

Washacre Primary Academy Newsletter

Thursday 2nd April 2026



KINDNESS HONESTY
CURIOSITY RESILIENCE RESPONSIBILITY

Dates for your Diary

Monday 20th April

TEACHER TRAINING DAY – PUPILS
NOT IN SCHOOL

Parent and Carer Survey Spring 2026 – Please complete by 20/04



Tuesday 21st April

8:40am – School gates open

Wednesday 22nd April

Am – Y5 Money Management
Pm – Y6 Money Management

First Aid Notifications

From next week, we'll begin recording first aid incidents using a new electronic system, which will email notifications directly to parents instead of sending paper slips. While we move over to this system, we will continue to speak to parents at the gate and make phone calls where needed. Please ensure the school office has your most up-to-date email address so you don't miss any messages.



Message from the Head Teacher - Autism Awareness Week: Celebrating Neurodiversity

This week, our school proudly took part in Autism Awareness Week, a time dedicated to promoting understanding, acceptance and support for individuals on the autism spectrum.

Why it matters

Autism Awareness Week is about much more than simply recognising autism—it is about fostering acceptance, appreciation and inclusion. It reminds us of the importance of valuing every individual for who they are and recognising the strengths, talents and potential of people on the autism spectrum.

The week highlights the need to:

- Promote kindness, understanding and respect
- Challenge stigma and misconceptions
- Support equal opportunities for all
- Celebrate the unique contributions of autistic individuals

These values closely reflect our school's commitment to inclusion, belonging and **ensuring that every child can flourish**.

How we marked the week in school

To celebrate, all our children and staff wore bright colours or autism awareness T-shirts, representing the different colours of the spectrum and the diversity within our school community.

More importantly, each year group took part in a special class assembly designed to help pupils better understand autism. These assemblies encouraged thoughtful discussion, empathy and a deeper appreciation of how we can support one another. During these sessions, pupils also explored some simple but powerful strategies to help improve communication with others:

- Be clear with the things you are saying and make sure the person understands exactly what you mean
- Be careful not to be too sarcastic or to poke fun, as your friends may not always understand
- Remember that sometimes autistic people may be seen as being rude, when they may actually be finding it difficult to understand or communicate what they want to say

Autism Awareness Week is a powerful reminder that small actions can make a big difference. By encouraging kindness, patience and understanding, we help create a world where everyone feels accepted and valued.

Enjoy your Easter break! Mr Howarth

Thank you

We would like to thank Beth Bridges, who kindly donated 180 easter eggs to ensure every child in school was able to go home with an Easter Egg today. Thank you so much!



Easter Bonnet Competition Winners

Class 7 - Willow and Bobby

Class 8 - Maximo

Rec - Lenny

Y1 - Vanishka

Y2 - Freddie G

Y3 - Phoenix

Y4 - Rory

Y5 - Max

Y6 - Edmund

Well-done to all our winners and thank you to parents for their support!

Welcome to our new Forest School Chicks



Easter Bonnet Competition



Autism Awareness Day



Children in our SEND provision celebrating Autism Awareness Day

Empowering Every Child to Flourish