

UNIFORM RECYCLING PLEASE!!!

It has been wonderful to have so much uniform being recycled and worn again by our children this year. Thank you so much to everyone who has brought in preloved uniform. Due to the huge success, we have had with our uniform recycling stand, we are now running out of items (especially the bigger sizes!). As the year comes to an end if you have any items of uniform that your child has out-grown, please donate it to school. We will sort, wash and refold it and it can be used again by others. Uniform can be given in at the office or to your child's class teacher or any member of staff and everything is greatly appreciated!

Items we can recycle include:

Navy sweatshirt or cardigan

Gold or yellow 'polo' shirt

Navy, black or grey skirt or pinafore

Navy, black or grey trousers

School summer dresses/skirts in either blue or gold/yellow checks.



Wednesday - AWARDS PRESENTATION

We will be holding our annual awards presentation on Wednesday morning for the whole school. Parents of any children who are receiving awards have been contacted.

Friday - YEAR 6 LEAVERS ASSEMBLY

Parents and carers of our Year 6 children are invited to join us at school on Friday at 10am in the main hall for our Year 6 Leavers assembly. After the assembly the children are free to leave with their adult.

YEAR 6 LONDON VISIT

Last week, a group of Y6 children made their journey to London for 2 days of non-stop fun! After a wobbly start (our train was cancelled!), we managed to get on another train with reserved seats all thanks to the wonderful staff at LNER. We arrived in Kings Cross then took the tube to Borough Market. We walked along the South Bank and took in the sights such as Shakespeare's Globe, the Tate Modern, the London Eye and Big Ben before stopping off for lunch in Jubilee Park with the London Eye as a backdrop. We then made our way to the hostel for a quick freshen up, then took the bus back to The Strand for an early tea at Pizza Express. Making our way through Leicester Square (and spotting Batman on the roof), we visited M&M World, stocking up on snacks and merchandise before heading to the Duchess Theatre to watch 'The Play That Goes Wrong'. It was quite a late night, so we hurried back on the bus and jumped into bed as soon as we arrived back at the hostel. The next day, we had a full day at the Natural History Museum planned where we saw Mary Anning's pliosaurus, a blue whale skeleton and the fossils of a giant sloth! After another tube journey back to Kings Cross, we visited the Harry Potter shop before having a McDonald's and boarding the train for home. Phew! Two fantastic days with a wonderful bunch of children - their behaviour was impeccable - we are all very proud of them and hope they have created lots of memories! Mrs Swinburn, Mrs Moore, Mrs Calcutt and Mrs Hall.



KEEPING OUR SCHOOL GROUNDS TIDY

This week, the Eco-Warriors did a great job litter picking around our school grounds. They worked as a team and did really well and their hard work is much appreciated - thank you. Thanks also go to the Clean and Green Team who loaned us the equipment.

Mrs Justice



FREE PACKED LUNCHES DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS

This summer, the Washington Community Food Project will -once again- be offering free packed lunches to all local nursery, primary and secondary school children. Lunches may be collected from our main outlet in Unit O (opposite Virgin Money, in the Galleries) every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday between 12pm & 3pm, throughout the summer holidays. No referral is necessary but children must be accompanied - Please see the poster at the bottom of this newsletter for more information

HAVE YOUR SAY ABOUT WASHINGTON

The School Councillors and Eco-warriors took part in an engagement project with Sunderland Council last week to share their views on how to improve the local area. Helen Peverley, who led the meeting, was very impressed with the children who were so enthusiastic and full of positive ideas. Helen is also interested in gathering your views too. She has written a letter asking parents and carers to get involved too. If you have an opinion on what is good about Washington and/or what you would like the council to do to improve the area please get your responses handed in to the office by Tuesday 16th July at the latest.

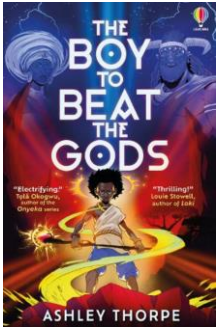
Here is the letter from Helen Peverley.

