



ATTENDANCE TO CELEBRATE THIS WEEK

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

2PQ	97.32%
Base Yellow	96.05%
4SP	97.37%

Only three classes made it into the green zone this week for attendance but, congratulations to **4SP** for the best attendance at **97.37%** and for winning the attendance trophy!

Whole school attendance this week was **91.01%**

Remember every school day counts!

WHO HAS BEEN IN MY OFFICE THIS WEEK?

Alfie 5GS brought his homework to show me. He had worked so hard on a very tricky concept around fractions. After some initial support from Mum, he was able to complete the rest of his homework all by himself. Well done Alfie, I am very impressed and I know you are proud of yourself too!

This week I was also asked to go to see **all of 3BB** because their teacher was so proud of the writing, they had been involved in. Their writing brief was to create instructions explaining how to mummify a pharaoh. They had all worked so hard; the presentation of their final pieces was such high quality and they had all managed to get the mummification steps in the right order. Well done to you all!

Harry 5JM had a fantastic morning on Wednesday, he was complimented for his super independent writing in English and when Miss Clapperton took him out to read, she was so impressed with his fluency, his accuracy and the fact that he could ask very thought provoking questions about the text. Well done Harry.

Joshua, Erin and Aaliyah 3RD came to show me the portal stories that have been writing this week. All three had beautiful handwriting, but they had also worked on punctuation, including commas in lists and speech marks. However, what was most impressive was the high-quality vocabulary and similes they had used to grab the reader's attention and to add description. Well done all of you!

PSHCE AND MENTAL HEALTH FAMILY OPEN MORNING

On Friday 19th June from 9:15am-10:30am, we are hosting our annual PSHCE and Mental Health family open morning in school and we would love to invite you to this event. In our school, we are moving towards using Pol'Ed to teach PSHCE on a weekly basis covering a wide range of issues and topics, always taking our lead from the children and teaching what is necessary for the class and year group - there will be more information about Pol'Ed available at the open morning. Many lessons are drama or discussion based so we record our work in large 'floor books' and often use stories and scenarios to introduce and teach certain topics. There will be a chance for you to look through your child's class floor books and have a go at some of the activities and techniques that we use throughout school to promote PSHCE and good mental health. There will also be a comfy reading area where you can sit and read with your child. We have invited ambassadors from the local area to come along and promote their mental health services which are available to everyone. To allow us to run this event effectively please send your child into class as normal to receive their registration mark and then come through to reception when. You will then be able to collect your child from their classroom to join you in the hall. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Mrs. Swinburn

SPORTS DAYS NEXT WEEK!

Children may come to school in sportswear for the full day of their sports day and should have appropriate footwear for sporting activities - please no crocs or sandals. Please check the forecast and apply sun cream and send in sunhats/caps if appropriate to do so.

KS1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) - Tuesday 16th June pm

KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) - Wednesday 17th June pm

Gates will open at 1:05 (once children have gone inside after their lunchtime playtime).

Parents, carers and family members should make their way to the field via the KS2 playground gate and into the parents' enclosure in the middle of the tracks.

Please do not bring any extra drinks or snacks for your children as they will have access to their water bottles throughout the afternoon and will carry them between stations.

We kindly ask that no photographs or videos are taken during the afternoon for safeguarding purposes. If your child has photograph permission to be on Facebook, we will post a selection of the afternoon's events afterwards.

Whole class races will start at 1:20

Once the event has finished, we will take children back inside to collect their things. During this time, please make your way to your child's usual door where they will be dismissed by their class teacher as usual. The event is scheduled to finish by the end of the day so you will then be able to collect any siblings from their usual door at their usual time.

Base classes will hold their sports day on Monday 15th June and as in previous years, this is a closed event. Parents of these children have been given letters with specific details and how to access photos and videos from the day. If your child attends Base at all through the week, they will only attend this sports day event.

Let's keep everything crossed for good weather, but if we do have to cancel on the day we will let you know as soon as we possibly can!

HELP US CREATE A GIANT OCEAN-THEMED BOTTLE TOP MURAL!

