



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	89.2%	4EH	93.19%
RLC	87.63%	4SP	95.79%
1JB	92.59%	5GS	93.86%
1JD	88.42%	5JM	92.29%
2EP	92.22%	6CS	92.32%
2PQ	95.45%	6JW	93.19%
3BB	92.61%	Base Blue	93.18%
3RD	95.56%	Base Yellow	95.48%
Base Red	92.5%	Thrive	94%

Congratulations to **4SP** for the best attendance this week at **95.79%**

Whole school attendance **92.47%**

No classes with 100% this week and none in the green zone!

Remember every school day counts!

PARENTS/CARERS MEETING APPOINTMENTS FOR WEDNESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY

We are looking forward to seeing you next Wednesday at our parent/carer meetings. Anyone who booked an appointment should have received a time slot. If there are any problems with your time slot or if you haven't booked an appointment yet but still wish too, please contact the office and we will try to accommodate you.

YEAR 5 BIKEABILITY UPDATE

Unfortunately, the Year 5 Bikeability sessions scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday this week had to be postponed due to poor weather conditions. These sessions have now been rearranged for next Monday and Tuesday.

Monday: Children will complete their Level 2 Bikeability qualification out on the roads.

Tuesday morning: Pupils will take part in fun bike-skills games on the school yard.

Please ensure your child brings their bike, helmet and suitable outdoor clothing for both days, as they will be outside for extended periods.

Thank you. **Year 5 teachers and the Bikeability Team**

FOREST SCHOOL CLOSED NEXT WEEK

Due to the current weather conditions. We have taken the decision to close our Forest School next week as it is now extremely waterlogged.

Therefore, there will be no lessons held in the Forest School next week. Children are to come into school in their normal uniform on days they would usually be in forest school. Forest School Club on Monday night is also cancelled.

SPOTLIGHT ON ICT



Tuesday 10th February was Safer Internet Day 2026. However, at Usworth Colliery we believe that everyday should be a safer internet day! Alongside projects focused on E-Safety, the topic is also discussed if and when it is appropriate. We are also busy exploring how we can introduce AI into our projects and encourage the children to use it safely and sensibly. This week's Spotlight showcases some of the excellent work our children have done since the start of the year. To look

at our work please follow the link below to the spotlight page on the school website.

<https://www.usworthcolliery.co.uk/blog/2026-02-12-07-00-subjects-in-the-spotlight>

POLITE REMINDER ABOUT OUR NO-SWEARING POLICY ON SCHOOL PREMISES

We would like to remind everyone of our no-swearing policy in and around the school premises. Recently, we have had reports of inappropriate language being used during drop-off and pick-up times. While we understand that busy routines and everyday pressures can be challenging, we must ensure that our school environment remains calm, respectful and safe for all children.

As part of our safeguarding responsibilities, it is essential that children—particularly our youngest pupils—are not exposed to language that is inappropriate for their age. Many of our children, including pre-school siblings, are at a stage where they are rapidly developing their language. They can be very susceptible to copying words and phrases heard from adults around them.

We ask all parents and carers to act as positive role models and to be mindful of the language used on or near school grounds. In doing so, we help protect not only our own children, but also consider the rights and needs of other pupils, including those who may be more vulnerable or impressionable.

Thank you for your support and for helping us maintain a nurturing, respectful environment for every child in our school community.

DERWENT HILL AUTUMN 2026

We have 30 spaces available for the Derwent Hill residential visit taking place during the week beginning 30th November 2026. A letter has been sent out by email to all our current year 5 children's parents and carers. To secure a place for your child a £60.00 deposit is required. If any parents or carers would like a paper copy of the letter please contact or pop into the office and we will send one home with your child.

WHO HAS BEEN IN MY OFFICE THIS WEEK?

Coby 4EH brought me his Music certificate which he achieved earlier this year. He was so proud of his achievement and so are we! He also showed all of KS2 what he had achieved in their celebration assembly on Wednesday.

Luna 3RD brought her star of the week swimming certificate to show me. Luna has just started swimming lessons and to achieve this certificate she had to push off the side of the pool like a rocket. Well done Luna, Keep up the hard work!

