

Washacre Primary Academy Newsletter

Friday 9th January 2026



KINDNESS HONESTY
CURIOSITY RESILIENCE RESPONSIBILITY

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 13th January

All day – Y3/4 Bikeability
9:00am – Consultation meeting for school name

Wednesday 14th January

All day – Y5 Bikeability
9:00am – Class photographs
2:45pm – Consultation meeting for school name

Thursday 15th January

All day – Y5 Bikeability
Deadline for Reception Places 2026.
Applications need to be submitted through the Bolton Council Portal. If you need any help completing your application please contact us and we are happy to help.
3:15pm – 4:15pm – Y1 & Y2 After School Multisport Club

Friday 16th January

3:15pm – 4:15pm – Y3 & Y4 After School Tag Rugby Club

Thursday 29th January

All day – Chinese New Year (wear something red)

Tuesday 3rd February

9:00am – Y6 Class Assembly

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

Happy New Year! A very warm welcome back to all our children, families and staff. We hope you all had an enjoyable break and are ready for another exciting term ahead.

Welcome to Our New Attendance Officer

We are delighted to introduce our new Attendance and Pastoral Officer, Jessica Faroni, who will be joining us this term. From next week, Mrs Faroni, will be out on the playground for a meet and greet, giving parents and carers a chance to put a name to the face. Please do stop by to say hello!

Our School Value for the Term: Honesty

This term, our focus value is *Honesty*. We will be exploring what it means to be honest with ourselves and others, and how honesty helps us build trust and strong relationships. This follows on from our work on *Kindness* last term, and we encourage families to continue these discussions at home. Some ideas of how children can show honesty in school (and at home) are below:

- Always telling the truth, even if you've made a mistake.
- Sharing your ideas and thoughts in class discussions.
- Being open about what you don't know and asking for help when you need it.

Empowering Our Young Leaders

Miss Unsworth and Mrs Keever are always seeking ways to offer even more opportunities for our pupils to further develop themselves and they are thrilled to announce the following initiatives:

- **Buddy Lunches:** Every Friday, our Year 6 pupils will take part in *Buddy Lunches* with children in Reception. Each Year 6 child will be paired with a Reception buddy to share lunch and enjoy playtime together from **11:50am to 12:20pm**. This is a wonderful way for our older pupils to be positive role models.
- **School Councillors in the Office:** Our School Councillors will also be taking on new responsibilities by helping in the school office—answering the phone, completing small jobs, and supporting staff.

We are so proud of the way our pupils are growing in confidence, leadership, and responsibility.

As always, we appreciate your ongoing support in helping our school community flourish. We're looking forward to a wonderful term ahead! Enjoy your weekend! Mr Howarth!

Class 8 – Horse Riding

On Monday, Class 8 enjoyed their first horse riding session, beginning with the excitement of meeting the horses and learning how to mount safely. With growing confidence, they then trotted confidently around the barn, showing fantastic bravery.



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.

Claire Dunn - OOSC Manager

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Y6 Money Management

This week, our Year 6 pupils took part in an engaging Debt awareness session with Mr Souter MBE, focusing on real-life issues including gambling, borrowing and making informed financial choices.

As part of the PSHE curriculum, pupils explored how money choices can have short- and long-term consequences, learned to recognise financial risks, and developed strategies to keep themselves safe from harm.

The session supported key PSHE objectives, including helping children to:

- understand the difference between wants and needs
- recognise that gambling is a risk and not a reliable way to make money
- understand that borrowing money means paying back more than was borrowed
- develop critical thinking skills when faced with financial decisions
- know how to seek help and advice if they are unsure or feel pressured

Lessons like this help equip our pupils with the knowledge, confidence and resilience they need to make responsible choices as they move towards secondary school and beyond.



Assembly Awards

Values in Action Awards

Class 8

Izyan Toor

Year 2/3

Silas Emmison

Year 3/4

Marley Gaied

Year 5

Rafal Al Hameedi

Year 6

Avah Higgins

Reader of the Week

Mariam Gaied (Y5)

Writer of the Week

No Publicity (Y2/3)

Mathematician of the Week

Elizabeth Iriobekhai (Y3/4)

Positive Education Award

Brodey Gaffney (Y6)

Times Tables Rockstar

Danaya Radeva (Y2/3)

Lunchtime Award – Year 6

Attendance Award – Reception

Class Attendance		
Rc	Y1	Y2/Y3
93.8%	86.8%	90.2%
Y3/4	Y5	Y6
77.0%	86.7%	82.6%
School target for attendance is 96%		

Goodbye – Sadly, Miss Smith is leaving us today. We would like to thank her for all her hard work and wish her the best of luck for the future.

Empowering Every Child to Flourish