Waverley
Preparatory School and Nursery

Parent Communication w/e 5th June 2026

Team Waverley Shine at the ISA Athletics!

Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the half term break! We now begin our final half term of the academic year and the countdown to summer is well and truly on. We have enjoyed an action-packed start, with the ISA Athletics qualifiers, a fantastic class assembly from Year 3, trips to Hobbledown Heath and Reading Blue Coat, plus lots of exciting lessons, fun clubs and brilliant production rehearsals.

ISA Athletics Qualifiers Success

On Wednesday, a group of Waverley pupils proudly represented the school at the ISA London West Regional Athletics Meeting, held at the Thames Valley Athletics Centre in Eton. With over 40 schools in attendance, our athletes competed in a range of events including high jump, long jump, shot put, vortex and various track races.

I would like to say a huge congratulations to all of the children who took part in the competition. They represented the school brilliantly and should be very proud of their achievements. A special well done goes to our medal winners: Anya, who came 1st in the 75m Sprint; Jerald, who achieved 2nd place in Shot Put and Dominic, who came 1st in the Vortex - even setting a new championship record! Congratulations also to Dominic, Hugo, Matthew and Samuel, who worked together to win 1st place in their Relay. Thanks to their fantastic performances, Anya, Dominic, Hugo, Matthew and Samuel have qualified to represent London West

at the National Finals in Birmingham on Monday 15th June. Well done to everyone who took part. I am incredibly proud of you all and wish our finalists the very best of luck. Watch a video **here**.

Year 3 Celebrate the Importance of Teamwork

Earlier today, our Year 3 children treated us to a fantastic assembly all about teamwork. The whole class spoke confidently about why working together is so important and brought the important message to life with a brilliantly funny sketch about a football squad called 'Teamwork United.'

The children also shared the touching poem, 'Together We Can, 'before ending the assembly with a fantastic performance of 'Hall of Fame' by The Script. Watch a video of their wonderful performance **here**.

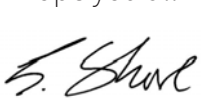
I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Amankwah and Mrs Bell for all their hard work in preparing the children for the assembly. All of Year 3 gave such a brilliant performance and should be very proud of themselves!

Year 2 Share Their Achievements

Earlier today, I had the pleasure of visiting Year 2 to take a look at some of their recent proud achievements. Again, instead of the usual hot chocolate treat, the children enjoyed ice lollies whilst talking about all the fantastic things they have been up to.

From sporting achievements to fantastic artwork, Lego creations and even some home-grown strawberries, there was so much to celebrate this week. It was lovely to see such a variety and listen to the children talk about their achievements with such enthusiasm! See photos **here**.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend!



Diary Dates

Monday 8th June:	5K Charity Race for The Cowshed. *
Wednesday 10th June:	Swim 7.
	Year 5 & 6 Cricket vs St Neot's. HOME. *
Friday 12th June:	Year 3 & 4 Cricket vs St Mary's. HOME. *
	WFA Frozen Friday Ice Cream Sale. 15:30hrs. *

**Parents welcome.*

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

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KS2 5K Race for The Cowshed

On Monday afternoon, our KS2 children will be taking part in a 5K race in support of The Cowshed Wokingham. All children will have the option to walk, jog, or run the route, with the event starting at 14:00hrs. Parents are invited to come along, watch the action and cheer the children on as they take part. Refreshments will also be available on the field courtesy of our Connect team and we ask that children wear their PE kits all day.

If you would like to sponsor your child, donations can be made via our GoFundMe page **here**. We hope to raise as much as possible for this wonderful cause and look forward to a fantastic afternoon together!

Orla & Diogo Take On Race for Life

Ahead of our school 5K race, Orla and Diogo in Year 3 will be getting some practice in this weekend as they take part in the Race for Life. This event is particularly meaningful to both families, who have been personally affected by cancer. We are incredibly proud of them for taking on this challenge and if any members of the Waverley community would like to show their support, they can do so by donating **here**. Good luck Orla and Diogo, we are so proud of you both!

Reception & Year 1 Hobbledown Heath Trip

Today, our Reception and Year 1 children enjoyed an exciting school trip to Hobbledown Heath Farm. As part of their visit, they took part in an interactive animal experience, meeting animals up close and learn more about them from the expert keepers. Everyone had a fantastic time and the children represented the school beautifully with their excellent behaviour. Keep an eye out for photos from the trip in next week's Parent Communication.

