

Waverley Abbey School

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



HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

School Newsletter 11

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Next week's worship theme – wise words

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring Term - it is amazing that we are already halfway through the academic year but I'm sure your spirits are lifted, as mine are, by the lighter mornings/ early evenings. Bring on the warmer weather!

Last week Waverley celebrated our cultural week. Year 3 explored Ukraine, Year 4 focused on South Africa, Year 5 delved into India, and Year 6 discovered the wonders of Poland. During their lessons, the children learned about the geography (both human and physical) of these countries, famous people from them, and explored various art forms such as dancing and drawing.

In addition to the subject-specific lessons, we were lucky to have many engaging assemblies. On Tuesday, we welcomed Chris from Starfish Malawi, who shared with the children the significance of stories with moral lessons. Each class has written a story, which will be published later in the year and shared with Thundu School in Malawi.

Wednesday brought our Eurovision assembly, where each year group had learned and practised songs from different languages. Year 3 sang Les jours de la semaine in French, Year 4 mastered Jambo Bwana in Swahili, Year 5 performed Komm gib mir deine Hand in German, and Year 6 delighted us with La Bamba in Spanish (Mexico).

Thursday's assembly was dedicated to India, wherein both children and staff danced to traditional Indian music! Year 5 also participated in workshops that focused on Indian culture, faiths, and dance.

Finally, on Friday, we were privileged to have Mrs Szymanska-Quiroz speak about her childhood and share the history and culture of Poland. It was an inspiring experience for both the children and adults present.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the week. We know the importance of learning about different cultures, as it gives children a deeper understanding of the world they live in and fosters unity within our school community. It is also great fun!

French Theatre - On Wednesday last week, pupils were treated to an entertaining performance of "Le Château" by the French theatre group, Onatti. The actors spoke in a mix of both French and English and pupils were invited to actively participate in the show. As well as helping to improve our French skills, the actors amused us a lot with this very funny play!



Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Rebecca Marshall

Residential Trips

All payments are now due for UKSA, Calshot & Runways End unless previously agreed. Statements were sent home with the children at the beginning of this week so please check your child's bookbag. NB payments made after 23rd February will not show on your paper statement.

All payments should be made via SCOPay please.

Lost Property

Please remember to check the basket at the front of school for items of unnamed lost property other than school uniform items. Clearly named items should make their way back to your child. Unnamed school uniform will be added to the 2nd hand uniform stock.

SCITT Programme

Are you (or someone you know), thinking about routes into teacher training but are not sure where to begin?

Our SCITT Team would be happy to arrange an online chat to talk you through the teacher training options with Good Shepherd Trust and the application process. Or you could attend one of our upcoming 'Get Into Teaching' events.

Just click on [this link](#) to find out more and we will be in touch.

We look forward to hearing from you!

The Good Shepherd Trust Teacher Training Team

Spring Book Fair and World Book Day

We are excited to announce that the Spring Book Fair will be happening next week:
Monday 4th - Thursday 7th March.

On Monday or Tuesday, the children will be visiting the book fair and will bring home a 'wish list' form. We have two payment options. If you would like to pay for books online, please follow the link at the bottom of the form and return the order form to school, by **Wednesday 6th**, for us to order the books (please note your payment reference clearly for ease of monitoring orders).

Alternatively, the children will be visiting the book fair for a second time, on Wednesday or Thursday, for those who would like to pay with cash. Please bring the correct change, where possible, the cost will be rounded up to the whole pound. Posters and stationery cannot be ordered.

School Meals

Can we please remind parents to check in good time that they have booked meals for their child if required, particularly when moving into a new month. Thank you.

