Waverley
Preparatory School and Nursery

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Fantastic Fun at Young Voices Concert

Dear Parents,

I hope you have all had a wonderful week. Can you believe we have one final week until February half term. Wow, time really does fly when you are having fun! Once again, it has been a busy week here at Waverley.

Young Voices Concert

I had the great pleasure of accompanying a number of our KS2 children to the Young Voices Concert on Wednesday. After weeks of rehearsals, we headed to Wembley for a fun-packed evening, alongside thousands of children from other schools across the country. The children had an absolutely fantastic time singing along to all of the songs they had so carefully practised, whilst also enjoying a variety of entertaining acts that graced the stage throughout.

Although it was a long and quite tiring day for them all, the children behaved impeccably and I was delighted to be at the event with them. They represented Waverley brilliantly and I couldn't be prouder of them all. I was also impressed by the energy levels of the children when they arrived at school on Thursday morning - especially as it had been quite a late night for many. I most definitely felt it the following day! See photos **here**.

School Assembly: Celebrating Diversity

This week, our school assembly focused on the theme of diversity. Mr Mitchell reminded everyone that diversity is one of the things that makes our school such a special and unique place. The children watched a reading of 'We're Different, We're the Same,' a story told through Muppets that shows how, even though people have different skin, hair and eye colours, we all share the same feelings and needs.

The assembly ended with a fun game where pupils sat down if certain statements applied to them, such as being a girl, having blonde hair, being in Year 4, owning a pet, or even liking sushi. In the end, only one pupil, Joshua M, was left standing, helping everyone see that while we may have different appearances, interests and experiences, we are all human and more alike than we might think.

First Green Council Meeting of 2026

Yesterday at lunchtime, our Green Council came together for their first meeting of 2026 to begin planning for our upcoming Sustainability Week. The children shared lots of fantastic ideas, including house litter-picking competitions at break time, planting more greenery in the playground, designing posters to encourage good environmental habits and creating a whole-school recycling art project. They also discussed some exciting new initiatives, such as building bug and bird houses and hosting a toy/book swap stall. More details about Sustainability Week will be shared soon.

Great Music Performances at Peripatetic Concert

On Monday evening, we held our Peripatetic Music Concert at Waverley. Children were invited to showcase their musical talents in front of an audience and demonstrate their wonderful instrumental skills. Congratulations to all of the children who took part. It was a lovely event with so many brilliant performances from our talented Waverley musicians. See photos **here**.

Expeditions Week Reminder

Next week is our annual Expeditions Week, when pupils take part in a range of exciting educational trips. The week begins with a visit to Ufton Court for our Year 3 and 4 children. On Wednesday, Year 5 and 6 will travel to London to watch The Lion King in the West End and finally, on Thursday, Year 1 and 2 pupils will visit Winchester Science Museum. I hope all of the children have a fantastic time!

I hope you have a lovely weekend!

S. Shore

Pupil Achievements

Pupils of the Week

Arabella, Reception
'For her hard work in all areas of school.'

Sadhana, Year 1
'For participating enthusiastically and sharing fantastic ideas during creative writing sessions.'

Zoey, Year 2
'For doing her best in all that she does and answering lots of questions on the carpet. She is also progressing well in her independent activities, especially in Maths.'

Ataho, Year 3
'For the effort he has been putting into his work. He created a fantastic advertisement using effective persuasive language.'

Ella, Year 4
'For working hard in all that she does and for being a wonderful team player, offering help to her peers.'

Sonia, Year 5
'For sharing her personal experiences in RE lessons this week and always working hard and persevering with challenging tasks.'

Sienna, Year 6
'For writing an outstanding non chronological report about Newfoundland.'

Waverley Way Award

Asa
'For giving each lesson his best! He is enthusiastic and produces work to the best of his ability.'

Chanel
'For her willingness to help others. She is the first to offer a helping hand and shows kindness and warmth to others.'

