



Waverley Abbey School

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



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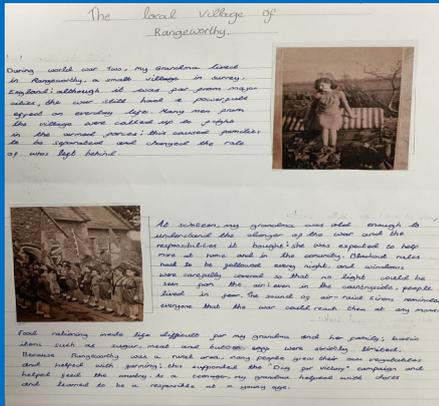
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HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

Next half term's worship theme – heroes of hope

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up"

Galatians 6:9

I can't believe that we're already reached the halfway point of this academic year! This week it has been wonderful to see so many of you at parents' evening too. At the appointments, several families spoke about the difficulties of 'battling' homework at home. Please do remember, we run a homework session every day for the first half an hour of lunch. There is always a teacher on hand at this to support the children who need it. If you were unable to make an appointment, please do ask for a time for the class teacher to phone home. We would very much like to speak to all families to update about progress and next steps.

Next half term our collective worship moves from the stories about Daniel, to a fantastic book called 'Heroes of Hope' which was a gift from our diocese team. Each week we will focus on a different person who has made a positive difference to our world, starting with St Martin de Porres.

Well done to all who competed for the school in this week's Farnham swimming gala. As always there is tough competition to get into the team as so many of our children are exceptionally good at swimming, with many swimming for clubs outside school too. The team fared very well coming in 2nd place. A huge well done to all those who competed!

Waverley Abbey Safeguarding team: If you ever have any concerns about a child's welfare or safety, please speak to a member of the school's

safeguarding team. Ms Morris is the Designated safeguarding Lead (DSL) for our school. This can be done anonymously. We also have a e mail address for DSLs which is dsl@waverley-abbey.surrey.sch.uk

Carpark update: Over the next few weeks, we are proceeding with the repair of the entrance to the sandy car park as well as filling in some of the holes. Thank you for your patience during this time.

Breaktime snacks: Recently we have noticed more children dipping into their lunchbox for their breaktime snack. Could children please be provided with a separate healthy snack for break such as fruit and vegetables, cheese, malt loaf or rice cakes/oatcakes. Innocent smoothies or yogurts are better suited to lunchtimes please.

Before school/ after school drop off/ collection: We have noticed an increase in children running around car parks, playing ball games and not remaining with their adults at drop off/ collection. Please ensure your children always stay with you to ensure their safety. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Please remember that Monday 23rd February is a GST Trust INSET day, and the children return to school on Tuesday 24th. Have a wonderful half term break!

Mrs Rebecca Marshall

Diary Dates 2026

February 2026

Monday 23rd	INSET Day
Tuesday 24th	Return To School World Thinking Day/Founder's Day
Wednesday 25th	Year 5 Pickleball Sessions

March 2026

Monday 2nd	Book Fair Week
Monday 9th	Year 4 Ufton Court Visit Primary Singing Festival
Tuesday 17th	Rocksteady Concert - 2pm
Wednesday 18th	Rodborough Singing Day
Tuesday 24th	Year 4 Production - 2pm
Wednesday 25th	The Music Works Showcase - 9am Year 4 Production - 6pm
Thursday 26th	FOWA Easter Eggstravaganza
Friday 27th	Last Day Of Spring Term

April 2026

Monday 13th	INSET Day
Tuesday 14th	First Day Of Summer Term Year 4 - Bikeability Week
Thursday 23rd	Year 6 - Swimming Gala - 9am
Friday 24th	Year 5 - Swimming Gala - 9am

May 2026

Tuesday 5th	Year 5 - Calshot Residential
Monday 11th	Year 6 - SATs Week
Wednesday 20th	Year 3 - Wisley Trip
Friday 22nd	INSET Day

June 2026	
Monday 1st	Year 4 - Multiplication Times Tables Check (MTC) Week
Wednesday 3rd	Year 3 - Tilford Walk
Friday 5th	School Photographer - Group Photos
Monday 8th	Runway's End Residential - 4LH and 4EW
Wednesday 10th	Runway's End Residential - 4LS and 4HI
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
July 2026	
Thursday 2nd	Sports Day Waverley Abbey Challenge Celebration - 6pm
Tuesday 7th	Rocksteady Concert - 2pm Year 6 - Production - 6pm
Thursday 16th	Year 6 - Leavers' Service - All Saints' Church - 2pm
Friday 17th	Last Day of Summer Term

Spring Book Fair

We are excited to announce that the Spring Book Fair will be on:
Monday 2nd - Thursday 6th March.

On Monday or Tuesday, the children will be visiting the book fair and will bring home a 'wish list' form. We have two payment options. If you would like to pay for books online, please follow the link at the bottom of the form and return the order form to school, by **Friday 7th**, for us to order the books (please note your payment reference clearly for ease of monitoring orders). Alternatively, the children will be visiting the book fair for a second time, on Wednesday or Thursday, for those who would like to pay with cash. Please bring the correct change, where possible, the cost will be rounded up to the whole pound.

Learning Support Assistant Vacancy

We currently have an LSA vacancy at Waverley Abbey, please visit our website for further details.

<https://www.waverley-abbey.surrey.sch.uk/news-events-and-vacancies/vacancies>

Safer Internet Day – Exploring AI Safely

This week we celebrated Safer Internet Day, focusing on how children can explore and use artificial intelligence (AI) safely. With generative AI tools now widely used by young people, we talked about how AI can be helpful for learning and creativity but also comes with risks such as misinformation, privacy concerns and reduced independent thinking.

Children learned that AI can sometimes produce false or inappropriate content, so it is important to question what they see and always ask a trusted adult if something doesn't feel right. We also discussed setting healthy boundaries around screen time and making sure personal information is kept private when using online tools.

Families can continue these conversations at home by talking about how AI works, reminding children not to share personal details, and encouraging them to think critically about the information they come across online. Clear guidelines and supervision help children build confidence and stay safe as they explore new technology.