

19 October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a first half term it has been! As we reach the end of Autumn 1, I want to thank all parents and carers for everything you have done to help your children start the year so well. Their enthusiasm, kindness and hard work have made this a very special few weeks.

Our New Nursery Is Open

This term we opened the doors to our brand-new Nursery, and it has been one of the most exciting moments in our school's story. For the very first time, children can begin their learning journey with us in Nursery and continue all the way through Waverley.

Our youngest learners have settled in beautifully. Every day the Nursery is full of curiosity, chatter and discovery – from songs and stories to painting, building and exploring outdoors. It has been a joy to watch them grow in confidence. Thank you to our Nursery families for joining us at the start of this exciting new chapter.

Work on our Nursery outdoor area is due to start shortly. Although the project has been delayed, plans are firmly in place. The finished space will provide high-quality outdoor provision where children can explore, investigate, climb, create and play in all weathers. Outdoor learning is such an important part of the early years, and we cannot wait for our youngest children to enjoy this wonderful new area.

Our new Nursery will be officially launched on Friday 13 November, with trustees, parents and members of the local community coming together to mark this significant milestone for Waverley.

Reception September 2027: Apply Now

Applications for Reception places starting in September 2027 are now open. If your child was born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023, now is the time to apply.

Apply online through Birmingham City Council at www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions by **Friday 15 January 2027**. Please remember that children in our Nursery do not move up into Reception automatically. Every family must submit an application, even if their child already attends Waverley. Offers will be sent on Friday 16 April 2027.

Our Admissions Team is here to help you complete your application or arrange a visit. Please contact the school at enquiry@waverley.bham.sch.uk. If you know a family with a child of Reception age, please pass this information on.

A Half Term Full of Exciting Experiences

Our year got off to a flying start when Rock Kidz returned for their annual visit. The school was transformed into a sea of rock stars, with wigs, sunglasses and inflatable guitars, as the children sang and danced their way through a day of high-energy concerts. Alongside the fun, this year's theme, "Don't Stop! Never Give Up!," carried a

powerful message about resilience and perseverance. It linked perfectly with our Waverley value of Aspiration, encouraging children to keep going when things are challenging and never give up on themselves.

Educational visits have brought learning to life. Year 1 followed the Gruffalo Trail at Twycross Zoo, Year 2 visited St Philip's Cathedral, and Year 4 dressed as Ancient Greeks for a day at Conkers. Year 6 experienced the calm of a Buddhist pagoda, where they learned about mindfulness, compassion and inner peace.

In school, a wide range of workshops and special days have deepened pupils' learning. Year 3 launched their Stone Age topic with a dress-up day, Year 4 enjoyed an Ancient Greeks workshop, and Year 5 met Professor McGinty, who brought the world of the Vikings to life.

Thank You for Your Harvest Donations

Once again, our families have shown tremendous generosity through our Harvest Collection. Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far. Your donations will be passed to Birmingham City Mission to support local families and charities, and they will make a real difference to people in our community. If you would still like to donate, we will continue to accept contributions until Thursday 22 October.

Attendance and Punctuality

I am delighted to share that Waverley School has received a five-star National School Attendance Award for 2025/26, placing us among the 10% most improved primary schools in England (FFT). This is a fantastic achievement, and our attendance continues to improve, now standing at 93.44%. Thank you to every family who has helped us reach this point. However, there is still more to do if we are to reach the national average. Children who are in school every day, and on time, learn more, achieve more and feel more settled with their friends and teachers.

The school gates open at **8:25am** so that children have plenty of time to come in, settle into their classrooms and be ready to learn. School starts promptly at **8:40am**. Please make sure your child arrives between 8:25am and 8:35am each morning so they are in class and learning from the very start of the day.

Thank you, as always, for your support. I hope you all have a safe and restful half term, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Monday 2 November**.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Dosanjh
Principal



Waverley Primary Key Dates Autumn 2 2026

Date	What is happening
Fri 23/10/26	End of Autumn 1
Week commencing Monday 2 November	
Mon 02/11/26	Start of Autumn 2 – all pupils back in school
Tue 03/11/26	EYFS – West Midlands Police Show and Tell: Police Car visit
Tue 03/11/26	Parents' Evening (Reception – Year 6) (3:25 – 6:00pm)
Wed 04/11/26	Parents' Evening (Reception – Year 6) (3:25 – 6:00pm)
Thu 05/11/26	Year 2 – 'Big Question Day' – The Great Fire of London Workshop
Week commencing Monday 9 November	
Mon 09/11/26	Years 3 & 4 SEND Festival
Mon 09/11/26	Year 1 visiting Asda
Mon 09/11/26	Hinduism Diwali Themed Day and Lunch
Tue 10/11/26	EYFS & Year 1 – Parents Meeting: Supporting Children with English (3:30-4:00pm)
Wed 11/11/26	EYFS Open Events 9:30-10:30 and 4:00-5:00
Fri 13/11/26	Author Tony Bradman in school
Fri 13/11/26	Official launch of our new Nursery
Week commencing Monday 16 November	
Mon 16/11/26	Community/Parent Coffee Morning (9:00 – 10:00am)
Wed 18/11/26	Year 3 – Into Film Festival, VUE Star City: Super Mario
Thu 19/11/26	Year 2 – Into Film Festival, Cineworld Solihull: Toy Story 5
Thu 19/11/26	Year 4 – Into Film Festival, Odeon: How to Train Your Dragon
Fri 20/11/26	Charity Event – Children in Need
Week commencing Monday 23 November	
Wed 25/11/26	Year 5 – Into Film Festival, Cineworld Solihull: Super Mario
Wed 25/11/26	Year 6 – Into Film Festival, Cineworld Resorts World: Minecraft
Fri 27/11/26	Teacher Training Day – school closed to pupils
Week commencing Monday 30 November	
Mon 30/11/26	Year 2 – What on Earth is that? Scientific Workshop
Mon 30/11/26	1A & 2A Mathematics Parent/Pupil Workshop (8:40 – 9:40am)
Tue 01/12/26	1B & 2B Mathematics Parent/Pupil Workshop (8:40 – 9:40am)
Wed 02/12/26	Resource Base – MAC: Tales from Acorn Wood at Christmas
Thu 03/12/26	Year 5 visiting Warwick Castle
Week commencing Monday 7 December	
Mon 07/12/26	Community/Parent Coffee Morning (9:00 – 10:00am)
Mon 07/12/26	Year 1 – Local Post Office
Wed 09/12/26	Resource Base – MAC: Tales from Acorn Wood at Christmas
Wed 09/12/26	School Council visiting Parliament
Thu 10/12/26	West Midlands Police – Social media awareness (Years 5 & 6)
Week commencing Monday 14 December	
Tue 15/12/26	Attendance Disco Party
Wed 16/12/26	EYFS Nativity
Thu 17/12/26	Christmas Jumper Day & Themed Lunch
Thu 17/12/26	Christmas Wonderland
Fri 18/12/26	End of Autumn 2
Looking ahead: Spring 1	
Mon 04/01/27	Teacher Training Day – school closed to pupils
Tue 05/01/27	All pupils back in school