



USWORTH COLLIERY

Weekly Newsletter

13th December 2024

ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK

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

EYFS/KS 2JB 98.18% KS2 4EH 97.78% Base Red 95%

Whole school attendance – 93.94%

Congratulations to Classes **2JB 4EH** and **Base Red** for winning two weeks in a row!

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Raffle prizes this year include a smart watch, bottles of spirits, chocolates and lots more!

Raffle tickets for our Christmas Raffle are still on sale from the office. Tickets are £1:00 per strip - money to be paid in an envelope with your child's name and class on. The last day for purchasing tickets is Monday 16th December and the raffle will be drawn on Monday evening. Winners will be informed by text!

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

A reminder that the children's Christmas parties are scheduled for Thursday and Friday next week. Friday is also Christmas jumper day so the children who are having a party that day can choose whether to wear party clothes or/and a Christmas jumper. Please see below for details of parties for the different year groups:

Thursday 19th morning: Year 1, Base Blue and Thrive

Thursday 19th afternoon: Year 2

Friday 20th morning: Reception, Year 3, Year 5 and Base Red

Friday 20th afternoon: Year 4 and Base Yellow

Food for the parties

Due to pupils with severe allergies in RECEPTION and BASE YELLOW please do not send in any party food - school will provide the food for these classes.

Although there is no obligation for parents/carers to provide any food in other year groups, 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):

1RD: sweet

1DB: savoury

2EP: sweet

2JB: savoury

3CB: sweet

3RL: savoury

4SP: sweet

4EH: savoury

5JW: sweet

5GS: savoury

6CS: sweet

6JM: savoury

Thrive, Base Blue and Base Red: sweet or savoury

WHO HAS BEEN IN MY OFFICE THIS WEEK?

Robbie 6JM came to show me his letter to Salva explaining how his work made such a difference to a child in South Sudan. His letter was heartfelt and he used his vocabulary choices well to get a strong reaction from the reader. Well done Robbie

Olivia 6JM brought me the non-linear story she had written which jumped from the past to the future on more than one occasion. She had worked really hard to make the time changes seamless so that the reader was engaged in the story and not confused by the time changes. She had also used figurative language and rich descriptions to bring her story to life.

FREE LUNCHES OVER THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

During the festive break, the WCFP (Washington Community Food Project) will be offering its free packed lunches to all local school children. No referral is necessary but children must be accompanied by an adult when collecting them. Lunches can be collected from Unit O (opposite Virgin Money, The Galleries) Tues to Fri 12-3pm, excluding Boxing Day. See the poster at the bottom of this newsletter for more information

EVENTS AT ST MICHAELS AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH (MICKEY'S PLACE)

Reverend Bethany McNeeley who is a school governor and also the Reverend at St Michaels and All Angels Church has sent us information about a range of events happening at the church in the run up to Christmas. Details of these events; which include a Christmas diner, a Christingle and a carol service as well as breakfast with Santa. All flyers are attached to the bottom of this newsletter.

WASHINGTON LEISURE CENTRE FREE HOLIDAY AND FOOD ACTIVITY CAMP

For the parents/guardians of children who are entitled to means tested free school meals Washington Leisure Centre have lots free spaces per day on their Christmas holiday camps. Children who attend will get a free hot meal as well as sports activities including swimming.

Dates are: Mon 23rd and Mon 30th December, Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd January ages 5 – 11 years.

From 10am – 2pm

Please call Washington Leisure Centre on 01914166642 to book your child's place and for more information

SPOTLIGHT ON DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

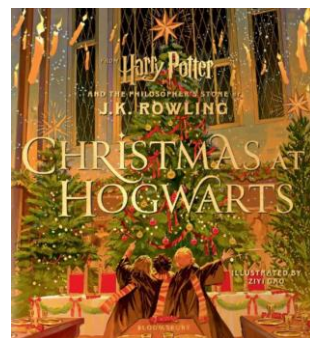


This week's spotlight is on Design and Technology. Across school, we have been working incredibly hard in D&T this term. The children have been preparing food, making toys & building towers. I'm proud of all their efforts! It has been lovely to see the enthusiasm they have shown and how they have helped each other throughout! To see some of our work click the link below!

