



USWORTH COLLIERY

Weekly Newsletter



12th December 2025

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	91.82%	4EH	94.35%
RLC	87.5%	4SP	91.58%
1JB	92.78%	5GS	91.67%
1JD	94.74%	5JM	97.89%
2EP	86.25%	6CS	97.39%
2PQ	95%	6JW	95%
3BB	85.45%	Base Blue	90%
3RD	98.1%	Base Yellow	93.55%
Base Red	96%	Thrive	80%

Congratulations to **5JM** for the best attendance this week at **97.89%**

Whole school attendance **92.17%**

No classes with 100% this week. Remember every school day counts!

CHRISTMAS FAIR THURSDAY 11TH DECEMBER

Our Christmas fair will be taking place in school on Wednesday 17th December (next Wednesday) from 2pm. You can attend at any time during the afternoon or after school until last entry at 4:30. If you are collecting your children to join you at the fair during school time (before 3:15) please collect them from the following locations:

Reception- usual door

Y1 – from Mrs Quinn's classroom door

Y2 - from Miss Brown's classroom door

Y3- from Mrs Burrell's classroom door

Y4 and Y5 – from Mr Warner's classroom door

Y6 – from Mrs Swinburn's classroom door.

Doors will be labelled to help you.

Once you have collected your children, please come into the fair though the main school door (where the main office is located)

The Key Stage 2 gate will be opened at 2pm for access to the fair

Once you have completed your fair experience, please leave though the Year 3/4 corridor to avoid too much congestion.

You are free to take your children home once you have collected them from the classrooms.

This year there will be activities in the main hall, the art room and the KS2 corridor.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER

We are having our Christmas parties on Friday 19th December (the last day of the term) **Children can come into school in party clothes, Christmas jumpers or just non uniform of their choice.**

There is no obligation for parents/carers to provide any food, however, if you would like to bring a small item of party food to share between the classes, please could you send sweet or savoury items as listed below (this ensures there is a range of party food to share within the year group):

RAW sweet

RLC savoury

1JB: sweet

1JD: savoury

2EP: sweet

2PQ: savoury

3BB: sweet

3RD: savoury

4SP: sweet

4EH: savoury

5JM: sweet

5GS: savoury

6CS: sweet

6JW: savoury

Base Blue, Base Red and Base Yellow: sweet or savoury

Thrive - please could children in Thrive bring a plate for themselves due to dietary needs of pupils in this class.

WHO HAS BEEN IN MY OFFICE THIS WEEK?

Lana (6JW) came to show me her wonderful division of two-digit numbers. Lana was dividing by 35 and applying her understanding of short division to her lesson. She has shown great resilience because this was some really tricky stuff. Keep up the hard work Lana and well done!

EXCITING NEWS! WE'VE WON A BRILLIANT BOX OF BOOKS!

We're delighted to share that our school has won a national giveaway from Read for Good and The Rebel Reading Society. This means we'll be receiving a box full of brand-new, high-quality children's books to boost our school library. The bundle will arrive before the end of term and will be officially opened at the start of the Spring term as part of the National Year of Reading 2026.

This exciting prize means:

📖 A whole box of fresh, engaging reads for our pupils to enjoy

🤝 A new connection with Read for Good and The Rebel Reading Society, organisations who champion reading for pleasure

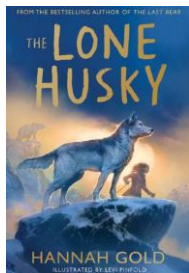
👤 Opportunities to connect with authors through their networks

📖 A brilliant start to the National Year of Reading 2026

We're so excited for our pupils to dive into these fantastic new reads!

RECOMMENDED READS AND NEW RELEASES

THE LONE HUSKY BY HANNAH GOLD



April Wood is no stranger to adventure. After all, she lives in the Arctic and her best friend is a polar bear. But when April finds herself volunteering for the Polar Race – a long-distance dog sled race across the frozen tundra – even she wonders if this may be an adventure too far. April will need all the help she can get if she's to make it to the finish line. And competition is fierce – with experienced dog sledders, including new boy Finn, who will go to any lengths to win. But April has something the other teams don't: Blaze, a solitary husky with a troubled past, who may just prove to be her secret weapon...

NO AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS NEXT WEEK!

Letters have been sent out about clubs available in the Spring term

AUTUMN TERM DATES

Events next week

New information added

Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas fair
Wednesday 17 th December	RLC Northern Stage The Night Before ChrisMouse,
Thursday 18 th December	RAW Northern Stage The Night Before ChrisMouse,
Thursday 18 th December	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 18 th December	Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch
Friday 19 th December	Last day of Autumn Term

Children return to school on Monday 5th January

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.

Please note the school Twitter account, @UCPrimary, is no longer in use.

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.

This week's classes with the most house points are:

1st-4EH 2nd-2EP 3rd-3BB

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