Our school is taking part in an exciting project with Sunderland City Council's Low Carbon Team and The Bridges shopping centre to create a giant ocean-themed mural from recycled bottle tops. We would love your support! Please send in as many clean plastic bottle tops as you can over the coming weeks. We haven't got long – the last day for collecting them is the 3rd July.

There is also a competition, with the class collecting the most bottle tops winning tickets to the Sunderland Empire pantomime in December.

Thank you for your support – let's see how many bottle tops we can collect together! *Mrs Justice*



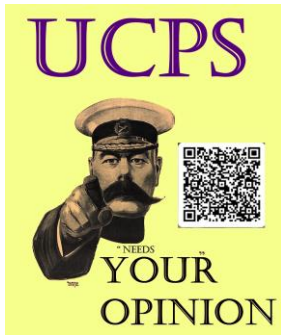
BOOKS AND BREAKFAST

We are delighted to be launching our Books and Breakfast sessions for Reception & KS1 families. Parents and carers are invited to join us from 8:45am through the classroom doors to share books and stories with their child while enjoying some light refreshments. During each session, staff will provide a short demonstration of a reading or phonics activity that we use in school, along with ideas for how these can be supported at home. We are also excited that our KS2 Reading Ambassadors will be joining the classes to help celebrate a love of reading. Sessions will finish at 9:15am. Please see below for your child's year group date – we look forward to welcoming you!

Reception: Friday 3rd July

Year 1: Wednesday 8th July

Year 2: To be confirmed



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>

Y4 AT EDEN CAMP

This week 4EH visited Eden Camp as part of our history unit "World War 2". The children had a lovely day filled with activating prior knowledge and also learning lots of new things about WW2. We had great fun being inside of an immersive setting where we could experience what it may have been like during WW2 from The Blitz experience, different types of bomb shelters, wartime vehicles and much more! They were, as always, a great representation of UCPS and the values we strive to uphold. Well done 4EH! **Mrs Henderson.**



OMNICOM'S YOUNG INVENTORS COMPETITION

In May, our amazing Year 4 pupils entered Omnicom's Young Inventors Competition in which they were challenged to design and draw their very own helpful invention. Congratulations to Susie from 4SP, who was selected as one of the winning entries and has won school a tablet which we are going to use as a raffle prize at this year's Summer Fair! She let her imagination run wild and designed a robot, called Chood, that can prepare any food your heart desires! As a congratulations and thank you school Susie will receive an amazon voucher which we will present to her in assembly! Well done Susie!

MESSAGE FROM THE CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONER

We have had a letter from Dame Rachel de Souza who is the Children's Commissioner, she is asking for as many children as possible to take part in a survey to hear about their experiences, views and aspirations. This is how your children's voices can be heard by government. To take part all you need to do is follow the link below and support your child to answer the questions.

[http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture.](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture)

DONATIONS OF SCHOOL UNIFORM

As we approach the warmer months and children continue to grow, we are currently running low on spare school uniform in school, particularly jumpers and particularly the larger sizes. If you have any items of uniform that your child has grown out of and you are happy to donate, we would be extremely grateful. All donations can be sent into the school office. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

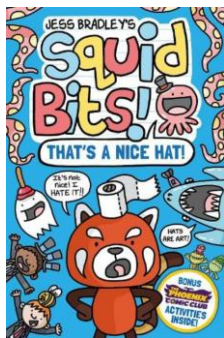


RECOMMENDED READS AND NEW RELEASES

SQUID BITS: THAT'S A NICE HAT! BY JESS BRADLEY

Bursting with laugh-out-loud, quick-fire fun, you'll meet Red Panda - Nature's Jerk, Art Shark, Business Bee, discover the mystery behind The Squid. Discover what happens when the Doodles go on a hat-related mission involving fabulous style, heated debate and total panic . . . It's an explosion of mirthful mayhem!

Along the way, get style tips in Monster Fashion, seek cures for your ailments from Dr Bacon, MD, and reveal your future in chicken-related horoscopes. You've never read a book like this before, so prepare yourself for laughs aplenty!



