Waverley
Preparatory School and Nursery

Parent Communication w/e 12th June 2026

Key Stage 2 Race For The Cowshed

Dear Parents,

I hope you have all had a wonderful week! It has been a busy and exciting time at Waverley, with plenty going on across the school. From the fantastic KS2 5K race at the start of the week, to brilliant cricket fixtures, incredible production rehearsals and lots of exciting lessons. There has been no shortage of action this week.

KS2 Race for The Cowshed Wokingham

On Monday afternoon, all of our Key Stage 2 children took part in an exciting 5K race around the school playing field in support of The Cowshed Wokingham. The race involved completing nine full laps of the school field, with myself, Mr Kear and even our school dogs, Luna and Bella, joining in with the fun!

I would like to say a huge well done to every child who took part. For some, the idea of running nine laps may have felt quite daunting, but they all rose to the challenge brilliantly. Their determination, resilience and positive attitude throughout the race was fantastic to see and I am incredibly proud of every single one of them.

Thanks to the generosity of our Waverley families, I am delighted to share that an incredible **£781** has been raised for The Cowshed Wokingham and this money will be used to help support individuals and families facing hardship in our local community. Thank you once again to everyone who sponsored the children and helped make this event such a great success! See photos **here** and watch a short highlights video **here**.

School Assembly: Standout Student Achievements

There were lots of fantastic achievements to celebrate in our school assembly earlier this week.

A huge congratulations to **Heloise** (Year 2), who is the first child this year to achieve her Triple Gold Star Badge, having now earned over 250 house points! This is a fantastic achievement and reflects all of her hard work throughout the year.

Outside of school, **Toby** (Year 6) completed a 15-mile 3 Counties Cycle Ride to help raise £120 for The Cowshed. **Jack** and **Samuel** (Year 4) took on a muddy 5K obstacle course in support of Cancer Research and raised an incredible £600 between them in memory of their grandmothers.

In Sport, **Charlotte** (Year 6) made her debut for Reading Athletics Club, competing in four events and achieving several top-three heat finishes. **Sacha** (Year 4) received a bronze medal in the 100m backstroke at the Level 4 Rising Stars Competition, whilst **Nandi** (Year 4) achieved an impressive 4th place in an international gymnastics competition.

I would like to say a huge well done to all of these children for all of these fantastic achievements! They should all be incredibly proud of themselves!

Celebrating Year 1 Achievements

At break time today, Mrs Shore and I had the pleasure of visiting Year 1 for the latest Head's Hot Chocolate/Ice Lolly session. Once again, the children brought in something they were proud of and I must say, there were lots of creative items on display today. I was very impressed to see some beautiful artwork, fantastic 3D models, sporting awards and I even had the chance to enjoy a game of noughts and crosses with Lancelot. The whole class should be very proud of everything they shared today. See photos **here**.

Good Luck to ISA Athletics Finalists

Finally, next week, Anya, Dominic, Hugo, Matthew and Samuel will all be heading off to the ISA Athletics National Finals. I would like to wish them all the very best of luck as they compete in the sprint, vortex and relay finals. They have done incredibly well to get to this stage and I am sure they will give it their all! Everyone at Waverley will be cheering them on!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend!

S. Shore

Pupil Achievements

Pupils of the Week

Nicole, Reception
'For making huge progress in her reading and writing.'

Henry, Year 1
'For his growing resilience and his fantastic effort at swimming.'

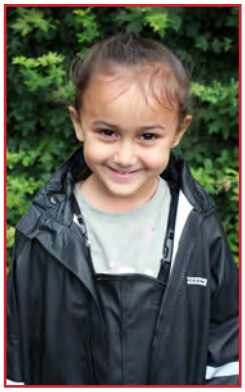
Miles, Year 2
'For his improved focus and concentration during learning tasks. He fully applies his enthusiasm for learning into some great work.'

Benji, Year 3
'For his excellent contribution to the Year 3 class assembly last week.'

Ahana, Year 4
'For being thoughtful and kind to all of her friends feelings and emotions.'

Aahana, Year 5
'For her exceptional effort in her History work about daily life in Ancient Greece.'

Molly, Year 6
'For working hard and demonstrating tenacity and resilience across the curriculum.'



Waverley Way Award

Saskia
'For following the Waverley Way all day, everyday! She perseveres if she finds something difficult, she shows kindness to her classmates and is always honest.'

