Reception
'For working so hard in Read, Write Inc and Maths this week!'

Leopold, Year 1
'For showing enthusiasm and curiosity during the school trip to the Science museum.'

Navya, Year 2
'For her hard work in English lessons to create an imaginative Dragon Encyclopedia, showing resilience and pride in her work.'

Theo, Year 3
'For his thoughtful contributions in class discussions and also working so hard on his handwriting.'

Jacob, Year 4
'For the wonderful effort he has shown in his work this term, particularly in Maths.'

Joseph, Year 5
'For always showing such a positive attitude to school life. He demonstrates great self motivation and supports his peers to do the same.'

Bea, Year 6
'For creating an excellent piece of work on the 5 pillars of Islam.'

Waverley Way Award

Hukam
'For always being so helpful and dependable. He looks after everyone in class and supports friends'

Sophie
'For confidently sharing the Waverley Way with a prospective parent on a school tour.'

Diary Dates

Monday 2nd March:	School Assembly: Bravery.
Tuesday 3rd March:	Reception 100 Day Party.
Wednesday 4th March:	Swim 7.
	Year 5 & 6 Rugby vs Upton House. Away. *
	Year 5 & 6 Netball vs Upton House. Home. *
Thursday 5th March:	World Book Day.
Friday 6th March:	Year 1 World Book Day Assembly. *08:45hrs. Year 2 parents welcome.*
	Year 3 & 4 Rugby vs Upton House. Away. *
	Year 3 & 4 Netball vs Upton House. Home. *
Saturday 7th March:	Woodley Festival for KS2 Choir. *Embrook School.* *

**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

ISA Football Competition

On Wednesday, a team of Year 5 and 6 children competed in the U11 London West Regional ISA Football tournament against 16 other (very strong) schools. The team performed brilliantly, reaching the Plate semi-finals after a dramatic 2–1 comeback win against Radnor House and a late equaliser in the semi-final against Sherbourne.

Despite a narrow penalty shoot out defeat, they finished the tournament on a high with a superb 3–0 victory in the third-place playoff against Herries. It was a fantastic effort from the whole squad in a highly competitive event! Well done Waverley!

ISA Netball Competition

Earlier today, a group of our very best Waverley netballers took part in the ISA London West Regional Netball Tournament. The girls represented the school superbly, demonstrating excellent teamwork, determination and sportsmanship throughout the day. Despite facing tough competition, Team Waverley gave their all in every match, showing real grit and resilience on court.

Overall, the team put in a fantastic effort and the tournament proved to be a valuable experience for the whole squad as they continue to develop their skills. Just as importantly, the girls enjoyed a fun day out together, strengthening their friendships and team spirit.

ISA Gymnastics Trial

On Monday afternoon, a group of budding gymnasts took part in a special trial session with Coach Lauren as they aimed to secure a place in the Waverley gymnastics team for the upcoming ISA gymnastics competition. The children showcased a range of techniques and skills and made it a challenging decision for Coach Lauren to select her squad. Well done to everyone that took part.

Hearing Tests at Waverley

Recently we sent out an email regarding upcoming hearing tests taking place at school. Many children reach primary school without a recent hearing test, so Waverley is offering individual screenings with audiologist, Lucinda Ellis on Monday 9th March. Appointments cost £27 and can be booked and paid for by clicking **here**. Early screening can help detect hearing issues that might otherwise affect learning and concentration.

Waverley School News

Health Heroes Visit Reception

This week, our Reception class welcomed some more visitors who help us in the community, learning more about the important roles they play in looking after us. Dr Matthews, a local GP and Waverley parent, visited to talk about staying healthy and demonstrated proper hand washing techniques. The children enjoyed exploring her doctor's bag and handling equipment such as stethoscopes and thermometers. See photos **here**.

Dr Bob Yang also came in to talk to the children about his work as a surgeon, explaining hospital routines, how patients are cared for and the process of helping them recover. The children practised their bandaging skills and completed a special 'Dr Bob' activity sheet. See photos **here**.

Year 1 Forest School Fun

Year 1 had a great time in their Forest School session earlier this week. The children made the most of a lovely break in the weather and enjoyed being out in Waverley Woods for some nice, fresh air. They had lots of fun exploring their forest surroundings in the sunshine. See photos **here**.

Year 2 Share Their Achievements

Earlier today, our weekly Heads' Hot Chocolate sessions continued, with Mr and Mrs Shore visiting Year 2 during break time to celebrate some of the children's proud achievements. The work on display was truly impressive, with wonderful examples of Lego constructions, excellent school work and lots of sports medals.

