Waverley
Preparatory School and Nursery

Parent Communication w/e 4th September 2026

Welcome Back To Waverley!

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a wonderful summer break. It was lovely to see so many happy faces (yes, I am referring to you, parents) at drop-off yesterday morning and it certainly seemed as though the children were pleased to be back too! We have been very lucky to enjoy such fantastic weather over the past seven weeks and I have already heard lots of stories about the exciting adventures the children have enjoyed over the holidays. After just two days, it has been a fantastic start and I am looking forward to all that this new school year has in store.

What's New At Waverley

In our first School Assembly back, we played a game of 'What's Different at Waverley?' to see if the children had noticed all of the changes that have taken place around school over the summer. There has certainly been plenty to notice! The children correctly identified the changes to their toilets, the addition of a new wall at the front of school and also the updated nursery frontage. They also discovered that the school library has moved, a new meeting room has been created and both classrooms in our new Reception block are now set up and ready to go. You may also notice that the school tower clock is working again and the car park has been filled to help prevent puddles when the rain returns. To view some photos of the recent works, click **here**.

A Warm Waverley Welcome

I am pleased to share that we have several new faces joining Waverley this term. Welcome to Miss Hannah Watts, our new Reception teacher (Hedgehog class), Miss Lucy Johnson, our new SENCO and Mr Adam Cosser (who some of you may recognise from Holiday Club) our new Clubs and Activities Manager. I am delighted to have them join the Waverley team and wish them every success in their new roles.

It has also been lovely to welcome new children this week, with the Reception Squirrels and Hedgehogs all settling brilliantly into school life. See photos from their first few days **here**.

We have also welcomed Isaac and Ishan to Year 3, who have both made a fantastic start and settled in extremely well! See photos from the first day back at school **here**.

Upcoming Parent Events

Next week, we have two events taking place for Waverley parents. Firstly, our **Meet the Teacher Evening** is taking place on **Tuesday 8th September** (19:00 – 20:30hrs) and is a parents-only event. Even if you have attended before, we strongly encourage at least one parent from each family to attend, as we will be sharing important information.

We will also be hosting our **New Parent Coffee Morning** on **Friday 11th September** from 08:45, giving our new Waverley parents a chance to meet staff and get to know other parents from their child's class. We hope you can join us for these events.

I hope you all have a great weekend.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 8th September:	Swim 1.
	Meet The Teacher evening. *19:00 - 20:30hrs. Parents Only.*
Wednesday 9th September:	Year 5 & 6 Football vs St Edward's. Home. *
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Friday 11th September:	New Parents Coffee Morning. *08:45hrs. Melton Hall.*
	Year 3 & 4 Football vs St Edward's. Away. *
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**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

Swimming Lesson Reminder

We would like to remind parents that swimming lessons start next week. This year, swimming lessons will take place at Places Leisure in Wokingham and will now be on Tuesdays. Children should come into school wearing their sports kit with their swimming costumes underneath. Years 1-4 do not need to bring in their normal school uniform and can wear sports kit all day. We are looking forward to getting back in the pool and seeing the children develop their swimming skills throughout the year!

Flu Vaccinations at Waverley

Flu vaccinations will be taking place at Waverley on Wednesday 23rd September. All eligible children can receive the free annual vaccination and parents are asked to complete an online consent form **here** as soon as possible. (You will still need to complete the form even if you do not wish for your child to be vaccinated.)

The vaccination is usually given as a quick, needle-free nasal spray, although an injectable vaccine can be requested if preferred (click **here**). Please ensure any relevant allergies, medical conditions or additional needs are included on the form. Consent closes at 09:00hrs on 22nd September and late responses may mean your child cannot be vaccinated at school.

After School Clubs

Our external after school clubs start next week, with a whole host of exciting activities available for the children throughout the week. We hope they enjoy trying something new and having fun after the school day! If you have any queries about our after school clubs, please contact our Clubs & Activities manager Mr Cosser via email: **clubs@waverleyschool.co.uk**.

Parents are also reminded that ad hoc sessions can be booked directly via the MCAS app. For instructions on how to make an ad hoc booking, click **here**.

Save The Date - Waverley's Senior School Fayre

We will be hosting our bi-annual Senior School Fayre on **Monday 21st September** between **15:00 - 17:30hrs** in Melton Hall. This event is open to parents and pupils from all year groups and provides a unique opportunity to meet the Admissions teams of a range of local secondary schools, including Luckley, Leighton Park, Reading Blue Coat, Pangbourne College and many more. Come along and learn about the next step in your child's education.

Waverley Nursery News

Welcome Back to Waverley

It was wonderful to welcome back all of our term-time-only children this week. We hope you all had a fantastic summer break and enjoyed plenty of fun, family time and sunshine! It has been lovely to see everyone back and settling into the new term.

