

Washacre Primary Academy Newsletter

Friday 19th June 2026



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Dates for your Diary

Monday 22nd June

All week – World Wellbeing Week

Tuesday 23rd June

1:00pm – Story and Music time in Reception

9:00pm – England v Ghana

Wednesday 24th June

All Day – Break the Rules Day
Y3/4 Online Author Visit – Eric Huang

Friday 26th June

Mental Health Service Team working in school

Wednesday 1st July

Y6 transition day and transition morning in school

Thursday 2nd July

Pm – Whole School Sports Days at Westhoughton High School

Friday 3rd July

Y6 trip to Anderton Centre

Key Summer Dates

Tuesday 7th July

All Day – Aspirations Day – Dress for your Future Career

Wednesday 8th July

KS1 Trip to the Beach

Wednesday 15th July

3:30pm – PTA Summer Fayre

Friday 17th July

2:00pm – Y6 Leavers Assembly



Message from the Head Teacher

On Monday, we were delighted to welcome a range of media professionals into school as part of the **Inspiring the Future of Local Media** project.

The afternoon began with a whole-school assembly for our Key Stage 2 pupils before children took part in a series of classroom workshops led by industry professionals. We were incredibly fortunate to be joined by **BBC news readers, journalists, the Editor of The Bolton News, podcasters from Oldham Athletic Football Club**, and representatives from newspapers, magazines and other media organisations.

Throughout the afternoon, pupils learned about the many different careers available within the media industry, the skills required to be successful and the important role that local media plays in our communities. The volunteers shared their own career journeys and encouraged pupils to think about their future aspirations and the opportunities that may be available to them. The impact of the event was clear to see. Before the workshops, **only 44% of pupils said they understood what local media is**, and **around 20% could imagine themselves working in the field in the future**. By the end of the event, **80% of pupils said they understood what local media is**, while **32% could now see themselves pursuing a career in the industry**. In addition, an impressive **89% of pupils rated the event 4 or 5 out of 5**.

The feedback from visitors was equally positive. The project team commented on how welcoming the school was and how engaged the children were throughout the day. Volunteers spoke highly of our pupils' enthusiasm, thoughtful questions and mature conversations. One volunteer shared:

"I really wasn't sure what to expect yesterday, but can report back that I really did enjoy myself immensely. It can sometimes be dispiriting to contemplate the current state of the media industry and what the future holds, but to be exposed to the raw enthusiasm and inquisitiveness of the children at Washacre Primary Academy definitely restores my faith."

At Washacre Primary Academy, our vision is to **Empower Every Child to Flourish**, and experiences such as this are vital in broadening horizons, raising aspirations and helping children to see the many exciting possibilities available to them in the future. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all of the volunteers and organisers who gave up their time to support this fantastic event. Their enthusiasm, expertise and willingness to inspire the next generation made a lasting impact on our children.

Local Media Project



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.

Becky Winstanley - OOSC Manager

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Class 8 – Outdoors - Indoors



KS2 Animation Club



Creating our own Songs!



Example of our Corridor Displays



Over the last few weeks, our staff have worked incredibly hard to update our corridor displays, showcasing our pupils' Personal Development journey. Here is a fantastic example of this work.

Assembly Awards

Values in Action Awards

Class 8

Zayne Patel

Reception

No publicity

Year 1

Sienna Thomas

Year 2/3

Gracie Hesketh

Year 3/4

No publicity

Year 5

Ezra Jones

Writer of the Week

Lenny Kerfoot (Rec)

Reader of the Week

No publicity (Y2/3)

Mathematician of the Week

Cody Bond (Y1)

Positive Education Award

All of Year 6

Times Tables Rockstar

Jayden Hogan (Y3/4)

Attendance Award – Reception

Lunchtime Award – Year 1

Class Attendance		
Rc	Y1	Y2/Y3
92.7%	92.1%	86.6%
Y3/4	Y5	Y6
92.3%	90.8%	86.1%
School target for attendance is 96%		

Congratulations to **Reception**, who have won the attendance award AGAIN!. A huge thank you to our **Reception** parents!

Empowering Every Child to Flourish