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Learning through diversity

Humanity, Equality, Aspiration, Respect

9 February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of the Spring 1 term, I wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for your continued support and partnership. This half term has been marked by purposeful learning, commendable conduct, and notable achievements across the school. Our pupils have approached their studies with maturity and determination, and their progress is a testament to the collective efforts of staff, families, and the wider school community.

### **Learning and Wider Educational Experiences**

Learning experiences have been vast and varied: Year 3 pupils have commenced their history unit on the Mayans, engaging in research to deepen their understanding of this remarkable ancient civilization and the way of life it embodied thousands of years ago. Roman history has been the focus for Year 4, with pupils developing their understanding through the study of key historical information and authentic artefacts, supported by workshops that brought the topic to life. Shakespeare's *Macbeth* has gripped Year 5 pupils, who have been exploring the play's key themes, characters, and dramatic moments in depth. The recent visit to Stratford Upon Avon was a highlight of the topic, featuring engaging workshops all about Shakespeare's life, learning about the man behind some of the world's most famous plays!

Educational visits and creating memorable experiences are highly valued within our curriculum. Year 6 pupils watched a spectacular performance of *Peter Pan at the Hippodrome Theatre*. The visit helped pupils develop an appreciation for live performance and storytelling, linking closely to English and the wider curriculum. Seeing characters, music and drama come together on stage inspired lots of thoughtful discussion afterwards and sparked a greater excitement for theatre and the arts.

### **Champions in the Making**

There has been a diverse range of sporting opportunities available to pupils. A team of Year 5 and 6 pupils represented the school in the Sportshall Athletics competition, demonstrating excellent determination, teamwork, and sportsmanship. They performed strongly across a variety of track and field events, supporting one another throughout, and achieved an impressive overall result, qualifying for the Birmingham Finals.

Our Year 6 girls represented the school with distinction at the Premier League Primary Stars Girls' Football Tournament. Demonstrating exceptional determination and teamwork, they began the competition strongly with an impressive victory in their opening match, securing a well-earned place in the quarterfinals.

Spring 2 sporting activities include the Year 6 mixed football tournament, the Aston Villa International Women's Day event, a STEM-focused sporting programme, and a ten-pin bowling competition.

**Our school community can stay updated through *The Waverley Weekly*, which is published each week on our school website and provides key information, reminders, and highlights from across the Primary phase.**

### **Parent and Community Partnership**

Thank you to all parents and carers who have attended our school assemblies, workshops, and events. Your ongoing participation and engagement play a vital role in strengthening our home–school partnership and enhancing the educational experiences we provide for our pupils.

We remain committed to supporting the wellbeing of our parents and carers as part of our wider community partnership. This half term, we were pleased to host our first Paint and Sip session, which provided a relaxed, creative space for parents to unwind, connect with one another, and engage in an enjoyable wellbeing activity. We look forward to offering further opportunities that promote positive wellbeing and strengthen our partnership with families.

### **Early Years Growth: Stay and Play and Upcoming Nursery Provision**

Parents and carers are reminded that our weekly Stay and Play session, Waverley Wonders, takes place every Friday at Studio College, and all families are warmly encouraged to attend.

Thank you to all parents and carers who shared their thoughts and views as part of our nursery consultation. Your feedback has been invaluable, and it is clear that the proposed nursery provision is both welcomed and needed within our community. The insights you have provided will play an important role in shaping our plans as we work to ensure the new nursery meets the needs of our families and offers the highest-quality start for our youngest learners.

The new nursery provision will cater for children aged 2–4 years, and parents who are interested in securing a place are advised to contact our Admissions Team [Admissions@waverley.bham.sch.uk](mailto:Admissions@waverley.bham.sch.uk) for further information.

### **Primary Uniform and Attendance**

At Waverley, we place great importance on maintaining high standards of uniform, as it helps pupils take pride in their appearance, feel part of our school community, and arrive ready for learning. To ensure consistency across the school, staff will be monitoring uniform standards regularly. If a pupil is not wearing the correct uniform, we will contact parents and carers to request that this is corrected promptly. Your support in upholding these expectations is greatly appreciated, as it reinforces the high standards we hold for all pupils and helps create a positive, focused learning environment.

The school's full Uniform Policy and a summary of the required uniform items are attached to this letter for your reference, and we kindly ask all parents and carers to review them to ensure pupils arrive at school correctly dressed.

Attendance remains a key school priority, and we continue to expect all pupils to attend regularly and punctually to ensure they make the best possible progress. We kindly remind parents and carers that ensuring regular and punctual attendance is a shared responsibility, and your commitment to bringing your child to school every day plays a crucial role in their academic progress and overall wellbeing.

We also ask that, wherever possible, medical and other appointments are arranged outside of school hours, as appointments taken during the school day significantly disrupt learning and impact overall attendance.

