



Waverley Abbey School

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



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HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

Our worship theme next week– looking after others

You have kept record of my days of wandering.

You have stored my tears in your bottle and counted each of them. Psalm 56: 8

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 and a reduction in the persistent rain!

Last week, we welcomed in two HMIs who are reviewing the OFSTED framework in preparation for a September 2025 roll out. As you would expect, they were full of praise for our children who always behave impeccably, as well as our rich curriculum. As a school we have also been invited to offer our own feedback on the process which is a positive step forward.

Yesterday, the whole school celebrated World Book Day. Thank you to those families who provided photos of your children enjoying reading, we are looking forward to adding these to our library! The children also spent time sharing their favourite childhood books in class as well as undertaking some fun book activities. All children have been given a £1 book token too. Our local supermarkets and book shops are all well stocked with £1 books. We're looking forward to seeing what they've chosen!

Attendance update: As per the government guidance (*working together to improve school attendance, August 2024*), we are continuing to request that parents to not take children out for any

leave of absence (holidays) during term time. If a child misses 10 sessions (there are 2 sessions per day) in a 10-week rolling period, we are requested to inform Surrey. These sessions do not need to be consecutive. Surrey's policy regarding penalty notices is below.

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3-year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, **per parent/carer per child**, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings in the Magistrates Court.

2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3-year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings in the Magistrates Court.

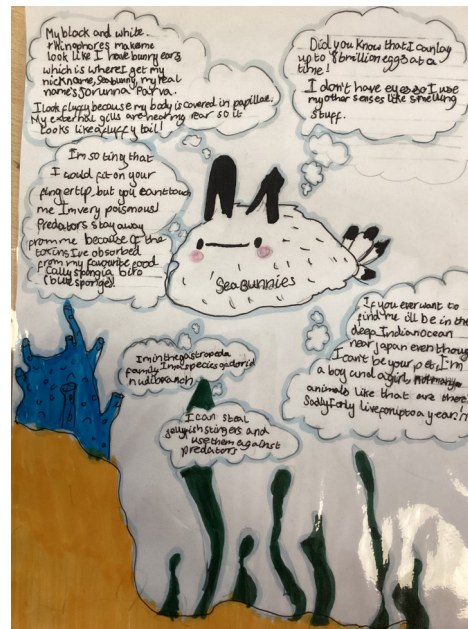
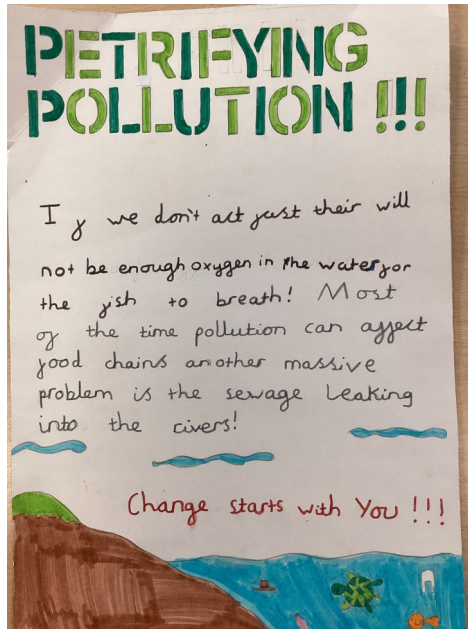
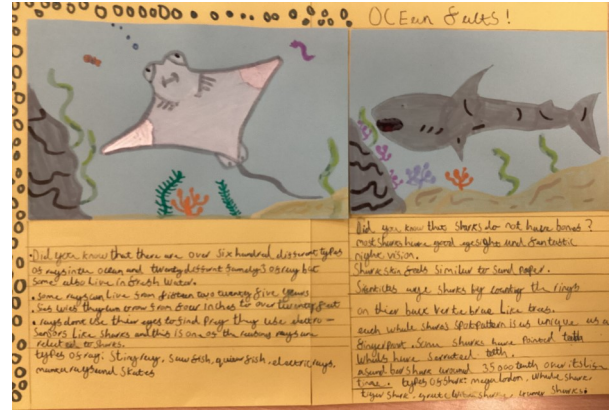
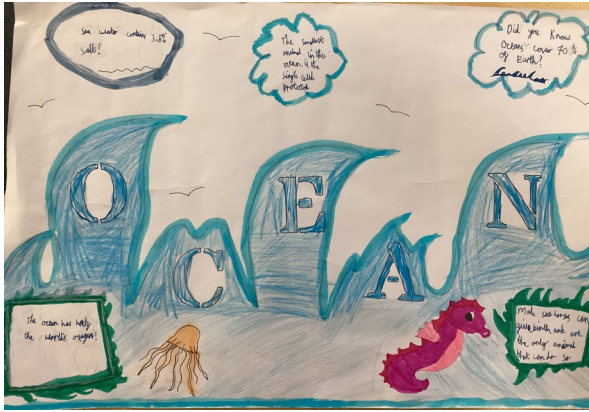
3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3-year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, per parent/carer per child, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996.

Mrs Rebecca Marshall

Geography Challenge

Thank you to all of the children who participated in my Geography challenge researching facts about the ocean. The posters were wonderful and I learnt a lot reading them!

Here are a few examples:



If you would like to participate in my next challenge ,you could make me an informative poster on Antarctica which we looked at in Assembly on Tuesday. Please have these in by Easter.

Miss Brett

World Book Day – Free Books (with the £1 voucher)



Bake Sale Success

We are pleased to announce that Freya and her friends raised an amazing £477. 71 for the Phuket Elephant Sanctuary. They would like to thank everyone who supported them.



How To Further Help And Support Your Child In Learning Foreign Languages At Home

There are many apps available to support language learning at home. The following are free and can be used on any device. You can access a whole range of languages to learn.

Duolingo

Memrise

The following websites are great for practising language skills at home:

French Games net <https://www.french-games.net/>

BBCBitesize <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z39d7ty>

Wordwall <https://wordwall.net/engb/community/french/games>

It has lots of content – search for the topic you wish to practise.

The links can be found on the school website under the Teaching and Learning tab, Curriculum, Foreign Languages.

Surrey County Council Transport Survey

As in previous years, Surrey County Council's Safer Travel Team are undertaking research with parents on pupils' modes of travel to and from school.

Annual Primary School Travel Survey (public URL): <https://www.surreysays.co.uk/safer-travel/primary-school-travel-2025>

The objective of the research is to assist us as we continue to develop a better understanding of the different types of travel used to and from school, and to ascertain if this is changing over time. The Safer Travel Team's goal is to assist schools to continue to encourage safer and more active ways of travelling to school.

To encourage parents to take part, we are once again offering a charity incentive for participation – we will donate £25 for every 100 surveys completed to a charity that the parent will choose from either Momentum Children's Charity or Orchid Environmental Trust.

Remaining 2024-25 Academic Year Inset Days

Friday 23rd May 2025

Monday 21st July 2025

Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Diary Dates 2025

March

Thursday 13th	FOWA Spring Wreath Workshop - 7pm
Thursday 20th	Parent Coffee Afternoon - 1:45pm
Friday 21st	The Music Works Showcase - 9am
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
Monday 19th	Year 6 - Hankley Commons Walks Week
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

June

Monday 2nd	Return To School UKSA Residential - Year 6
Friday 6th	Year 3 Roman Day
Monday 9th	Runways End Residential - 4LH and 4HI
Wednesday 11th	Runways End Residential - 4MB and 4LS
Thursday 26th	Sports Day - Lower School AM/Upper School PM