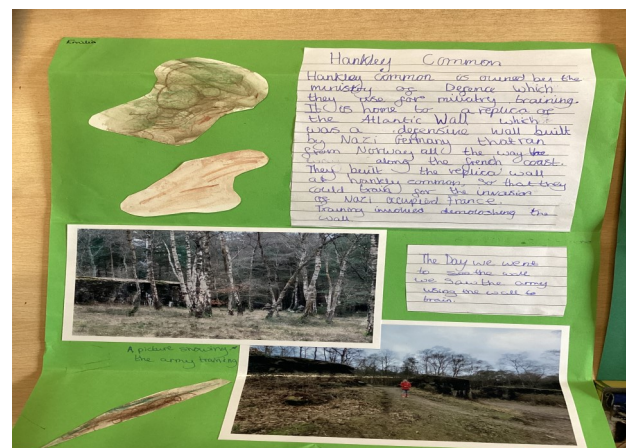
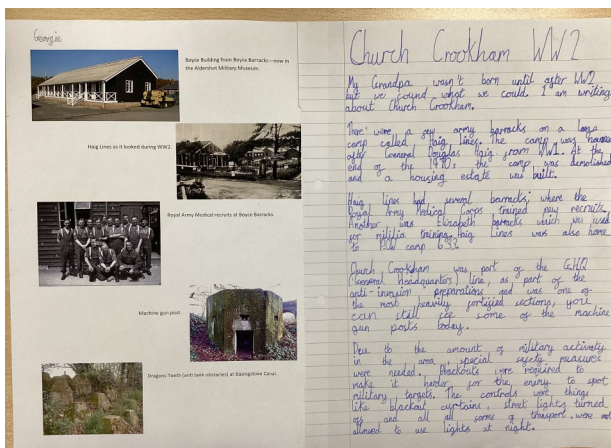
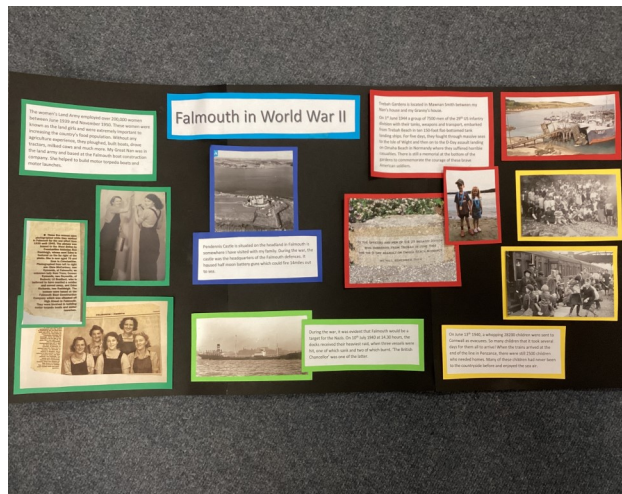
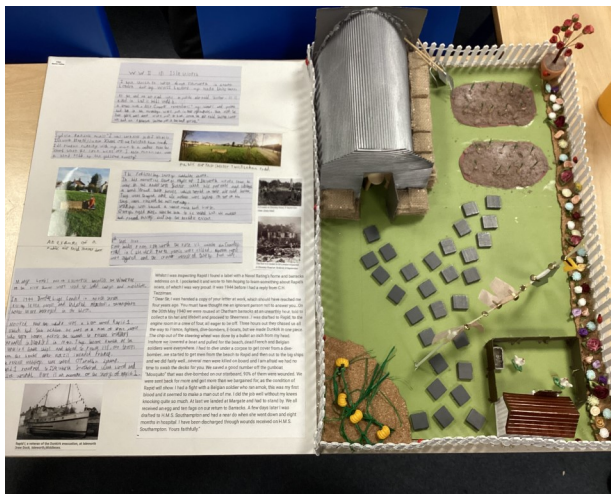
Local Committee

We are currently seeking 2 local committee members to join our team at Waverley. The role is open to any current parent. This role is similar to a governor but is our academy equivalent.

Local committee members meet half termly to look at the school's development and this is an exciting opportunity to be part of the strategic team. If you are interested in applying, please email info@waverley-abbey.surrey.sch.uk for further information.

World War Two

As part of their WW2 topic, the Year 6 children were asked to research and present how WW2 affected a local area of their choosing. These are just some of the wonderful projects that they produced.



Congratulations



From Joey's Coach - Joey in Year 4 took part in an Elite 7v7 tournament with Farnham Town Youth Tigers. Joey and his team faced some tough opposition during the group stage of the tournament. With a great team spirit the boys came 2nd in their group giving them automatic qualification into the quarter finals!

Being the underdogs the boys played some fantastic football taking the match to extra time format which ended up seeing Joey in a 2v2 against the opposition team, where Joey came close to scoring the decisive goal but hit the crossbar!

Eventually the winning goal was scored which saw them go through to the semi-finals to play the top team of the tournament, a tough opposition! The

boys played magnificent football winning a place in the final! A match against a strong team, but again Joey & his team pushed it all the way to extra time, where they were just pipped to the post and came runners up! A great achievement for Joey and all of his team.



Well done to Charlie and Theo in Year 5 who play for the Bourne Blades Foxes team. They took part in the cup final game of the U10 North East Hampshire Youth League. Their team won 2-0, making them winners of the league!



Diary dates for Spring Term 2024	
March 2024	
Monday 4th	Book Fair
Wednesday 6th	Year 5 Showcase - 2.40pm
Thursday 7th	World Book Day
Monday 11th	STEM Week
Thursday 21st	Year 4 - Easter Production - 6pm
Friday 22nd	Year 4 - Easter Production - 2pm
Tuesday 26th	Pause Day
Thursday 28th	Easter Egg Raffle Last Day of Spring Term - Early Finish
April 2024	
Monday 15th	INSET Day
Tuesday 16th	Start of Summer Term
Thursday 25th	NEW DATE - FOWA U Film Night - 3.30pm-5pm
Friday 26th	NEW DATE - FOWA PG Film Night - 3.30pm-5pm

2024-25 ACADEMIC YEAR INSET DAYS

Monday 2nd September 2024
 Tuesday 3rd September 2024 (new Year 3 children attend the afternoon session)
 Monday 4th November 2024
 Monday 24th February 2025
 Friday 23rd May 2025
 Monday 21st July 2025
 Tuesday 22nd July 2025