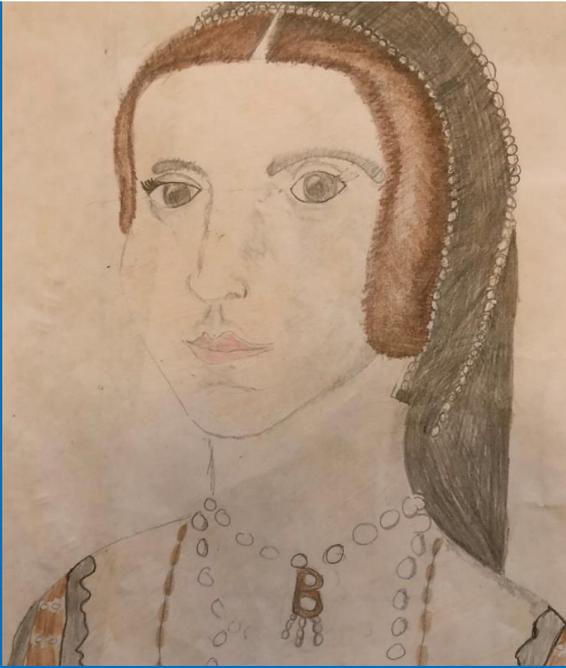




# Waverley Abbey School

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



## School Newsletter 11

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12<sup>th</sup> February '21

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## HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

### 1<sup>st</sup> week back after half term's worship theme – Lent

And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

*1 Corinthians 10:13*

As I write, we are just at the end of our first half of the Spring term and one which has come with a huge raft of challenges for us all. Thank you for your continued support and positivity. I think families and school staff are very much looking forward to some rest and respite over half term! It is well deserved!

Thank you to home families who attended our parents' evenings this week. The feedback was that our new system worked much more successfully, which I'm delighted to hear.

Today, Year 3 have been enjoying their fantastic Roman day. On morning registrations, it was wonderful to see many of the remote learning children dressing up in Roman regalia too. We have also seen some fantastic examples of bullas and other learning that has been happening both at home and in school. What a fantastic effort Year 3.

In my assembly last week, I asked how children were caring for their loved ones during the pandemic and

how they were supporting at home. Many children responded but I was particularly impressed with Dexter in Year 3 who has been building on his independence as well as being helpful and kind. Well done Dexter!

The picture in the newsletter has been carefully drawn and shaded by Hestia in Year 5 – the Year 5 team were very impressed by the care and attention to detail.

At the time of writing, we are still expecting to have all pupils back in school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. We are very much looking forward to their return.

### Reminder

Waverley has a Good Shepherd Trust INSET training day for all staff on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Therefore school reopens for key worker and vulnerable pupils on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February and remote learning will begin at this point too.

Take care and stay safe,

**Mrs Rebecca Marshall**  
Headteacher

## School News & Information:

Diary dates for Spring Term 2021	
Feb '21	
15 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup>	HALF TERM
22 <sup>nd</sup>	INSET DAY
Apr '21	
1 <sup>st</sup>	End of Spring Term (1:40pm)
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Holidays
19 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Summer Term

### Determined Admissions Arrangements 2022/2023:

Please be advised that the Waverley Abbey Admissions policy and respective documentation have been determined and are now available on the school website.

For further information please click here:

<https://www.waverley-abbey.surrey.sch.uk/page/?title=Admissions&pid=32>

### Surrey County Council:

We would usually welcome families into the Surrey History Centre to make crafts for half term but this year we have gone virtual.

The video explains how to make a wind sock and showcases some of the old windmills of Surrey.

[Make a Wind Sock with Surrey Heritage - YouTube](#)

### School Meals:

If your child is currently attending school please check that you have ordered meals for after half term if required.

For all children learning at home – pre-ordered meals have been removed for the first two weeks after half term pending the decision on when children may return to school.

### Wintershall Travelling Crib:

We are still £580 down on payments for the Travelling Crib event in December. Sadly these events for your children cannot take place without parental contributions. If you have not already paid, please do so through your Scopay account.

### Pencil Cases:

In order to minimise sharing of equipment, can we please ask all parents of children coming into school to check that their pencil cases are fully replenished for the return after half term.

### Special Thank You to The Hut:

We would like express our heartfelt thanks to the staff of <https://www.thehutfarnham.com/> who kindly brought delicious burgers, chips and pizzas to our teaching and support staff this week. It was very much appreciated!

### Track & Trace over Half Term for In School Children:

If your child gets COVID symptoms over the next week **and** they have a test that comes back positive, you should contact the school immediately. Please email using the address [covid@waverley-abbey.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:covid@waverley-abbey.surrey.sch.uk) It is essential this is done swiftly to allow us to contact all families.

## A Message from Barracudas

We know it's been really tough for parents and children working from home and home schooling, so we've put together a virtual half term camp with activities available online led by some of our fantastic staff!

We've also added some more free resources to our website with fun activities children can try on their own at home. Entertaining children and keeping them active in the school holidays is what we do, so we thought we'd help out this half term and make the holiday more enjoyable for kids and easier for parents.

Our timetable of events is below so you can easily add to your newsletters, website or social media platforms, plus we've included below the links needed to join the activities.

Here's a link to our free Virtual half term camp activities:

<https://www.barracudas.co.uk/locations-prices/virtual-half-term-camp/>

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to welcoming children from your school to camp in 2021.

The Barracudas Team

If you've got any questions please get in touch with us:

Visit: [Barracudas.co.uk](http://Barracudas.co.uk)

Or call: 01480 467567

**Surrey Arts** would like to invite your child to our exciting online instrument demonstration on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February from 5pm to 6pm.

This event will be a fantastic opportunity for children and parents/carers to meet our team of tutors who will showcase and demonstrate many of the instruments available to learn online and ultimately alongside our South West Surrey groups and within your child's school when possible. At the end of the session there will be an opportunity to ask the tutors any questions to help pupils decide which instrument is right for them.

To book a place please email [sally.white@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:sally.white@surreycc.gov.uk)

We hope that your child would like to participate in this exciting opportunity and we look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

Surrey Arts Music Service

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/culture-and-leisure/arts/music/lessons-for-children>

## Microsoft Half Term Online Workshops

Microsoft UK Store are running a series of free online sessions and workshops for children aged 6years+. They can learn how to code a video game, take a virtual tour around a museum, start their own business or Digital Photography. Each session is aimed at a particular age group to inspire the children at the right level.

Register today – [Microsoft Workshops](#)