<https://www.usworthcolliery.co.uk/blog/2024-12-13-09-00-00-subjects-in-the-spotlight>

RECOMMENDED READS AND NEW RELEASE CHRISTMAS AT HOGWARTS BY J. K. ROWLING

'Christmas was coming. One morning in mid-December, Hogwarts woke to find itself covered in several feet of snow.' So begins Chapter 12 of Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone, the story of Harry Potter's magical first Christmas at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. From the wonder of the Great Hall decked with sparkling, decorated fir trees to cosy evenings by the fire in the Gryffindor common room and the joy of opening presents on Christmas morning, it's a school holiday filled with warmth, friendship, treats and magical surprises that Harry will never forget. With text drawn directly from J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone and luminous artwork by Ziyi Gao, this favourite moment, showing Harry's very first Christmas amongst friends, is now fully illustrated for the whole family to enjoy. Sure to be treasured by Harry Potter fans of all ages, it's the perfect gift to put under the tree or read together at Christmas – the beginning of an enchanting new festive tradition



AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

No clubs are running during the last week of the term

New after school club information for the Spring term will be circulated in the New Year

AUTUMN TERM DATES

Events next week New dates added

Monday 16 th December	3CB visiting Wharton Park (Natural Christmas)
Tuesday 17 th December	Year 3&4 Christmas performance 9.30am (all welcome) & 2pm (no pre-school)
Tuesday 17 th December	RLC Northern Stage Theatre Visit

Wednesday 18 th December	Reception Christmas performance 9.30am (all welcome) & 2pm (no pre-school)
Wednesday 18 th December	Choir Singing at Willow Brook Care Home
Thursday 19 th December	RAW Northern Stage Theatre Visit
Thursday 19 th December	Christmas parties
Thursday 19 th December	Y3 Christmas Crafts at Washington Manor
Friday 20 th December	Christmas parties
Friday 20 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 20 th December	Last day of Autumn Term

Children return to school on Monday 6th January

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

1st - 4SP 2nd - 5GS 3rd - 5JW

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NOTICES

HELP YOURS-ELF TO A FREE LUNCH

During the festive break, the **WCFP** will be offering its free packed lunches to all local school children.

NO REFERRAL NECESSARY

CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

Lunches may be collected from Unit O (opposite Virgin Money, The Galleries) Tues to Fri 12-3pm, excl. Boxing Day

PARISH OF USWORTH
ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

WEDNESDAY EVENING ADVENT STUDY

December 4th, 11th and 18th 6pm at Holy Trinity.

BLUE CHRISTMAS

Blue Christmas Remembrance is a space to remember those whom we miss at Christmas.

St. Michael's from 9:30am-1pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in December.

Holy Trinity - Tuesday Dec. 17th from 10am-4pm.

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES OF LIGHT

All are welcome to join us at 7pm.

December 1st - St. Michael's

December 8th - Holy Trinity

December 15th - St. Michael's

December 22nd - Holy Trinity

MESSY CHRISTINGLE SERVICES

All are welcome to join us for our family friendly and messy Christingle Services.

Sunday December 8th at 3pm

Sunday December 15th at 3pm



PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR

Christingle Service

SUNDAY DECEMBER 8

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH AT 3PM

SUNDAY DECEMBER 15

ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH AT 3PM

For more information please contact:
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PARISH OF USWORTH

Carol Service

TUESDAY DECEMBER 24
ST. MICHAEL'S - 3PM
HOLY TRINITY - 7PM

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ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH,
MANOR ROAD, SULGRAVE

Christmas Campfire Carols

SUNDAY DECEMBER 22 FROM 5PM
carols, marshmallows,
hot cocoa and mulled wine

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**MICKEY'S PLACE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS
BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**

Saturday December 21 at St. Michael's
Tickets are available for £5/family

Booking Times: 9am-10:30am or 10:30am-12pm

MICKEY'S PLACE CHRISTMAS DINNER

Sunday December 22 from 1-2pm
St. Michael and All Angels Church
Tickets only: £5/person

CAMPFIRE CAROLS

All are welcome to join us for carols around a
campfire with marshmallows and hot cocoa.

Sunday December 22 from 5pm at St. Michael's.

CHRISTMAS EVE CAROL SERVICES

All are welcome to join us for our
family friendly Carol Services.

St. Michael's - 3pm
Holy Trinity - 7pm

CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS

December 24 Holy Trinity at 11pm.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

St. Michael's at 10am.



St. Michael and All Angels Church
Manor Road, Sulgrave

Mickey's Place

**Children's Christmas
Breakfast with Santa**

Saturday December 21

Booking times:

9-10:30am

10:30am-12pm

Tickets: £5/family



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