

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

This week's class attendance figures:

Classes with 96% and above are in the **green zone!**

Classes with 90% and below are in the **red zone!**

RAW	96.59%	4EH	95.65%
RLC	82.74%	4SP	98.68%
1JB	87.5%	5GS	97.37%
1JD	94.38%	5JM	90.79%
2EP	97.28%	6CS	90.91%
2PQ	94.05%	6JW	93.68%
3BB	90.22%	Base Blue	87.5%
3RD	98.03%	Base Yellow	100%
Base Red	89.47%		

Congratulations to **Base Yellow** for the best attendance this week at **100%**

Whole school attendance this week **93.34%**

Remember every school day counts!

UCPS GIRLS FOOTBALL TEAM UPDATE

The girls' football team have had an incredibly busy and exciting week, competing in two evenings of fixtures and showing fantastic determination throughout.

On Monday, the team travelled to Newker Primary to take part in the County Cup. Their opening match against Newker saw the opposition take an early lead. Despite a strong effort to equalise, and successfully pulling a goal back, a late goal resulted in a narrow 2–1 loss. The second game against South Hetton showcased excellent teamwork and clinical finishing, leading to an impressive 8–0 victory, with Saphira scoring a remarkable six goals. The final match of the evening against Barnes was a closely contested, end-to-end game, finishing in a 1–1 draw. Although the team did not progress to the final round, they should be extremely proud to have qualified for a county-level competition.

On Thursday, the girls travelled to Rickleton for the cup final, which also marked the final match of the season and the last colliery fixture for our Year 6 players. The first game was against their toughest opponents, St Bede's, whom they had not beaten all season. Showing outstanding grit and determination, the girls rose continued their strong form, with goals from Darcy, Saphira, and Jasmine contributing to a convincing 4–0 win.

The final match against Rickleton was tense, with the score level at 0–0 at half-time. Refuelled and focused, the girls pushed hard in the second half and were rewarded with a 2–0 victory. Their outstanding performances across the evening meant they were crowned Girls' Cup winners, proudly receiving medals and a trophy to celebrate their achievement.

The girls should be incredibly proud of everything they have accomplished this season. It has been an honour and a privilege to support them along the way. A special thanks also goes to the family members who have cheered on the team at every fixture, it wouldn't be possible to run the team without your support!

Awards of the Week:

Player's Player: Saphira – for her exceptional goal-scoring ability and confidence in front of goal

Manager's Player: Lola – for her outstanding saves on Thursday, helping secure a clean sheet for the evening.



Mrs Skeen

WHO HAS BEEN IN MY OFFICE THIS WEEK?

Leah 5JM has been working extremely hard to develop her knowledge and skills writing expanded noun phrases. This week she has produced some fantastic sentences based on the novel 'Holes' that's I'm sure will be making an appearance in her final written piece. Well done Leah, keep up the hard work!

Layla 6JW has had the most amazing day. She helped a classmate this morning to be able to complete their work showing her kind and considerate nature and then she completed a maths assessment. She worked so hard that that she completed the SAT in the time limit which she has never managed before and also scored her highest mark ever! Today Layla has impressed everyone. Keep it up, it's great when you show us what you can do!

FREE SCHOOL MEAL INFORMATION FOR YEAR 2 PARENTS

As part of the Government scheme your child automatically receives a free school meal each day. However, this scheme covers children **from Reception Year up to the end of Year 2.**

As your child/children will be transitioning into Year 3 in September 2026 your child will **no longer be eligible** for the free school meal provision scheme in Year 3 and onwards throughout Key Stage 2. This is unless you may be eligible for Free School Meals which is a 'means tested benefit'. You may be eligible for free school meals if you are in receipt of certain benefits. Please visit the Together for Children website for further information about how to apply for Free School Meals.

The website is <https://www.togetherforchildren.org.uk/article/21204/Free-School-Meals>

Applications for free school meals can be done via your child's portal with Together for Children or on a paper application which is available from the school office.

If you are not eligible for free school meals, meals are payable at a charge of £3.07 per day (£15.35 per week).

If you require any further information, please contact the school office.

PUPIL CONTACT INFORMATION

As you may know we are updating our information systems in school and to ensure the current information that we hold about your child is accurate and the most up to date information, we are systematically checking data for each year group. All children in EYFS up to Y3 came home with a pupil contact information sheet for parents and carers to complete and return after the Easter holiday. If you have not returned this, please could you do so. Thank you for your support in this important process.

PLACES AVAILABLE FOR THE DERWENT HILL RESIDENTIAL VISIT FOR Y5 AND Y4 PUPILS.

We have a limited number of places available if you would like your child to attend this year's residential visit to Derwent Hill. The visit is planned for the **30th November 2026**, and the children are away for 4 nights and 5 days. This is an exciting opportunity, for the children to experience fantastic outdoor activities. Derwent Hill is based in the beautiful Lake District. All activities, food and travel are included in the price and Derwent Hill Outdoor Centre provide all the clothing for the activities (walking boots and wet weather clothing). Please visit the website, <https://www.derwenthill.co.uk/> where you can see photographs and information or speak to Mr Millet who has led this residential for a number of years. A copy of the letter has been emailed to Y4 and Y5 parents this week, however if you would like a paper copy, please contact the office.



