



# Waverley Abbey School

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## HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

### **Next week's worship theme – Being creative**

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Welcome back to the first newsletter of the new school year. We have had a super start to term - the children have settled back in very well indeed. It was also lovely welcoming our new Year 3 pupils on Tuesday afternoon. Having that extra settling in afternoon really makes the difference!

A huge thank you to all those parents who were able to attend this week's 'Meet The Teacher' meetings (Year 4 is on Monday). It has been wonderful to welcome parents into school and for families to see their child's classroom. For parents who were unable to come, all presentations will be emailed and put onto the school website for your perusal.

Polite reminder – car parking: We wish to start the year as we mean to go on in terms of children's arrival and departure! One of the biggest factors in slowing down traffic on the main road, is when cars leave site and wish to turn right, towards Tilford village. Whilst I have no authority to enforce a left turn only policy, if as many parents as possible would be willing to turn left, and loop around (see map overleaf), our queues would undoubtedly be shorter. We also ask that parents arrive no more than 5 minutes prior to picking their children up. We operate a staggered end of day and if our younger children's parents arrive too early, then there is nowhere for Y6/5 parents to park which leads to long queues on the road. If possible please give way to one person upon entering and leaving the site, this would help to keep the traffic flowing.

Children are welcome onto the Year 3 (Lower School) and Year 6 (Upper School) playgrounds from 8.20am. Prior to this there is no adult on duty. Please ensure that any children remain in cars or supervised on the paths until a member of the Senior Leadership Team comes over to the crossing. Please note, registration is from 8.35-8.40am so any pupil arriving in class after this point will

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## 5th September 2025

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be marked as late. Pupils arriving after 8.45am, when lessons have started, will be marked as an unauthorised absence.

Please continue to provide a healthy breaktime snack for your child. Rice cakes/ oat cakes or malt loaf are fine, but no crisps please.

Uniform: Thank you for ensuring that your children have returned wearing the correct uniform. On this note, it is important that pupils have small, plain stud earrings, and that hair is tied back with a plain band/ headband not large bows or scrunchies. We also ask that children wear plain, unbranded socks please. I have spotted a few sports socks this week which we are keen to avoid.

