



USWORTH COLLIERY

Weekly Newsletter



22nd July 2026



SUMMER HOLIDAYS ARE HERE!

As we approach the summer break, I would like to wish all of our children and families a wonderful holiday. I hope you enjoy spending quality time together, making special memories and taking the opportunity to relax after a busy year. I would also like to say a huge well done to all of our children for another successful year. It has been a privilege to watch them grow in confidence, maturity and independence, and I cannot believe how much they have all achieved since September. Every child should be incredibly proud of themselves.

Although we will be sad to say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils, we know they are ready to spread their wings and fly. We wish them every success and happiness as they begin the next stage of their journey at their chosen secondary schools.

At the same time, we are excited to welcome a brand-new cohort of children into our Reception classes in September and look forward to beginning their journey as part of the Usworth Colliery family.

Whatever adventures the summer brings, please stay safe, have fun and make the most of the time together as a family.

We look forward to welcoming pupils back to school on **Wednesday 2nd September**, and I cannot wait to hear all about their summer adventures when they return. **Have a fantastic summer!**

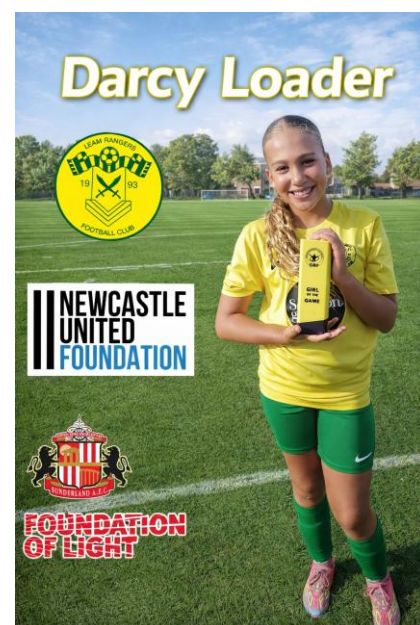
SCHOOL UNIFORM BANK – A SEPTEMBER REMINDER

Thank you for all the amazing uniform donations that have already come in. We have had so much and will make sure it is ready for anyone who needs new uniform in September! If you are sorting through cupboards and drawers over the summer holidays, please consider setting aside any school uniform that your child has outgrown and bringing it into school when we return in September. Thank you for your continued support.

FOOTBALLING SUCCESS FOR ONE OF OUR YEAR 6 PUPILS

Darcy decided to give football a go for the first time in year 5 when the UCPS girls' team needed players; after playing on a few occasions for the school, she was hooked! This gave her the confidence to join Washington Athletic Girls in February 2025 and play for the second half of the season. Darcy then attended Sunderland AFC Foundation of Light trials in July 2025 and was offered a place in the Player Development Centre for the 2025-2026 season. She has thrived in the

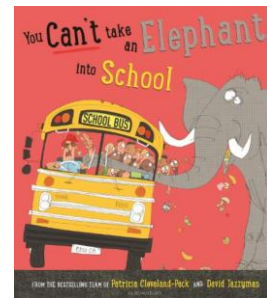
Sunderland pathway this season; earning a place in the Foundation of Light All-Star team which she then captained in a Showcase Tournament held in June. Darcy pushed herself to step up to the Premier League at the beginning of the season and joined Leam Rangers Girls, playing 37 games, scoring: 27 goals and earning 5 Girl of the Game awards and a raft of other accolades. Darcy then attended the Newcastle United Foundation talent centre trials, and was called back from 900 girls to the final 50 and has now been offered a place in the Newcastle United Foundation Performance Centre for the 2026-2027 season. Then after more recent internal trials Darcy has now been promoted within the Sunderland pathway from the Player Development Centre up a level to the Player Performance Centre. From complete beginner to being part of two of the region's top Academy pathways within 18 months, outstanding achievement and a testament to her hard work and dedication to the sport. Well done Darcy we wish you all the very best of luck in your future playing career.



RECOMMENDED READS AND NEW RELEASES

YOU CAN'T TAKE AN ELEPHANT INTO SCHOOL BY PATRICIA CLEVELAND-PECK

Written by the hilarious team behind the bestselling 'You Can't Take an Elephant' series is a must-have for both new and returning fans. With irresistible rhyme and laugh-out-loud illustrations, this action-packed book full of outlandish animal antics is sure to tickle the funny bone of anyone who's ever been to school.



FOOTBALL CAMPS ARE BACK THIS SUMMER AT USWORTH COLLIERY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Hosted by Terry Rutherford - Mini Kickers Washington Athletic

Looking for something to keep the kids entertained in the holidays? Why not book a space at our FREE Summer Holidays Football and Activities Camp for ages 4 to 14. Lunch Drinks and Snacks included. To book a space please follow the link below.

[WAFC Football & Activities Camp - Usworth with Washington Athletic YFC · Eequ](#)

FOUNDATION OF LIGHT HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

The Foundation of Light are running Football and Holiday Camps over the Summer Holidays (July-August) in Sunderland, Peterlee, South Tyneside and North Durham and they would love to see you there! Please see the link below to book on if you're interested for your child

<https://www.abler.io/shop/foundationoflight/holidaycourses>

RAINBOW FAMILY HUB - SUMMER TIMETABLE

Please see the Family Hubs timetables for 5 weeks starting from Monday 27th July at the bottom of this newsletter.

SUMMER TERM AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

Please could all parents use the gates on the KS2 (Year 6) yard when collecting the children from After School Clubs.

