



Waverley Abbey School

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



HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

School Newsletter 7

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Next week's value – Hope

He is not here but is risen!

Luke 24:6

There has been a wealth of activity within and beyond school over the past fortnight. As you can see from our photo above, our choir performed on Sunday last week at the All-Age Service in All Saints' Tilford. Expertly lead by Miss Wilson, they performed several hymns. The choir's next event is 'Carols On The Green' on Sunday 30th November in Tilford (4pm). I have heard that there will also be a brass band accompaniment which I know the children are very excited about. Do save the date!

Thank you to all who attended our Waverley Abbey fireworks night, once again it was a resounding success. We have also raised over £1000 for the school too which is wonderful! FOWA have a tight turnaround and are already thinking ahead to our Christmas Fair next month. Next Friday (28.11), and the following Friday (5.12) are non-uniform days to provide gifts for FOWA to sell on the day. For those families new to us, on each non uniform day we ask that parents give a small gift (no more than £3 in value) which you would be happy to receive if it were given to you. This enables children the opportunity to buy presents for their grown-ups at the Christmas fair in secret, wrapping the gift at school. The children absolutely love doing their 'Christmas shopping' with their friends in school and it has become a real Waverley tradition over the years.

Dates for Christmas: There are many activities and events in December so please make a note of the following dates.

1st week in December – Christmas cracker homework (for the Christmas Fair)

Wednesday 3rd December – Year 3 to Guildford pantomime.
Please complete your parent forms for this if you have not already done so, we are still awaiting about 30.

Friday 12th Christmas Fair. Children attend during the school day; the fair is also after school until 4.30pm

Monday 15th Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch

Wednesday 17th, 10.15am. Year 6 Christmas service at All Saints, 2pm Y4 service

Thursday 18th, 10am. Year 5 Christmas service at All Saints, 2pm Y3 service. **Parents are welcome to attend these services too!**

Friday 19th December last day. Pick-ups are as follows Y6 1.10, Y5 1.15, Y4 1.20, Y3 1.30

Christmas Post Boxes: The school Christmas post boxes will be out on Monday 1st December. If your child would like to send cards, the post boxes will be in the shared year group space. Please ensure that your child writes both the recipient's surname and class otherwise we have trouble directing them to the right person!

Save the Children Christmas jumper day: On Monday 15th December the children may wear a Christmas jumper to school in return for a £1.00 donation to Save the Children. This is also our Christmas lunch day. Where possible, we encourage families to reuse and recycle Christmas jumpers. We would also love to see plain jumpers that have been decorated at home too!

Finally, it is with delight that I share that Miss Soal is expecting a baby in the summer term. I am sure you will join me in congratulating her on this wonderful news!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Marshall

Diary Dates 2025

November

Monday 24th	Year 5 - Haslemere Museum Visit - 5AD and 5RC
Thursday 27th	Year 5 ONLY - Non Uniform Day - (Christmas Fair Gifts)
Friday 28th	All Other Years - Non Uniform Day - (Christmas Fair Gifts) Year 5 - Haslemere Museum Visit - 5SM and 5VC

December

Wednesday 3rd	Year 3 - Pantomime Visit
Friday 5th	Non Uniform Day - (Christmas Fair Gifts)
Tuesday 9th	Year 5 - Christmas Production Performance - 2pm PAPAYA - Let's Talk About Tech - 7 - 8:30pm via Teams
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
Friday 12th	FOWA Christmas Fair
Monday 15th	Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day
Tuesday 16th	Rocksteady Concert - 2pm
Wednesday 17th	Year 6 - Church Service - 10am Year 4 - Church Service - 2pm
Thursday 18th	Year 5 - Church Service - 10am Year 3 - Church Service - 2pm
Friday 19th	Last Day Of Autumn Term

January 2026

Monday 5th	Return To School
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PAPAYA - Save The Date!

At the end of July, our current Year 6 pupils had a brilliant workshop with Papaya, which focussed around the theme of forming a healthy balance with technology (Parents Against Phone Addiction in Young Adolescents - <https://www.papayaparents.com/>). Together with the children, the staff from Papaya looked at how we can understand both the advantages and disadvantages with our increasing reliance on digital devices.

As part of their commitment to our school, PAPAYA will be hosting a parent workshop too for all of our school families which will be online on Tuesday 9th December at 7pm (see flyer attached for link)

Papaya talks and workshops empower parents and young people to make informed choices about smartphones, social media and screens.

The expert-led sessions offer insights and practical advice about the benefits of delaying smartphone and social media use and the importance of establishing healthy tech boundaries in families.

The session is non-judgmental, open for honest discussion, and for adults only.

Parking and Collection

When parking near the swimming pool crossing, please leave a larger gap between your car and the crossing. This ensures clear visibility for people crossing.

When collecting your child, please do not take them until **they have reached their designated collection playground**. Teachers need to confirm who has collected each child, and taking them early can lead to confusion and create potential safety concerns.

Thank you for your support.

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)

Threadworms

We have been notified of a case of Threadworms, please see the attached link for NHS guidance.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/threadworms/>

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.

Pupil News!

Congratulations to Alexander, Matilda, and Sofia for their outstanding performance in the production *Take a Bow* at Sadler's Wells Theatre in London.

