

Waverley Abbey School

THE GOOD SHEPHERD TRUST

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



HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

School Newsletter 5

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Next week's worship theme - Remembrance

Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

John 15:13

Next week is a full but exciting week! On Monday, we begin our Anti Bullying Week. We would love the children to come in on Monday wearing odd socks – be as crazy as you can! We celebrate 'odd socks day' at Waverley as it highlights how we are all completely unique – which is something we love to celebrate. The theme this year is 'Power for Good' which has come about following consultation with teachers and pupils by the Anti-Bullying Alliance. Teachers and children wanted a theme that empowered them to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes.

Next week also sees our book fair too. Pupils will be given the opportunity to go and have a look during the week. Please note that there is never any obligation to buy, however, every book bought funds ½ a book for the library so please do consider purchasing a book or two! We use the funds raised to stock our library with a super range of up-to-date titles. This term we have bought many more Dogman, Lottie Brooks and Tom Gates books as well as increasing our stock of graphic novels too. This would not be possible without your support.

On Tuesday we hold our annual Remembrance Assembly which will be led by Year 6 pupils. Some families may not be aware, but we always have a section of this where we remember those relatives of our children and staff who gave their lives in active service. If this applies to your family, please do email the office with the relative's name and they will be read out by the children prior to our minute's silence.

I know that the school is already gearing up for tonight's firework celebrations. Thank you if you are coming along — I have no doubt it will be a successful evening.

Acorn award – This term we have launched our school Acorn Award (Previously the 'Good Egg'). This is where we celebrate those children who have really stood out in terms of their following of the school values and for their politeness too. There are 4 children selected for this, one from each year group. Last half term the recipients of this award were: Sophia, Millie, Poppy and Ellisa. There will be another Acorn Award in December.

Headphones – By the start of the spring term, we would like all children to bring in a small pair of named, wired headphones for their computing lessons and when using the iPad in class (to be kept in pencil cases/ school bags). They can be in ear or over ear. I'm hopeful that this will be something that most homes already have, however Amazon are currently stocking 'in ear' wired headphones at £3.29 if families need to buy new. Thank you for your support in this.

Staffing – Thank you for your messages of support whilst Mr Cassim is out of school, we are looking forward to his return in a couple of weeks.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Rebecca Marshall

Diary Dates 2025	
November	
Monday 10th	Book Fair Week
	Antibullying Week - Odd Socks Day
Thursday 20th	Nasal Flu Vaccinations - All Years
	National Child Measurement Programme - Year 6
Friday 21st	Year 4 - Showcase - 2:30pm
Monday 24th	Year 5 - Haslemere Museum Visit - 5AD and 5RC
Friday 28th	Year 5 - Haslemere Museum Visit - 5SM and 5VC
December	
Wednesday 3rd	Year 3 - Pantomime Visit
Tuesday 9th	Year 5 - Christmas Production Performance - 2pm
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 - 6:30pm
Monday 15th	Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day
Tuesday 16th	Rocksteady Concert - 2pm
Wednesday 17th	Year 6 - Church Service - 10am
	Year 4 - Church Service - 1:50pm
Thursday 18th	Year 5 - Church Service - 10am
	Year 3 - Church Service - 1:50pm
Friday 19th	Last Day Of Term
January 2026	
Monday 5th	Back To School

Voluntary Contributions

Can we please remind parents that activities such as swimming and school trips rely on parental support, and whilst all payments are voluntary, these activities cannot continue without them.

We would be very grateful, therefore, if you could please check via your SCOPay account that you have paid for this year's swimming, and any trips or workshops your child is due to take part in.

Your continued support in this is greatly appreciated by the whole school and does ensure that we are able to continue to provide these facilities for your children.

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)

Pupil News

Congratulations to Amelia in Year 4 would like to thank you to everyone who bought lavender sachets, she raised an amazing £525.40 and has donated it to The Royal Surrey County Hospital Charity.



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Congratulations to Aoife, Sophia and Lorena who completed in the OPIDF World Championships for Irish dancing. Coming 2nd, 4th and 5th between them!

