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Learning through diversity

Humanity, Equality, Aspiration, Respect

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the autumn term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and partnership. This term has been filled with exciting learning experiences, memorable events, and significant progress for our pupils. I am incredibly proud of the hard work and dedication shown by our pupils and staff, and I am grateful for the role you play in reinforcing learning and values at home.

Learning and Wider Educational Experiences

This half term, our pupils have been immersed in a number of workshops that have brought subjects to life beyond the classroom. These sessions have provided hands on experiences and deepened understanding: Year 2 pupils embraced the immersive drama-based workshop and delved into the historical tragedy of the Great Fire of London. This topic was further explored through the use of firefighters from Ward End Fire Services who shared real-life firefighting methods and reinforced the importance of fire safety. The theme of safety continued with Safety Seymour workshops where pupils learnt about the dangers of carbon monoxide.

We continue to welcome visitors into school to further broaden pupils' learning and experiences. This half term, the well renowned author Tony Bradman shared fascinating insights with Year 5, into his writing process, inspiring our pupils to think creatively and explore their own storytelling potential. Authors Tom Palmer and Carolina Rabei captivated Year 1 with the picture book *War Dog*, a true story of a brave dog who became the only animal officially recognised as a prisoner of war during the Second World War.

Educational visits and opportunities outside of school have been vast, varied and enriching: Year 6 pupils visited National Justice Museum and performed a case trial in a Victorian courtroom! Year 5 adventurers stepped back in time for an unforgettable journey through the grandeur of Warwick Castle. More recently, our Primary Resource Base pupils visited the Midlands Art Centre to watch 'The Owl Who Came for Christmas,' a live performance that brought the story to life!

Our Primary pupils had the incredible opportunity to be mascots at the UEFA Europa League match between Aston Villa and Young Boys. An unforgettable experience and memories they will cherish for a lifetime.

Opportunities like these not only create memories but also inspire our young people to dream big! We are proud of how confidently they represented our school on such a global stage. A huge thank you to everyone who helped make this possible. It is experiences like these that strengthen our commitment to providing enriching opportunities beyond the classroom.

Our achievements for this half term are captured in the Primary Newsletter and The Waverley Weekly which can be accessed from the school website.

Parent & Community Partnership

Thank you to all parents and carers who have attended our class assemblies, special assemblies and workshops, your support is much appreciated. Our workshops around curriculum and learning have been well attended, this could not have been more evident in the last KS1 Mathematics workshops where 90% of parents and carers attended. Our workshops are designed not only to inform parents about the curriculum but also to equip you with practical strategies to reinforce learning at home. By attending these sessions, parents gain insight into teaching methods, key concepts, and resources that can be used to support children's progress outside the classroom. This partnership ensures consistency between school and home, helping pupils to consolidate their understanding and build confidence in their learning.

Supporting Charities and Giving Back

Thank you for your generosity and donations for Children in Need, we raised a total of £168.74 across Primary. We are striving to raise further funds for Save the Children and Akamba Children's Education Fund (ACEF) on 18 December by asking for a donation of £1.00 for Christmas Jumper Day.

New Nursey

Help us Shape the Future: Your Views Matter! We are excited to give children the best start in life. This will be a safe, caring, and stimulating environment where learning and play go hand in hand. Before we move forward, we would love to hear from you! Your views will help shape the Waverley School Nursery to meet the needs of our families and community. Please take a few minutes to share your thoughts through our consultation survey:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/NurseryProvisionSurvey-WaverleySchool/>

Together, we can create something truly special for our children.

Waverley Wonders: Stay and Play

Our Stay and Play sessions have been a wonderful opportunity for parents and carers to engage with their children in a relaxed, fun, and educational environment. These sessions have been hugely successful in strengthening the bond between home and school, allowing families to experience first-hand the activities that support early learning and development. We are delighted with the positive feedback and look forward to continuing these sessions in the new term.

As we wrap up this term, I want to thank you once again for your support and partnership. Wishing you and your family a joyful festive season filled with peace, happiness, and special moments together. We look forward to welcoming all pupils back in the new year, ready for another exciting term of learning and growth.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Dosanjh
Principal
Waverley School – Primary

Primary Key Dates for your Diary:

Friday 19/12/25: End of Autumn 2

Monday 05/01/26: Start of Spring 1 (School closed to pupils Teacher Training Day)

Tuesday 06/01/26: All pupils in school

Thursday 15/01/26: Sports Hall Athletics Year 6

Friday 16/01/26: Year 2 pupils visiting Eco Park

Tuesday 20/01/26 Year 5 &6 Football Tournament

Friday 23/01/26: EYFS pupils visiting Eco Park

Friday 23/01/26: Year 6 visiting Birmingham Hippodrome Theatre

Monday 02/02/26: Birmingham City Mission Assembly Years 1, 2 & 3

Tuesday 03/02/26: Birmingham City Mission Years 4,5 & 6

Tuesday 03/02/26 Mixed football Tournament (Premier League Primary Stars)

Friday 06/02/26: NSPCC Number Day

Friday 06/02/26: Year 1 visiting Think Tank

Tuesday 10/02/26: Safer Internet Day

Friday 13/02/26: Buddhism Nirvana Themed Day and Lunch

Friday 13/02/26: End of Spring 1

Looking Ahead...

Monday 23/02/26: Start of Spring 2 All pupils in school

Tuesday 24/02/26: Year 2 visiting Cadbury World

Thursday 05/03/26: World Book Day

Monday 09/03/26 – Friday 13/03/26: British Science Week: A study on scientists

Tuesday 24/03/26 & Wednesday 25/03/26 3:25 to 6:00 Primary Parents' Evening