



Waverley Abbey School

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



HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

Next week's worship theme –Selflessness

"But you Kiwi, because of your great sacrifice, you will become the most well known and most loved bird of all".

New Zealand folk tale

This week has seen temperatures soar. Thank you for your support in ensuring children have water bottles and weather appropriate school wear. We are fortunate to have 8 air-conditioned rooms which we have put to good use to ensure all pupils in Y3-5 have remained cool in school this week.

As you will see from our picture, Year 6 pupils celebrated their Leavers' Service on Thursday last week at Guildford Cathedral. They discussed and shared their wow moments at school as well as considering what they are looking forward to on the next stage of their educational journey. As you would expect, they were very reflective, carefully pondering each question posed. It was a pleasure to accompany them.

Recently we have learnt that Surrey will not be continuing their two-week half term after October 2026. Therefore from 2027 onwards, we will revert to a 1-week October half term in line with Surrey and the GST.

At this point in the year, I would like to update you about the teachers in September. Our teaching team for the following academic year will be as follows.

Lower School - The Year Three team will be: Mrs Wade (Year Leader), and Miss Barnard, who is new to the school next year. Mr Brown will take 3EW on a Friday. As we no longer have St Paul's or St Mary's Shackleford as feeders (alongside a very low birth year), you will notice that there are two classes in Year 3 for 2026-27. We will cap numbers in Year 3 to ensure that the classes stay the same size for this academic year.

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The Year Four Team will be: Miss Haines (Year Leader), Miss Edmed (Wed-Fri) with Mrs Chambers (Mon-Tues) and Mrs Hosseini who is new to the school. Mr Brown will take 4LH on a Thursday.

Upper School - The Year Five Team will be: Mrs Marriott (Year Leader), Mrs Duncan, Mr Kitching and Ms Brett.

The Year Six Team will be: Mrs Hilyard (Year Leader), Miss Wilson, Mr Chart and Mrs Dawson.

Our supporting teachers next year are Mr Cassim for PE and Madame Hunt for French. Both Ms Morris and Mr Brown will return to their usual roles, with Ms Morris leading in attendance and assessment and supporting in the upper school and Mr Brown leading in curriculum and supporting in the lower school. Ms Morris will also be undertaking a role across the Trust next year, supporting development in IT.

Over the summer, you will notice that we will be saying goodbye to some of our teaching staff. Mr Williams and Miss Iqbal will be leaving to join other schools in Surrey and Miss Coombe is taking some time out to travel. We wish them all every success in their future endeavours.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Rebecca Marshall

Local History Competition

Congratulations to the Local History competition prize winners! Mrs Chambers wants to say a huge thank you to anyone who entered the competition - she was really impressed with everyone's hard work. She also wants to thank the Surrey Museum Partnership, Farnham Museum, Haslemere Museum and the Rural Life Living Museum (RLLM) for donating some fantastic prizes and to Alex Fowler from RLLM for joining us to hand out the awards.

Prize winners:

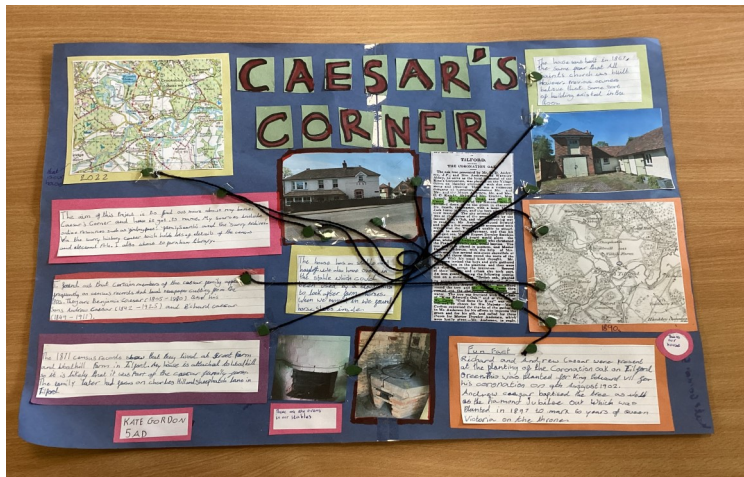
First Prize: Kate in 5AD (work pictured)

Lower School Runner Up: Katerina in 4HI

Upper School Runner Up: Ianthe in 5SM

Resourceful Researcher: Ellen in 3CC

Powerful Presentation: Nell in 5RC



Last Day Of Term End of Day Timings

Year 5 - 1:10pm

Year 4 - 1:20pm

Year 3 - 1:30pm

Year 6 - 1:40pm

Terms Dates And INSET Days For 2026/27 Academic Year

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

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 - 23rd July 2027 (**Half term** 31st May - 4th June 2027)

INSET DAYS

Tuesday 1st September 2026 (Years 4-6)

Monday 4th January 2027

Monday 22nd February 2027

Tuesday 23rd February 2027

Friday 28th May 2027

Monday 26th July 2027

Tuesday 27th July 2027

Wednesday 28th July 2027

Changes to Free School Meals (from September 2026)

If your child already receives free school meals you will need to complete a new application via this link: <https://fsm.lgfl.net/app/school/19259> or collect a paper application from the school office.

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Diary Dates 2026	
Tuesday 30th	Year 5 - Global Citizenship Awards Evening
July 2026	
Thursday 2nd	Sports Day - Lower School - 9:30am/Upper School - 1pm Waverley Abbey Challenge Celebration - 6pm
Monday 6th	Year 6 - Bikeability Week
Tuesday 7th	Rocksteady Concert - 2pm Year 6 - Production - 6pm
Wednesday 8th	Year 4 Clarinet Concert - 2pm Year 6 - Production - 6pm
Friday 10th	Move Up Morning
Wednesday 15th	Year 6 - Leavers' Party
Thursday 16th	Year 6 - Leavers' Service - All Saints' Church - 2pm
Friday 17th	Last Day of Summer Term



Pupil News!

Congratulations to Eleanor in Year 3, who recently sang in the Farnham Youth Choir summer concert (training choir) and alongside the Senior and Junior Choirs at the Menuhin Concert Hall on Saturday.

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Congratulations to Amelia in Year 4, who recently won 3 medals with Surrey Festival of Musical Theatre:

- 1st place in Poetry
- 2nd place in musical theatre groups competition, with Corpse Bride presentation
- 1st place in Quartet musical groups, with We Open In Venice presentation, medal with distinction.



Kai in Year 5 played in Camberley's Tournament recently with his teammates, The Camberley Royals. They played a year up in this tournament, the under 11s and came out on top, winning the tournament without conceding any goals! A superb achievement!