ACTIVE SUNDERLAND BIG BIKE RIDE 2026

Sunday 12 July 2026 at 9am at Beacon of Light (next to the Stadium of Light) SR5 1SN
5 Mile Led Ride – Perfect for Families with Young Children and Beginners

Imagine a relaxed Sunday ride where the focus is on fun, not speed. The Active Sunderland BIG Bike Ride offers a welcoming 5-mile route designed for families and first-time cyclists. Starting at the Beacon of Light, you'll pedal at an easy pace along safe, well-marked paths, led by experienced cycling instructors. It's the perfect way to build confidence on two wheels and experience the joy of cycling without pressure. Whether you're riding with kids or just starting out, this event is all about making your first bike ride event memorable and enjoyable.

12-Mile Adventure – Perfect for Beginners and Families

Ready to go a little further? The 12-mile route is ideal for those who want a taste of adventure without going too far. You'll enjoy a mix of paths and leafy trails, giving you a real sense of exploration while riding at your own pace. It's a great way to spend time with friends or family, discover new parts of Sunderland, and feel that satisfying sense of achievement when you cross the finish line. With full support along the way, you can relax and enjoy the ride knowing help is always close by if you need it.

20-Mile Challenge – For Growing Confidence

If you're looking to stretch your legs and take your cycling up a notch, the 20-mile route is for you. You'll feel the thrill of covering more ground, soaking up the views, and enjoying the company of fellow cyclists. It's a challenge, but with marshals, bike mechanics, and a support vehicle on hand, you'll have everything you need to succeed.

38-Mile Epic – For Experienced Cyclists

For those who love a challenge and cycling, the 38-mile route is for you. This ride takes you on an unforgettable journey through Sunderland, showcasing the extensive cycle network and our beautiful landscapes. With full event support, you can focus on the ride, the scenery, and that unbeatable feeling of accomplishment when you cross the finish line.

It's a fun day out for everyone – even if you don't ride often. You can pick a route that feels right for you. Remember each route has:

Friendly helpers along the way

- First aid if you need it
- Bike fixers
- Pick-up vans if you get tired
- Clear signs so you won't get lost

See the poster at the bottom of the Newsletter for more information

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
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SUMMER TERM DATES

Events next week New information added

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 15 June - Friday 19th June Sports Week	
Monday 15 June	Y1 walk to the church
Tuesday 16 th June	4SP Eden Camp
Tuesday 16 th June	KS1 Sports Day
Wednesday 17 th June	KS2 Sports Day
Thursday 18 th June	Y1 walk around the local area
Friday 19 th June	Dress down day and bring a Summer Fayre tombola donation
Friday 19 th June	PSHCE/ Mental Health Open Morning
Monday 22 nd June	EYFS PSED stay and play 2-3pm
Wednesday 24 th June	EYFS Edinburgh Zoo visit
Thursday 25 th June	London Residential
Monday 29 th June- Wednesday 1 st July Washington Academy Transition Days	
Monday 6 th July	RLC Library Visit cancelled
Friday 3 rd July	Reception Books and Breakfast 8:45- 9:15am
Wednesday 8 th July	Year 1 Books and Breakfast 8:45- 9:15am
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
Thursday 16 th July	Year 6 End of Year Production 9:30am and 5pm
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 – 4EH 2nd – 5JM 3rd – 5GS

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NOTICES



Active Sunderland BIG Bike Ride

Sunday 12 July, Beacon of Light

Take the family on a 5 mile led ride, conquer a 12-mile adventure, stretch your legs on the 20-miler or challenge yourself to the 38-mile route.

Our rides are fully supported with clearly signed routes, marshals, first aid cover, bike mechanics and pick-up vehicles.

Entry starts at just £7.50.

Find out more at: linksforlifesunderland.co.uk/big-bike-ride

Sunderland City Council **Active Sunderland**



Active Sunderland led beginner bike ride

Join us on our led beginner bike ride. At just 5 miles long it's the perfect opportunity for beginners and little legs to experience the thrill of their very first cycling event led by qualified instructors.

All children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Entry starts at just £7.50 per person and includes a finishers medal.

Enter now at: linksforlifesunderland.co.uk/big-bike-ride

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