Waverley
Preparatory School and Nursery

Parent Communication w/e 27th March 2026

Hitting the Right Note at the House Music Competition!

Dear Parents,

I hope you have all had a wonderful week. I can hardly believe we have reached the end of term and are breaking up for the Easter holidays already! Time really does fly when you're having fun! It has been a bumper-packed Spring term, filled with so many fantastic events and memorable moments.

School Assembly: Forgiveness

There was another fantastic display of achievements in our school assembly this week, with a large number of the children proudly sharing awards from a wide range of activities including Pinewood gymnastics, football, swimming, singing, Woodley festival and judo competitions. I would like to say how incredibly proud I am of the dedication and effort the children continue to show beyond the classroom. Well done to you all!

The main theme of our assembly this week was forgiveness. This was brought to life through the story of 'The Boy and the Wasp,' which Mr Mitchell shared with the school. The story details how a boy sits on a wasp and refuses to move despite enduring constant stinging, all because he wants to hurt the wasp back. The aim was to remind the children that holding onto anger can actually cause yourself more harm than it does to anyone else, whilst forgiveness can bring peace. Mr Mitchell encouraged the children to reflect on how showing forgiveness, (although sometimes difficult) can be a real strength.

House Music Competition

On Wednesday, we hosted our annual House Music Competition and what an incredible show it was! Our talented pupils wowed us all with their outstanding musical abilities, from stunning vocal performances to impressive instrumental pieces. As with most years, the competition was fierce (particularly during the group House performances) but every child rose to the occasion and truly shone. This year, it was **NEPTUNE** who were crowned victorious, proudly claiming the prestigious House Music plaque.

A huge well done to everyone who took part this year! It was a fantastic event and a wonderful celebration of the incredible talent across the school. You can watch all of the group House performances **here** and view photos from the event **here**.

House Cross Country Competition

This morning, we held our annual House Cross Country Competition. It was a beautiful morning with the sun shining and everyone was in great spirits. The children set off in stages, with the younger years running the course that looped around the school field and woodland walk, whilst Year 5 and 6 took on an extra lap of the field.

I would like to say how very proud I am of everyone that took part, not only of the children who are keen runners and completed the course in record timing, but also those who may not typically race but gave it their best shot. This year, we saw incredible performances from all year groups, including a new school record courtesy of Samuel D (Year 4). Overall, it was **JUPITER** who came out on top, proudly claiming the coveted trophy! See photos **here**.

Waverley's Spring Term Prize Winners

To mark the end of term, we held our Spring Term prize-giving assembly this afternoon. During the event, we heard from our Head Girl; Rebecca and Deputy Head Boy and Girl; Bea and William, before Year 6 shared with us the meaning of Easter and its link to forgiveness and positivity.

We were also treated to some very special musical performances from the KS1 and KS2 choirs, which were enjoyed by all. It was a pleasure to present a number of awards and I would like to congratulate all the children for their hard work, enthusiasm and dedication this term. For a full list of the winners, click **here**.

I hope you all have a relaxing Easter break and I look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 14th April.

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Pupil Achievements

Pupils of the Week

Vivaan, Reception
'For consistently working hard, listening and trying his best throughout the week.'

Hukam, Year 1
'For some fantastic creative writing about a dragon.'

Valentina, Year 2
'For being really motivated recently, proudly sharing her learning and taking pride in her achievements.'

Priyanka, Year 3
'For her enthusiasm and improved focus in lessons. She has been working really hard and should be proud of her efforts.'

Nandi, Year 4
'For always giving 100% in everything she does. She has a wonderfully positive disposition.'

Anya, Year 5
'For always having a fantastic attitude towards every aspect of school. She never fails to give a task 100%!'

Ellen, Year 6
'For working really hard in her comprehension, resulting in an absolutely outstanding mark in her practise reading paper.'

Waverley Way Award

Jovan
'For his positive can-do attitude. He is always kind, always honest and always tries his best!'

Oscar
'For always being so polite and helpful in the classroom. He always lends a helping hand when needed.'

