



# Waverley Abbey School

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



## School Newsletter 7

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## Headteacher's Update

### Next week's worship theme –Advent (Joy)

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16*

Welcome to the final newsletter of 2021. In the blink of an eye this term, and indeed this year, seems to have vanished. Where does the time go?

As we well know, the final weeks before Christmas are some of the busiest in the calendar and there is no exception to this at Waverley Abbey. The Christmas performances from Year 3 and Year 5 were a true joy to watch. The children were able to project their voices well, stand in for others at short notice and smile throughout. It was also wonderful to see them grow in confidence throughout the rehearsals and into performance night. Even though we are a large school, I have a great sense of pride that all of our children, who wish to, are able to be on stage and perform. My thanks to our Year 3 and 5 staff teams who continue to bring out the best in each and every performer and also to parents who diligently followed the guidance, enabling us to hold the event in person this year.

This week has also been packed full of learning. I have had the pleasure of watching Year 6 practise their French vocabulary for future shopping trips. Thankfully, 'c'est trop cher' was on many a child's lips! Year 5 have been perfecting their use of texture in paint; creating a piece in the style of Peter Thorpe. Science has been a focus in Year 4 with the children completing a number of experiments linked with sound. In Year 3 the children have been thinking about their physical features and personalities and who in their family they take after as part of the PSHCE curriculum.

I am very much looking forward to being part of church services in all year groups next week too. As many of you

will be aware, All Saints church is currently out of action due to an unstable roof, so this year we will be holding the services in school with Rev. Morris and his team joining us to worship here in our hall. Parents are warmly welcomed to join us for these services (see separate letter). While all the festivities happen, there is still a strong focus on our curriculum and squeezing every learning opportunity into the final week as well – staff and children certainly do not get bored!

**FOWA update** – This month, Miss Haines, Miss Tahir and several of our parents held the first FOWA meeting in a long while, which was very productive. Our newly formed team are already in the process of securing Happy Circus to come to the school in the summer term, planning our bonfire and fireworks night (4/11/22) as well as discussing potential opportunities to both get together and fundraise for the school. Thank you to all the parents who have put their names forward to support. We are always looking for additional members of the team so if you would like to join us at future meetings, please let the office know.

**Uniform** – As we near the end of term, I would like to remind parents that we are expecting full winter uniform until Easter. Children should be wearing simple, plain stud earrings if their ears are pierced, hair should be tied back with a plain hairband or small scrunchie and uniform should look smart at all times – this has slipped a little in recent weeks. Thank you for your support in this matter.

A final reminder that school closes on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December, and pupils return on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022. I hope that you all have a peaceful break and I look forward to seeing everyone back safe and well in the New Year. Merry Christmas!

**Mrs Rebecca Marshall**  
Headteacher

## Diary dates for Autumn 2021 & Spring Term 2022

Dec	
13th	Christmas Jumper and Lunch Day
14th	Pause Day
15th	Year 3 Church Service 11am – in school hall
	Year 5 Church Service 2pm– in school hall
16th	Year 4 Church Service 11am– in school hall
	Year 6 Church Service 2pm– in school hall
17th	Last Day of Term (half day)
Jan	
4th	INSET day



## School News & Information:

### End of Term, December 17<sup>th</sup> Finish Times:

Y6 - 1.10pm

Y5 - 1.15pm

Y4 - 1.20pm

Y3 - 1.30pm

**Christmas Lunch, Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December:** Just a reminder that the caterers will be providing a Christmas lunch for children who normally have a school meal – providing parents have booked a meal for this day. Pupils who have a packed lunch are encouraged to bring a festive lunch and all children are invited to bring a cracker from home. We are unable to provide a Christmas lunch for the whole school as in past years due to catering staff shortages but it will still be a fun occasion for everyone!

**SCHOOL MEALS & WAVES:** Please remember to book school meals and WAVES sessions if required at least 7 days in advance. The kitchen can only provide a limited number of extra meals per day and staffing for WAVES needs to be planned ahead so it is really important that they have accurate numbers. Thank you.

**Absence Forms:** Please remember that you must complete an absence form in advance whenever your child will be missing a registration mark in school (morning or afternoon). This applies to medical appointments and school visits as well as holidays etc.

Forms may be found on the school website or there are hard copies in reception. Thank you.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Uniform Donations:** Can we please request that donations are not left in reception without checking with office staff please. Whilst we are very grateful for your donations, some items are not required and we then need to dispose of them. Thank you.

## FOWA request

Unwanted presents – can't find the receipt? Don't worry! We can help with all those perfectly lovely but unwanted gifts and turn them into raffle prizes. Next term, you'll find a box in the entrance area outside the school office. Simply pop your unwanted presents in there and we'll use them to help raise money. We love anything that is new and in good condition be it children's craft, toys or activities, fashion bags or accessories, books, games, chocolates, wine, you name it, it helps us. Thank you!



### Book Fair

Thank you to all of the families who purchased books from our book fair. We are delighted to say that over £1700 in rewards points have been raised for our school due to your purchases. These will be going towards new books to stock our library and classrooms - if there is a particular book you feel is missing from our library, please speak with Miss Huxtable or one of the Year 6 librarians.

This week we have also started to have some deliveries from scholastic, so you may already have received your new books from your class teacher. If not, please do speak with them directly and we will keep you posted on any future deliveries or if there has been any issue with your order.

We will try and keep Facebook updated with some of the new books in stock at the library, so you and your child can view them from home.

-Miss Huxtable

### Girls Football club update:

Just to inform you that our last session before the Christmas Holidays is **Tuesday 14th December 2021**. I hope all the girls have been enjoying the sessions!

To book on for next term from January 2022, please click on the link below.

[https://www.participant.co.uk/aldershottownfc/event/shots\\_foundation\\_-\\_waverley\\_abbey\\_church\\_of\\_england\\_junior\\_school\\_14092021](https://www.participant.co.uk/aldershottownfc/event/shots_foundation_-_waverley_abbey_church_of_england_junior_school_14092021)

**SCL Club Booking update:** SCL have asked us to pass on a revised link for club enquiries:

<https://wearescl.bookinglive.com/home/After-school-sports-clubs>

This is different to the one shown on the club list issued last week.