Diary Dates

Monday 9th February:	School Assembly: Children's Mental Health Week.
	Year 3 & 4 Trip to Ufton Court.
	Year 5 & 6 House Dodgeball Competition. *
Tuesday 10th February:	School Assembly: Safer Internet Day.
Wednesday 11th February:	Swim 5.
	Year 5 & 6 Trip to Lion King.
Thursday 12th February:	Year 3 & 4 House Dodgeball Competition. *
	Year 1 & 2 Trip to Winchester Science Centre.
Friday 13th February:	Year 3 & 4 Rugby vs St Mary's. Home. *
	Year 3 & 4 Netball vs St Mary's. Home. *
	School Half Term Ends. *(Normal School Day).*

**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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Peer Mentoring in Action

On Tuesday morning, the children took part in another peer mentoring session across the school, as the older children partnered with their younger peers for shared reading time.

These sessions not only help to build the children's literacy skills, they also help to create meaningful friendships and nurture a strong sense of community across the school. The younger children gain supportive role models who make reading fun, whilst the older students develop leadership, patience and communication skills. See photos **here**.

Reception Learn About Doctors

As Ms Sykes has been off poorly this week, Reception have been learning about doctors and the people who help us. They role played a doctor's office, wrote the ingredients of a medicine potion and created their own sparkly potions.

As part of their learning, the children watched a video of someone visiting the doctor with a poorly arm. They watched and saw how the doctor helped their patient, by carefully wrapping a bandage on their arm to make it better.

Year 1 Explore Rhythm Music

In their Music lesson this week, Year 1 have been learning about rhythm. Mrs Shore taught the children how to create rhythms using words, choosing fun insect/bug names such as caterpillar, butterfly, beetle and ant.

The children clapped along to match the syllables in each word, helping them to hear and feel different rhythm patterns. They had lots of fun experimenting with sounds, working together in groups and building their confidence, as they explored music in a new way.

Year 2 Paint Watercolour Castles

This term, Year 2 have been enjoying their topic on Kings, Queens and Castles. As part of their learning, the class explored pictures of castles and grand royal buildings before creating their own beautiful watercolour castles. The children carefully sketched their designs and then used watercolours to bring their artwork to life. They all did an excellent job and it's clear to see that Year 2 are developing into very talented young artists. See photos **here**.

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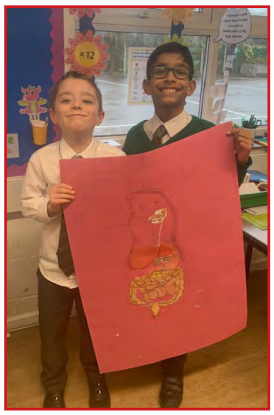
Year 4 Create Animated Sports in ICT

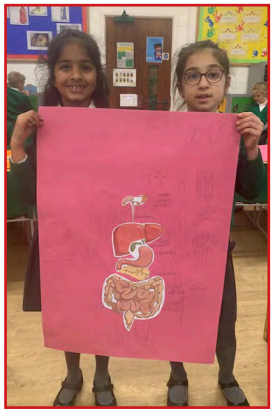
In their ICT lesson this week, Year 4 were continuing to build their coding skills to create an animated sports event using Scratch. The children selected a sport, chose a background, such as a swimming pool and then created the code to link together at least three actions such as a ticking clock, a starter gun and a swimmer racing down the pool.

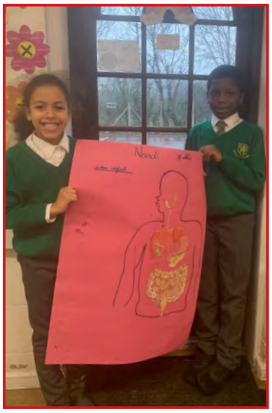
There was a huge variety of sports and activities and with the Winter Olympics starting soon, several children chose sports such as ice skating or skiing. See photos **here**.

Year 4 Discover The Digestive System

This week in Science, Year 4 have been learning about the digestive system. In pairs, they were given different organs involved in digestion, which they first identified and labelled before placing them into the correct positions on their pretend bodies. The children did a brilliant job identifying the organs and learning lots whilst still having fun! See photos **here**.







Exploring The Wonders of The World

Whilst many of our KS2 children headed to Young Voices on Wednesday, those who remained in school took part in a project exploring the natural wonders of the world, such as Machu Picchu, the Great Barrier Reef, Mount Everest and the Northern Lights.