Otto
'For demonstrating kindness and care towards his classmates during the PGL.'

Diary Dates

Monday 15th June:
ISA Athletics National Finals (Qualifiers only).
Ancient Egyptian Day for Years 3 & 4.

Wednesday 17th June:
Swimming Gala: Celebration Swim. (Bracknell Swimarium). *

Thursday 18th June:
KS2 Summer Production Dress Rehearsal. 14:00hrs.

Friday 19th May:
WFA Non-Uniform Day. *(In exchange for a bottle for WFA tombola).*
Year 3 & 4 Cricket vs LVS. HOME. *
WFA Frozen Friday Ice Cream Sale. 15:30hrs. *
KS2 Summer Production. 18:00hrs. *

**Parents welcome.*

Our Academic dates can be viewed here.
All calendar dates are available on our parent portal here and on our website here.

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Reception & Year 1 Hobbledown Trip Photos

Last Friday, Reception and Year 1 enjoyed a fantastic trip to Hobbledown Heath Farm. The sun was shining as they took part in the farm's interactive animal experience, led by the very knowledgeable Animal Team. During their interactive session, the children were introduced to a selection of different animals, including tortoises and Guinea pigs. They learnt lots of fascinating facts about each and also had the opportunity to hold some stick and leaf insects.

The children were incredibly well behaved throughout the entire trip and represented Waverley perfectly. Everyone had a brilliant time! See photos **here**.

Year 2 Enjoy Indoor PE Circuits

With the weather proving very unpredictable this week, Year 2 took their PE lesson indoors and enjoyed a fun circuit session away from the rain. The children worked their way around a variety of activities including balance beams, forward rolls, bean bag tosses and hurdles, giving every challenge their best effort. The circuits helped the children to develop their cardiovascular fitness, coordination, balance and agility. See photos **here**.

Year 3 Design Digital Postcards

In ICT this week, Year 3 became digital designers as they created postcards promoting a city or country of their choice. The children began by researching their chosen destination, finding out about famous landmarks, attractions and interesting facts. They then gathered suitable images and added them to their digital postcards. See photos **here**.

Year 4 Take Part in Ocean Live Lesson

This week, Year 4 took part in a special online lesson about the ocean, delivered by the Ocean Conservation Trust. As part of the session, the children joined British wildlife expert Steve Backshall live underwater from the National Marine Aquarium in Plymouth.

The class were taught about life beneath the waves, explored different ocean habitats and ecosystems and gained an insight into the important work being carried out to protect our marine environments. It was a really interesting lesson and the children were highly engaged throughout.

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Year 5 & 6 Cricket Fixtures

This week, Year 5 & 6 managed to avoid the rain just long enough to enjoy some fantastic Cricket fixtures against St Neots and Dolphin. Once again, it was great to see such improvement in their batting, bowling and fielding skills, with plenty of impressive sixes and some excellent catches in the field. The children also demonstrated fantastic teamwork and showed lots of enthusiasm throughout. See photos **here**.

Year 6 Learn to Budget

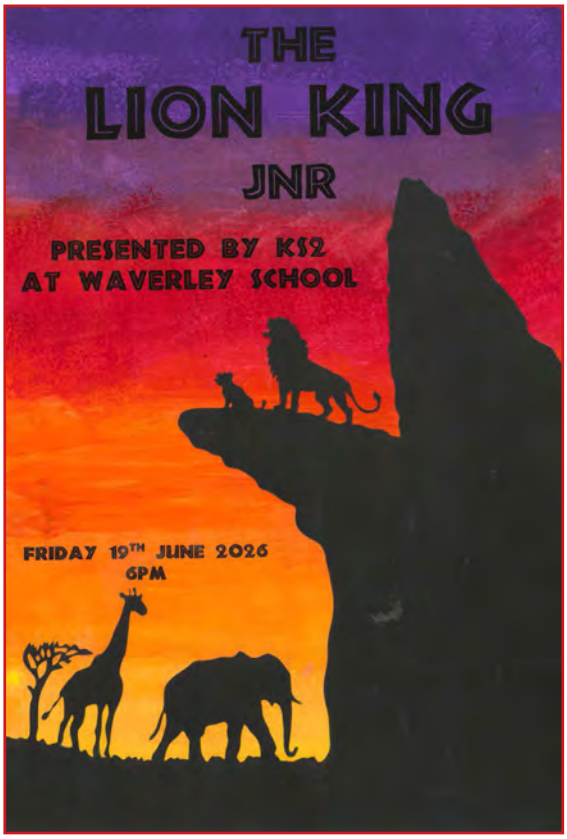
This week, Year 6 have been learning all about budgeting and the importance of balancing income and spending. They were given a selection of challenges, where they were tasked with planning a school fayre, a class trip and also organising a monthly budget. The children quickly discovered that life can be more expensive than they expected and the whole lesson was a real eye-opener for them all! See photos **here**.

