



Waverley Abbey School

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



HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

Our worship theme next week– being an important part of our school community

Just as a body has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all ... one body... Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.
1 Corinthians 12:12-14

I hope all our families had an enjoyable half term and that the start to the final term of the academic year has been smooth.

The children looked very smart today for their school photos. We are looking forward to seeing the results soon!

Year 4 have been particularly busy this week, with their multiplication checks. Two Year 4 classes had a very interesting talk from Surrey Police today, where they learnt about who they and their role (the two other classes will have their talk on 16th June). Next week, they will be equally busy undertaking their first 'away' residential to Runway's End in Farnborough, where caving and shelter building are amongst the activities that the children will undertake. I know that the children are very much looking forward to this experience.

Next week looks equally as full, with two cricket tournaments, as well as Bikeability for our Year 6 pupils alongside several transition meetings and events. Year 6 also undertake a programme of study about transition within

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their PSHE lessons too, exploring how things will be different as they move to their new schools.

Previous pupil feedback has always been really positive here and has supported pupils in feeling less nervous about the upcoming changes.

DSLs (Designated Safeguarding leads): This half term we continue to include our 'Spotlight on Safeguarding' as part of the newsletter (see next page). Please remember, if you have any concerns about a child's welfare or safety, do speak to a member of the schools safeguarding team. They are Ms Morris (Lead DSL), Mrs Marshall, Mr Brown, Miss Haines, Mrs Hilyard, Mrs Palmer and Mrs Parker Swann our Home School Link Worker. Alternatively, DSLs can be contacted at:-

DSL@waverley-abbey.surrey.sch.uk

Summer sun safety: Please do remember to send your child to school with sun protection – hat, water bottle and sun cream as the weather warms.

Have a super weekend,

Mrs Rebecca Marshall

Safeguarding Spotlight – Summer Term

Online safety is something we take very seriously at Waverley Abbey. Children are spending more and more time online and it is important that we teach them the skills and knowledge to navigate the online world safely. We are seeing a growing number of children using social media sites and being exposed to inappropriate and unsafe content on these sites. Our spotlight this term focuses on some of the risks to children being online, particularly if unsupervised. If you would like any further information about specific apps, please get in touch.

Online risks - Oversharing

Children and young people can sometimes feel pressure to overshare online. Remind them that they shouldn't share private things, such as:

- personal information, like names, phone numbers, links to other social media accounts or their school
- live or frequent locations
- other people's personal information
- links to join private group chats
- photos of themselves, photos of their body

Sharing their location

Many apps and games give you the option to share your location. You should help children think about how and when they're sharing it. Some of the ways they may be likely to share location include:

- tagging photos with the geo-location
- checking into venues
- sharing journeys
- location settings on your child's device
- sharing images or videos that contain street names etc.

If shared publicly, their location could be seen by someone they don't know. People could find out where they live or go to school, allowing an accurate picture of their daily routine to be built up.

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Sending or receiving inappropriate content

Young people can feel pressured into sharing content that could be harmful to themselves or others. This could be in the form of sexting or sharing nudes, or it might be sharing memes and images of others without their consent – which can be a form of cyberbullying. DMs (direct messages) can be used to share very quickly and they have no control over how the image is shared further. Some social platforms have features such as disappearing messages – where an image or text will only show for a certain amount of time for the recipient before deleting. This might make users feel they can share more, but the recipient can still screenshot and forward the content to others.

WhatsApp—16 years +

Instagram—13 years +

Facebook—13 years +

Snapchat—13 years +

TikTok—13 Years +

Smartlog

A reminder we are now using Smartlog to report accidents and any treatment. It also allows us to advise you electronically when we have administered medication. Our processes regarding permissions for Calpol etc will remain unchanged. Should we have any concerns about a child we will always call parents too in line with our current practice. In testing the system we have found that initially emails may go to junk, but once marked as safe this should not happen again.

Year 6 Production

We are looking for a number of prop and costume items for the Year 6 production of Mary Poppins. If you have access to and could lend any of the following it would be greatly appreciated.

Old-fashioned suitcases	Briefcase	Carpet Bag
Hat stand	Tea Cart (on wheels)	Plastic potted plant
Icing tools	Wicker basket	Chimney Sweep Brushes!
Bowler hat	White aprons	Policeman's hat
Top hat	Flat caps	Feather dusters

Last Day Of Term End of Day Timings

Year 5 - 1:10pm

Year 4 - 1:20pm

Year 3 - 1:30pm

Year 6 - 1:40pm

Terms Dates And INSET Days For 2026/27 Academic Year

Year 3 start of term - 1st September (PM only)

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 - 23rd July 2027 (Half term 31st May - 4th June 2027)

INSET DAYS

Tuesday 1st September 2026 (Years 4-6)

Monday 4th January 2027

Monday 22nd February 2027

Tuesday 23rd February 2027

Friday 28th May 2027

Monday 26th July 2027

Tuesday 27th July 2027

Wednesday 28th July 2027

Diary Dates 2026

June 2026

Monday 8th	Runway's End Residential - 4LH and 4EW Year 6 - Bikeability Week
Tuesday 9th	Year 3 - Tilford Walk
Wednesday 10th	Runway's End Residential - 4LS and 4HI
Monday 15th	Year 6 - Bikeability Week
Tuesday 16th	Year 3 - Swimming Gala - 9am
Wednesday 17th	Year 4 - Swimming Gala - 9am
Thursday 18th	Year 6 - Leavers' Service - Guildford Cathedral
Friday 19th	Year 3 - Roman Day
Monday 22nd	Year 6 - Portland Residential
Tuesday 30th	Year 5 - Global Citizenship Awards Evening

July 2026

Thursday 2nd	Sports Day - Lower School - 9:30am/Upper School - 1pm Waverley Abbey Challenge Celebration - 6pm
Monday 6th	Year 6 - Bikeability Week
Tuesday 7th	Rocksteady Concert - 2pm Year 6 - Production - 6pm
Wednesday 8th	Year 6 - Production - 6pm
Wednesday 15th	Year 6 - Leavers' Party
Thursday 16th	Year 6 - Leavers' Service - All Saints' Church - 2pm
Friday 17th	Last Day of Summer Term