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Dear Parents and Carers,

As the academic year draws to a close, I want to take a moment on the incredible journey we have shared – and to thank you for being an integral part of it. This year has been marked by so many moments of joy and success, from classroom milestones to unforgettable school events.

Our pupils across the school have excelled, we are absolutely delighted with the recent academic assessment results – our best ever results! Results not only show an improvement from previous years but in almost all areas exceed national averages. This is a testament to the hard work from all pupils and staff along with the support from parents.

Educational visits, workshops, visitors in school and first-hand experiences have not only contributed to the success in academic performance but the personal development of each pupil. This term, our Resource Base and Reception pupils encountered the 'Animals in Hands' session, facing a range of warm-climate animals: python, tarantula, and chameleon to name a few, this sensory experience brought the topic to life. The visit to Barry Island will truly serve as unforgettable for our Year 2 pupils who soaked up the sun and enjoyed the sandy seashores. Last week, Year 6 pupils swapped classrooms for rollercoasters and textbooks for theme park maps as they celebrated a year of outstanding hard work and achievements at Drayton Manor! In addition to this, some of our Year 6 pupils had the fantastic opportunity to visit Edgbaston Cricket Ground to watch a live match in the Women's T20 Blast. A memorable experience, a live sporting event in a professional stadium!

This week, our Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils visited PGL for a 3-day residential adventure. This was a superb location suited to support outdoor learning, personal development and team building. Pupils embraced the high-adrenaline activities such as the zip wire, climbing, raft building but also appreciated the serenity of the campfire.

This term, Primary held its inaugural Waverley Teacher Awards, an evening dedicated to recognising the outstanding commitment and contributions of our teaching staff. The event brought together staff across the school to celebrate individual and collective achievements from the academic year. From those who have gone above and beyond in the classroom to those who have supported colleagues and pupils in extraordinary ways, the awards highlighted the excellence that underpins our school community. Congratulations to all of the award winners - it was a fitting tribute to the passion and hard work that drives teaching and learning at Waverley.

## **Looking Ahead to 2025-2026**

### **Uniform**

The uniform and appearance of our pupils supports the ethos of our school, providing the pupils with pride to be part of the school and enabling them to act as ambassadors for the school. The Primary Uniform Policy is attached to this letter to ensure that all pupils are in the correct uniform in September. School ties and book bags can be purchased from the school.

### **Attendance & Punctuality**

Improving pupil attendance remains as a school priority and it is important that parents, carers and families do all they can to ensure that no day is missed in a child's education. Good attendance is rewarded with weekly trophies, half termly and termly certificates and class rewards. We will not authorise any holidays that you take during a school term. Please be aware that extended periods of absence have an adverse effect on your child's learning and progress and so your child may not make the progress they are capable of and deserve if they go on holiday during term time. This can also result in a penalty fine from Birmingham City Council.

This year, there has been a marked improvement with punctuality. In September, our gates will open at the usual time of 8:25am however, to safeguard our pupils we will expect all parents and carers to walk their children to the classroom doors/main primary entrance which will open at 8:35am. It is only after this handover should parents and carers leave site.

### **Homework**

Holiday projects and homework packs have been given out to all Primary pupils this week. This will be an opportunity for parents and carers to support your child with their learning and engage in creative projects.

### **Final Day & Farewells**

The last day for pupils will be Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July, school will end at 12:15pm for all primary pupils. Pupils who normally receive a school dinner will be provided brunch. Pupils who normally have a packed lunch should bring in a midmorning snack/light lunch.

Last week, our Year 6 pupils graduated in a special ceremony to mark the end of their Primary years at Waverley. I am so proud of the commitment, dedication and maturity shown by the pupils – they have all achieved so much! Our pupils as always are a credit to us and I wish them all the success for the future, whether it is here at Waverley or another setting.

Thank you to all staff who have worked incredibly hard this year, continually striving to ensure we provide our children the best provision and support. Thank you to all parents for your partnership and commitment to our Waverley family.

I wish you all an enjoyable and restful summer and look forward to welcoming you all back on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Dosanjh  
Principal  
Waverley School – Primary

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

**Monday 01/09/25: Start of Academic Year Teacher Training Day (school closed to pupils)**

**Tuesday 02/09/25: Teacher Training Day (school closed to pupils)**

**Wednesday 03/09/25: All pupils in school. Reception pupils in part time am/pm**

Wednesday 03/09/25: Year 5 Viking Day Workshop Dr McGinty

Thursday 04/09/25: Year 4 Ancient Greeks Day Workshop Dr McGinty

Thursday 04/09/25: Year 6 SATs Parents' Meeting 3:15-3:45 Primary Hall

Monday 08/09/25: All Reception pupils in from 8:25am-1:15pm

Monday 08/09/25: Year 3 Stone/Iron Age Culture Day

Monday 08/09/25: Year 2 Assessments Parents' Meeting 3.15pm – 3.45pm Primary Hall

Wednesday 10/09/25: Primary Photograph Day

Thursday 11/09/25: Primary Siblings Photograph (timings tbc)

Monday 15/09/25: Reception pupils in full time

Monday 15/09/25: Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Parents' Meeting 3:15-3:45 Primary Hall

Thursday 18/09/25: Year 4 MTC Parents' Meeting 3:15-3:45 Primary Hall

Tuesday 23/09/25: Year 6 Class visiting Buddhist Pagoda

Tuesday 23/09/25: International Day of European Languages

Wednesday 24/09/25: Rock Kidz Day/Concert

Wednesday 24/09/25: Year 6 class visiting Buddhist Pagoda

Thursday 25/09/25: Year 6 class visiting Buddhist Pagoda

Friday 26/09/25: School Council to visit Parliament

Monday 29/09/25: Start of Black History Month

Monday 29/09/25: 2B Class Assembly Black History 8:40-9:00

Monday 29/09/25: Year 1 visiting Twycross Zoo

Tuesday 30/09/25: Supporting Children with English Parents' Meeting Reception & Year 1 3:15-3:45 Primary Hall

Monday 06/10/25: Birmingham City Mission Harvest collection begins

Tuesday 07/10/25: Supporting Children with Reading Parents' Meeting Reception & Year 1 3:15-3:45 Primary Hall

Friday 10/10/25: Year 4 visiting Walsall Art Gallery

Monday 13/10/25: Year 2 visiting St Phillips Cathedral this week

Tuesday 14/10/25: Ward End Fire Station Visiting Reception

Wednesday 15/10/25: EYFS Open Days (2026-2027) 8.40am to 11.30pm and 12.30pm to 3.05pm

Friday 17/10/25: EYFS Open Days (2026-2027) 8.40am to 11.30pm and 12.30pm to 3.05pm

Monday 20/10/25: Diwali Themed Day and Lunch

Tuesday 21/10/25: Supporting Children with Writing Parents' Meeting Reception & Year 1 3:15-3:45 Primary Hall

Thursday 23/10/25: Birmingham City Mission Harvest Collection Closes

**Thursday 23/10/25: End of Autumn 1 for pupils**

**Friday 24/10/25: School closed to pupils Teacher Training Day**

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

**Monday 03/11/25: Start of Autumn 2**

**Monday 03/11/25: Book Fair in School this week**

**Tuesday 04/11/25: Primary Parents' Evening**

**Wednesday 05/11/25: Primary Parents' Evening**