

Dear Parents and Carers,

7th November 2025

Students have returned from the October half term break this week and begun to take part in the activities and events already.

Waseley proudly hosted a thrilling double-header of football matches on Monday 3rd November, welcoming Parkside Middle School for both Year 7 and Year 8 fixtures.

Year 7 Match:

The Year 7 team delivered a dominant performance, securing a convincing **10-2 victory** over Parkside. From the first whistle, Waseley showed great teamwork, sharp passing, and clinical finishing. The attacking play was relentless, and the team's energy and enthusiasm were evident throughout the match. Parkside battled bravely and managed to score two well-earned goals, but the home side's quality proved too strong on the day.

Year 8 Match:

In contrast, the Year 8 match was a much closer contest, ending in an exciting **3-3 draw**. Both teams displayed excellent skill, determination, and sportsmanship. The game was end-to-end, with chances for both sides and some outstanding individual performances. Waseley showed resilience to come back from behind, while Parkside demonstrated great composure under pressure. It was a well-fought battle that highlighted the talent and spirit of both squads.

A Celebration of School Sport:

The event was a celebration of football and school sport, with two matches played simultaneously on home turf. It was fantastic to see so many students involved, showcasing their skills and representing their schools with pride.

Tuesday saw the much awaited first film club event after school. Nearly 100 students stayed after period 6 to watch the Nightmare before Christmas in the theatre. They had the chance, and they took it, to get popcorn and snacks sold by the sixth form Lead Ambassadors to raise money for the sixth form trip to New York in February 2026. Thank you for the support as they sold it all! The students enjoyed it hugely and a big thanks to staff for supporting, Mr Shaw in particular, for his immense efforts towards the evening.

Our students in both Year 11 and Year 13 returned to receive mock feedback and grades in many of their subjects this week. They have been excellent at taking on their feedback, actioning it and adjusting how they revise as a result. This can be a challenging time because they are receiving critical feedback some of which will highlight where more revision is needed but the students have been great at building their resilience and determined to improve before the January mocks, which will be their last before the real examinations.

The school choir have begun their Christmas concert preparations at lunch times. It is wonderful to hear their dedication in the music department turn towards the Christmas favourites this week. We are excited to share with you their performances which are at The Waseley Hills Christmas Music Showcase on Thursday 4th December at 6.30pm. Tickets are available on Arbor for £2. Thank you to Mrs Edwards for the dedication with this.

The Art Department have begun the Christmas Card competition for all students. Please encourage your young person to design a unique and eye-catching Christmas card that captures the magic of the season. The winning design will be featured on the front cover of the official Waseley Hills Christmas card, which will be shared with our school community and beyond. Collect a design sheet from the Art Department and hand it into Miss Adams or Mr Pattison by Friday 5th December.

Next week we are celebrating Anti-bullying week through the odd socks campaign. The Anti-Bullying Alliance (ABA) is the official organiser of Anti-Bullying Week and Odd Socks Day in England, Wales, and Northern Ireland. Anti-Bullying Week 2025 will take place from 10th to 14th November, with the theme: Power for Good. Staff and students are encouraged to wear odd socks to school on Monday 10th November to show their support.

Tuesday 11th November sees us mark Remembrance Day with a minute's silence at 11:00am and we know, and encourage, students in the cadets will wear their full cadet uniform to school. The Civic Committee are selling poppies for cash donations for any students that wish to purchase and wear on their uniform.

Finally, a reminder to log into Classcharts to stay up to date with the communications from school around homework, positive logs and notifications of events such as detentions.



Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mr T Preston

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T Preston'.

Principal