



Waverley Abbey School

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



HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

School Newsletter 8

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Next week's value – Hope

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

We know that final weeks before Christmas are some of the busiest in the school calendar! There is no exception to this at Waverley Abbey this year. We are all very much looking forward to seeing the Year 3 and Year 5 Christmas productions next week as well as our Christmas fair next Friday too. Thank you for bringing in gifts suitable for a male or female family member and for supporting the children in their cracker homework. Next Friday, the children will be undertaking their Christmas shopping as part of the fair. We recommend packing an additional carrier bag for the items purchased too!

This week Rev. Sandy came in to talk to the children about Advent. She also brought with her a 'posada'. This is a Hispanic tradition where two local people, imitating Mary and Joseph, knock on doors hoping to be welcomed in. The children have been continuing this tradition in school, using a figurine of Mary and Joseph who are spending a day in each classroom they are welcomed into!

In our final week of term, the children will be attending their church services at All Saints. Please ensure the children have a coat as we will walk there, even if it is raining. We are also looking forward to our Christmas Pause Day on Tuesday 16th December. This day is special as we come off timetable to spend time considering the Christmas story in more depth. It is a day full of talk and discussion, art and reflection.

While all the festivities happen, there is still a strong focus on the wider curriculum and squeezing every learning opportunity into the final week as well – staff and children certainly do not get bored!

I would like to offer a huge thank you to all the children and their families who will be helping to run stalls at the Christmas fair. Thanks also to those who are coming to enjoy any of our seasonal events. Your support is invaluable.

Uniform – As we near the end of term, I would like to remind parents that we are expecting full winter uniform until Easter. Children should be wearing a shirt (no polo shirts please), plain small stud earrings if their ears are pierced, hair should be tied back with a plain hairband or small scrunchie and uniform should look smart at all times. All pupils still need a coat too as we do try to go outside whatever the weather. Thank you for your support in this matter.

A reminder that school closes after lunch on Friday 19th December, and pupils return on Monday 5th January 2026.

And finally... it is said that the best of all gifts around any Christmas tree is the presence of a happy family all wrapped up in each other. May I take this opportunity to wish you a very Merry Christmas surrounded by your loved ones - and every blessing for the New Year.

Mrs Marshall

Diary Dates 2025

December

Tuesday 9th	Year 5 - Christmas Production Performance - 2pm PAPAYA - Let's Talk About Tech - 7 - 8:30pm via Teams
Wednesday 10th	Year 3 - Christmas Production Performance - 2pm Year 5 - Christmas Production Performance - 6pm
Thursday 11th	Year 6 -Showcase - 2:30pm Year 3 - Christmas Production Performance - 6pm
Friday 12th	FOWA Christmas Fair
Monday 15th	Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day
Tuesday 16th	Rocksteady Concert - 2pm
Wednesday 17th	Year 6 - Church Service - 10am Year 4 - Church Service - 2pm
Thursday 18th	Year 5 - Church Service - 10am Year 3 - Church Service - 2pm
Friday 19th	Last Day Of Autumn Term

January 2026

Monday 5th	Return To School
Tuesday 20th	Young Voices at The O2
Wednesday 21st	Reading Café
Friday 30th	Year 3 - Buster Ancient Farm Visit

February 2026

Tuesday 10th	Parents' Evening - 3:45pm - 7pm
Thursday 12th	Parents' Evening - 3:45pm - 6:30pm
Friday 13th	Break Up For Half Term
Monday 23rd	INSET Day

WhatsApp

Although, as a school we do not have any control of the class WhatsApp groups, please can we ask all group members to be respectful of peoples' privacy and not share or ask for personal information on the chat and avoid posting opinions or comments that could cause disagreement, upset or offence.

Thank you.

FOWA Christmas Fair

A reminder to order your Asian food and raffle tickets (see attached information).

There are still space to sign up to volunteer on one of the stalls (link below).

<https://volunteersignup.org/AYM49>

PAPAYA - Save The Date!

At the end of July, our current Year 6 pupils had a brilliant workshop with Papaya, which focussed around the theme of forming a healthy balance with technology (Parents Against Phone Addiction in Young Adolescents - <https://www.papayaparents.com/>). Together with the children, the staff from Papaya looked at how we can understand both the advantages and disadvantages with our increasing reliance on digital devices.

As part of their commitment to our school, PAPAYA will be hosting a parent workshop too for all of our school families which will be online on Tuesday 9th December at 7pm (see flyer attached for link)

Papaya talks and workshops empower parents and young people to make informed choices about smartphones, social media and screens.

The expert-led sessions offer insights and practical advice about the benefits of delaying smartphone and social media use and the importance of establishing healthy tech boundaries in families.

The session is non-judgmental, open for honest discussion, and for adults only.

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)

Waverley Abbey Faith Group

The Waverley Abbey worship team, ably lead by Mr Williams, enjoyed their trip to Waverley Abbey this week. During the trip they followed the path of Mary and Joseph in Wintershall's retelling of the Christmas Story. All children had a fantastic experience and are grateful to Waverley Abbey for hosting such a fantastic event.



Friday 19th December Finish Times

Year 6 - 1:10pm

Year 5 - 1:15pm

Year 4 - 1:20pm

Year 3 - 1:30pm