



Waverley Abbey School

All things are possible for one who believes. Mark 9:23



School Newsletter 3

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HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

Next week's worship theme – Making good choices

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight"

Proverbs 3:5-6

We have had another busy week in school. It has been lovely walking through lessons seeing the children so actively engaged. It has been a pleasure seeing so many children with excellent writing in their books too. Last week, we also completed the selection of our pupil voice groups. I am always impressed with the level of preparation that pupils put into their speeches, letters of application and interviews. It is always a very hard decision for staff and pupils. Well done to every pupil who applied for a role. Whether they were successful on this occasion or not, they should feel very proud of their efforts.

Leave of Absence: A reminder to all parents/carers about term time leave of absence.

A pupil's absence during term time can seriously disrupt their continuity of learning. Not only does the child miss the teaching provided on the days they are absent, they are also less prepared for the lessons after they return. There is a consequent risk of underachievement, which the school and the parents/carers should seek to avoid.

Parents/carers are strongly advised against booking any leave of absence during term time as they will not be authorised. School holiday dates are published a year in advance and are available on the school and Surrey County Council websites.

For further details please refer to our attendance policy, on the school website.

Penalty Notices - Penalty Notices will be issued by the Local Authority for unauthorised leave of absence in term time.

Mobile phones: We actively encourage families not to allow their children to bring expensive items into school including mobile phones. However, if your child must bring a phone in then our school policy is that they need to drop it off at the office first thing in the morning, returning to pick it up at the end of the day. We should also have a letter/ E mail confirming that your child will be bringing a phone onto the premises. Thank you for your co-operation in this.

Waverley DSL Team: At Waverley we have a number of staff who make up our DSL (Designated Safeguarding Lead) team. Ms Morris is the lead with myself, Mrs Munro, Mrs Hilyard, Mr Brown, Miss Haines and Mrs Parker Swann (HSLW) too. If you have a concern, however small, we always ensure that there is a member of the DSL team on site if you want to come and talk. We also use the E mail dsl@waverley-abbey.surrey.sch.uk if you would prefer to E mail.

Save the Date! Waverley Fireworks: Our annual firework event will be held from 5:30pm on Friday 7th November. If you would like to join us for this event there will be food and drink on sale as well as sweets and treats too. For new parents, our firework display certainly rivals some of the town events and is a great way to spend bonfire night. Tickets will soon be available via SCOPay and will be opened to Waverley parents, friends and family first.

Mrs Rebecca Marshall

Diary Dates 2025

October

Tuesday 7th	Year 6 - Residential Parent Meeting - 6pm
Wednesday 8th	Amelia's Lavender Sachet Sale - 3pm Year 6 Playground
Thursday 9th	Year 5 - South Downs Planetarium Visit FOWA Movie Night - 3:30pm - 5:30pm
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Monday 13th	Year 3 and 4 Parents Times Tables Talk - 8:45am
Saturday 18th	Farnham District Cross Country Event
Tuesday 21st	Parent Evening Consultations - 3:45pm - 7pm
Thursday 23rd	Parent Evening Consultations - 3:45pm - 6:30pm
Friday 24th	INSET Day
Monday 27th	Half Term

November

Monday 3rd	INSET Day
Tuesday 4th	Individual School Photos Year 4 - Unwrapped Philharmonic Orchestra Visit
Friday 7th	School Fireworks Night - 5:30pm
Monday 10th	Book Fair Week Antibullying Week - Odd Socks Day
Tuesday 20th	Nasal Flu Vaccinations - All Years National Child Measurement Programme - Year 6
Friday 21st	Year 4 Showcase - 2:30pm

December

Wednesday 3rd	Year 3 - Pantomime Visit
Tuesday 9th	Rocksteady Concert - 2pm
Thursday 11th	Year 6 Showcase - 2:30pm
Monday 15th	Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day

Voluntary Contributions

Can we please remind parents that activities such as swimming and school trips rely on parental support, and whilst all payments are voluntary, these activities cannot continue without them.

We would be very grateful, therefore, if you could please check via your SCOPay account that you have paid for this year's swimming, and any trips or workshops your child is due to take part in.

Your continued support in this is greatly appreciated by the whole school and does ensure that we are able to continue to provide these facilities for your children.

Earrings

A reminder that only **stud** earrings are allowed in school and children should be able to remove them for PE and swimming, and keep them safe (please provide a suitable container to keep them in). If younger children are not able to remove earrings, please remove these before school on the days that they have PE, swimming or games as staff are not allowed to remove such items or to take responsibility for them.

FOWA Film Nights Volunteers and Class Reps

FOWA are looking for volunteers to help with their upcoming film nights. Please sign up via the link below.

<https://volunteersignup.org/3999W>

5RC and 5SM do not currently have Class Reps, if you feel you may be able to help, please email the school office.

Thank you.

Lift Shares

We have several families who would like to try and arrange a lift share to and from school.

They are located in South Farnham, Milford, Aldershot, Godalming and Tongham.

Please email the school office if you are interested and we can put you in touch.

Amelia's Lavender Sachet Sales

Amelia in Year 4 is selling lavender sachets to raise funds for the Paediatric Department at The Royal Surrey, who offer teddy bears to children. Amelia is keen to make sure they have a good supply at all times! The sachets contain organic, freshly cut and dried lavender and cost £3 each.



The sales will take place on the Year 6 playground from 3pm on Wednesday 8th and Friday 10th October.

Terms Dates For 2026/27 Academic Year

INSET days to be confirmed.

Autumn Term - 1st September - 18th December 2026 (Half term - 19th - 30th October 2026)

Spring Term - 4th January - 25th March 2027 (Half term - 15th - 19th February 2027)

Summer Term - 12th April - 28th July 2027 (Half term 31st May - 4th June 2027)

Surrey Arts - Drum Lessons

Gary at Surrey Arts has some drum lesson slots available on a Wednesday afternoon. If your child is interested, please contact Surrey Arts.

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/culture-and-leisure/arts/music/lessons-for-children>

Leave of Absence/Penalty Notice Information From Surrey Incursion

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, **per parent/carer per child**, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, **per parent/carer per child**, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice - Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, **per parent/carer per child**, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996.

Please make sure a Leave of Absence Form (available on the school website or from Reception) is completed.