



Waverley Abbey School

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



HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

Next week's worship theme – Belonging

"So it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other."

Romans 12:5

Welcome back to the Summer Term! I do hope that everyone managed to share some family time over the break and enjoyed the improving weather over the holiday and into the new term. The first week back has 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.

Our value next week is all about belonging, which is so important in life as well as being part of the Waverley Abbey family's values too. This week, I have heard that the phrase 'that's so gay' has been used in the school, which has been extremely disappointing. Obviously, we deal with these cases individually, but I would appreciate all families talking to their children over the weekend about everybody belonging, and supporting children in understanding that using the word 'gay' as a negative term for a person is wholly unacceptable. Please also remind children that they should always tell an adult if they hear something which makes them feel uncomfortable. We will be repeating this message in school both in collective worship and in class next week too. Thank you for your support in this matter.

On a more positive note, this week I have enjoyed observing some super persuasive writing in Year 5, and seen some great use of 'maths manipulatives' in Year 4 who have been converting fractions to decimals. Year 4 have also been completing their 'Bikeability' this week too. It was lovely to watch them as they gained the skills of cycling proficiency. Year 6 have been busy writing this week too as well as refining their maths skills in preparation for a few weeks time. I know that

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next week Year 3 are very much looking forward to their trip to Wisley Gardens too.

There has also been full use of the swimming pool now that all year groups are swimming this term which is such a delight to see. 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 cakes/oatcakes. Innocent smoothies or yogurts are better suited to lunchtimes please.

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 so that children can practise taking their earrings out alone. Thank you for your cooperation in these matters.

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.

Mrs Rebecca Marshall

Pupil News!

Recently, Blake and Amber kicked off their Flag American Football season with the South Coast Spitfires at the Stinger Bowl tournament in Sussex. The Spitfires soared high and won the tournament with wins over the Brighton Scorpions and the Hellingly Hound Dogs and a close fought tie with the Solent Red Storm.

Amber is currently the only girl on the team (come on girls we need more representation!) and played a very dependable role at Centre while Blake racked up impressive numbers with 3 receiving Touchdowns, 11 tackles and 2 interceptions returned for another 2 Touchdowns.

Flag football is a non contact version of American Football. No helmets, no pads, it's fast paced, friendly and a lot of fun.



Remaining 2024-25 Academic Year INSET Days

Friday 23rd May 2025

Monday 21st July 2025

Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Diary Dates 2025

May

Friday 2nd	Wisley Trip - Year 3 Year 4 Bookmark Sale and Grace's Charity Bake Sale
Tuesday 6th	Calshot Residential - Year 5
Thursday 8th	Cricket Trials - Year 6 Boys
Monday 12th	SATs Week
Tuesday 13th	Cricket Trials - Year 5 & 6 Girls
Wednesday 14th	Cricket Trials - Year 5 Boys
Friday 16th	Swimming Gala - Year 6
Monday 19th	Year 6 - Hankley Commons Walks Week
Tuesday 20th	Swimming Gala - Year 5 Drop-In Marketplace - 2pm (see attached information)
Wednesday 21st	Swimming Gala - Year 4
Thursday 22nd	Swimming Gala - Year 3 Break Up For Half Term
Friday 23rd	INSET Day

June

Monday 2nd	Return To School UKSA Residential - Year 6
Friday 6th	Year 3 Roman Day
Monday 9th	Runways End Residential - 4LH and 4HI
Wednesday 11th	Runways End Residential - 4MB and 4LS
Saturday 14th	Triathlon
Friday 20th	School Photographer - Class Photos
Thursday 26th	Sports Day - Lower School AM/Upper School PM

July

Tuesday 8th	Year 6 Production - 6pm
Wednesday 9th	Year 6 Production - 6pm
Wednesday 16th	Year 6 Leavers' Party
Friday 18th	Last Day of Summer Term - Early Finish