

Washacre Primary Academy Newsletter

Friday 6th March 2026



KINDNESS HONESTY

CURIOSITY RESILIENCE RESPONSIBILITY

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 10th March

All Day – Furthering Musical Talent
Children visiting The Royal Northern
College of Music

3:15pm – 4:15pm – KS2 Fitness Club

3:15pm – 4:15pm – KS2 Healthier
Habits Club

Thursday 12th March

3:15pm – 4:15pm – Y2, Y3 & Y4 After
School Quidditch Club

Friday 13th March

3:15pm – 4:15pm – Y5 & Y6 After
School Quidditch Club

Friday 20th March

All Day – Comic relief (non-uniform
for a donation)

**Apologies – the date on last week's
newsletter suggested that Comic Relief was
on Friday 13th*

Wednesday 1st April

3:30pm – 5:45pm – Parents
Evening

Thursday 2nd April

3:15pm – School closes for Easter
holidays

Monday 20th April

School is closed – training day for
staff

Tuesday 21st April

8:40am – School gates open



Message from the Head Teacher - Uniform Consultation Update

Thank you to everyone who completed our recent uniform survey. We received responses from **58 pupils** and **62 parents and carers**. Your feedback is helping to shape the future identity of Woodland Primary Academy.

What We Learned

Colour: There was a very strong preference for **green**, particularly forest or sage tones, to reflect our woodland identity. Many respondents commented that the current pale blue shirts can look dirty quickly and vary in shade depending on supplier so would like a darker colour.

Comfort & Practicality: Parents and pupils agreed that comfort is especially important in the younger years. For EYFS and KS1, there was some support for play-based options such as joggers or tracksuit-style clothing. For KS2, there was support for a slightly smarter look to prepare pupils for secondary school — but without being overly formal.

Ties & Blazers: Views were mixed. Some older pupils liked the idea of looking more grown up, but many parents felt blazers and compulsory ties may be unnecessary for primary-aged children. Affordability was a key consideration.

PE Kit: The strongest feedback focused on PE kit. Pupils would like a darker, matching kit, particularly for representing the school at events.

Cost & Quality: Families emphasised the importance of affordability, supermarket-available options and improved durability.

Next Steps

Before making any final decisions, we will be holding a stakeholder meeting on Wednesday 11th March involving the School Council, parent representatives, governors and staff to review the findings and agree a way forward.

Any changes will of course:

- Be phased in over time
- Minimise financial impact on families
- Maintain flexibility and inclusivity
- Reflect the ethos and identity of Woodland Primary Academy

A further update will follow once recommendations have been agreed. Enjoy your weekend! Mr Howarth

Science Shows



During British Science Week, pupils enjoyed exciting science activities and visiting shows that brought learning to life and inspired our young scientists. A special thank you goes to a generous parent whose substantial donation ensured the shows could go ahead – we are extremely grateful for this support in enriching our children's experiences. The events reminded us all of the joy of discovery and the importance of nurturing curiosity in every child.

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

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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World Book Day



Madam Mayor Gillian Wroe came into school to read our reception class a story for World Book Day. We also had a visit from a local author.



Comets Football



Litter Pickers



Our amazing Eco Team, with the help of Mrs Mann, helped Mr Jones clear litter from his new, not yet ready, picnic area.

Assembly Awards

Values in Action Awards

Class 8

Mueez Zahid

Year 2/3

Vanishka Panchal

Year 3/4

Oliver Heywood

Year 5

Sofiane Rashid

Year 6

No Publicity

Reader of the Week

Avah Higgins (Y6)

Writer of the Week

Harry Yates Conway (Y3/4)

Mathematician of the Week

No publicity

Positive Education Award

Hunter Apostu (Y2/3)

Times Tables Rockstar

Hamza Mohammadi

Attendance Award – Year 5

Lunchtime Award – Year 6

Class Attendance		
Rc	Y1	Y2/Y3
81.3%	97.9%	90.0%
Y3/4	Y5	Y6
94.0%	98.4%	86.4%
School target for attendance is 96%		



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