The Lion King JR Winning Posters

Recently, we held a competition inviting Key Stage 2 students to design a poster promoting the upcoming KS2 production of The Lion King JR. We are excited to announce the winners from each year group:

- **Year 3:** Maya *(Winner)* Orla *(Highly Commended)*
- **Year 4:** Sophie, Dominic & Hugo *(Highly Commended)*
- **Year 5:** Emily *(Winner)* Anya & Eloise *(Highly Commended)*
- **Year 6:** Aurelia (Winner) Rebecca & William *(Highly Commended)*

The overall winner was **Gabriel** (Year 4), whose fantastic design will be featured on the front of the production programme. A big well done to everyone who took part, all of the designs were brilliant! See all of the winning designs **here**.



KS2 Production - Key Information

Next Friday, please ensure KS2 children are dropped off at the front door **no earlier than 17:30hrs**. They should go directly to their classrooms to change into their costumes. After drop-off, parents and guests are invited to enjoy light refreshments before heading to the hall for the 18:00hrs performance.

The show is expected to finish by 19:15hrs, after which the children will be brought to meet you at the front door. Both Summer performances will be professionally filmed, so photography and video recording during the show will not be permitted.

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Celebration Swim Reminder

Next Wednesday, our Year 1 – Year 4 children will be taking part in a 'Celebration Swim' lesson and parents are invited to attend. Sessions will last around 30 minutes and due to limited capacity at the pool, there are specific times that parents must arrive:
Year 1 - 09:30hrs, **Year 2 -** 10:15hrs, **Year 3 & 4 -** 11:20hrs.

Parking is very limited and parents should wait outside the pool door until they are allowed in by swimming staff. There is also a strict no phone/ photography policy in place at the pool.

After School Club Fun!

It has been another busy week in After School Club. In Judo, the children practised their nage-waza techniques, while in Tennis they worked on improving their serves. Cookery Club baked delicious savoury scones and learnt the importance of tidying up afterwards. See photos **here**.

WFA News

Final Frozen Friday - Next Friday!

We hope the children enjoyed their ice lolly treats today. Don't forget, next week is our final Frozen Friday event of the year. Children in After School Club will have a chance to visit the stall, so please send in money if you would like them to take part. All ice lollies are £1 each.

Non-Uniform Day - Friday 19th June

Next Friday, WFA representatives will be collecting bottles and decorated (and filled!) jam jars in exchange for a non-uniform day. Please label jars with your child's name and year group. Mr Shore will choose a winning jar from each year group.

Sports Day Hamper Raffles - Friday 26th June

WFA Year Reps have created special hampers to be raffled at Sports Day. Raffle tickets will be available to buy on the day, so please bring some cash. Winners will be drawn at the end of each key stage event.

WaveFest 2026 - Friday 3rd July

Tickets are now on sale for WaveFest 2026! Every attendee will need a ticket, so be sure to book yours soon. On arrival, you'll receive a festival wristband and any pre-ordered food will be provided by A Bit of A Do Catering. With live entertainment throughout the day and limited ticket numbers available, don't miss out! Book **here**.

WFA Diary Dates:

19th June: Final Frozen Friday
19th June: Non-Uniform Day *(in exchange for a bottle & jam jar)*
3rd July: WFA Summer Festival

Waverley Nursery News

Important! Correction to Nursery Term Dates

We have identified an error in our Nursery academic dates. Please note that the final day for term-time-only nursery children is **Wednesday 15th July at 18:00hrs**, not Friday 10th July as previously stated. We apologise for any confusion or inconvenience caused.

Welcome Mrs Polat!

We would like to wish a very warm welcome to Mrs Polat, who is joining our Nursery 2 room as a Trainee Nursery Educator. Please join us in welcoming her to the Waverley Nursery team.

