



HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

Our worship theme next week– Growth

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.

Mark 10:45

Welcome back to the Summer Term! I do hope that everyone managed to share some family time over the break and enjoyed the fabulous weather over the bank holiday weekend. The first two weeks back have started with the usual gusto, and we have a huge amount packed into what I am sure will be a brilliant summer term at Waverley.

This week I have enjoyed observing some super angles work in maths. In Year 4, we have also been completing 'Bikeability' this week too. It has been super watching them as they gained the skills of cycling proficiency. Year 6 have been busy writing fantastic descriptions of a character including their history, in preparation for their lighthouse writing next week. In Year 3 the focus has been 'up levelling' their writing using fantastic adjectives. Each class has been actively using their working walls to support this and the children were experts at explaining how this was helping them!

There has also been full use of the swimming pool now that all year groups are swimming this term. Please remember to pack swimming goggles and a swim hat for all swimming lessons.

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/oatcakes. Innocent smoothies or yogurts are better suited to lunchtimes please.

School Newsletter 14

In this issue:

Head's update
Diary Dates
School News

17th April 2026

Email: info@waverley-abbey.surrey.sch.uk

Telephone No: 01252 782321

Uniform: Thank you for ensuring children have their smart summer uniform on this week. As a reminder socks should be dark and plain for our gents for both uniform and PE days.

Jewellery including earrings: A reminder that earrings must be removed for PE including swimming as we follow the PE association's guidelines. Also, pupils should also not wear jewellery other than plain stud earrings and watches.

At this time of year, we ask respectfully that any parent considering having their child's ears pierced, wait until the start of the summer holidays when there is sufficient healing time and when children can practise taking their earrings out alone. Thank you for your cooperation in these matters.

Next years term dates: Attached to the newsletter are next year's term dates. As you are aware, next year we move to a two-week October half term, with a reduction in the summer holidays of a week. All GST schools have 8 INSETs which will be shared in the following newsletter once all dates are confirmed.

Summer sun safety: please do remember to send your child to school with sun protection – hat, water bottle and sun cream if the weather dictates.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Rebecca Marshall

Terms Dates For 2026/27 Academic Year

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

Autumn Term - 2nd September - 18th December 2026 (**Half term - 19th - 30th October 2026**)

Spring Term - 5th January - 25th March 2027 (Half term - 15th - 19th February 2027)

Summer Term - 12th April - 23rd July 2027 (Half term 31st May - 4th June 2027)

Parent Meeting: Playground and School Field changes Break and Lunchtime 1st May - 8:20am

We would like to invite all parents and carers to a parent meeting to share and discuss our planned changes to how the playground and school field are to be used at breaktimes and lunchtimes.

Over recent months, staff have been reviewing how these spaces are used and how we can ensure they are safe, inclusive, well-managed, and enjoyable for all children. Our vision is to create outdoor spaces that support positive play, physical activity, social development, and wellbeing, while maintaining clear routines and expectations.

At the meeting, we will outline:

- The changes we are proposing to break and lunchtime, the use of the playground and field
 - The reasons behind these changes and the benefits we expect for our children
 - Our longer-term vision for developing purposeful, positive outdoor play

How parents and carers can support:

The meeting will also provide an opportunity for you to ask questions and share feedback.

The meeting will be held Friday 1st May at 8:20am in the school hall. We hope you will be able to attend and support us as we continue to develop the best possible experience for our children. If you will be attending, please complete the following form -

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/PxiBGUfsep>

Amazon 'wish list' link - https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/12I343U55NYI8/?ref=nav_wishlist_lists_1

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Brown

Diary Dates 2026

Thursday 23rd	Year 6 - Swimming Gala - 9am
Friday 24th	Year 5 - Swimming Gala - 9am
May 2026	
Friday 1st	Playground Meeting - Parents Welcome - 8:20 - 8:50am
Tuesday 5th	Year 5 - Calshot Residential
Monday 11th	Year 6 - SATs Week
Wednesday 20th	Year 3 - Wisley Trip
Friday 15th	Year 3 Sleepover
Thursday 21st	Break Up For Half Term
Friday 22nd	INSET Day
June 2026	
Monday 1st	Return To School 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 - Lower School - 9:30am/Upper School - 1pm 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

Staff News

Mrs Southwood and her son Piers, will be taking part in the **10k Windsor Ultra Challenge this weekend**. They are raising money for **Young Lives vs Cancer**, a charity that provided invaluable support to a family friend and her young family while her son was undergoing cancer treatment.

We are delighted to share that he **rang the bell last month**, marking the end of his cancer journey.

By supporting this charity through donations, we can help improve the vital services they provide to families facing a similar diagnosis.

If you would like to donate to this worthy cause, please click the link below to visit the **JustGiving fundraising page**.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/piers-sophie-walk?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=WA