

Washacre Primary Academy Newsletter

Friday 17th July 2026



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Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 2nd September

8:30am – School Gates open

Please look on our Facebook page for summer support for families should you need it:

safe4summer.com

Safe4Summer is an annual partnership campaign which aims to ensure everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer with a focus on offering children and young people the opportunity to experience fun and exciting activities in their local area.

AIMS

- Share information and resources with parents and carers
- Promote and encourage responsible use of water
- Encourage children and young people to be responsible in their behaviour and to assist with education around summer safety messages
- Keep our communities safe around water and educate them about water safety
- Promote the COMBAT Water Safety Campaign messages

Safe4Summer activities 2025 (Link)

Tools, downloads and education resources (Link)

Water Safety

In the last five years (January 2021 to December 2025) Greater Manchester Fire and rescue fire fighters have been called to 60 boat water incidents, resulting in 67 deaths. Sadly, a number of those who were young people who got into difficulty after jumping into or swimming in open water across Greater Manchester.

Deliberate Fire Setting

Over recent years, Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service has played a key role in less of multi-agency work to prevent and respond to fires from spreading and minimising the impact they have on our communities, the environment and the environment, when they do occur.

Key messages

Please warn your child of the dangers of open water but also educate them on what to do if they get into difficulty or see someone else in trouble, in the water, these are:

- Hanging onto open water can be fatal. Cold water shock kills and you don't know what's lurking beneath the surface.
- If you encourage your child to go in the water, it could be the last time you see them.
- Respect the water - If you get into difficulty in the water, [look to live \(sexual activity\)](#).
- Respect the water - someone in trouble in the water? Remember Phone, Float, Throw. It could save their life. Please 999 to get help. Tell them to stay calm and float on their back. Throw rescue equipment to help them float until emergency services arrive.

WHAT I WISH MY PARENTS KNEW ABOUT ONLINE SAFETY

ONLINE SAFETY

Keeping your child Safe online

Children have a Report Remove tool to help young people online. It's the UK's first and only tool to help young people report sexual images and videos of themselves and remove them from the internet.

Report Remove & Chatline

You can find lots of tips and help on how to keep your child safe online here:

- Keeping children safe online (NSPCC)
- How Officers handle children's online safety concerns - in a safe and secure way
- Online Safety: Challenge the Parents (NSPCC)

REPORT REMOVE & CHATLINE

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Attendance Update

A magnificent 72 children received an end of year attendance award for achieving 96% and above attendance which is our school target. Those who received these certificates are able to use these for a non-uniform day in the next academic year. Well done to those children and a big thank you to their families.

Message from the Head Teacher

As we reach the end of another school year, and after taking a little time to get over England's recent disappointment, it is important to reflect on the many successes we have enjoyed together as a school community.

This has been a truly transformational year for Washacre. Together, we have reviewed our vision and values, embraced our new school name and introduced a new school uniform. These changes represent much more than a new look; they reflect the exciting direction of our school and our ambition for every child. None of this would have been possible without the support of our families, and I believe the relationship between school and parents has never been stronger.

We have also made significant investment in our Early Years provision, creating an environment that offers our youngest children an exceptional start to their education. Alongside this, pupils across the school have enjoyed a wide range of memorable experiences that have enriched their learning and created lasting memories.

There have been some important staff achievements too. Congratulations to Miss Bromelow on successfully completing her first year of teacher training, and to Miss Iddon on completing her ECT year. Both should be incredibly proud of their accomplishments and contributions to our school.

Yesterday, we received the Year 6 SATs results, and children will receive their reports and individual outcomes today. Whilst our results may not be at national averages, we know that data only tells part of the story. We know our children, we understand the additional challenges many have faced, and we remain committed to being a genuinely inclusive school where every child is supported to achieve their best. We are immensely proud of our Year 6 pupils and all they have achieved during their time with us. We would also like to wish our Year 6 children every success and happiness as they move on to secondary school.

A special goodbye goes to Mrs Duxbury, who leaves Washacre after eight years of dedicated service. During her time here, she has built wonderful relationships with children, families and staff, and has made a lasting impact on our school community. She will be greatly missed by everyone who has had the pleasure of working with her.

Thank you to all our pupils, families, staff and governors for making this such a successful year. Have a wonderful summer break, and we look forward to an exciting new chapter in September.

Furthering Musical Talent Concerts



Over the last week, our Furthering Musical Talent string and brass musicians have delivered exceptional performances, showcasing their hard work, confidence and talent. We are incredibly proud!

Washacre Out of School Club – Exciting News

From September 2026, Washacre OOSC (soon to be Woodland OOSC) will be running a free breakfast club for all children from 8:15am to 8:45am.

Children attending the full session will use the existing club entrance and enjoy a hot or cold breakfast before going to class.

We are also introducing a new **Grab and Go Breakfast** option, replacing the current bagel provision. Breakfast baskets containing items such as fruit, yoghurts, brioche and breakfast bars will be available at classroom entrances.

Becky Winstanley - OOSC Manager

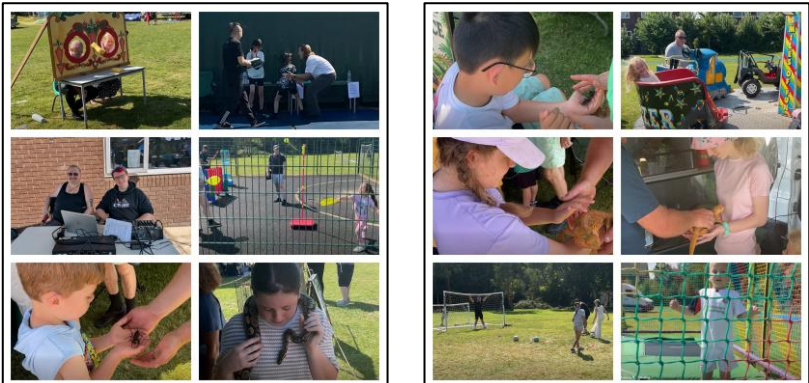
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PTA Summer Fayre a Fantastic Success!

Our second PTA Summer Fayre was a tremendous success and a wonderful celebration of our school community. A huge thank you goes to **Beth Bussey**, our very own Commander-in-Chief, whose hard work, determination and organisation helped make the day so special. Beth was brilliantly supported by **Charlotte Relph**, **Catherine Bridge** and **Jamie Escourt**, along with an army of enthusiastic helpers, including many of their own children.



The event had something for everyone. Children and families enjoyed fairground rides, the chance to explore a police car, the always-popular Torr's Exotic Animal Show, delicious food from DagiPizza (surely serving the best pizzas in the North West!), as well as music provided by Howfen Radio and activities by HAF Club, Bolton Wanderers in the Community and a visit from the Mayor of Westhoughton. Most importantly, it was fantastic to see so many families coming together, enjoying each other's company and making lasting memories. The smiles, laughter and community spirit on display throughout the afternoon were a real reflection of everything that makes our school so special.



One of the biggest highlights of the day (for the children) was the opportunity to throw a sponge or two at a favourite teacher... or Headteacher! Its safe to say I need a new pair of shoes and shirt William! Thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated and attended. The PTA continues to play a vital role in our school, and we are incredibly grateful for all they do. We can't wait for next year's fayre! 🎉 🌞 🎊

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