Father's Day Stay & Play Events

There is still time to sign up for our Father's Day Stay & Play Breakfast! Join us from 09:00–10:00hrs on **Tuesday 23rd June** (Nursery Extension, Nursery 2 and Pre-Foundation) or **Thursday 25th June** (Nursery 1, Nursery 3 and Foundation). Please confirm your attendance by clicking **here** and **RSVP by 17:00hrs on Monday 15th June**.

Save The Date: Nursery Photo Day

Nursery photo day is coming up on **Tuesday 30th June**. The photographers will be ready to take both individual and sibling portraits starting just after 08:30hrs that day. If your child doesn't usually attend Nursery on Tuesdays, but you would like them to have their photo taken, please get in touch with Mrs Harding via email **here**.

- **Holiday Booked?** Please complete our short form to advise us of your holiday plans. You can either scan the QR code on the outside noticeboard or click **here**. It helps us with planning and also ensures no food wastage.
- **Poorly?** If your child is poorly and will not be attending Nursery, please message our Nursery Team on **07920 268735** or email **fiona.harding@waverleyschool.co.uk** by 09:00hrs.
- **To book ad hoc sessions** please email our Nursery Manager: **fiona.harding@waverleyschool.co.uk**
- **To make permanent changes to care** such as reducing or changing days, giving notice or wanting additional days of care, please email our Head of Admissions, Mrs Helen Jenkins: **helen.jenkins@waverleyschool.co.uk**
- **To view upcoming events** please check the Nursery website calendar **here**.

Nursery 1

In Nursery 1 this week, the Babies have continued exploring different habitats through lots of fun animal activities. They enjoyed making animal footprints with paint, creating some tracks with Arctic animals in flour 'snow' and matching animals to their different homes. These activities helped the Babies develop their fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination, whilst also encouraging curiosity about the world around them.

The Babies also had lots of fun with some messy sensory play this week. They explored shaving foam with Arctic animals and used insects and bugs to make prints in play dough. They also spent time investigating a range of different textures in their sensory room. All of these experiences helped to support their sensory development and gave them lots of opportunities to explore, discover and learn through play.

Nursery Extension

This week, the children in Nursery Extension continued to learn about recycling. They sorted different materials into the correct recycling bins and enjoyed creating colourful collages using a range of recycled items. These activities encouraged the children to develop their fine motor skills and learn more about how we can recycle everyday materials.

The children also had lots of fun rescuing toy animals from boxes, building cardboard tunnels for cars and using recycled materials to create unique paint prints. The children enjoyed experimenting, solving problems and sharing their ideas with their friends as they explored the different activities throughout the week.

Nursery 2

This week, Nursery 2 have been focusing on self-care and caring for others through a variety of role-play activities. They enjoyed practising everyday tasks such as putting on their coats and shoes, cleaning their faces and following simple instructions. Taking part in these activities helped the children build their confidence, independence and also their understanding of personal care routines.

The children also showed lots of interest in the Nursery 2 baby care area. They enjoyed feeding, washing, dressing and caring for the dolls, practising their fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination, whilst learning about kindness and looking after others.

Nursery 3

Nursery 3 have continued exploring their interest in animals and habitats this week. The children learnt how animals can camouflage themselves in their habitats and spent time comparing different animal sizes. They enjoyed matching animals to their corresponding patterns and identifying which animals were big or small. These activities helped the children develop their observation skills, early mathematical understanding and their confidence when using new vocabulary.

The children also spent time looking at shapes this week. They were given different shapes to print and create houses, talking about the shapes they could see and discussing their own homes.

Pre-Foundation

This week, the children in Pre-Foundation have been learning more about their bodies and the people who help us. They enjoyed taking on the role of doctors, using medical kits to care for dolls and their friends. The children also used loose parts to create their own skeletons. Whilst taking part in this activity, they discussed the different bones in the body.

The children also looked at pictures of emergency service vehicles this week, including ambulances and fire engines. They then used their drawing skills to recreate the vehicles, exploring colours, shapes and the important jobs these vehicles do in our community.

Foundation

This week, Foundation have been enjoying learning about countries from around the world. The children talked about different places they have been to and other places they would like to visit. They also explored the seven continents and learnt more about the world around them using globes and world maps.

Continuing their interest in countries, the children matched continents to maps, created their own Earth pictures and used play dough and sensory resources to explore different parts of the world. These activities helped to support their fine motor skills, creativity and understanding of geography and the world around us.

Menus

Next week our lunch menu will be Week 1.
You can view our Summer menu for School and Nursery **here.**

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