

Washacre Primary Academy Newsletter

Friday 16th January 2026



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Dates for your Diary

Monday 19th January

All Week – Reading Resolutions

Wednesday 21st January

9:00am – KS2 Send Boccia Festival

Thursday 22nd January

All day – National Handwriting Day
3:15pm – 4:15pm – Y1 & Y2 After
School Multisport Club

Friday 23rd January

9:00am – PTA Meeting
3:15pm – 4:15pm – Y3 & Y4 After
School Tag Rugby Club

Tuesday 3rd February

9:00am – Y6 Class Assembly

Wednesday 4th February

All Day – Y6 trip to Imperial War
Museum

Friday 6th February

9:00am – KS1 Disney Football

Monday 9th February

All Week – Children's Mental Health
Week

Friday 13th February

3:15pm School finishes for half-
term

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 Our Year of Reading – 2026

We are delighted to announce that 2026 will be our **Year of Reading** at Washacre. As part of the UK's **National Year of Reading**, we will be dedicating the year to celebrating books, stories and the joy of reading for pleasure.

The **National Year of Reading** encourages everyone to read what interests them — from fiction and non-fiction to comics, poetry and audiobooks. Reading for enjoyment supports vocabulary development, imagination, confidence and wellbeing, helping children to build positive reading habits that last a lifetime.

Throughout 2026, reading will be a shared focus across our school community, with a range of activities designed to inspire enthusiasm and enjoyment.

What Miss Coleman Planned

Our Reading Lead has planned an exciting programme of activities for the year, including:

Library Visits - Classes will visit the local library to explore books and develop independence in choosing what to read.

Virtual Reading Activities - Pupils will take part in online author events and interactive reading experiences.

Book Club - Small book clubs (6–8 pupils) will run across the year. Children will read the same chapters at home before coming together to discuss favourite parts, reread key sections and share questions.

Readathon - Our popular Readathon will return, encouraging pupils to read widely while raising funds to support reading across school.

Reading Assembly & Class Swap - A special reading assembly will celebrate books and readers, alongside a class swap where pupils enjoy stories shared by different teachers.

World Book Day - This year, World Book Day will focus on the joy of reading rather than costumes. Children will be invited to wear pyjamas for comfort and enjoy reading throughout the day, alongside a creative reading-themed competition.

Staff as Readers - We will also celebrate staff as readers by sharing book recommendations and modelling a love of reading.

We look forward to making 2026 a truly memorable **Year of Reading** for our whole school community.

Finally, we are delighted to welcome Miss Cole to our school office team! Miss Cole will be joining us in the afternoons and we're excited to have them on board. Enjoy your weekend! Mr Howarth!

Help Us Choose Our New Name

Our consultation meetings on the proposed school name change have now been completed, and Claire Woods from the Trust is reviewing all the feedback to create a **shortlist of three potential names**.

Next week, we will be inviting **everyone in our school community — parents, pupils, staff and governors — to take part in a poll**, giving you all the chance to have your say and help shape the future of our school. We're excited to hear your thoughts and work together on this important decision!



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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Y3, Y4 & Y5 Bikeability

This week, our Year 3, 4, and 5 children took part in Bikeability, learning to ride safely, confidently, and independently on the roads. Some of our pupils who couldn't ride at all are now cycling confidently. What an amazing achievement and a great example of determination paying off.



Assembly Awards

Values in Action Awards

Class 8

Oliver Gordan

Year 1

Kane Apostu

Year 3/4

Alfie Norris

Year 5

George Whalley

Year 6

No publicity

Reader of the Week

Olivia Nicholson (Y6)

Writer of the Week

Myanna Relph (Y3/4)

Mathematician of the Week

Hamza Mohammadi (Y5)

Positive Education Award

Kelan Pollard (Y2/3)

Times Tables Rockstar

Marley Taylor (Y6)

Attendance Award – Reception

Class Attendance		
Rc	Y1	Y2/Y3
99.3%	98.3%	94.5%
Y3/4	Y5	Y6
94.7%	90.7%	95.2%
School target for attendance is 96%		



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