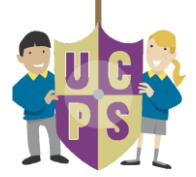




USWORTH COLLIERY

Weekly Newsletter



10th July 2026

ATTENDANCE TO CELEBRATE THIS WEEK

Classes with 96% and above who were in the green zone this week

2PQ	96.36%
3RD	98%

Four classes all in KS2 made it into the green zone this week for attendance! Congratulations to **3RD** for the best attendance at **98%** and for winning the attendance trophy for the **third** week running.

Whole school attendance this week was **90.43% down on last week's attendance!**

Remember every school day counts

WHO HAS BEEN IN MY OFFICE THIS WEEK?

Jacob and Olivia from 5GS have been writing and illustrating their own book called 'The Ogg Squad', about an alien gang trying to save their own planet from an evil king. They have been creating their novel in their own time and have been so industrious they are now onto Volume 2 the next generation of Ogg Squad where they even make an appearance as themselves. Loving their passion for writing Well done both of you!

Nana 3RD came to see me this week to proudly share his amazing handwriting. He showed me his book from the beginning of the year alongside his current work, and the progress has been incredible. Nana has worked exceptionally hard on his letter formation and can now join his handwriting beautifully

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 and see the poster at the bottom of this newsletter. [WAFC Football & Activities Camp - Usworth with Washington Athletic YFC · Eequ](#)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR BOTTLE TOP DONATIONS!

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our bottle top collection, organised by Sunderland City Council's Low Carbon Team, to help create The Bridges' giant ocean-themed mural. We were amazed by the fantastic response from our school community! Thank you to all the classes who took part. Congratulations to **3BB**, who donated an incredible **3,774** bottle tops, **4RL** with **1,115**, and **Reception** with **828**. The bottle tops will help create a beautiful recycled ocean mural, celebrating sustainability and protecting our seas. Thank you to all our families for your generosity and support. We hope you enjoy visiting The Bridges to see the finished artwork!





LIVING WOODS TINY FOREST DISCOVERY DAY

Despite the warm weather, our year 3 and 4 children were fantastic during their Discovery Day workshop in our Tiny Forest with the Living Woods team. They worked scientifically to measure the height of the trees, the stem diameter and the distance from the nearest boundary, helping to monitor how our Tiny Forest is growing. To end the session, the children enjoyed a mindful moment, sitting quietly amongst the trees to use their senses to notice the sights, sounds and smells around them. This gave

them the opportunity to develop a deeper appreciation of nature and the many wellbeing benefits that spending time outdoors can bring.



YEAR 3 BIODIVERSITY WORKSHOP

On Tuesday, Year 3 enjoyed a biodiversity workshop led by Let Your Soul Grow Community Garden in Sunderland. The children learned what biodiversity is, why it is important for our environment and how we can help protect it. They also explored our school grounds to investigate the different plants and insects living there and discussed ways we can encourage even more biodiversity in our outdoor spaces.



YEAR 3 AND YEAR 5 CAREERS WORKSHOP

On Monday, Year 3 and Year 5 enjoyed an inspiring careers workshop with visitors from Nissan and Natural Power.

Daryl from Natural Power taught the children about wind turbines, explaining how they work, why they are important for renewable energy and what his job involves maintaining them. Craig from Nissan shared the wide range of careers available at Nissan and the skills needed for each role. He also explained how cars are becoming more sustainable to help protect our planet.

The children asked some fantastic questions and thoroughly enjoyed learning about careers in engineering and renewable energy.



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REQUEST FOR HELP FROM MR ARTHUR

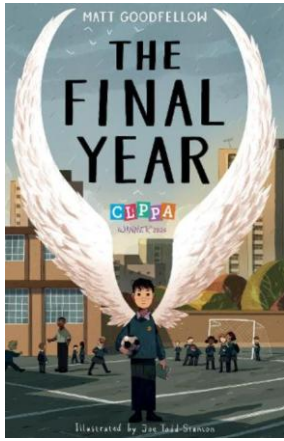
Next year, we will be looking at how to update and improve our school website. Before we make any changes, we'd like to know what you think. We would therefore be grateful if you could complete a short feedback form (5 questions) sharing your views on our current website. You can access the questionnaire through this QR code or by following the link below.

Thanks, Mr Arthur

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/A6ZUnBBQ5Z>

RECOMMENDED READS AND NEW RELEASES

THE FINAL YEAR BY MATT GOODFELLOW



Life can be tough in your last year of primary school. Tests to take, preparing for the change to high school. Nate is ready for it all, knowing his best friend PS is at his side - they've been inseparable since Nursery.

But when they are put in two different classes and PS finds a new friend in Turner, the school bully, Nate's world turns upside-down. As he struggles to make sense of this and forge new friendships, he's dealt another blow when his youngest brother, Dylan is rushed into hospital.

His new teacher, Mr Joshua, sees a spark inside of Nate that's lit by his love of reading and writing and shows him how to use this to process what's going on. But with so much working against him, and anger rising inside him, will this be enough? A powerful and lyrical story about finding your place in the world and the people that matter within it.