A huge well done to all the children for the fantastic effort they put into everything they showcased. There were so many brilliant things on display! See the photos **here**.

Year 4 PE - Measuring Heart Rates

In PE this week, Year 4 explored heart rate and how to measure it by counting their pulse and doubling the result. They located their pulse on different parts of the body and learned about resting heart rate.

After completing some exercise circuits, they noticed their heart rate increased because the heart works harder to pump blood and oxygen around the body. This helps muscles keep moving and causes us to breathe faster to take in more oxygen and release carbon dioxide. Watch Year 4 in action **here**.

Waverley School News

Year 4 & 5 Explore Orchestra Instrument Families

In their Music lesson this week, Year 4 and 5 learned about the different instrument families within an orchestra. The children enjoyed identifying which instruments belong together and explored how they work as a family of sound. They also discovered where each instrument family is seated in a standard symphony orchestra.

Year 5 & 6 Write Letters to Beverley Bass

In their English lessons before half term, Year 5 and 6 wrote biographies summarising the achievements of Beverley Bass. She was the first female captain for American Airlines and it was her experience of being diverted to Gander on 9/11 that inspired the story of 'Come From Away.' The children were fortunate to chat with Beverley via Zoom a few weeks ago and after writing up their work, Mrs Eden-Higgs sent their biographies over to her in Dallas.

Year 6 Science - Understanding Microbes

This week, Year 6 kicked off their new Science topic on microbes with a fun fact-finding mission. Instead of using their Chromebooks, the children discussed a set of muddled facts about viruses, bacteria and fungi that had been placed around the classroom and in the corridor. The conversations encouraged the children to use both their own prior knowledge and ideas from classmates to sort the facts into the correct groups.

The class discovered some fascinating facts, such as viruses being made up of DNA and protein and fungi sharing similarities with plant cells, but lacking chloroplasts, which means they cannot make their own food. The Year 6 Marvellous Microbe Mission will continue as the term goes on. See photos **here**.

Waverley's Senior School Fayre

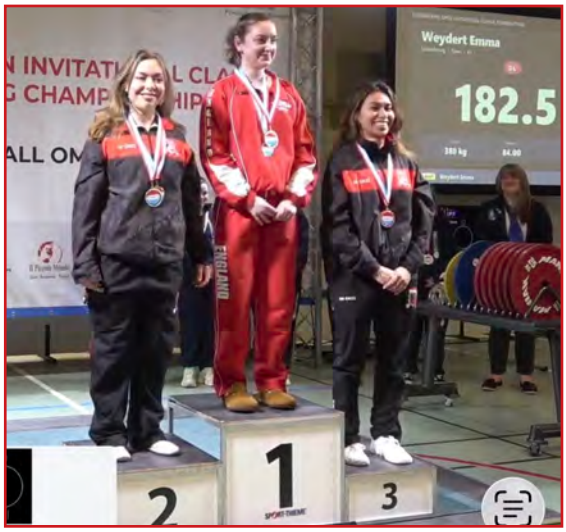
Our next Senior School Fayre will be held on Monday 21st September 2026, in Melton Hall between 15:00 –17:30hrs. This free event offers parents the chance to meet Admissions teams from different senior schools in one place and explore next steps in their child's education.

Parents may attend with or without their children and all year groups are welcome (though it is especially recommended for parents of children moving into KS2 next year.) If you have any questions regarding the event, please contact Mrs Helen Jenkins via email **helen.jenkins@waverleyschool.co.uk**

Waverley School News

Congratulations to Vicky Barlow

A huge congratulations to Mr Barlow's daughter Vicky for an outstanding performance at the European power lifting championships in Luxembourg last weekend! Representing Wales, she secured gold in the squat, silver in the dead lift and achieved an impressive silver overall. What a fantastic achievement. Clearly skills that run in the family!



Missing Keys

Before half term, a set of keys was handed into the school office after being found in the school car park. If you have recently lost house keys and believe they may be yours, please contact the office to arrange collection.

WFA News

World Book Day - 5th March

We are busy preparing decorations, ready to transform the school into a magical fairy tale setting, ready to celebrate an enchanting World Book Day next week. We can't wait to see the children's faces light up again this year as they step into a real-life fairy tale. Please ensure all children are dropped off at the front school entrance on the morning (not to their classroom doors).

A huge thank you to all of the WFA Reps who are generously giving up their time to help us decorate and create such a special atmosphere for the children. Keep an eye out for photos from World Book Day next week.

