



Waverley Abbey School

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



HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

Next week's worship theme – Helping others (anti bullying week)

So comfort each other and give each other strength Thesalonians 5:11

The children have been focussed on Remembrance this week, thinking about how we can say thank you to those who gave so much for us. Today, Year 6 led us in our service of remembrance which was a very fitting tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice. We also read out the names of Waverley family members who gave their lives in active service and paused at 11am to silently thank them.

Next week is Anti Bullying Week. This is something all schools think about at this time of year. We start the week with our inaugural 'odd socks day' highlighting how we are all completely unique – which is something we love to celebrate! The theme this year is *make a noise about bullying*. As part of this year's Anti-Bullying Week campaign, we are urging everyone to think about what we mean by the term 'banter'. Banter and jokes can play an important role in the development and maintenance of friendships. However, sometimes this can be taken too far such that the behaviours could constitute bullying. For example, when there is targeted repetition of the 'banter' or if the 'banter' is about personal characteristics such as appearance. Children will be asked to be mindful of how, sometimes, these jokes/ banter may not be received as they were intended.

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10th November 2023

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As it becomes colder and wetter, please continue to make sure your children have warm coats to wear for playtimes. Recently the children have had to come in when the rain is still light due to the number who have not bought a coat in to school with them. We would like to keep children outside at break and lunch, even when it is blustery and raining as we know how much benefit they get from being in the fresh air. Your support in this is greatly appreciated.

Following our disappointment last year regarding the fireworks cancellation, we came back with gusto last Friday night – celebrating in style with a super display and delicious food as well as various stalls for all to enjoy. It was fantastic to see so many of our families enjoying themselves. FOWA were brilliant (as always) ensuring the evening was a great success! Thank you to all who came and supported – we are already looking forward to next year's event! Next sees the school Christmas Fair on Friday 8th December. In preparation for this there will be two non-uniform days which will help to provide stall items. Friday 24th November – please bring in a gift which would be suitable for a parent/ family member (not more than £3 in value please). Friday 1st December – rainbow raffle prize (FOWA will send more details here).

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Rebecca Marshall



Parking

When arriving at school for afternoon pick-up, please can we ask parents and carers to take the first available space on your playground to avoid traffic backing up on the road.

Thank you.

Forgotten Items

We have noticed an increased number of forgotten items are being dropped off each day. To avoid unnecessary interruptions in the school office and classrooms, please can we ask you to ensure your child has everything they need for the day.

Thank you.

Payment for 2nd Hand Uniform

If you have purchased 2nd hand uniform this term and not paid, please do so without delay via SCOPay. This is a way of raising funds for the school and we have many outstanding payments.

Thank you.

Ordering 2nd Hand Uniform

As we cannot guarantee that we will have what you need in stock, please send an email request to info@waverley-abbey.surrey.sch.uk, stating your child's name and class and requirements, before making payment. Payment should then be made on receipt.

Thank you.

Advent/Christmas Church Services

Parents are very welcome to attend the church services in December (see diary dates).
Each service will begin at 10am and last approximately 45 minutes.



Congratulations to Gabriella in Year 4, who has been awarded distinction in Grade 1 Musical Theatre Production.

Congratulations to Alex in Year 4, who took part in the Karate Championships in October and won a bronze medal.



Diary dates for Autumn Term 2023

November 2023

Monday 13th	Anti-Bullying Week - Odd Socks Day
Friday 17th	Children In Need Day
Friday 24th	Non-Uniform Day

December 2023

Friday 1st	Non-Uniform Day
Monday 4th	Year 4 - Natural History Museum Trip
Thursday 7th	Year 4 - Church Service - 10am
Friday 8th	Christmas Fair
Monday 11th	Christmas Lunch And Jumper Day Year 6 - Church Service - 10am
Tuesday 12th	Year 3 - Church Service - 10am
Wednesday 13th	Year 5 - Church Service - 10am
Thursday 14th	Pause Day
Friday 15th	Last Day Of Term - Early Finish

Additional Diary Date

3rd December 4pm - Switching on the Christmas tree lights and Carols on Tilford Green. Come and sing with your community. Waverley Abbey children will be invited to sing a hymn too (more details to follow).