Day	Club name	Staff	Year Groups	Location
Monday	Mindful Movement	Miss Coxon	Rec-2	RLC classroom
Monday	Film Club	Mrs Jones	1-6	Base Blue
Monday	Lego Club	Mrs Edmunds/Mrs Green	1-6	Art Room
Monday	Games club	Mrs Calcutt	Rec-6	KS2 intervention room
Tuesday	Mindful colouring	Mrs Quinn	Rec-6	2PQ Classroom
Tuesday	Disney Club	Miss Clapperton	1-6	5GS classroom
Thursday	Timestable Rockstars	Mrs Burrell	3-6	3BB classroom
Wednesday	Creative Sparks	Culture Start (external provider)	3-6	Hall or Art Room

SUMMER TERM DATES

Events next week

New information added

Wednesday 2nd September School opens for pupils (Y1 to Y6)

SUPERSTARS

Remember to check out this week's **SUPERSTARS!** These are shared on our school Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/people/Usworth-Colliery-Primary-School/61572535178981/#>

Alternatively, you can also use the School Facebook link at the top of the school website.

HOUSE POINTS

Check out our house point counter at <https://www.usworthcolliery.co.uk/children/house-point-counter>. Children are awarded points throughout the week for demonstrating our school values and following the Colliery Code.

Congratulations to Phoenix who won our summer term house point competition!

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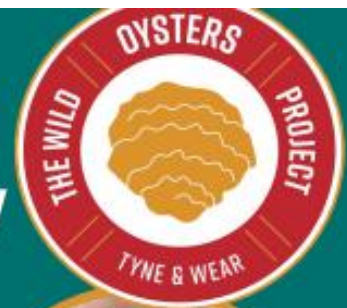
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NOTICES

 Rainbow Best Start Family Hub Summer Timetable Monday 27th July - Friday 4th September 2026 Family.hubwashington@togetherforchildren.org.uk Postcode: NE37 3AE Telephone: 0191 561 3995 				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Time for Rhyme (0 - pre crawlers) 9.30 - 10.15am Move to Rhyme (Crawling to pre-walking) 10.30 - 11.15am Play Space - Drop in (0 - 5 years) 9 - 11.30am 1 - 3pm Sensory Room - Drop in (0 - 5 years) 9 - 11.30am 1 - 3pm Busy Bodies (walking - 5 years) 1.30 - 2.30pm Breastfeeding Support - Drop in 1 - 3pm	Play Space - Drop in (0 - 5 years) 9 - 11.30am 1 - 3pm Sensory Room - Drop in (0-25 years with parents/carers) 9 - 11.30am 1 - 3pm Family Fun Stay & Play (0 - 8 years) 10 - 11am Community Café - Drop in 10 - 11am School Ready Programme 28 th July - 1 st September (6 weeks) Bookable 1.00 - 2.30pm Antenatal Programme 3.45 - 5.45pm To book call 03000 031552	Play Space & Sensory Room Drop in (0 - 5 years) 9 - 11.30am & 1 - 3pm Outdoor Play Family Fun Usworth Park (0 - 8 Years) 10 - 11am Exc 12 th & 26 th August SEND Stay & Play (Parent led) (0 - 4 years) 10 - 11.30am Exc 12 th August Summer Fayre 12th August 10 - 12pm Review & Development Clinic 10 - 11.30am Summer Fest Princess Anne Park 26 th August - 12 - 4pm Play Matters 5 week Programme - Bookable 5 th - 2 nd Sept 1.30 - 2.30pm Baby Messy/Sensory Play (0 - 12 months) 1.45 - 2.30pm Exc 12 th & 26 th August Birth Registrations - Bookable	Sensory Room - Drop in (0 - 5 years) 9 - 11.30am & 1 - 3pm Stay & Play - Drop in Marlborough Park (Sulgrave flats) (0 - 8 years) 9.15 - 10.15am Growing Healthy - Drop in 10 - 11.30am Bread & Butter Thing 2 - 2.30pm To reserve a bag text 07507237311 Play Space - Drop in (0 - 5 years) 9 - 11.30am 1 - 3pm Story Time 1.30 - 2.15pm Gro Brain for Dads Bookable (Expecting a baby or with babies 0 - 12 months) 3.30 - 5.30pm	Play Space - Drop in (0 - 5 years) 9 - 11.30am 1 - 3pm Sensory Room - Drop in (0 - 5 years) 9 - 11.30am 1 - 3pm Outdoor Play @ Building Blocks 9.30 - 10.30am Exc 28 th Aug & 2 nd Sept Baby Stay & Play (0 - pre walkers) 1.30 - 2.30pm Exc 28 th August Introduction to Solids 1 - 2pm To book call 0300 0031552
Social media Please check www.linksforlifesusunderland.co.uk/familyhubs Follow Sunderland Family Hubs on Facebook and Instagram.   			Saturdays @ Rainbow Family Hub: • Stay & Play 10 - 11am - Every week • Dad's and Little'uns - 1st August- 10 - 11.30am	

Wild Oysters Community Fun Day



Free event with family activities, interactive stalls, and coastal discovery celebrating oysters and ocean life

SATURDAY 15TH AUGUST | 12:00–15:00
Adventure Sunderland, Marine Walk, Roker

Come and shell-ebrate an afternoon of coastal discovery, hands-on activities, and seaside fun. Learn more about the incredible wildlife found beneath the waves, with plenty to see and do, including:

- Get hands-on with oysters and sea creatures
- Have a go at fun marine science experiments
- Take part in marine-inspired arts and crafts including decorate your own scallop shell
- Contribute to oyster crochetathon fundraiser
- Explore interactive stalls and family-friendly activities
- Enjoy interactive performances from The Auckland Shanty Singers
- Transform into sea creatures with marine-themed face painting



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<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/oysterfest-tickets-1992409866545?aff=oddtcreator>

This event will be held both inside and immediately outside the Adventure Sunderland building on Marine Walk, opposite Roker Beach, SR6 0PL. whatthreewords: ///cope.lift.safety