Dear Parents,

Your children very kindly shared their views with colleagues from Sunderland Council last week, to talk about what they **liked about** Washington and what they would like to see improved. The ideas will be fed into the development of an Investment Plan for Washington. If you would also like to share your views, please write them down and ask your children to bring them back into school. We will collate the ideas and ensure they are shared with the team developing the Plan.

Thanks in advance,

Helen



RECOMMENDED READS AND NEW RELEASES THE BOY TO BEAT THE GODS BY ASHLEY THORPE

Kayode dreams of eating the forbidden fruit of the Orishas, so he can gain the power of the gods and stop them terrorizing his people. So when a fruit mysteriously appears in his path after the Orishas snatch his sister, he leaps on it.

Surging with new and difficult-to-control powers, he joins forces with a shapeshifting trickster god and a vengeful princess to save his sister and put an end to the mighty Orishas. But each has more fearful powers than the last - and Kayode's stolen half-god strength won't last for ever...

SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR NEXT YEAR

At the bottom of this newsletter I have attached our 2024/2025 term dates starting in September.

Children return to school after the Summer Holidays on Monday 9th September 2024

Any dates that are circled are **Teacher Training Days** and children **will not** be attending school that day.

You have also been sent an email with these dates on them.

Please do not book holidays within term time

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

SUMMER TERM DATES

Events next week New dates added

Monday 15th July - Wilderness Trip 6CS

Tuesday 16th July - Wilderness Trip 6JM

Friday 19th July – Y6 Leavers Assembly

Friday 19th July – Break up for Summer holidays

NO EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES NEXT WEEK!

TWITTER STARS

Remember to check out this week's Twitter Stars! These are tweeted on: @TStarKS1_UCPS or @TStarKS2_UCPS. They also appear on @UCPrimary and on our website Twitter feed

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 following the Colliery Code.

ATTENDANCE WINNERS

These classes have the highest attendance this week. Well done everyone!

Whole school attendance – 94.78%

EYFS/KS1 1RD - 97.35% KS2 6CS -96.89%

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NOTICES

TERM DATES 2024/2025

SEPTEMBER 2024						
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JUNE 2025						
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JULY 2025						
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AUGUST 2025						
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See our [Facebook](#) page for more details

Summer 2024

Washington

Wessington Primary School
Lanercost, Washington NE38 7QA

Holiday Week 1:
Monday 22nd July, Tuesday 23rd July,
Wednesday 24th July, Thursday 25th July

Holiday Week 2:
Monday 29th July, Tuesday 30th July,
Wednesday 31st July, Thursday 1st August

Holiday Week 3:
Monday 5th August, Tuesday 6th August,
Wednesday 7th August,
Thursday 8th August

Holiday Week 4:
Monday 12th August, Tuesday 13th August,
Wednesday 14th August,
Thursday 15th August

Washington

The Top Club
Manor Road, Usworth NE37 3BD

Holiday Week 1:
Monday 22nd July, Friday 26th July

Holiday Week 2:
Monday 29th July, Friday 2nd August

Holiday Week 3:
Monday 5th August, Friday 9th August

Holiday Week 4:
Monday 12th August, Friday 16th August

Holiday Week 5:
Tuesday 20th August, Wednesday 21st
August, Thursday 22nd August,
Friday 23rd August

Holiday Week 6:
Tuesday 27th August, Wednesday 28th
August, Thursday 29th August,
Friday 30th August

- All camps are 9am-3pm
- For ages 6-11
- **FREE** for eligible children*



Sunderland



To book your spaces go to:

bookwhen.com/activefamilies

You must book a space on every session you wish your child/children to attend. You will receive a confirmation email via the booking system. *Please see the booking page for full eligibility criteria and booking information. Please email wendy@activefamiliesne.co.uk with any queries or message us on Facebook: Active Families North East CIC.