FREE CLUBS ACTIVITIES AND FUN OVER THE SUMMER

Together for Children and Sunderland Council are running a number of free activities over the summer holiday. See the poster and scan the QR codes and at the bottom of this newsletter for more information.

FREE MULTI SPORTS SESSIONS AT THE MILLENNIUM CENTRE

RFU and Active Sunderland have opened a free Multi Sports session at the Millennium Centre every Friday 4:45 till 5:45. see the poster attached to the bottom of this news for more information

SEND STAY AND PLAY CAMP AT RAINBOW FAMILY HUB

SEND stay and play camp at Rainbow Family Hub holiday camps are available to book. All Together Holiday Camp at ARTspace, Washington is available to book. Please see the flyers attached to 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

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Saturday 11th July

Summer Fair

Monday 13th July

Rocksteady Concert 10am

Monday 13th July

Y5 visit to Washington Academy

Monday 13th July

6CS Wilderness Trip

Tuesday 14th July	6JW Wilderness Trip
Wednesday 15th July	Y5 Geography Fieldwork at Herrington Park and Penshaw Monument
Thursday 16th July	Year 6 End of Year Production 9:30am and 5pm
Friday 17 th July	End of Year reports sent out to parents
Monday 20 th July	Year 6 Reports sent out to parents (due to delayed SAT results)
Wednesday 22 nd July	Leavers Assembly
Wednesday 22 nd July	School closes for the Summer

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.

1st – 2PQ 2nd – 4EH 3rd – 4SP

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SUMMER CAMPS



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YOUTH FOOTBALL**

**LEARN. PLAY.
GROW. TOGETHER.**

Fun, inclusive football sessions designed for children of all abilities, led by experienced youth coaches.

**FUN
FRIENDSHIPS
FITNESS
FOOTBALL**

Usworth Colliery Primary School, Washington

Ages 4 - 14

HAF Eligible Child **FREE**

Lunch Provided



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TIME
10.00 - 15.00

LUNCH PROVIDED

Universal provision with SEND support

CAMP DATES

27.07.26 - 30.07.26

03.08.26 - 06.08.26

10.08.26 - 13.08.2026

17.08.26 - 20.08.26

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TERRY
07905653874

BOOK YOUR PLACE TODAY!
BOOK ONLINE:
<https://eequ.org/book/wafc-football-and-activities-camp-usworth-with-washington-athletic-yfc-20848>

All Together HAF

ARTventurers
Sunderland West & Washington
Squidge, squish, paint, explore, sing, dance!

working with



For ages 5-11 living in Sunderland/Washington.
Drop off only sessions, snack and hot lunch provided for all attending (please bring refillable water bottle)
Cost of session: Free to those subject to meeting criteria.
(Free School Meals/SEND/Cost of Living)



Starts Friday 24th July
for 16 sessions
Mon-Fri 9-1pm

ARTspace, Washington, NE37 2HF

BOOK NOW: eequ.org/book

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Summerfest is here!

Bursting with games,
live music,
colour runs,
and community stalls



Every Wednesday during
the summer holidays
across Sunderland



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Free activities across Sunderland



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active future SUMMER FUN!

Get ready for a summer to remember!
Active Future is thrilled returning to Hylton Castle Primary School, in partnership with and Together for Children to bring an exclusive HAF Summer Camp packed with high-energy fun, creativity and discovery.

Expect epic Nerf Battles, fast-paced Dodgeball, delicious Taste Testing, loads of Summer Crafts, and even some surprise activities along the way!
A healthy breakfast snack, hot lunch, fruit and drinks will be provided each day — So all your child needs to bring is their energy and enthusiasm!

*Free and paid places available

When	24 th July	Times	10 am - 2 pm	Who	5 years - 12 years
	28 th July - 31 st July				
	3 rd Aug - 7 th Aug				
	10 th Aug - 14 th Aug				

Please turn over to make a booking



TO BOOK YOUR PLACE

☎ Mark - 07964697411
✉ afsunderland@activefuture.info



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SEND holiday camps



We are running specialist SEND camps designed around inclusivity and lead by specialist SEND staff including teachers.

What we offer

- **STAY and PLAY sessions**—we have a variety of activities and free play.
- **SPECIAL VISITORS** - Animal encounters and others
- **Science activities** - activities including CRAZY CHEMISTRY, BATH BOMB MAKING and SLIME.



We are running from **RAINBOW FAMILY HUB** in Washington. These sessions are for residents of Sunderland only.

<https://eequ.org/book/>

MESSAGE or PHONE to book - KATIE
07772477201

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Washington Academy

100 Years of Us

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100 Years of Us Exhibition
Past photos from our archives.

WEDNESDAY 15TH JULY **4PM - 7PM**

- FAIRGROUND RIDES**
From Wilkinson's Funfair
- CARNIVAL GAMES**
- A RANGE OF STALLS**
Selling a mix of handmade items, jewellery, keyrings, resin items & more!
- CHEESE CLUB**
- FACE PAINTER**
- SNOW CONES**
- COOKIES**
- SWEETS**
- CLAIRE'S COFFEE'S**
- GRILLHAUS BURGER BAR**

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STUDENTS & CHILDREN GO FREE!