



Waverley Abbey School

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



HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

Next week's worship theme – Living out our values

Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.

Proverbs 16:3

The last two weeks certainly have been busy at Waverley! Last week we took a keen group of Year 5 and 6 pupils to the Surrey County Championships, and they fared very well, ending up in the middle of the championship table. No mean feat considering the number of Surrey schools there are. Well done all!

Last week the school celebrated World Book Day in style. We started the day with the great Waverley book swap – thank you for your support in this. The children thoroughly enjoyed being able to choose a book and take it home. We also judged the children's wonderful bookmark pegs. Our wonderful winners were Maya in Year 6 and Anaiya in Year 4. FOWA were instrumental in designing the competition and giving the winners prizes. We are very grateful for their continuing support.

This week I have visited all classes to look at English. I have been very pleased with the progress in all classes and the rich vocabulary that children are confidently using verbally and in their books. I have also looked at reading records alongside Mrs Hilyard. Please continue to read with your children and hear them read too – this remains vital and should not stop when children leave KS1. In lower school all children have a reading record which parents

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should write in to mark when they've heard their child read. We love to see this at least 3 times a week, ideally 4.

STEM week: Our STEM (Science, technology, engineering, and maths) this week has been a huge success. At the start of the week all children had the opportunity to explore the world of virtual reality, looking at either animals or minibeasts. The interactive workshops were very informative and were a real insight into nature! We were also fortunate to have an outside speaker in every day to talk about their STEM careers. Many thanks to those who shared their experiences with the children. The subject matter was absolutely fascinating - it has given many of our young people the opportunity to consider a variety of career paths.

Learning Support Assistant role: Next term, we are looking to recruit a learning support assistant to join our team. The job is term time and can be part or full time. If you have a GCSE or equivalent in English and maths and enjoy supporting children, please have a look on the school website where further details can be found.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Rebecca Marshall

Medication in School

If you think your child may need Calpol or other medication during the school day, this must be provided by parents, together with a completed 'Pupil Medication Request' form and details of any medicine already administered that day.

Calpol kept in school is for emergency use only, ie. if a child becomes unwell during the day.

We thank you for your co-operation with this.

Clubs

A reminder that all teacher led clubs finish next Friday (Friday 22nd).

External provider clubs will continue to run as per the dates advised by them.

Thank you.

WA Challenge Help Needed

Do you know anyone inspirational who would be able to attend and help to hand out certificates at our Year 6 Waverley Abbey Presentation evening on Thursday 27th June?

If so, please contact Miss Brett through the office.

Also, as part of the Year 6 Waverley Abbey Challenge, we take part in a 10 mile walk to Frensham Ponds in the Summer term. I am in need of helpers who have an up-to-date DBS with the school, who would be willing to accompany a group of children on their walk. The date is Wednesday 19th June with a reserve date of Monday 24th June if the weather is poor. If you have an up-to-date DBS with the school and are up for a scenic walk, please let Miss Brett know through the office.

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.

Over the Easter holidays, any remaining items will be removed and donated to charity or disposed of.

Thank you.

Last Day Of Term Early Finish Timings

PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE BEFORE 12.50PM BECAUSE THE GATES WILL NOT BE OPEN, DUE TO CHILDREN BEING ON THE PLAYGROUNDS.

Year 6 - 1.10pm

Year 5 - 1.15pm

Year 4 - 1.20pm

Year 3 - 1.30pm

Admissions Policy

The 2025-2026 Admissions policy and the respective documentation has been determined and is available to view on our school website.

<https://www.waverley-abbey.surrey.sch.uk/page/?title=Admissions+%2D+join+our+family&pid=32>

Diary dates for Spring Term 2024

March 2024

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 Year 4 Bikeability Begins
Thursday 25th	NEW DATE - FOWA U Film Night - 3.30pm-5pm
Friday 26th	NEW DATE - FOWA PG Film Night - 3.30pm-5pm