



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

NEWSLETTER – Week 23

6 March 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another busy and successful week at the Academy, with students representing Wath with pride across a range of activities.

Students across the Academy celebrated World Book Day on Thursday by taking part in reading activities across all subject areas. Reading remains central to our curriculum and helps students deepen their understanding across subjects. Alongside this, we will shortly be launching our Read for Good sponsored Readathon to raise money for local children's hospitals and our school library. See our website for details [Wath Academy - WHOLE SCHOOL LETTERS](#)

We are delighted to share that Wath Academy has been awarded the 360 Degree Safe Online Safety Mark following a rigorous assessment. Assessors met with staff, students, governors and parents and confirmed that the Academy provides a high level of education and protection for students when using digital technologies. This award recognises our ongoing commitment to keeping students safe online.

Students who have secured a place at Wath Academy for September will now have received their Welcome and Activities pack in the post. We encourage students to take part in the competitions and submit entries to y6transition@wathacademy.com. As the Academy is oversubscribed this year, we recognise that some families may be disappointed not to have secured a place. We wish all Year 6 students the very best as they move on to the next stage of their education.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Hopkin
Head of Academy

Key Dates:

10–12 March
Grease Production

17 March
Piano Recital

24 March
Y11 Parents Evening

27 March
Break for Easter holiday

13 April
Return to the Academy

[Click here for our term dates and INSET days.](#)

[Wath Academy Term Dates](#)

Weekly Update

Grease Production

Preparations are well underway for our upcoming school production of *Grease*. Students and staff have been working incredibly hard, and we are looking forward to three fantastic evenings of entertainment next week. Tickets are selling quickly and only a limited number remain available.

[Grease | Your Box Office](#)

Academy Awards 2026

We would like to provide local businesses with an opportunity to be involved in this year's Academy Awards by sponsoring a page in the programme or even a prestigious award. All money raised through sponsorship will be put directly in to making the event even more special. If you would like to sponsor the event, please get in touch with us at academyawards@wathacademy.com. You can also find further information on our website [Wath Academy - Academy Awards](#)

Enrichment in the Spotlight

Our new enrichment group, The KS3 Art Programme, has got off to a great start over the past few weeks! They have been creating tonal studies as well as using coloured pencil to create realistic drawings for their first project based around food. This new enrichment is designed to challenge those from Year 7, 8 and 9 who excel in art to push their skills to the next level!

Our Sugarcraft group celebrated World Book Day by creating some fabulous book-inspired edible designs, inspired by their favourite books and characters. A huge well done to all the students for producing such imaginative pieces, showcasing their creativity and impressive technical skills — a brilliant way to combine literature with the art of sugarcraft!



Student Achievement

Wath students Luke B., Esme B., Lola H.-B., Lottie H.-B., and Henry B. recently represented **Rotherham Metro** at the Yorkshire Counties Swimming Championships, all finishing in the top 10 in Yorkshire.

Standout performances included Esme B., who won silver in the 1500m freestyle and broke her own club record, Luke B., who earned bronze in the freestyle team event, Lottie H.-B., who claimed four gold medals in the age 12 MC category, set six club records, and qualified for seven events at the GB Aquatics Winter Para National Meet in Swansea. Lola H.-B. reached several individual and team finals, while Henry B. helped the boys' medley team to an 8th-place finish in the final.

These fantastic achievements are a testament to their dedication and hard work, and the whole school looks forward to following their continued success with **Rotherham Metro Swim Club**.



Rotherham Hospice

Thank you to Jake Ahmad from Rotherham Hospice who visited the Academy today to personally thank our students and staff for the fantastic £5,717 raised during last summer's Sponsored Walk. We were delighted to support such an important cause and are proud to share and promote the incredible work that Rotherham Hospice does in caring for and supporting members of our community.

Scholars Information Evening

Join us to learn more about our Sports Performance Pathway at our Information Evening on 10 March. Register now using the QR code or click the link <https://forms.office.com/e/nZILMUAs2i> <https://www.wathacademy.com/scholarship-offer>

GCSE Final Countdown

We would like to invite you to the GCSE Final Countdown Event which will be held on Tuesday 14 April at 6:00 pm. Please see letter on our website for further details [Wath Academy - WHOLE SCHOOL LETTERS](#)