



# Waverley Abbey School

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



## HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

### Next week's worship theme – Perseverance

*And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up!  
Galatians 6:9*

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 two weeks back have 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.

This week I have enjoyed observing some stop motion animation in computing in Year 5, 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' last week too. It was super to watch them as they gained the skills of cycling proficiency. Year 6 have been busy writing fantastic descriptions of a stormy night by the coast, in preparation for their lighthouse writing this week. In Year 3 the focus has been on nature in art, with the children recreating the work of Monet, before beginning to design their own impressionist work taking nature as their inspiration. Alongside this theme, next week Year 3 are very much looking forward to their trip to Wisley Gardens.

There has also been full use of the swimming pool now that all year groups are swimming this term. Please remember to pack swimming goggles and a swim hat for all swimming lessons.

As you will have spotted, there has been work this week on the field too. Having received a grant to improve our pitches and playing fields, Mr Rose has been overseeing the reseeding and soil improvements.

## School Newsletter 14

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Once they have taken hold, we will all be looking forward to getting on the field at playtimes as well as for PE.

**Parking:** Thank you for persevering with the extended wait while we have needed the field car park for sand, diggers/ tractors. Now that all car parks are back in use, please do make use of them all during morning drop off so we can keep the queues down on the Tilford Road. Please also consider parking etiquette too, treating others as we wish to be treated!

**Breaktime snacks:** Recently we have noticed more children dipping into their lunchbox for their break-time snack. Could children please be provided with a separate healthy snack for break such as fruit and vegetables, cheese, malt loaf or rice/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 when 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

### **Family News!**

Shortly before the Easter break, Mr Brown and his wife welcomed a beautiful daughter into their lives! We all wish Mr and Mrs Brown every future happiness as a family.

### **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.

All medication needs to come to the office together with a completed form and should be handed in and collected by parents.

We thank you for your co-operation with this.

### **Voluntary Contribution Reminder**

Can we please remind parents that activities such as swimming and school trips rely on parental support, and whilst all payments are voluntary, these activities cannot continue without them.

We would be very grateful, therefore, if you could please check via your SCOPay account that you have paid for this year's swimming, and any trips or workshops your child has taken part in during this school year.

Your continued support in this is greatly appreciated by the whole school and does ensure that we are able to continue to provide these facilities for your children.

### **Pencil Cases**

Please make sure that your child always has a fully stocked pencil case in school and all items are clearly named.

Thank you.



Congratulations to Finley in Year 4, who took part in a recent tournament and was the top try scorer for Guildford Rugby Club. Finley and his team received a well deserved medal.

#### Summer Term Swimming

Monday	4LH, 5AD, 5EW and 5SB
Tuesday	3VC, 4OK and 5RC
Wednesday	3CC, 6EW, 6LB and 3LH
Thursday	4LS
Friday	3AH, 4CE, 6HD and 6SW

#### 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

## Diary dates for Spring Term 2024

### April 2024

Monday 29th	Year 3 - Wisley Trip
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### May 2024

Monday 6th	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 7th	Year 5 - Calshot Residential
Monday 13th	Year 6 - SATs Week
Monday 20th	Year 3 - Swimming Gala - 9am
Tuesday 21st	Year 4 - Swimming Gala - 9am
Wednesday 22nd	Year 5 - Swimming Gala - 9am
Thursday 23rd	Year 6 - Swimming Gala - 9am Year 4 Showcase - 2:30pm
Friday 24th	INSET Day

### June 2024

Monday 3rd	Back To School Year 6 - UKSA Residential
Monday 10th	Year 4 - Runways End Residential - 4LH and 4OK
Tuesday 11th	Year 5 Showcase - 2:30pm
Wednesday 12th	Year 4 - Runways End Residential - 4CE and 4LS
Wednesday 19th	Year 6 - Waverley Abbey Challenge Walk
Wednesday 26th	Year 4 - Trip To Farnham - 4CE and 4LH
Thursday 27th	Sports Day - Lower School AM and Upper School PM

### July 2024

Wednesday 3rd	Y4 - Farnham Trip - 4LS and 4OK
Tuesday 9th	Year 6 Production - 6pm
Wednesday 10th	Year 4 Clarinet Concert - 4CE and 4LH - 2:30pm Year 6 Production - 6pm
Thursday 18th	Year 6 - Leaver's Party
Friday 19th	Year 6 - Leaver's Assembly - 12:45pm Last Day Of Term - Early Finish



## Spotlight on Reading for pleasure

### (School Development Plan target 2023-24)

#### Summer Term 2024

It brings me immense joy to reflect on the progress we have made in fostering a love for reading at Waverley Abbey this year. Our commitment to creating a culture of reading for pleasure has been met with enthusiasm and engagement from both students and staff alike.

Firstly, we've added many new kinds of books to our library. We believe that every child should be able to see themselves reflected in the stories they read and our updated library stock aims to achieve just that.

We have also been working on enhancing the reading environments within our classrooms. Our book corners have been transformed into mini libraries, inviting students to explore and discover new worlds within the comfort of their own classrooms. Thank you to everyone who has already donated books to classroom book corners.

Introducing our reading challenge has been another highlight of the year. Each class has embarked on a journey to fill their class tree with leaves, earned by completing books. It's been great to see how excited everyone is about reading and filling up their class trees. Our Y6 librarians have a vital role in counting the leaves on their trees each fortnight. The class with the most number of leaves in each year group wins the reading challenge trophy!

The creativity and enthusiasm displayed through the thought-out costumes on World Book Day this year were truly commendable. From beloved characters to imaginative creations, our students brought stories to life in vibrant ways. The focus on learning from wordless picture books throughout the day provided a unique and enriching experience, encouraging students to explore storytelling in imaginative ways.