After researching their chosen wonder, the children created fantastic posters featuring photos, drawings and information sections to showcase everything they had learnt.

Meeting Brian Mosher: Come From Away

Earlier this week, Year 5 and 6 took part in a Zoom call with Brian Mosher, a resident of Gander and the town's only TV journalist during the events of 11 September 2001. When 38 planes were unexpectedly diverted to Gander, the town's population almost doubled overnight and local residents stepped in to help thousands of stranded passengers.

Brian shared his personal memories of welcoming travellers, organising accommodation and supplies and reporting the events as they unfolded. His story helped our pupils see how ordinary people can make an extraordinary difference through generosity, teamwork and empathy, bringing our learning to life and reinforcing the importance of kindness to strangers.

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Year 5 & 6 Tag-Rugby vs Lyndhurst

On Wednesday afternoon, the remaining Year 5 and 6 children not attending Young Voices took part in a Tag-Rugby fixture against Lyndhurst. It was a beautiful, sunny afternoon, although a little muddy still on the school field! The children worked brilliantly together, defending well and scoring some fantastic tries (thanks to Eddie, Harvey and Joseph). Lyndhurst were strong opponents and won the match overall, but Team Waverley represented themselves with great determination and sportsmanship. A special well done to Bea and Aryahi, who aren't regular rugby players, but still gave it their all! See photos **here**.

After School Club Fun

It has been another busy week in After School Club. In Cookery, the children enjoyed making their own loaves of bread from scratch. Gymnastics club focused on refining techniques across each piece of equipment, with pupils showing great balance and control. Badminton players challenged themselves in exciting rallies against Mr Barlow, improving their speed and accuracy. In Dance club, everyone had a fantastic time learning new moves and dancing together. Meanwhile, Judo club practised grappling techniques on the pads, building strength, coordination and confidence. See photos **here**.

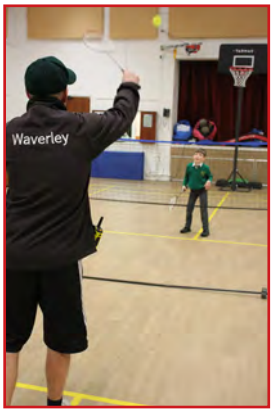
Booking After School Clubs

We would like to remind parents that you can now book ad hoc Breakfast and After School Club sessions directly through your MCAS app. This is the quickest and easiest way to secure your child's place, so we encourage you to use the app whenever you need to make a booking.

Reception Teacher Vacancy

We are currently recruiting for a full-time Reception/KS1 Form Teacher to join us from September 2026. We would be grateful if parents could share this opportunity with anyone who may be interested.

Applicants must hold Qualified Teacher Status and have experience in primary or preparatory education, with strong teaching and assessment skills and the ability to create an engaging learning environment. Applications close on 4th March 2026, with interviews taking place during the week of 9 March. For further information click **here** and to apply, please email **recruitment@waverleyschool.co.uk**.



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Follow Waverley on Social Media

Stay connected with everything happening at school by following us on social media! We regularly share updates, news, photos and highlights from school life across our platforms. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, TikTok and YouTube to keep up to date and celebrate all the wonderful things the children are achieving. Details for each page can be found below:

Follow our **Facebook** page **here**.
Follow our **Instagram** page **here**.
Follow our **TikTok** page **here**.
Follow our **YouTube** page **here**.

Holiday Club – Final Bookings Reminder!

We still have a few remaining spaces for our February Half Term Holiday Club! Join us from 16th - 20th February for a week packed with fun activities, including baking, arts and crafts, sports, woodland walks, a bouncy castle and a very special fairytale fun day.

View the KS1 schedule **here**.
View the KS2 schedule **here**.
Book your place **here**.

WFA News

Parent Quiz - Tomorrow Night!

We're excited for tomorrow's quiz night, where parents and guests will go head-to-head, testing their knowledge for the chance to be crowned Waverley's brainiest! Be sure to check next week's newsletter to see which team comes out on top.

Valentines Tuck Shop - Friday 13th February

Join us in the school playground from 15:30hrs, where you can enjoy doughnuts and sweetie cones. Please remember to bring cash! After School Club children will also have the chance to make purchases, so please give some money to bring on the day.