Year 2's Pulley Challenge

In English this week, the children have been reading 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch.' After learning about pulleys in the story, they were tasked with helping the Lighthouse Keeper transport his lunch from his cottage to the lighthouse. Working in pairs, the children made paper baskets and tested their own pulley systems. They had lots of fun, showing great teamwork, problem-solving and logical thinking. See photos **here**.

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Published Authors in Year 2

Year 2 have been busy taking part in a 'Sense Poetry' Young Writers competition, creating fantastic poems inspired by the five senses. We are delighted that a number of children are now published writers, with their work featured in a new book! Well done Year 2! You should all be very proud of your incredible creativity and this great achievement.

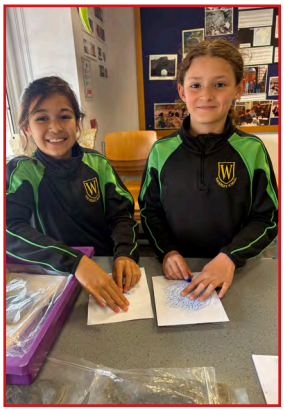
Years 4 & 5 Visit Reading Blue Coat

Yesterday, Year 4 & 5 enjoyed a special trip to Reading Blue Coat School. As part of their visit, they enjoyed a short tour of the school, before spending time in the Geology Department. The children explored fossils under microscopes, made their own fossils using plaster of Paris, created fossil rubbings and sorted rocks and minerals.

They also learnt about the Earth's structure, before making a hanging globe. Much to the children's excitement, they were also treated to a nice lunch! See photos **here**.

Parents Evening - Bookings Open Monday

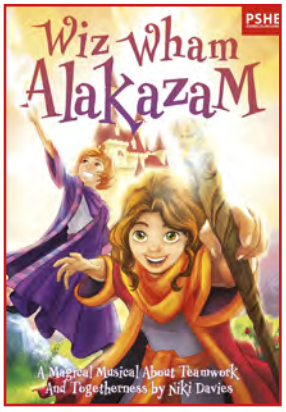
Bookings for our upcoming parent/teacher consultations will go live on **Monday 8th June at 18:00hrs**. The consultations will be taking place on Tuesday 23rd (morning and evening), Wednesday 24th (morning) and Thursday 25th June (morning and evening). These optional meetings provide an opportunity to discuss your child's report and progress. Please book your appointment using the My Child At School (MCAS) app.



Upcoming School Productions

It's nearly show time for our two exciting Summer productions! Rehearsals are in full swing and both performances promise to be a real treat. This years performances are as follows:

KS1 (Reception, Years 1 & 2) will perform **Wiz Wham Alakazam** on **Friday 3rd July** at 09:30hrs.



KS2 (Years 3–6) will take to the stage with **The Lion King JR** on **Friday 19th June** at 18:00hrs.

Tickets are £4.80 per person, which includes access to a recording of the performance and refreshments. Each family may book up to 2 tickets per production. To secure your seats, please purchase your tickets by **Friday 12th June** via your MCAS app. We can't wait to share these great shows with you!

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Mrs Shore & Mrs Eden-Higgs Visit Luckley

On Monday, Mrs Shore and Mrs E-H had a lovely visit to Luckley. They had the opportunity to observe a range of lessons, speak with the Learning Support team and catch up with some former Waverley pupils over a delicious afternoon tea.

Brass Lessons at Waverley

Would your child like to learn a brass instrument? Our brass teacher Mr Kevin Ransom currently has spaces available for pupils who would like to take up lessons. Learning a brass instrument is a fun and rewarding way for children to develop musical skills, build confidence, improve concentration and enjoy performing with others. Whether your child is a complete beginner or has some previous experience, this is a wonderful opportunity to discover a new talent. Please contact Kevin via email **here**.

WFA News

Jam Jar Competition is Back!

Following its success last year, we are pleased to announce the return of our Jam Jar Competition. You can view a letter with all the important details **here**. Please bring your decorated filled jam jars to school on Friday 19th June. A prize will be awarded for the best jam jar in each year group, judged by Mr Shore.

First Frozen Friday Fun

We hope the children enjoyed their ice lolly treats today. We look forward to seeing you all again over the next two Fridays. Please remember that After School Club children will also have the opportunity to purchase an ice lolly or ice cream, so please send in money if you would like them to take part. All ice lollies are £1 each.

WFA WaveFest - Friday 3rd July

We are pleased to announce that this year a Summer music festival is coming to Waverley – **WaveFest 2026**! The event will feature a range of fantastic live performances, along with plenty of fun stalls including the popular jam jar and bottle tombola's, glitter face painting, a bouncy castle, sweet cones and popcorn. The bar will also be open until late. Don't miss out, get your tickets **here**.