YEAR 2 THEATRE VISIT

This week, Year 2 enjoyed a fantastic outing to the Sunderland Empire to see *Matilda the Musical*. The performance was full of energy, humour and incredible talent — a real treat from start to finish. Everyone had a brilliant time, and it was lovely to share such a fun experience together. The children were so well behaved and represented our school beautifully; we were incredibly proud of them. Back in the classroom, we have been using both the book *Matilda* and the musical as our stimulus in English. The children have explored characters, developed descriptive writing and drawn inspiration from the themes, songs and dramatic moments to support their own creative work. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm shine through in their writing. *Mrs Prinn*



Taylor Wimpey

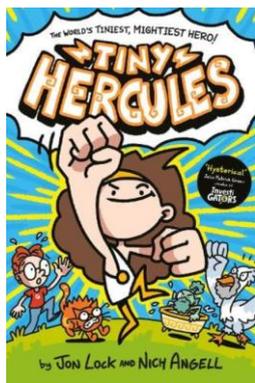
ART COMPETITION IN YEAR 6

Children in year 6 have been taking part in the Taylor Wimpey 'welcome home' card design competition. They have been given the opportunity to create a card that will be provided to new residents at its Stoneridge Hall development for years to come. The winner will receive a £50 Amazon voucher, and second and third place will receive a £25 Amazon voucher each. We will keep you posted on how they get on!



RECOMMENDED READS AND NEW RELEASES

TINY HERCULES BY JON LOCK AND NICH ANGELL



Get ready for legendary laughs with Tiny Hercules! Perfect for fans of Bunny vs Monkey and Dogman, Tiny Hercules is the hilarious debut full colour children's graphic novel from co-creators Jon Lock and Nich Angell. He's brave! He's strong! He's the size of a jam jar! He's Tiny Hercules, the world's tiniest, mightiest hero - and he's winning his way back to Tiny Olympus, one legendary deed at a time! Tiny Hercules has been banished to Earth as a punishment for ruining Tiny Zeus's bodacious party. To get home he must complete twelve legendary tasks but it isn't going to be easy - even for a demigod. Crash landing in the peaceful town of Chutney-on-Toast, Tiny Hercules soon spots his first task: defeating a lion! Except it's not a lion . . . it's actually a cat! Soon, Tiny Hercules is racing across town after the cat and causing chaos as he goes. When the cat's owner, 10-year-old Jeff, and a suspiciously Zeus-like swan join the chase all hell breaks loose in this zany comic book adventure!

SPRING 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	Forest school	Mrs Walker/Mrs Prinn	Rec-2	Forrest school
Monday	Construction Club	Mrs Jones	Rec-6	Yellow Base
Monday	Book club	Miss Brown	3-6	2JB classroom
Monday	Lego Club	Mrs Edmunds/Mrs Green	1-6	Art Room
Monday	Jigsaw and Games	Mrs Calcutt	Rec-6	KS2 intervention room
Tuesday	Jewellery Making	Mrs Dixon	3-6	3 RD classroom
Tuesday	Film Club	Mrs Henderson	2-6	4EP classroom
Tuesday	Skipping Club	Mrs Burrell	3-6	Hall
Wednesday	Creative Sparks	Culture Start (external provider)	3-6	Hall or Art Room

SPRING TERM DATES

[Events next week](#) [New information added](#)

Wednesday 18th February

Parents Evening

Friday 20th February

School closes for half term

HALF TERM

Monday 2nd March

School opens for all pupils

Monday 2nd March

6CS Safetyworks

Tuesday 3rd March

6JW Safetyworks

Thursday 5th March

World Book Day

Wednesday 11th March

Science is my Superpower (Newcastle pm)

Monday 16th March

RAW Hall Hill Farm

Tuesday 17th March

RLC Pizza Express

Wednesday 18th March

2026 Y6 SATs meeting for parents

Wednesday 18th March

Year 5 visit to Life Centre

Friday 20th March

RLC Hall Hill Farm

Monday 23rd March

Rocksteady Concert 10am

Monday 23rd March

RLC Library Visit

Wednesday 25th March

EYFS at the Dance Festival

Tuesday 24th March

RAW Pizza Express

Friday 27th March

KS1 Easter Performance (am for Y1 parents)

Friday 27th March

KS1 Easter Performance (pm for Y2 parents)

Monday 30th March

Base Blue and Thrive visit to SafetyWorks (am)

Tuesday 31st March

4SP Washington Arts Centre

Wednesday 1st April

4EH Washington Arts Centre

Wednesday 1st April
Thursday 2nd April
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5GS visit to Ouseburn
5JM visit to Ouseburn
Easter Egg Competition
Spring Term reports sent out to parents
School closes for the Easter Holidays

Children return to school on Tuesday 21st April

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.

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

1st-4EH 2nd- 2EP 3rd-5JM

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