World Book Day - 5th March

This year, the WFA will be transforming the school into a magical fairytale world for World Book Day! We can't wait to see the children arriving dressed as their favourite book characters for a truly enchanting day!

WFA Diary Dates:

13th February: Valentine's Tuck Shop
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

Expecting in 2026?

We are now offering the final Nursery places for babies due in 2026. If you will need a Nursery place for your little one in the coming years, we recommend contacting our Head of Admissions, Mrs Helen Jenkins, as soon as possible to secure your place. Please email: **admissions@waverleyschool.co.uk**

- **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 have explored feelings through the Colour Monster book. The Babies focused on the yellow 'happiness' monster, creating their own versions using painted fruits. They also discovered the green 'calmness' monster, making play dough versions from leaves and natural items.

The Babies also explored the pink 'love' monster, by feeding it rice and searching for toys in shredded paper, as well as the blue 'sadness' monster, using water trays and ribbons to represent tears. These activities supported the children's sensory play, imagination and language development.

Nursery Extension

It is National Storytelling Week, so the children in the Nursery Extension have been exploring books like Elmer the Elephant and creating their own versions with tissue paper. They also made animal crafts using paper plates and materials such as cotton wool and tissue paper, practicing their fine motor skills.

The children continued to discover stories including 'The Gruffalo' and 'Room on the Broom,' finding hidden characters and making witches' wands from toilet roll tubes decorated with tissue, pipe cleaners and feathers. These activities combined storytelling with hands-on creativity and play.

Nursery 2

In Nursery 2 this week, the children have begun exploring ocean habitats through a variety of hands-on activities. They used magnetic fishing rods to catch fish, searched for ocean animals in a water-filled bag and experimented with light table pictures. These activities have helped develop hand-eye coordination and fine motor skills, whilst teaching the children about sea creatures.

The children also took part in some creative sensory activities, including shell printing with paint and exploring cloud dough with coloured pasta to make coral. In the water tray, they also scooped sea animals with cups and spoons, identifying each one and discussing colours, textures and the ocean environment.

Nursery 3

This week, Nursery 3 continued to explore fire and firefighters through a range of fun sensory and creative activities. The children used spray bottles and tweezers with coloured rice and water to rescue numbered flames. This fun activity helped them to develop their fine motor skills, whilst practicing their number recognition and counting skills.

The children also completed a selection of fire-themed puzzles and created their own fire pictures using red, orange and yellow paint mixed into shaving foam. During these activities, the children discussed the different fire colours, explored a range of textures and learnt more about fire and firefighters, combining creativity with hands-on learning.

Pre-Foundation

This week, Pre-Foundation explored fruits and vegetables using investigation trays. The children enjoyed using magnifying glasses, spoons and their senses to touch, smell, and taste the items, discovering that all contained seeds. They also compared the shapes, sizes and quantities of each item, whilst working together to find as many seeds as possible.

Pre-Foundation continued their investigations by cutting and dissecting fruits using child-safe knives, exploring the different textures, colours, sounds and smells of each. The children also used the fruits for creative activities. They made prints and patterns with paint and stamped cherries with corks, discussing shapes and textures, whilst creating artwork for their room.

Foundation

This week, the children in Foundation took part in a variety of hands-on activities relating to Space. They began with a blue balloon rocket experiment, making predictions about which rocket would travel fastest and timing each one. The children discussed the results, exploring why the rocket going down the string was quickest. This supported their understanding of cause and effect, early maths skills and turn-taking.

Inspired by 'Papa, Please Get the Moon for Me,' the children created night skies using paint and foil to represent the moon and stars. They explored textures, developed their fine motor skills and used their creativity, whilst discussing the story and its themes of love and imagination.

Foundation also explored a sensory tray filled with moon sand and moon rocks. The children used their hands and simple tools to scoop and manipulate the materials in the tray, whilst describing the textures and sensations they felt. This helped them to build fine motor skills and develop their confidence when sharing observations and exploring together.

Menus

Next week our lunch menu will be Week 2.
You can view our Winter menu for School and Nursery **here**.

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