SUNDERLAND CYCLING EVENTS

Sunderland Council are offering fully funded cycle maintenance sessions and led rides around Sunderland this Spring and Summer. The offers include

- Free cycle maintenance sessions
- Led group rides for all abilities
- Friendly, supportive instructors
- Open to beginners and confident riders/ children & adults

All events are Delivered by Sunderland Community Action Group

In partnership with Wear Wheels. If you or you family are interested, please see the poster at the bottom of this newsletter or follow the link below

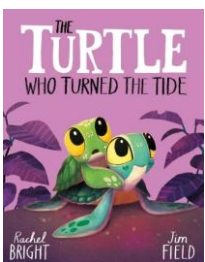
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A NOTE FROM SULGRAVE YOUTH CLUB.

We received an email from Sulgrave Youth Club telling us that they have loved seeing so many faces appearing at Youth Club on Wednesday night at the Sulgrave Centre, 4.30pm-6.30pm. Attending the youth club is an excellent opportunity to meet new people from the local area in the run up secondary school as well as having the chance to take part in some amazing activities! Recently, the children have been engaging in some healthy eating activities, learning how to cook and prepare a variety of foods. Over the next few weeks, staff from the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service Phoenix Programme are coming out to deliver two sessions next Wednesday 29th April and Wednesday 13th of May (some of our children will already know some of the Fire and Rescue Service staff). They have also arranged for Becky from Keep Washington Tidy to come in and have a chat with the young people and complete a litter pick around Sulgrave Centre. They have even managed to arrange a trip to the Wetlands for half term where they will be pond-dipping, den making among other things, so fingers crossed for some sunshine! Please note: the Youth Club is run externally by 'Oxclose and District Young Peoples Project' - if you are interested in your child attending, please speak to Kelly who is there every Wednesday from 4.30pm or see the poster at the bottom of this newsletter.

RECOMMENDED READS AND NEW RELEASES

THE TURTLE WHO TURNED THE TIDE BY RACHEL BRIGHT & JIM FIELD



A heart-warming tale of adventure, bravery and one baby turtle who changes her world for good - from the bestselling and award-winning creators of The Lion Inside. On a midnight-black beach, it's time for a GRAND HATCHING. A rowdy crowd of animal onlookers have gathered to see which baby turtle will win the great race to safety in the sea. But when Tula's brother loses his way, this baby turtle faces a difficult choice: will she choose to win the race or will she turn back to rescue her brother? And will the other animals stay on the side-lines, or will Tula's brave decision inspire them to join the rescue mission? An inspiring and funny rhyming story of how we ALL have the power to change things for the better.

SCHOOL VACCINATION INFORMATION

From July, your local NHS school age immunisation service will contact parents and guardians directly to ask for consent rather than letters coming from the school .

You'll receive an email or text message from the NHS with a link to an online consent form.

You can use the online form to:

- give consent for your child to be vaccinated
- say you do not want your child to be vaccinated
- update your contact details if needed

If you have questions about vaccinations or the consent form, please contact the immunisation team at immunisations.s-st@intrahealth.co.uk

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

Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday (school closed)
Friday 8 th May	RLC Washington Wetlands Visit
Monday 11 th May – Thursday 14 th May	KS2 SATS Week
Friday 15 th May	RAW Washington Wetlands Visit
Monday 18 th May	Year 5 Puberty talk with school nurse
Tuesday 19 th May	Y5 assembly
Wednesday 20 th May	Science is my Superpower (Newcastle pm)
Friday 22 nd May	School closes for half term

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 1 st June	Children return to school
Monday 8 th June	RLC Library Visit
Tuesday 9 th June	4EH Eden Camp
Wednesday 10 th June	RAW Library Visit
Monday 15 June - Friday 19 th June	June Sports Week
Tuesday 16 th June	4SP Eden Camp
Tuesday 16 th June	KS1 Sports Day
Wednesday 17 th June	KS2 Sports Day
Friday 19 th June	PSHCE/ Mental Health Open Morning
Wednesday 24 th June	EYFS Edinburgh Zoo visit
Thursday 25 th June	London Residential
Tuesday 30 th June- Thursday 2 nd July	Washington Academy Transition Days
Monday 6 th July	RLC Library Visit
Tuesday 7 th July	Year 6 End of Year Production - 10am and 5pm
Wednesday 8 th July	RAW Library Visit
Saturday 11 th July	Summer Fair
Monday 13 th July	Rocksteady Concert 10am
Monday 13 th July	6CS Wilderness Trip
Tuesday 14 th July	6JW Wilderness Trip
Friday 17 th July	End of Year reports sent out to parents
Wednesday 22 nd July	Leavers Assembly
Wednesday 22 nd July	School closes for the Summer

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.

1st – 2EP 2nd – 2PQ 3rd –RAW

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NOTICES

YEAR 6 YOUTH CLUB

STARTING 11TH MARCH

The place to hang out, make friends & have fun!

- Games • Music • Arts & Crafts • Chill time • Pool • Table Tennis • Cooking • Karaoke

Every week is something new and it's FREE!

★ WHEN & WHERE

Sulgrave Centre

Wednesdays

4:30 - 6:30 PM

★ WHO CAN COME?

All **Year 6** students

Bring a friend!

★ DON'T MISS OUT!

Come once... you'll want to come every week!



★ WHY JOIN?

- Make new friends
 - Try new things
- Have fun after school
- Be yourself in a safe place
 - Create things
 - Learn new skills

★ WHO RUNS IT?

Oxclose & District Young Peoples Project

Friendly youth workers who are there to support you and make sure everyone has fun.

For more information contact us on 0191 4173382

Find us on Facebook: Oxclose and District Young Peoples Project



Sunderland Cycling Events

Want to go cycling this Spring?



Fully funded Cycle Maintenance sessions and Led Rides are available in Sunderland.

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