Diary Dates

Monday 31st March - Tuesday 14th April:	School Closed. Nursery & Holiday Club Open.
Friday 3rd April:	Good Friday Bank Holiday.
Monday 6th April:	Easter Monday Bank Holiday.
Monday 13th April:	Inset Day. School Closed. Nursery & Holiday Club Open.
Tuesday 14th April:	Summer Term Begins.
Tuesday 14th - Friday 17th April:	Waverley Art Week.
Friday 17th April:	Reception 2026 Settling-In Afternoon. *13:30-15:00hrs.*

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

WFA Easter Bunny Hunt

On Wednesday morning, we held the annual WFA Easter Bunny Hunt. It may have been a slightly chilly and windy day, but that didn't stop the Easter fun. The beautifully decorated pebbles were hidden once again and the children eagerly searched high and low to find them, excitedly exchanging them for a chocolate bunny. A huge thank you to our wonderful WFA for funding the event and to Dr DaSilva, Mrs Turnbull, Mrs Austin and Mrs Bose for taking on the role of the Easter Bunny, ensuring the pebbles were expertly hidden for the children to find! See photos of the fun **here**.

Reception Free Billy Bean

Last week, the children began their exciting 'Billy Bean Rescue Mission.' This fun challenge required them to free a 'Royal bean' trapped inside a block of ice. After discussing a range of ideas for how to melt the ice, the children eagerly put their plans into action this week.

They tried a variety of methods, including using warm water, applying heat from a candle, creating friction with their hands, using a hair dryer and even sprinkling salt onto the ice. It was wonderful to see their curiosity in action as they tested out their different ideas. See how they got on **here**.

Year 3 Viking Artwork

This week, Year 3 have been busy wrapping up their Viking topic by creating some impressive Viking boat collage artwork. Using layers of decorated paper, they crafted colourful seascapes, placing their Viking boats on colourful waves and spectacular sunset backgrounds. The children showed lots of creativity and care in their work, producing some really eye-catching pieces. See their wonderful creations **here**.

Year 5 & 6 Spring Term Projects

This term, our Year 5 and Year 6 classes took on an exciting Spring project. Year 5 pupils explored China, choosing topics such as wildlife, culture and history. They produced some fantastic work, including models of temples, creative versions of the Great Wall and even a colourful dragon head to celebrate Chinese New Year. Year 6 had the chance to select their own research topics, resulting in a wide range of informative presentations on subjects like plants, swimming, Pokémon and even the history of toilet paper! Take a look at their amazing creations **here**.

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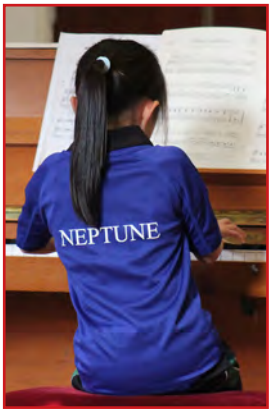
Maths Challenge Winners

Well done to all of the children who took part in this term's Maths Challenge. Once again, there were lots of correct entries, which was fantastic to see and everyone who entered will receive 2 house points for their efforts. Due to the high number of entries, winners were chosen at random and we are delighted to announce them as: Myles (Year 2) for Years 1 and 2, Alice (Year 4) for Years 3 and 4, and Emily (Year 5) for Years 5 and 6. Congratulations to our winners and well done to everyone who took part!

Secret Artist Competition

As part of Waverley's upcoming Art Week, we are excited to launch a very special 'Secret Artist' competition. Children are invited to create an original piece of artwork based on the theme, 'Step into Springtime and the Great Outdoors,' using any medium on A4 paper (portrait or landscape). To keep things mysterious, entries must not include names, as all artwork will be displayed anonymously during Art Week. The deadline for entries is on **Tuesday 14th April** and winners will be announced at the end of Art Week.

Inset Day - Monday 1st June

Please note that there will be an INSET day on **Monday 1st June** with the school closed to pupils on this day. Holiday club (and Nursery) will be open as usual for those who require childcare.

Summer Term School & Clubs Fees

Summer term fees invoices have now been emailed out to school parents, with termly fees being due in full on or before 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.

There are no physical invoices for club bookings on MCAS. Payment can be made via bank transfer as usual, or via card through the Outstanding Payments (Balances tab) section of MCAS.

Spring Term Ad Hoc Bookings

Please can we ask that all outstanding ad hoc ASC bookings for the Spring term 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.

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After School Club Bookings

Bookings for our Summer After School Clubs are now live. 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 & 2 on a Tuesday afternoon. For those of you yet to book, you can still do so via your MCAS app. If you have any further questions regarding the Summer term after school clubs, please contact Mr Kear via email: **clubs@waverleyschool.co.uk**.

