

Washacre Primary Academy Newsletter

Friday 30th January 2026



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Dates for your Diary

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

Announcement of new school name

3:15pm School finishes for half-term

Monday 23rd February

8:30am – School gates open

Tuesday 24th February



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

Keeping Our Children Safe at Drop-Off and Pick-Up

The safety of our pupils is our highest priority. Recently, we have seen a notable increase in concerns and complaints from parents regarding pupil safety during drop-off and pick-up times, particularly in relation to cars and vans around the school.

We have also received an increase in phone calls from local residents reporting blocked driveways, unsafe parking (including double parking), impatient driving, and, in some cases, altercations with neighbours. These behaviours create congestion and put our children at risk at the busiest times of the day. This is already in addition to the vehicles residents are entitled to park on the street.

We remind all road users that the zig zag yellow lines outside school must be kept clear at all times to ensure clear visibility and safe crossing points. Where possible, we strongly encourage families to walk to school, or to park further away—such as on Clough Avenue or Hollin Acre—and walk the remaining distance. Walking supports children's physical health, independence, and readiness to learn, while also reducing congestion.

To help alleviate pressure on surrounding roads, the school has made a deliberate decision to keep the school car park open at drop-off and pick-up times. However, the school has limited authority over public roads and is therefore reliant on parent and carer cooperation. The car park must be used courteously and responsibly, with the safety of children always coming first.

How You Can Help – Drivers and Pedestrians:

- ✓ Follow all road markings, including zig zag lines
- ✓ Avoid double parking or blocking driveways
- ✓ Walk to school where possible or park further away
- ✓ Drive slowly and patiently, even when short on time
- ✓ Hold children's hands and cross at safe, visible points
- ✓ Stop, look, listen, and think before crossing the road
- ✓ Walk through the car park carefully and remain alert
- ✓ Model calm, safe road behaviour—children learn from what they see

We appreciate the cooperation of the vast majority of families. By working together and making small changes, we can create a safer, calmer environment for our children, families, and neighbours.

Thank you for your continued support. Enjoy your weekend! Mr Howarth!

Happy 40th Birthday Miss Lucas



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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Lunchtime Buddies

Lunchtime Buddies with Year 6 was launched two weeks ago and has already had a very positive impact.

Each week, Year 6 pupils who consistently demonstrate respect and responsibility are invited to share lunch with our Reception children, helping to build meaningful connections across year groups while celebrating positive behaviour.

Reception children are growing in confidence, communication skills, and their sense of belonging, while Year 6 pupils are developing leadership, empathy, patience, and responsibility as positive role models.

This initiative is already helping to strengthen our caring, inclusive school community, with children learning from one another and forming positive relationships.



Assembly Awards

Values in Action Awards

Class 8

Maximo Day Thompson

Year 1

No publicity

Year 2/3

Hamza M

Year 3/4

Theo Buckley

Year 5

Sydney Hadgraft

Year 6

Marley Taylor

Reader of the Week

No publicity (Y2/3)

Writer of the Week

Esme Tumkaya (Y6)

Mathematician of the Week

Levi Osemwegie (Y5)

Positive Education Award

Teddy McCarthy (Y3/4)

Times Tables Rockstar

Marley Taylor (Y6)

Attendance Award – Reception

Class Attendance		
Rc	Y1	Y2/Y3
97.9%	94.4%	93.4%
Y3/4	Y5	Y6
91.9%	96.0%	87.1%
School target for attendance is 96%		



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