WFA Diary Dates:

5th, 12th & 19th June: Frozen Fridays

19th June: Non-Uniform Day *(in exchange for a bottle)*

3rd July: WFA Summer Festival

Waverley Nursery News

Good Luck Miss Moore

We would like to wish Miss Moore the very best of luck as she heads off on maternity leave to prepare for the arrival of her little one. We are so excited for her and can't wait to meet her new addition soon!

Father's Day Stay & Play Events

We are delighted to invite you to our upcoming Father's Day Stay & Play Breakfast events. Join us for some refreshments and special nursery time with your child from 09:00 – 10:00hrs on **Tuesday 23rd June** for Nursery Extension, Nursery 2 and Pre-Foundation and **Thursday 25th June** for Nursery 1, Nursery 3 and Foundation. Please confirm your attendance by clicking **here**. **RSVP by 17:00hrs on Monday 15th June**. Maximum two adults per child.

Save The Date: Nursery Photo Day

Nursery photo day is coming up on **Tuesday 30th June**. The photographers will be ready to take both individual and sibling portraits starting just after 08:30hrs that day. If your child doesn't usually attend Nursery on Tuesdays, but you would like them to have their photo taken, please get in touch with Mrs Harding via email **here**.

- **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 in Nursery 1, the Babies continued to learn about different animal habitats through some exciting sensory and hands-on activities. They had lots of fun rescuing pigs from muddy brown gloop and giving them a good wash afterwards. They also learnt about other farm animals through stories and group discussions. These activities helped the Babies develop their sensory awareness, fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination.

The Babies also enjoyed exploring different animal habitats through a fun puzzle activity, matching animals to their environments including snow, sand and grass. They also took part in some farm-themed small world play, caring for horses. They helped to brush them, provide hay and water and fed them with spoons and cereal. These experiences encouraged independence, imaginative play and the development of their coordination and physical skills.

Nursery Extension

This week, the children in the Nursery Extension had lots of fun exploring recycled materials. They enjoyed painting and printing with cardboard shapes, building and stacking boxes and finding out how different objects rolled down ramps. These activities helped the children to explore colours and shapes, whilst also developing their communication and physical skills.

The children also practised their fine motor skills using play dough, opening and closing containers and drawing on cardboard boxes. One of the highlights of the week was painting a large cardboard box and using it in their imaginative play. The children climbed in and out, pretending the box was a bus and loved singing their favourite songs together.

Nursery 2

In Nursery 2 this week, the children travelled to Greece as part of their ongoing interest in planes and different countries. They enjoyed 'sailing boats' through a Greek island-themed tuff tray, creating the Greek flag with coloured oats and rice and exploring different textures through messy play. The children also listened to Greek music, danced with ribbons and took part in their very own mini Olympic games in the garden.

The children continued learning about Greece by turning paper plates into puzzles and building Greek temples with play dough and cardboard tubes. All of these activities encouraged creativity, problem-solving, counting and lots of imaginative play whilst helping the children learn more about the world around them.

Nursery 3

This week, the children in Nursery 3 continued their activities exploring bugs and habitats, whilst also learning about other animals and where they live. They looked at lots of different animals, talking about their features with their Educators and discussing all of the different habitats they might be found in.

The children also had lots of fun exploring the ocean this week. They took part in a sensory activity with blue rice, sea creatures, shells and rosemary seaweed. The children enjoyed listening to ocean-themed stories, naming different sea animals and talked about what they could see and feel as they played.

Pre-Foundation

In Pre-Foundation this week, the children have developed a keen interest in ambulances, hospitals and caring for others. They enjoyed some imaginative role play, turning chairs into ambulances and creating a hospital where they looked after patients and baby dolls.

As their interest grew, the children learnt more about how doctors help people and explored the human body. They listened to stories about bones and health, created skeleton pictures with chalk and used clipboards to write some doctor's notes. These activities helped to support their imaginative play, early writing skills and discussions about how our bodies work.

Foundation

This week, the children in Foundation continued to enjoy exploring the story of 'Jack and the Beanstalk.' They had lots of fun decorating their own magic beans and creating giant beanstalks using pasta and Cheerios. These activities encouraged their creativity, storytelling and language development. It also helped to strengthen the children's fine motor skills.

The Foundation children also explored some Maths linked to the story. They traced around their feet, cutting out their footprints and comparing them to the giant's footprint to see whose was the biggest. They then used their imaginations to design and draw their own giants, talking about their different features they would include and sharing their ideas with their friends.

Menus

Next week our lunch menu will be Week 3.
You can view our Summer menu for School and Nursery **here.**

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