



Waverley Abbey School

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



HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

Our worship theme after half term – heartfelt thanks

One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life

Psalm 27:4

With the first half of the academic year coming to an end, I want to thank all the families of Waverley Abbey children for the support that you give the children. We have noticed a real increase in the number of children reading at home as well as undertaking their homework independently at home too. Please remember that if you have a busy week, that we do run a homework club every day for the first half an hour of lunch, should your child need this.

You will also spot that our worship theme coming back continues to be about the psalms. We have been looking at the writings of King David for much of our collective worship in spring term and this will continue after half term too. We will talk in collective worship about the importance of waiting and reflecting as we move into Lent.

Two weeks ago, Year 3 enjoyed a superb trip to Butser Ancient Farm, linking to their topic on the Stone/ Iron/ Bronze Age. The children became real life archaeologists carefully excavating ancient finds. They also created some fabulous jewellery in the style of the era as well as discovering all about how people of this time lived. A fantastic time was had by all.

Well done to all who competed for the school in this week's Farnham Swimming Gala. As always there is tough competition to get into the team as so many of our children are exceptionally good at swimming, with many swimming for clubs outside school too. The team fared

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very well coming in 2nd place. There were particularly strong races from Ellie, Fliss, Harriet and Lydia. A huge well done to all those who competed!

Thank you to all who attended this term's parents' evenings. If you were unable to make an appointment, please do ask for a time for the class teacher to phone home. We would very much like to speak to all families to update about progress and next steps.

Car park update: Now that we have secured the required number of quotes, we are proceeding with the repair of the entrance to the field car park and also to filling in the potholes in the sandy car park too. Thank you for your patience whilst we finalised the arrangements.

Safety on the Tilford Road: Please can we remind you about safe driving on the Tilford Road, as we have had several complaints about cars driving on the wrong side of the road to avoid the queues.

Before school/ after school drop off/ collection: We have noticed an increase in children running around car parks, playing ball games and not remaining with their adults at drop off/ collection. Please ensure your children always stay with you to ensure their safety. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Please remember that Monday 24th February is an INSET day, and the children return to school on Tuesday 25th. Have a wonderful half term break!

Mrs Rebecca Marshall

School Meals

Please make sure meals are ordered at least 7 days in advance.

A courtesy email is often sent from the office, but it is not their responsibility to remind parents.

Thank you.

Residential Trip Reminders

This is just a gentle reminder of final payments due dates for the following:

Year 4 Runways End - end of February 2025

Year 5 Calshot - end of February 2025

Year 6 UKSA – 3rd March 2025

Prompt payment is appreciated, but please do let us know if you are going to have difficulty meeting the deadline unless extended terms have already arranged.

Free Parent Workshop

"Save the Date: 12th March 2025 6pm-7.30pm

'Positive Parenting in a Digital World'

St James is delighted to host a live streamed talk with the Lucy Faithfull Foundation on 'Positive Parenting in a Digital World.'

<https://www.lucyfaithfull.org.uk/>

As parents, one of our primary aims is to keep our children safe in both the physical and digital world.

While most of us feel confident assessing and managing risks in our everyday environments, the online world can often feel bewildering and challenging to navigate.

The Lucy Faithfull Foundation, experts in tackling online harm against children, will guide parents in understanding potential risks, exploring strategies to manage these risks, and fostering positive and healthy online behaviour.

Recognising that every family is unique, LFF will help each parent or caregiver feel confident in making the best decisions for their children."

Pupil News!

Congratulations to Oliver in Year 6, who completed his 6th year of go karting at the end of 2024. He has one more year in “Cadets” (8 to 12 years old) before moving up to full size karts in 2026.

In 2024 Oliver came 2nd in the Camberley Kart Club championship, winning the final round in October and the prestigious Roy Mortara memorial meeting in November. At the awards evening Oliver was also presented with Driver of the Year.

Oliver also had good results in the other Championship he competed in at Forest Edge near Andover.



Remaining 2024-25 Academic Year Inset Days

Monday 24th February 2025

Friday 23rd May 2025

Monday 21st July 2025

Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Diary Dates 2025

February

Friday 14th	Break Up For Half Term
Monday 24th	INSET Day
Tuesday 25th	Return To School
Thursday 27th	FOWA Film Night - U
Friday 28th	Back To The Future Day FOWA Film Night - PG

March

Wednesday 5th	Charity Bake Sale
Thursday 6th	World Book Day
Tuesday 25th	Rocksteady Concert - 2:30pm
Monday 31st	Year 4 Production - 2pm

April

Tuesday 1st	Year 4 Production - 6pm
Friday 4th	Last Day Of Spring Term
Tuesday 22nd	Return To School - Summer Term Year 4 Bikeability Week

May

Friday 2nd	Wisley Trip - Year 3
Tuesday 6th	Calshot Residential - Year 5
Monday 12th	SATs Week
Friday 16th	Swimming Gala - Year 6
Tuesday 20th	Swimming Gala - Year 5
Wednesday 21st	Swimming Gala - Year 4
Thursday 22nd	Swimming Gala - Year 3 Break Up For Half Term
Friday 23rd	INSET Day