Break the Rules Day - 24th April

In April, we will be bringing back our annual Break the Rules Day! For just one day, children will have the exciting opportunity to choose to break a few special rules. A £1 donation will be collected for each rule they would like to break, helping to support our school while adding to the fun. It promises to be another fantastic and memorable day for everyone involved. Bookings will go live next month, so keep an eye out for further details soon.

Colour Run - 17th May

We will soon begin preparations for the return of our spectacular Colour Run. Keep an eye out in March for our colourful poster, which will provide all the details on how to sign up and take part in this fun and vibrant event.

WFA Diary Dates:

5th March: World Book Day
25th March: Easter Bunny Hunt
24th April: Break the Rules Day
17th May: Colour Run
5th, 12th & 19th June: Frozen Friday's
3rd July: WFA Summer Fayre

Waverley Nursery News

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March

Next Thursday, we will be celebrating World Book Day 2026! All Nursery children are invited to dress as their favourite book characters to enjoy a day full of fun, themed activities. Although the overall theme of the day at Waverley will be fairy tales, children are welcome to come as any book character they wish. There is no need for anything elaborate, as often the simplest ideas are the most effective. We can't wait to share this day with everyone!

- **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 enjoyed exploring a range of transport-themed activities inspired by their interest in cars, trains and boats. They pushed trains around the Nursery 1 station, rolled vehicles along drawn-out roads and ramps and took part in imaginative play that helped develop their fine and gross motor skills.

Nursery 1 also enjoyed some sensory experiences this week. The Babies explored cars in textured materials for mark making, boats in blue-dyed water and shaving foam and a car wash with warm soapy water. These activities supported their sensory exploration, early vocabulary and understanding of simple concepts such as clean and dirty.

Nursery Extension

In the nursery extension this week, the children enjoyed a selection of role play activities focused on caring for babies. They dressed dolls, changed nappies and practised feeding them, whilst also using spoons with cereals and rice to help develop their fine motor skills and imaginative play.

The children also became chefs this week, collecting natural resources for the mud kitchen and creating pretend meals. They also rolled and shaped play dough into different foods, further supporting their creativity and both fine and gross motor development.

Nursery 2

This week, Nursery 2 continued exploring their interest in jungle animals through some fun sensory play. The children searched for hidden animals in trays of green rice and brown oats, discussing different habitats, before washing the animals clean. They also completed simple jungle animal picture puzzles to support their recognition and problem-solving skills.

The children also spent time creating tiger stripe patterns this week. They rolled paint-covered balls across paper, which encouraged their creativity and coordination skills. The children also found numbered monkeys and matching bananas in a sensory tray, helping to develop early counting and number recognition skills.

Nursery 3

This week, the children in Nursery 3 have focused on exploring and creating patterns. They used colourful pom-poms to build patterns in grid shapes, strengthening their creativity, colour recognition and hand–eye coordination. They also went on a pattern hunt around the nursery and garden, using close-up photographs to spot and identify different patterns, developing their observation and communication skills.

The children continued practising pattern work through mark making and creative media. They drew patterns in coloured salt using paintbrushes which helped support their pencil grip and fine motor control and also traced and cut out patterns on paper to refine their scissor skills and coordination.

Pre-Foundation

In Pre-Foundation this week, the children have developed a strong interest in the story 'Supermarket Zoo.' They took part in some group reading and also independently explored the book. This sparked conversations about the animals and the children matched toy animals to those in the story to support recall.

The children also explored signs of Spring during their outdoor walks this week, noticing flowers and listening for birds. Following their excitement about a woodpecker at Woodland School, they learned about bird life cycles, built their own nests using collected sticks and used telescopes and clipboards in the garden to observe and draw what they discovered.

Foundation

This week, the children in Foundation continued to take part in more Science experiments by making their own lava lamps. Using pipettes, they dropped coloured water into oil and watched how it floated, sank and moved. This supported their early scientific thinking, fine motor skills and introduced them to new vocabulary including float, sink and mix.

The children also explored colour mixing through paint and water 'potions' and by placing paper towels between jars of coloured water to watch the colours blend. These activities encouraged curiosity, supported understanding of material changes and strengthened communication, as the children described their observations and scientific predictions.

A big thank you to all of the Foundation families who attended our Reception 2026 afternoon tea earlier today. We hope it provided useful information and reassurance ahead of your child starting school in September. We can't wait for the children to join Waverley 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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