

Washacre Primary Academy Newsletter

Friday 28th November 2025



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Dates for your Diary

Monday 1st December

Am – Jack and the Beanstalk
Pantomime
Pm – Y6 History Workshop Pretoria
Pit
3:15pm – 4:15pm – KS2 Games
Club

Tuesday 2nd December

Pm – Y5 in Forest School

Wednesday 3rd December

Am – Choir at Hindley Chapel

Thursday 4th December

3:15pm – 4:15pm – Y1 & Y2 After
School Dodgeball Club

Friday 5th December

All day – Non-uniform for
Chocolate Orange
3:15pm – 4:15pm – Y5 & Y6 After
School Dodgeball Club

Tuesday 9th December

3:30pm – KS2 Carol Concert Night 1

Wednesday 10th December

Pm – Rec Oral Hygiene Workshop
2:00pm – Y1/2 Nativity Show
6:00pm – Y1/2 Nativity Show

Thursday 11th December

All Day – Christmas Jumper Day
9:00am – Rec Christmas Singalong
12:00pm – Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 16th December

3:30pm – KS2 Carol Concert Night 2



Message from the Head Teacher

Update - Our School Name Consultation

Thank you to all parents, pupils, staff and governors who contributed to our recent name-change consultation. Your feedback has been invaluable in helping us reflect on whether the name Washacre still represents the strengths, values and ambitions of our school.

The majority of stakeholders who responded were open to exploring a new name, with many enthusiastic about helping to shape the school's future identity. Stakeholders highlighted what makes our school special: our much-loved Forest School and outdoor learning offer, described by parents as a "wonderful dimension to learning"; our strong culture of inclusivity, care and "family feel"; and our exceptional SEND and pastoral provision, frequently praised as "phenomenal" and a key reason families choose our school.

Many suggested names centred on nature, including woodland or tree-themed ideas such as Hawthorn, Willow, Oak and Cedar. Following a review of the findings, governors have agreed to move to the next stage. Consultation groups will meet in the new year to create a shortlist, which will then go to a full community vote. A further letter with more detailed information will accompany this newsletter, and parents are warmly invited to email any name suggestions for consideration.

Forest School Path

A huge thank you to everyone who worked so hard over half-term to complete the path to our Forest School, ensuring all our children now have full access. Special thanks to the lads who completed the works: Rob Norris, Dale Barlow, Chris Smith, Mike Hughes, Andy Moss, and Gary Price, and to Saffron Ramsey for her support. We are also very grateful to Flannery's Plant Hire for the machine and dumper, Morgans PLC for the grab wagon, A E Yates for the timber rails, pegs, self, and binding gravel, and Armstrongs for the 20t type one MOT. A very big thank you, too, to our parent governor, Beth Bussey, and our Site Manager, Colin Jones for their incredible efforts in making this happen!



Reception Reading Success



Last week, the Reception Team held a Reading Success Meeting for parents and pupils to share a book. It was a huge success and a big thank you to all our parents who attended.



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.

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A young artist...



Scarlet has amazed us with her incredible talent and creativity! Outside of her art lessons, she took the time to create stunning pieces inspired by Billie Eilish—and they are beautiful.

"Creativity is intelligence having fun." – **Albert Einstein**

Year 1 – Exploring Lines and Shapes



Y1 have been learning about the artist Bridget Riley, known for her amazing optical art.

Y2 – DT and Structures



Assembly Awards

Values in Action Awards

Class 8

Maximo Day-Thompson

Year 1

Amelia Rawlinson

Year 2/3

Marly Gaied

Year 3/4

Danaya Radeva

Year 6

Emily Williams

Mathematician of the Week

Sienna Thomas (Y1)

Writer of the Week

Isobel Gowing (Y6)

Reader of the Week

Bradley Thompson (Y2/3)

Positive Education Award

Aiden Chan (Y5)

Times Tables Rockstar

Charlie Cheetham (Y2/3)

Lunchtime Award – Year 1

Attendance Award – Year 1

Class Attendance		
Rc	Y1	Y2/Y3
87.9%	98.9%	89.0%
Y3/4	Y5	Y6
95.1%	92.2%	86.0%
School target for attendance is 96%		



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