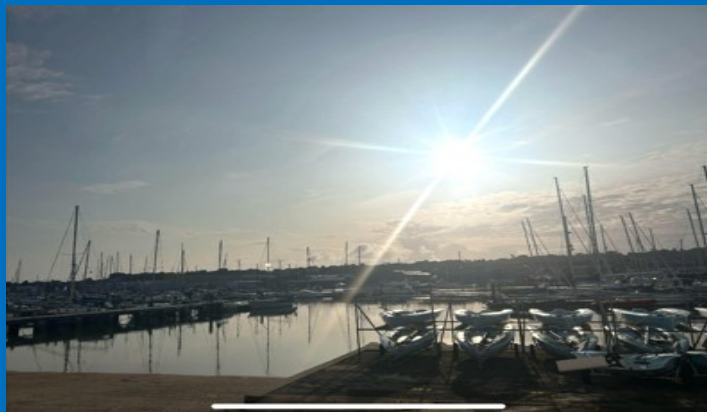




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All things are possible for one who believes. Mark 9:23



HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

Next week's worship theme – resilience (Paul's journey)

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"

Philippians 4:13

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.

As I write, Year 6 are all in coaches on their way back, following a successful residential to the Isle of Wight. The children focussed on various water activities, ranging from rafting to being on the speed boat. The range of water activities that the children have partaken in is very impressive and I am hopeful that the sea air will ensure a restful sleep is due tonight!

Next week, Year 4 will be 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 too.

Surrey term dates: From September 2026 Surrey Local Authority have agreed to change the term dates, reducing the summer holidays by a week and increasing the October half term by a week. However as an academy school, Waverley Abbey is not bound by these dates. Our Trust, The Good Shepherd Trust, is

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6th June 2025

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currently deciding whether to move their

schools to Surrey's new dates or remain with the current term times (in line with Hampshire and other local authorities). When this decision has been reached, I will report back to parents.

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 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



Spotlight on Safeguarding:

The hidden meaning behind emojis

Children are beginning to explore the digital world at a younger age, whether through games, messaging apps or learning platforms. Alongside this, they're also discovering emojis: colourful little symbols that help them express feelings, reactions and sometimes much more. With the release of Netflix's *Adolescence*, attention has been drawn to how emojis can carry hidden or inappropriate meanings, even among younger users. While this series focuses on teenagers, it's a reminder that even younger children are seeing and copying what they encounter online. While most emojis are harmless and fun, a growing number of them are being used to communicate hidden messages— sometimes these are linked to bullying, inappropriate content or even illegal activity, such as drugs.

How you can support your child

Talk early and often: ask your child what emojis they like and what they mean to them. Set age-appropriate boundaries: keep communication apps limited to age-safe platforms. Model good digital habits: let them see you using emojis kindly and appropriately. **Stay curious, not critical:** if you spot something that concerns you, ask questions gently before jumping to conclusions.

Why algorithms matter

Most websites and apps your child uses e.g. YouTube, YouTube Kids, TikTok, Netflix, and even games, use algorithms to suggest what to watch next. **These algorithms aren't designed to be 'safe', they are designed to keep us watching.** This means: if your child clicks on a video, the

platform may recommend more like it, even if it's misleading, aggressive or inappropriate for their age. A silly or funny video might lead to more serious, darker videos if a child keeps watching. Algorithms don't always know what's good for children — they just show what's popular and engaging.

NSPCC: PANTS programme

PANTS is a programme that helps children understand that their body belongs to them, and they should tell someone they trust if anything makes them feel upset or worried. We teach the children about PANTS and consent in school, but we encourage all parents to continue these conversations at home. The NSPCC website is full of useful information to support parents in having these conversations. Please follow the link below:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>



Second Hand Uniform

2nd Hand Uniform Donations: Thank you for your continued 2nd hand uniform donations. Can we please request that all items are in good order with no tears or holes, and also that all names are removed.

2nd Hand Uniform Purchases: Please remember to pay for any 2nd hand items you purchase via SCOPay. This is way of fundraising for the school so every £1 helps!

Thank you.

Year 6 Leavers Reminders

Hoody Order deadline – 16th June 2025

NB The deadline for ordering yearbooks has now passed – no late orders can be accepted.

Meal payments – please make sure you have paid for any extra meals we have added for your child **before** the end of term.

Meal refunds – please use this form to apply for a refund from Caterlink as early as possible. Do not leave it until the school holidays as it can take some time to process -

<https://forms.gle/7CwYJmNLkTce6RmP8>

Beating asthma together- parent and carers session 18th June 7.30-8pm

The Surrey Heartlands Children and Young People's Team are hosting a half hour session for parents and carers enabling them to understand and take better control of their child's asthma.

Let's tackle asthma head-on — together!

Understand what asthma *really* is

- ☐ Spot the signs before they escalate
- ☐ Learn what works – at home and in school
 - ☐ Build a solid action plan
- ☐ Get expert answers to your questions

Clear. Practical. Life-saving.

Don't miss this chance to feel more confident and better prepared.

Click the link below to book your place -

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/fabc75ab-6123-490e-a982-e62ee77d6cd2@37c354b2-85b0-47f5-b222-07b48d774ee3>

Pupil News!

In half term, Woody and his football team, Badshot Lea Grizzlies, took part in a tournament at Arsenal stadium. The teams played 5 matches and Woody's team made it to the semi finals. They also had a tour of the stadium and the players' changing rooms. Woody played in goal and had an incredible time at his favourite football club.



During the half term Wilf and his teammates from JK Academy travelled to Seville to compete in an U8/U9/U10s football tournament in the Sevilla FC Stadium. The teams played in the soaring Spanish heatwave and made it to the semi final, narrowly missing out on a top 2 finish. They came third overall, winning 5 out of their 8 games. Wilf scored the opening goal of the entire tournament and has been inspired to try his hardest to find himself on the international stage again in the future. He represented his team, school and parents with an exemplary positive attitude and worked incredibly hard throughout.



Diary Dates 2025	
June	
Friday 6th	Year 3 Roman Day
Monday 9th	Runways End Residential - 4LH and 4HI
Wednesday 11th	Runways End Residential - 4MB and 4LS
Thursday 12th	Year 5 Forest School Day
Saturday 14th	Triathlon
Friday 20th	School Photographer - Class Photos FOWA Ice Lolly Sale
Wednesday 25th	Year 6 Bake Sale
Thursday 26th	Sports Day - Lower School - 9:30am Start Sports Day - Upper School - 1pm Start
July	
Tuesday 3rd	Waverley Abbey Challenge Celebration - 6pm
Monday 7th	Year 5 Summer Showcase - 2:45pm
Tuesday 8th	Year 6 Production - 6pm
Wednesday 9th	Year 6 Production - 6pm
Tuesday 15th	Rocksteady Concert - 2:30pm
Wednesday 16th	Year 6 Leavers' Party
Friday 18th	Last Day of Summer Term

2025 - 2026 Academic Year INSET Days

Friday 24th October 2025

Monday 3rd November 2025

Monday 23rd February 2026

Monday 13th April 2026

Friday 22nd May 2026

Last day of school term for pupils – Friday 17th July

Monday 20th - Wednesday 22nd July – School INSET Days