

Washacre Primary Academy Newsletter

Friday 6th February 2026



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Dates for your Diary

Monday 9th February

All Week – Children's Mental Health Week

Tuesday 10th February

All day – Safer Internet Day

Friday 13th February

Announcement of new school name

3:15pm School finishes for half-term

Monday 23rd February

8:30am – School gates open

Tuesday 24th February

Communication Update

From 13th February, we'll be using **MCAS** for all parent and carer communications and will no longer be using Ping after the February half term.

Please take a moment to check your **email address and mobile number** are up to date on MCAS and download the **MCAS app** from the Google Play Store or Apple App Store if you haven't already.



Message from the Head Teacher

We are delighted to share some wonderful news about our Reception classroom. Thanks to a significant investment from the Trust, the room has been completely re-furnished and re-resourced to create an inspiring, high-quality learning environment for our youngest children.

Last Friday, our Reception team worked tirelessly (and well beyond the end of the school day!) to build, arrange, organise and carefully prepare every area of the classroom so that everything would be ready for the children on Monday morning. Their hard work paid off in the most heart-warming way when the children walked in and were absolutely thrilled by their new environment.

The new furniture and resources, supplied by Early Excellence, have transformed the space into a rich, purposeful learning environment both indoors and outdoors. Every area has been thoughtfully designed to encourage exploration, independence and curiosity, with new outdoor equipment extending these opportunities beyond the classroom walls.

Already, in just a short space of time, we are seeing the impact. There has been a noticeable increase in the amount of speech and conversation between the children, greater creativity in their play, and a deeper level of engagement across all areas of learning. The environment is supporting the children to collaborate, imagine, problem-solve and communicate in ways that are truly wonderful to observe.



We are incredibly grateful to the Trust for this investment and very proud of the dedication shown by our staff to make this transformation happen so quickly for the benefit of the children. You can see more photographs of the new Reception environment on our Facebook pages.

We're excited to launch our new **Recycle for School Scheme** to help reduce waste and support our community. Families can donate good-quality shoes, clothing and soft toys by bringing them to the school office in a tied plastic bag. Thank you for helping us make a difference while giving pre-loved items a new home!

The 'Big Name' Reveal Begins!

Keep an eye on our Facebook page every morning at 8:00am from Monday next week as we reveal a letter a day from our school's new name! The final name will be unveiled in Celebration Assembly and at 10:00am in a special video on Facebook on Friday 13th – not a good omen I know!



Washacre Out of School Club

Opening times and prices per day:

Breakfast club

- 7.30am £6.00

- 8:00am £4.00

After school club - 3.15pm till 6:00pm £7.00

Holiday club based at St Bede Primary Academy - prices start at £16.55.

Here at Washacre OOSC we provide fantastic activities and games, access to forest school and the outdoor area, hot and cold breakfast and snacks and most importantly lots of laughter. Please feel free to pop in, say hello and have a look around.

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Y6 Class Assembly

The children worked alongside their parents to create powerful and thoughtful posters, and the results were truly awesome. One of the most moving parts of the workshop was making a clay boot for each child. The boot was chosen as a symbol of the miner himself – worn every day, shaped by long hours underground, and essential for his work. Each boot represented one life, one person, helping the children understand that 344 is not just a number, but 344 individuals who left home that morning expecting to return, but never did.



The room was filled with creativity, teamwork and meaningful conversations. It was a wonderful morning, and the children absolutely loved working with their parents on the posters. Thank you so much to everyone who came along and supported the workshop – your time and involvement made it truly special!

Assembly Awards

Values in Action Awards

Class 8

Anna Zupnyk

Year 1

Raisa Negescu

Year 2/3

Jennifer Lasley

Year 3/4

Esme West

Year 5

No publicity

Reader of the Week

Hansel Kapinga (Y3/4)

Writer of the Week

Mo publicity (Y1)

Mathematician of the Week

Freddie Gornall (Y2/3)

Positive Education Award

Isobel Gowing (Y6)

Times Tables Rockstar

Hansel Kapinga (Y3/4)

Lunchtime Award – Year 3/4

Attendance Award – Year 5

Class Attendance		
Rc	Y1	Y2/Y3
87.1%	82.0%	94.5%
Y3/4	Y5	Y6
90.9%	96.3%	91.7%
School target for attendance is 96%		



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