Easter Holiday Club – Bookings NOW OPEN!

We still have some spaces remaining for our 'egg-citing' Easter Holiday Club! Starting next Monday (30th March) and running until 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

We hope the children enjoyed taking part in the Bunny Hunt this week and loved their WFA Easter treat. We would like to wish you all a wonderful Easter break and look forward to welcoming everyone back for a busy and exciting Summer term, including Break the Rules Day, the Colour Run and our Summer Fayre!

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

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

Happy Easter From Waverley Nursery!

We would like to wish all of our term time children a very Happy Easter! We hope you all enjoy the break and look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 13th April.

Ballet Watching Week - Next Week

Thank you to all the parents who attended our recent Ballet Watching Week. We hope you enjoyed seeing the children showcase the wonderful skills and progress they have made in their ballet lessons this term.

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.

Date for the Diary: Foundation Graduation

The Foundation Graduation will take place on Thursday 9th July at 14:00hrs. Parents are asked to bring a party picnic for their child to enjoy in the garden afterwards.

- **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 enjoyed exploring the sights and sounds of Spring through a number of creative and hands-on activities. The Babies made art using rosemary and other natural materials dipped in paint and enjoyed some messy play with soil, spades, and plant pots. They also investigated sensory bags filled with water, flowers and natural objects, helping them to develop their coordination and problem-solving skills.

Nursery 1 continued their Spring-themed activities by creating bee-themed artwork using paint, stamps and card, helping the Babies practise their pincer grip. They also explored sensory trays filled with rose petals, rice, pasta and oats, searching for hidden Spring animals and opening plastic eggs to discover baby creatures.

Nursery Extension

This week, the children in the Nursery Extension spent time exploring a variety of Spring flowers that differed in shapes, colours and sizes. With some support from their Educators, the children were tasked with matching them up by colour and size. They also spoke about the flowers' features, which helped them to develop their observation and language skills.

The children also enjoyed exploring some tuff trays this week. with hidden flowers, using magnifying glasses to search and discover them. They explored creativity and fine motor skills further by pressing flower parts into coloured play dough, making patterns and marks while enjoying sensory play.

Nursery 2

This week, Nursery 2 continued exploring Spring through some fun, hands-on activities. The children made blossom tree paintings with cotton buds and paint, developing their fine motor skills, whilst also learning about colours and seasonal changes. They also used yellow play dough and craft materials to create their own daisies, inspired by flowers they has spotted on a walk.

Nursery 2 also experimented with butterfly painting this week, and investigated some flowers in their garden. They noticed the different smells and textures of each and how the petals could change the colour of water. The children also had lots of fun planting cress and sunflower seeds, learning how to care for their own plants.

Nursery 3

This week, Nursery 3 continued their interest in the human body. The children matched pictures of different body parts and identified them, using written labels to support their early literacy skills and also helping them to develop their recognition skills and hand-eye coordination.

Nursery 3 continued their interest with a fun activity that involved the children tracing around their hands. They carefully drew around their hands with a pencil, before adding details to encourage fine motor and observational skills. The children compared their hands with others, using mathematical language to discuss similarities and differences, supporting both their learning and curiosity about themselves and their friends.

Pre-Foundation

This week, the children in Pre-Foundation had fun creating their own bird feeders using pipe cleaners and Cheerios. Threading the Cheerios onto the pipe cleaners helped develop their fine motor skills and pincer grip, whilst also encouraging hand-eye coordination as they carefully poked the pipe cleaners through.

On Wednesday, the children took part in an Easter bunny hunt. The Easter Bunny had left colourful eggs, which the children used in their water trays to pour, fill and scoop. This activity supported the development of their fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination.

Foundation

This week, the children in Foundation have shown a keen interest in bugs. They explored this through some creative play dough activities, by creating their own spiders, ladybirds and worms. The children rolled, pinched and shaped the dough into the different bugs, before adding details like legs and patterns. This activity helping the children to develop their fine motor skills and encouraged their imagination. Throughout, the children spoke about their real-life observations of nature, helping to support their language development.

Foundation also explored the human life cycle this week, using visual posters and matching cards. They learnt about growth from babies through to the elderly and matched cards to the correct stage, discussing changes in abilities. The children also reflected on their own growth and where they currently sit in the life cycle.

Looking Ahead - Summer Menu

When we return after the Easter break, the children will be enjoying a new summer menu. Full details of the new menu will be shared very soon!

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