



# Waverley Abbey School

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



## HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

### Next week's worship theme – Humility

*The humble He guides in justice, and the humble He teaches His way. [Psalm 25:9](#)*

We have had another busy week in school with lots of learning packed in! This week I have been observing across the school which has been delightful. Whilst I am observing, I always look in reading records and there is lots of home reading happening which was wonderful to see. Please do continue to note your children's home reading in the reading record (Lower School) so we have a record of their reading across the week.

Over the past fortnight we have welcomed Zoo Lab into Year 4 to support both the science curriculum and to provide inspiration for descriptive writing. Year 6 also thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Kew Gardens too.

Last week we also had our interviews for house captains/vice captains. The children prepared well for their interviews and were very articulate. Mr Brown and I had an incredibly difficult decision! If your child was not successful, there are many more opportunities for 'pupil voice' including our various committees, councils and teams.

**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 parents/carers should seek to avoid.

Parents/carers are 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. A leave of absence request form must be

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## 4th October 2024

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completed, these are available on our website or from the school office. 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.

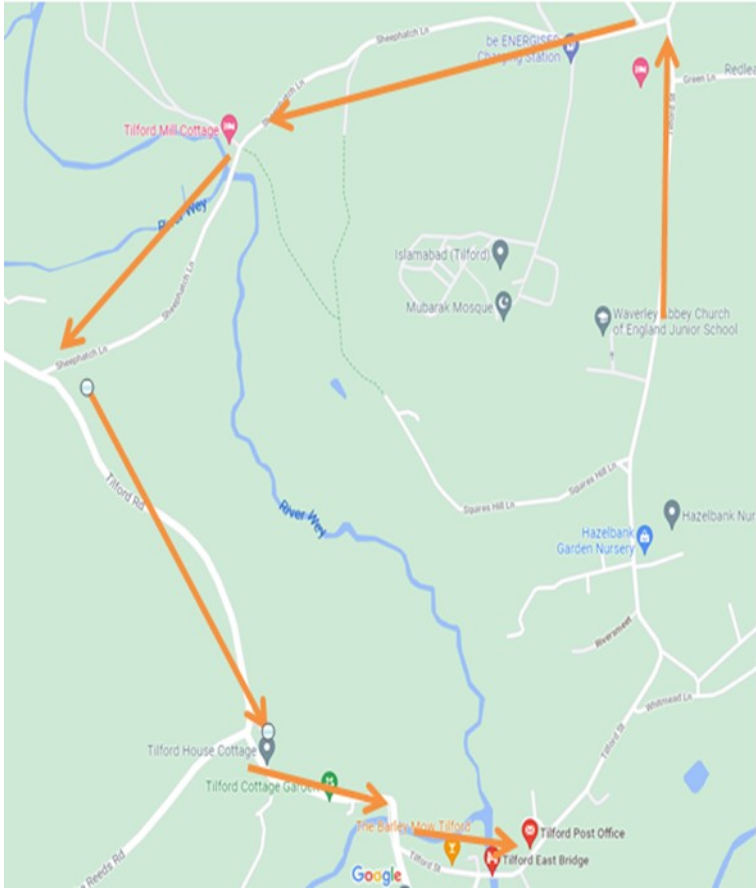
**Mobile phones:** We actively encourage families not to allow their children to bring expensive items into school including mobile phones, however, if your child must bring a phone in then our school policy is that they need to drop it off at the office first thing in the morning, returning to pick 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 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](mailto: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 6pm on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> 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. Further information regarding tickets will be emailed soon and will be opened to Waverley parents, friends and family first.

**Mrs Rebecca Marshall**

### Alternative Route – Turning Left Out Of School



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Uniform Donations

Thank you very much for the 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform donations we have received this term. Can we request that **only embroidered items – sweatshirts, cardigans & PE T shirts – are donated until further notice**, as we don't have capacity for other items.

Thank you

## School Meal Refunds

This is a reminder that ALL school meal refunds need to be made via Caterlink. The link for is on the school website. We are not able to transfer these funds to any other item on SCOPay.

### Waverley Abbey Christmas Cards

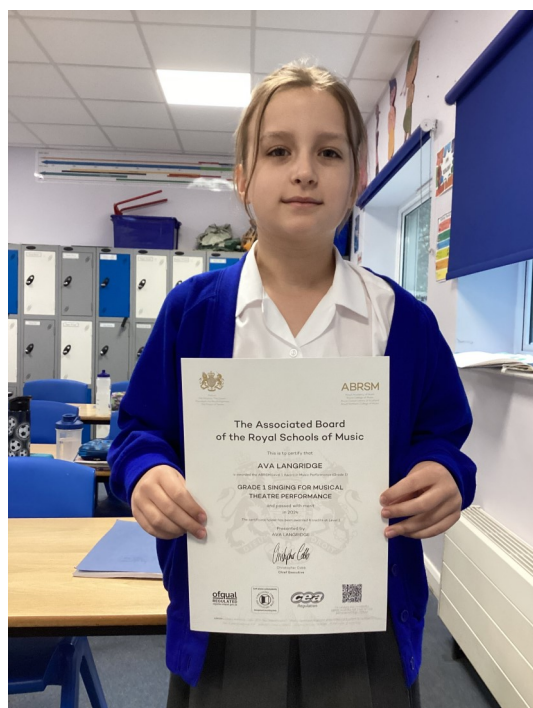
This term we have been busy designing Christmas cards which you may like to purchase through Cauliflower cards. Over the next week or so, your child will bring home their Christmas card design for you to see. Please make a note of the school code and unique code as you will need these to order. All School artwork must be returned by **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October** or we will not be able to send them off for production.

How does parent shop/ordering work?

Parents order online via our parent shop

1. You will need to Register for an account with an email address and create a password, or log-in for previous customers.
2. Log into shop.
3. Add unique code found on artwork form (School code + Unique code) select check code.
4. Select class (Dropdown menu).
5. Select product.
6. Complete all drop-down options and then add to basket – can also add custom messages 5 lines of text in 5 writing styles – plus grey scale emojis to choose from.
7. My Basket -Customers can either continue shopping or proceed to checkout. Parents need to enter the card details. If individual or re-order you will also need to enter a home address.

### Congratulations



Well done Ava for achieving a merit in her Grade 1 Musical Theatre exam.

### **Diary dates for Autumn Term 2024**

#### **October 2024**

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| Tuesday 1st    | Year 6 - UKSA Parent Meeting - 6pm            |
| Tuesday 8th    | 5AD & 5EW - South Downs Planetarium Trip      |
| Thursday 10th  | 5SM & 5RC - South Downs Planetarium Trip      |
| Wednesday 16th | Year 6 - National Child Measurement Programme |
| Friday 18th    | Year 4 - Winchester Science Trip              |
| Saturday 19th  | Farnham District Cross Country Event          |
| Tuesday 22nd   | Parent Consultations                          |
| Thursday 24th  | Parent Consultations<br>Last Day of Half Term |
| Friday 25th    | INSET Day                                     |

#### **November 2024**

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| Monday 4th   | INSET Day   |
| Tuesday 5th  | School Photographer - Individual & Sibling Photos<br>Return To School |
| Thursday 7th | Nasal Flu Vaccinations  |
| Friday 8th   | FOWA - Firework Evening   |

#### **December 2024**

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| Friday 6th  | FOWA Christmas Fair  |
| Monday 16th | Christmas Jumper Day |
| Friday 20th | Last Day Of Term     |