

# Waverley Abbey School

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## HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

### Next week's worship theme – Living out our school values

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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.

A huge thank you to all those parents who were able to attend this week's 'meet the teacher' meetings. 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 put onto the school website for your perusal. Our final one, Year 5, will be on Monday.

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.

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. We have also noticed that it is quieter at drop off between 8.20 and 8.30 before getting busier from 8.30 onwards. Please note, registration is from 8.35-8.40 so any pupil arriving in class after this point will be marked as late. Pupils arriving after 8.45, when lessons have started, will be marked as an unauthorised absence.

## School Newsletter 1

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## 6th September 2024

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**Uniform:** Thank you for ensuring that your children have returned wearing the correct uniform. We have been particularly impressed with the smartness this year, thank you. It is important that pupils with pierced ears only 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.

**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 ask that all watches that have other functions e.g. Apple watches, 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. All watches must be clearly named.

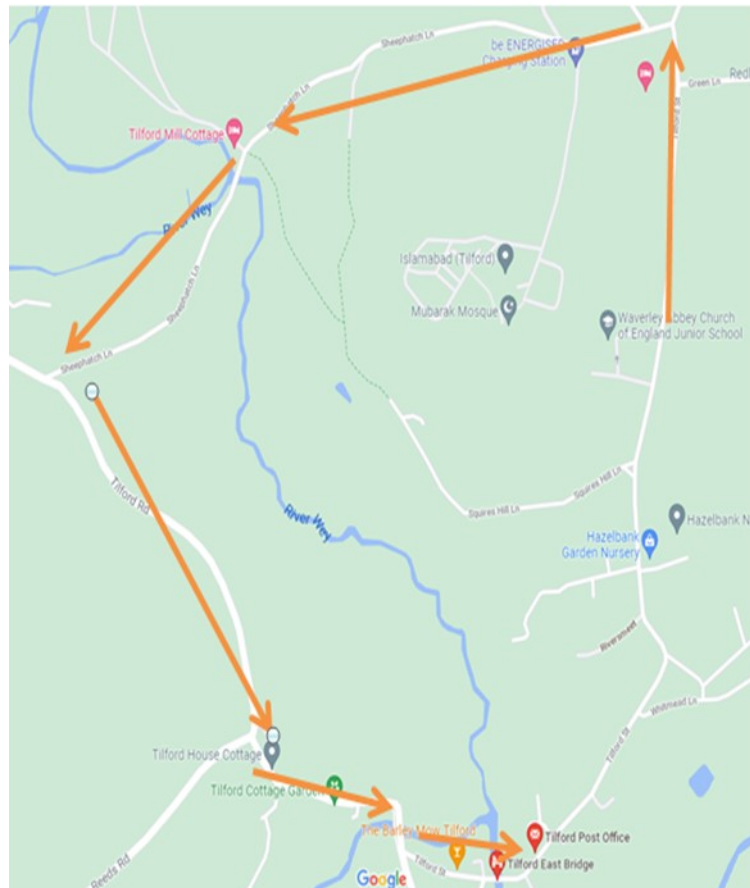
**Cauliflower cards:** Due to the popularity of the school Christmas Cards this year we will once again be asking children to design their own, which we will be selling later in the year. More details to follow – please watch this space!

**Harvest:** We will be celebrating harvest festival on Monday 16<sup>th</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 at the end of the newsletter. If you are able, please do bring something in as their stock is particularly low at the moment.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Rebecca Marshall

### Alternative route – turning left out of school



### Harvest requests – please bring in on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September

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

### Young Voices Club

Please note if you have not paid for Young Voices Club via SCOPay, unfortunately your child does not have a place.

The club is currently full, if you would like to be added to the waiting list please email Mrs Hilyard via the school office.

[info@waverley-abbey.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@waverley-abbey.surrey.sch.uk)

### REMINDERS

Please remember to return medical items your child needs in school eg. Inhalers, epipens (please complete a pupil medication request form for all medicines).

Please remember to book school meals at least 7 days in advance.

Please include your child's name (and class if possible) on all correspondence.

Please clearly name your child's belongings – FULL name, not initials!

Thank you!

### Second-Hand Uniform

If your child has grown over the summer and you have any branded uniform they have grown out of we are accepting donations.

Please make sure all items are in good condition with no holes.

Thank you.

### 2024-25 Academic Year Inset Days

Friday 25th October 2024

Monday 4th November 2024

Monday 24th February 2025

Friday 23rd May 2025

Monday 21st July 2025

Tuesday 22nd July 2025

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

#### **September 2024**

Monday 16th	Harvest Assembly
Tuesday 24th	Year 4 Runways End Parent Meeting - 6pm
Thursday 26th	FOWA Film Night 'U'
Friday 27th	FOWA Film Night 'PG'

#### **October 2024**

Thursday 24th	Last Day of Half Term
Friday 25th	INSET Day

#### **November 2024**

Monday 4th	INSET Day
Tuesday 5th	Return To School

#### **December 2024**

Friday 20th	Last Day Of Term
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