

Washacre Primary Academy Newsletter

Friday 27th March 2026



KINDNESS HONESTY

CURIOSITY RESILIENCE RESPONSIBILITY

Dates for your Diary

Monday 23rd March

3:30pm – 5:00pm - PTA Movie Night

Tuesday 24th March

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

Wednesday 1st April

3:30pm – 5:45pm – Parents Evening

Thursday 2nd April

All Day – World Autism Day (non-uniform)
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

First Aid Notifications

From next week, we'll begin recording first aid incidents using a new electronic system, which will email notifications directly to parents instead of sending paper slips. While we move over to this system, we will continue to speak to parents at the gate and make phone calls where needed. Please ensure the school office has your most up-to-date email address so you don't miss any messages.



Message from the Head Teacher

Earlier this week, on Monday, we shared a full communication with families outlining the exciting changes taking place as part of our refreshed school identity. We are pleased to offer a short summary here for anyone who may have missed it or would like a quick overview.

Over recent months, pupils, staff, governors and parents/carers have helped shape a new direction for our school's visual identity. As a result of this collaborative work, we are proud to introduce our new school logo, designed to reflect our shared values and to align with the wider Quill C of E Trust family. This new design will begin appearing gradually across school signage, communication materials and digital platforms in the coming months.



Alongside the updated logo, we will also be introducing a refreshed school uniform. The new look includes bottle-green sweatshirts or cardigans featuring the updated logo, navy polo shirts, and an optional tartan skirt. Year 6 pupils will move to shirts and ties, and PE hoodies will become part of the PE kit. We are currently finalising material samples and colours with our suppliers, and we look forward to sharing the completed designs soon.

We want to reassure families that there is no expectation to purchase anything immediately. Children starting Reception in September 2026 will be the first required to wear the new uniform, with a gradual transition for all other pupils before it becomes compulsory in September 2027. A full Uniform Policy will be issued in the summer term. We are excited to begin this new chapter together and thank families for their ongoing support.

Washacre Primary Academy Easter Bonnet Competition!

Please bring entries in on **Monday 30th March**. Winners will be announced on **Thursday 2nd March**. We can't wait to see the children's amazing creations—there's a prize for the winner in each key stage. Good luck! Enjoy your weekend! Mr Howarth

Thank-you PTA

We would like to extend a big thank you to our PTA for generously allocating £200 to support the renovation of the Year 1 garden, helping us transform it into a vibrant outdoor learning space for KS1. Their contribution has enabled us to order two outdoor sheds—one for maths and one for writing—alongside a selection of loose parts to enrich the children's play and learning.



Best Joke Awards – Comic Relief



What do you call a bee that lives in the USA? A USB

Two Big Thank-you's!

Firstly, we would like to thank Beth Bussey, our Parent Governor, who has managed to secure £20,000 worth of funding to add an outdoor climbing frame to our SEND Units.



Secondly, we would also like to thank one of our parents, Natalie Tsang and her group Crafting Smiles (founded by Hong Kong immigrants), who have donated handcrafted crochet gifts for all the children in school.



Assembly Awards

Ultimate Curiosity Awards

In our celebration assembly this term, we presented our **Ultimate Curiosity Awards** to children who consistently show a real enthusiasm for discovering new things. These pupils demonstrate curiosity by asking thoughtful questions, exploring new ideas and showing a genuine interest in how the world works. Their eagerness to learn helps to inspire others and creates a school environment where curiosity is celebrated every day.

As we move into Spring Term 2, our focus will shift to the value of **Resilience**. We will be looking for children who keep going when things are challenging, show determination in their learning and approach setbacks with a positive attitude as we work towards our **Ultimate Resilience Awards**.

Class 8

Zayne Patel

Year 1

No publicity

Year 2/3

Parker Ashcroft & Malakai Battel

Year 3/4

Marly Gaeed

Year 5

Aloniab Kesete

Year 6

Ayan Shinvari

Times Tables Rockstar

No publicity (Y2/3)

Lunchtime Award – Year 5

Attendance Award – Year 6

Class Attendance		
Rc	Y1	Y2/Y3
86.6%	90.4%	88.2%
Y3/4	Y5	Y6
88.2%	91.8%	91.3%
School target for attendance is 96%		

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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