Workplace Nursery Schemes

Did you know your employer may offer a Workplace Nursery Scheme that could help you save money on your nursery fees? Waverley Nursery works with providers including Enjoy Benefits, TEDS and YellowNest and we are happy to work with your employer's chosen provider. It is worth checking with your HR or benefits team to see if you are eligible. For full details, please see the letter from our Bursar, Mrs Carole Barke **here**.

Extra Curricular Activities

We can confirm that extra-curricular clubs will be starting next week, with the exception of Wiggle Waggle, which will commence the following week (w/c 14th September). We're looking forward to seeing the children getting back to their favourite activities, including ballet, Scrummy's and Wiggle Waggle!

- **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 have been exploring a variety of sensory activities as they settled into the new term. They investigated trays of rice and pasta, using their hands to explore the different textures. This enabled the Babies to develop their fine and gross motor skills as they scooped and transferred the different materials. They also spent time exploring play dough, pressing different animal figures into the dough and looking at the footprints they made, as well as having lots of fun sending cars and vehicles down a wooden ramp.

The Babies also enjoyed exploring sensory bags filled with water, rice and seeds, enjoying the different sensations and textures they could feel from each. They also used building blocks to create their own structures, inspired by pictures of famous buildings and enjoyed matching animals to their different patterns. All of these activities provided the Babies with plenty of opportunities for sensory exploration, communication and language.

Nursery Extension

The children in the Nursery Extension have really enjoyed looking at themselves in the mirror this week. They had lots of fun attempting to draw their own faces and spent time talking about their different features, including the colour of their eyes and hair, whilst also practising their pencil grip.

The children also enjoyed caring for some baby dolls this week. They fed them, tucked them into blankets and had a go at changing their nappies. They also had fun exploring a water tray too, finding labels and matching them to photographs of their Educators. These activities encouraged independence, communication and physical development through play.

Nursery 2

This week, the children in Nursery 2 have enjoyed settling into their new room, getting to know their new Educators and exploring their surroundings. They had lots of fun getting creative with bubble wrap painting, exploring colours and using their imaginations, as well as scooping and pouring coloured rice. They also enjoyed building towers with foam blocks and developing their gross motor skills in the garden.

The children continued to explore their new routines through lots of fun activities. They enjoyed looking at themselves in the mirror and playing peek-a-boo and exploring play dough, using different tools to make marks. They also began learning to find their own icons and independently place their shoes in the correct trays. It has been a lovely week for the children; exploring, discovering and getting to know their new environment.

Nursery 3 (Younger)

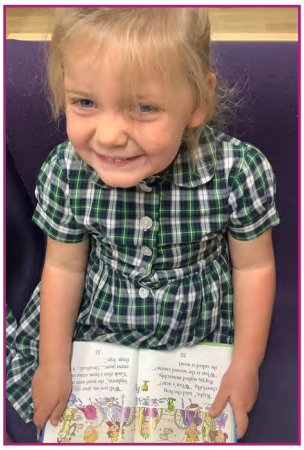
The younger children in Nursery 3 have spent this week settling into their new room, getting to know their Educators and making new friends. They explored a variety of activities designed to discover their interests and support their learning. The children particularly enjoyed looking in mirrors, drawing themselves and talking about their different features, helping to build their confidence and communication skills.

Nursery 3 also had lots of fun making their own sensory cupcakes. They enjoyed mixing, pouring and squeezing the ingredients, before filling their cupcake cases. This activity enabled the children to explore different textures and smells, whilst also developing their fine and gross motor skills.

Nursery 3 (Older)

This week, the older children in Nursery 3 have been exploring different ways to move their bodies during their daily walks. This sparked a new interest in imaginative animal movements, with the children having lots of fun pretending to be a selection of creatures including frogs, snakes and monkeys. They enjoyed copying the different movements and using their imaginations to bring their animal play to life.

The children have also enjoyed exploring their new resources and settling into their nursery environment. They are already starting to become more confident as they build strong bonds and positive relationships with their new Educators.



Foundation

Foundation have spent time looking at their reflections this week, with the children having lots of fun using mirrors to look at their faces. They each attempted to draw self portraits, discussing their different features that make them unique, including the colour of their eyes and their hair. This activity helped the children to identify different shapes and practise their pencil grip, which will help build the foundation for improved pencil control and future neat handwriting.

The children also got creative this week, making hand print paintings. They painted their fingers before pressing their hands onto paper to reveal their unique pictures. Throughout the process they practised new words such as 'press', 'hard', 'corner' and 'upside down.'

Menus

Next week our lunch menu will be Week 1.
You can view our Summer menu for School and Nursery **here.**

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

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