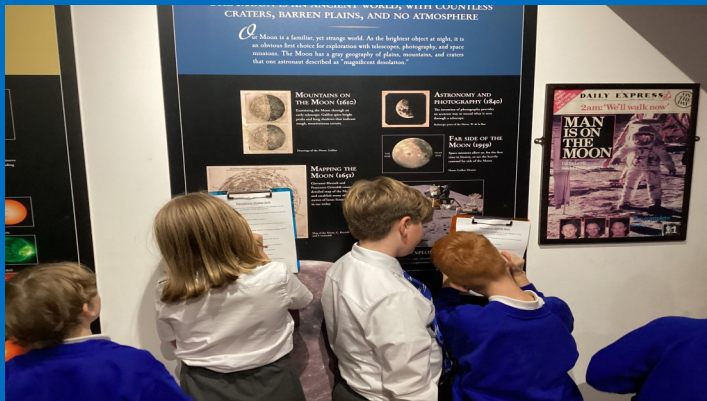




Waverley Abbey School

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



School Newsletter 4

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HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

Next week's worship theme – Tackling injustice

'Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed.'
Isaiah 1:17

This week we have been considering injustice in our class-based reflection. Today, we have continued the theme as we mark 'show racism the red card' day by wearing an item of red clothing. I spoke to the children this morning about Viv Anderson, a footballer who played for Nottingham Forest and England in the late 70s, and the verbal abuse that he suffered when playing for club and country simply because of the colour of his skin. We also shared this powerful phrase from Barack Obama. *Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for.*

Over the past few weeks, I have been dipping into maths lessons across the school. The maths books are looking really well presented, with very clear strategies for solving problems, which is pleasing to see. We have also seen lots of children being awarded their 'gone green' certificates in maths too. This is awarded when pupils have been able to answer all their times tables successfully on TT Rockstars. If your child is not there yet, do keep practising. We know that good times tables knowledge is the foundation for strong maths.

This half term we have said goodbye to a few support staff. Miss Catherine Bryant and Mrs Kathryn Williams have both moved to infant settings locally. Miss Imy Attwater also leaves us next week to return to college. Recently we have also welcomed two new staff, Mrs Esther Chan who is working in Year 3 and Ms Sam McPerson who is working in Year 4 and 6. We are also in the process of recruiting another LSA. If you are considering whether to apply for the role, please do come and speak to either Mrs Munro or I informally. There is plenty of on-the-job training, so do not let lack of experience put you off. Being a parent qualifies as experience in itself!

8.20am drop off – As the term progresses, we are noticing more and more unsupervised children entering the playground before 8.20am. Please ensure your child/ren are with you until 8.20am. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Residentials – As we near the deadline for several of our residential deposits, a polite reminder that we need to have the deposits in as soon as possible. For any families where this may be more of a challenge, please do come in and see me. I want every child who wishes to attend to be able to do so.

Polite request – If, during the school day, you need to change the plan as to how your child is getting home please call the office by 1pm so that we can get the message to class teachers in plenty of time. There have been times recently when the message has come to us very late in the day which is far from ideal and puts a great deal of pressure on the office team. Thank you.

FOWA Build a Guy 'House' competition – Why not fill some time over half term by creating a Guy? Each entry will be judged as part of a house competition with a winning Guy from each house being awarded a prize. The overall winner will also win additional house points for their team too! Entries can be brought into school from Tuesday 5th November and taken to the school hall (we'll sit them on the stage). Remember to attach your child's name and house to the entries. All our Guys will then form part of fireworks night too. A reminder that Firework tickets are now available to purchase on SCOPay.

Mrs Rebecca Marshall

Diary Dates 2025

October

Tuesday 21st	Parent Evening Consultations - 3:45pm - 7pm
Thursday 23rd	Parent Evening Consultations - 3:45pm - 6:30pm
Friday 24th	INSET Day
Monday 27th	Half Term

November

Monday 3rd	INSET Day
Tuesday 4th	Individual School Photos (Winter Uniform) Year 4 - Unwrapped Philharmonic Orchestra Visit
Friday 7th	School Fireworks Night - 5:30pm
Monday 10th	Book Fair Week Antibullying Week - Odd Socks Day
Tuesday 20th	Nasal Flu Vaccinations - All Years National Child Measurement Programme - Year 6
Friday 21st	Year 4 - Showcase - 2:30pm

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

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.

Earrings

A reminder that only **stud** earrings are allowed in school and children should be able to remove them for PE and swimming, and keep them safe (please provide a suitable container to keep them in). If younger children are not able to remove earrings, please remove these before school on the days that they have PE, swimming or games as staff are not allowed to remove such items or to take responsibility for them.

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)

School Meals

The Autumn menu is available to view on our website, this menu will begin w/c 4th November. The Catering team are please to be able to continue to offer baguettes each day, **after half term** you will be able to order a ham or cheese baguette (rather than alternate days).

Please choose option H for ham and C for cheese.

Winter Uniform

A reminder that children should return to school after half term wearing their winter school uniform. Please see our website for further details.

www.waverley-abbey.surrey.sch.uk/parents-information/school-uniform

Pupil News

A huge well done to Phoebe in Year 3, who recently took part in a charity walk and raised £300 for Cure Parkinson's.



Global Citizens Week



Last week, the children were considering how they can be global citizens by discussing various topics such as biodiversity of our local environment, over use of electricity, water pollution and how living in poverty happens to people from all over the world. All of the children who attended my global week assemblies

were fantastic at answering questions and joining in with discussions – well done Waverley! I had the pleasure of watching Year 3 make some new bug hotels in our wild area and Year 4 and 5 created some thoughtful posters. If they would like to take part in the optional homework set last week, I would love to see their work.

Miss Brett



Hindhead Scouts

Hindhead Scouts have places in Beavers (age 6-8, year 1 and year 2) and Cubs (age 8-10.5, year 3, 4, 5) and the first session is free.

To enquire please email - hindheadscouts@gmail.com.

They are also looking for a new Group Lead Volunteer, someone who does not work directly with the children but is good at overseeing a team of volunteers!