Congratulations to the 249 pupils who achieved 97% above in attendance this half term and attended the disco; however, we know we can do better as a school community, and we need the continued support of our parents and carers to help improve attendance even further.

### **World Book Day**

We continue to place a strong focus on reading across the school, developing pupils' love of literature through high-quality texts, exposure to a range of authors, theatre visits, and enriching author workshops. Tony Bradman has already had a virtual visit to the school and next half term we will meet authors Cliff McNish and Rea Malhotra Mukhytar. We are well on the way with our preparations for World Book Day, on Thursday 5 March 2026 - the overall theme is Go All In, and all year groups have a focus for dressing/costumes:

Resource Base: Oliver Jeffers: The Heart and the Bottle

Reception: Fabulous Fifi the Flamenco Flamingo

Year 1: Julia Donaldson: The Scarecrows Wedding

Year 2: Roald Dahl: Fantastic Mr Fox

Year 3: L. Frank Baum: Wizard of Oz

Year 4: David Walliams: Billionaire Boy

Year 5: Tony Bradman: Macbeth

Year 6: J.K. Rowling: Harry Potter and the Cursed Child

### **Ramadan and Grand Iftaar**

Many members of our community will shortly be following the religious observance of Ramadan. It is predicted to start in the middle of this half term. Whilst we would discourage younger pupils from fasting, parents of pupils in Years 5 and 6 who wished for their child to fast were asked to complete and return the consent form. This should now have been completed and returned to school. During Ramadan, it remains important that all pupils maintain high levels of attendance and punctuality.

A Trust-wide Grand Iftaar will be taking place on Friday 13 March. Previous events of this nature have been highly successful in bringing our school communities together, and we look forward to another positive and well-attended occasion.

As always, thank you for your continued support. I wish you an enjoyable and restful half term and I look forward to welcoming all pupils back safely on Monday 23 February 2026.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Dosanjh

Principal

Waverley School – Primary

## **Primary Key Dates for your Diary:**

### **Friday 13/02/26: End of Spring 1**

### **Monday 23/02/26: Start of Spring 2**

Tuesday 24/02/26: Mixed Football Tournament Year 6 9:30am-12:00pm

Thursday 26/02/26: Year 2 visiting Cadbury World

Monday 02/03/26: World Book Day 5C Class Assembly 8:40am – 09:00am

Tuesday 03/03/26 Aston Villa International Women's Day event Year 5

Tuesday 03/03/26: EYFS and Year 1 Parents' workshop on supporting children with Phonics and Reading 3:20pm – 3:45pm Primary Hall

Thursday 05/03/26: Year 5 visiting National Space Centre

Thursday 05/03/26: World Book Day

Friday 06/03/26: Author Rea Malhotra Mukhytar in for EYFS-KS1

Friday 06/03/26: Author Cliff McNish in for KS2

Monday 09/03/26: Start of Science Week – a study on scientists

Monday 09/03/26: Eid-al-Fitr 2A Class Assembly 8:40am – 09:00am

Monday 09/03/26: West Midlands Police in for Year 3 and 4 Bullying and Anti-Social Behaviour

Tuesday 10/03/26: Aston Villa STEM event Year 3 or 4 9:30am-12:00pm

Tuesday 10/03/26: EYFS and Year 1 Parents' workshop on How to support your child with Mathematics 3:20pm – 3:45pm Primary Hall

Wednesday 11/03/26: EYFS visiting Ash End Farm

Friday 13/03/26: Trust Grand Iftaar

Friday 13/03/26: Year 1 pupils visiting Eco Park

Monday 16/03/26: Year 1, 2 & 3 Birmingham City Mission Assembly 8:40am-9:00am

Monday 16/03/26: West Midlands Police 9:00am - Year 3 and 4 Bullying and Anti-Social Behaviour

Monday 16/03/26: Holi Festival 3A Class Assembly 2:30pm-2:50pm

Monday 16/03/26- 18/03/26: Year 3 & 4 Residential Visit Caythorpe Court

Tuesday 17/03/26: Years 4, 5 & 6 Birmingham City Mission Assembly 8:40am -9:00am

Friday 20/03/26: Red Nose Day

Monday 23/03/26: Easter 4A Class Assembly 8:40am – 09:00pm

Monday 23/03/26: Book Fair in school

Monday 23/03/26: Year 3 visiting Safari Park

Monday 23/03/26: Eid-al-Fitr Themed Day and Lunch

Tuesday 24/03/26: Sports Hall Athletics Finals Billesley Tennis Centre 9:30am-12:00pm

Tuesday 24/03/26: KS2 SEND ten pin bowling competition Acocks Green Bowl 12:30pm – 3:00pm

Tuesday 24/03/26: Parents' Evening 3:15pm-6:00pm

Wednesday 25/03/26: Parents' Evening 3:15pm-6:00pm

### **Friday 27/03/26: End of Spring 2**

### ***Looking Ahead...***

**Monday 13/04/26: Start of Summer 1 All pupils in school**