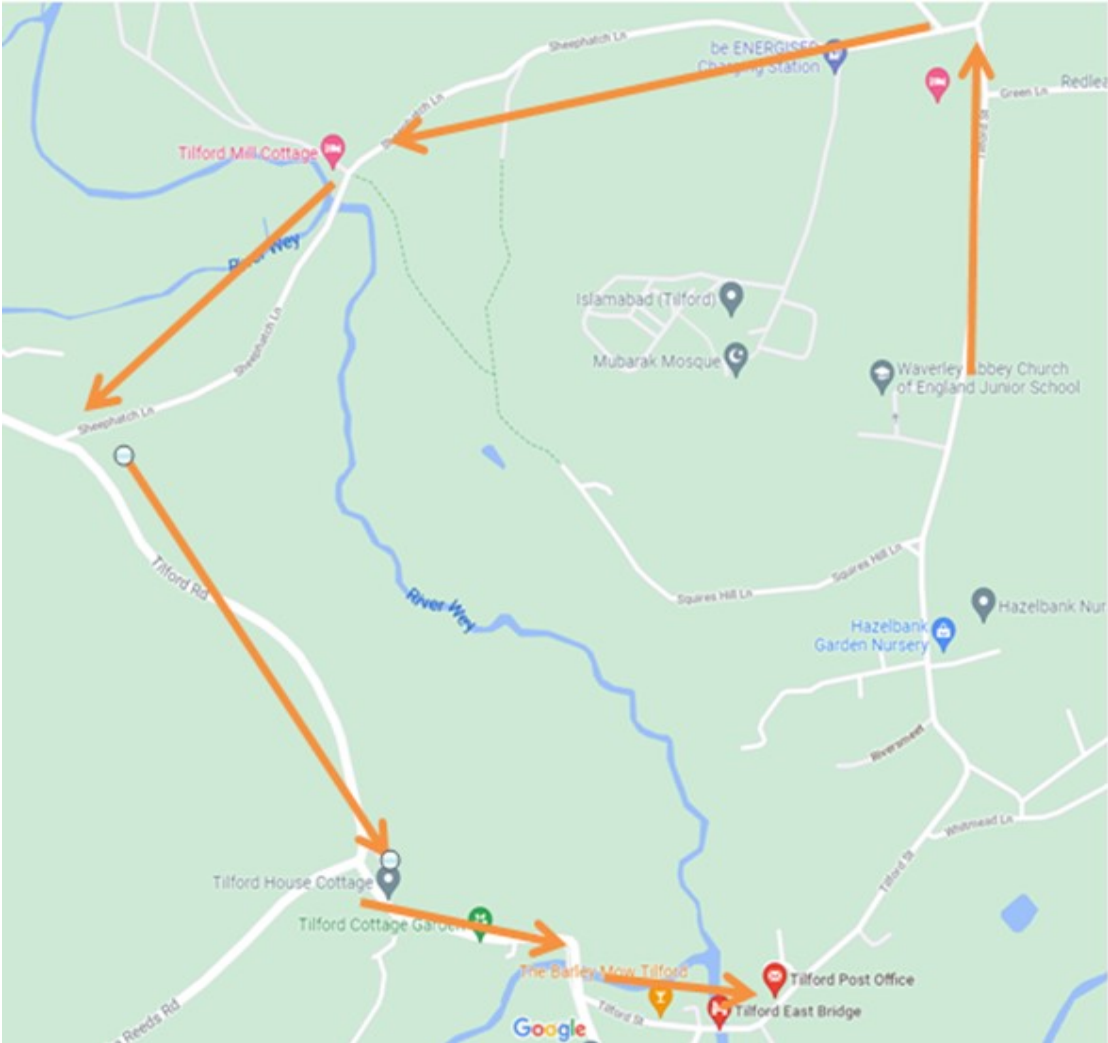
Watches: Children are permitted to wear a watch to school and whilst we prefer analogue, children may wear a digital watch including a fitbit/ pedometer watch. We request that watches that have other functions (e.g. phones, cameras) remain at home please. If a child forgets one day, we will keep them safe in the office for you to pick up at the end of the day.

Cauliflower cards: Due to the popularity of the school Christmas Cards, this year we will once again be asking children to design their own, which we will be selling later in the year. More details to follow – please watch this space!

Harvest: We will be celebrating harvest festival on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. At this time, we ask the children to consider families who are not so fortunate as themselves both in this country and further afield. We also collect food for Farnham Food Bank. I have attached their request list in the newsletter. If you are able, please do bring something in as their stock is particularly low at the moment.

Have a wonderful weekend,  
Mrs Rebecca Marshall

### Alternative Route



## Harvest Donations

**Farnham Foodbank:** We are very grateful for your support in donating your school's Harvest Festival donations to the Foodbank. Receiving Harvest donations from schools goes a long way to ensure that we can continue to feed those in the local community who are in crisis, especially in these challenging times.

We would very much appreciate any non-perishable food items or toiletries but in particular if your school could please collect the items listed below:

- Tinned soup
- Pasta sauce
  - Biscuits
- Long life sponge puddings

### 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 and Godalming.

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

### **Diary Dates 2025**

#### **September**

Friday 12th	Year 3 Showcase - 3pm
Monday 22nd	Harvest Festival Donations
Tuesday 23rd	Year 6 - Kew Gardens Visit
Wednesday 24th	Mia's Bake Sale - Year 6 Playground - 3pm

#### **October**

Thursday 9th	Year 5 - South Downs Planetarium Visit FOWA Movie Night
Friday 10th	Year 5 - South Downs Planetarium Visit FOWA Movie Night
Friday 24th	INSET Day
Monday 27th	Half Term

#### **November**

Monday 3rd	INSET Day
Tuesday 4th	Individual School Photos
Friday 7th	School Fireworks Night
Monday 10th	Book Fair Week
Tuesday 20th	Nasal Flu Vaccinations - All Years National Child Measurement Programme - Year 6