



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	98.18%	4EH	89.04%
RLC	87.5%	4SP	93.68%
1JB	95%	5GS	95.56%
1JD	95.79%	5JM	97.89%
2EP	92.08%	6CS	96.52%
2PQ	99.09%	6JW	96.25%
3BB	93.04%	Base Blue	93.64%
3RD	95.5%	Base Yellow	86.89%
Base Red	85.11%	Thrive	92%

Congratulations to **2PQ** for the best attendance this week at **99.09%**

Whole school attendance this week **94%**

Remember every school day counts!

WHO HAS BEEN IN MY OFFICE THIS WEEK?

Oliver 6CS, came to show me his history research. He has been finding out how the Maya civilization came to an end and prioritising the possible reasons. Olive believes that it was due to over-farming and drought which led to food shortages. He has also completed history challenges, one of which was to find out about the city state Chichen Itza which he could confidently talk about. Super work Oliver, your love of history is obvious and you really help bring the subject to life, well done!

SCIENCE WEEK (...AND SCIENCE FORTNIGHT!)

We are very excited about next week, as it marks the start of Science Week here at UCPS — and we love science so much that we will actually be celebrating it across two whole weeks!

There are lots of exciting activities planned, along with wonderful opportunities for the children to go out on visits and for visitors to come into school to inspire the children across all three areas of science: biology, chemistry and physics.

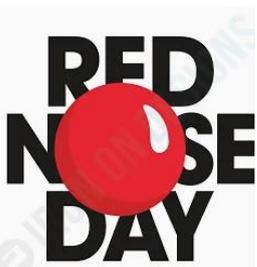
The theme for Science Week this year is Curiosity, and we can't wait to inspire your children's curious minds. Over the next couple of weeks, please do ask them what they have been learning and discovering in science — we're sure they'll have plenty to share!

COMIC RELIEF RED NOSE DAY

On Friday 20th March we will be marking Red Nose Day in school. Children are welcome to come to school in non-uniform if they would like to take part.

If families wish to make a voluntary donation to this charity, please send money in with your child on the day. Red Nose Day supports a range of important causes, including tackling poverty, supporting mental health, and addressing social injustice both in the UK and around the world.

Events like this help promote kindness, generosity, and community spirit, and we are proud to be part of such a worthwhile initiative.



UCPS GIRLS FOOTBALL TEAM UPDATE

On Tuesday evening, our girls' football team travelled to Rickleton to take on their toughest opponents in the league. It was a hard-fought match full of brilliant sportsmanship and team spirit, with a last-minute goal from St Bede's resulting in a narrow 1–0 loss for Usworth Colliery. Despite the result, the team remains proudly in 2nd place with two league games still to play.

A reminder to parents and players, we have two football nights next week.

Tuesday - the last evening of league matches against JFK and Holley Park (played at Rickleton Primary)

Thursday - first round of girls' cup competition also played at Rickleton Primary

Mrs Skeen

MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL COUNCIL AND MRS HILTON ABOUT OUR EASTER EGG COMPETITION

Get ready to crack open your creativity! 🐣 We are hosting our annual, fun-filled Easter Egg Decorating Competition on Thursday 2nd April, and everyone is invited to join in. All you have to do is: take an egg, boil it and decorate it, it's as simple as that. Don't forget to put your name on your entry and bring your most egg-cellent creations into school on the last day of this term. We look forward to seeing your fantastic entries. Lets get egg-s-tra creative.

RECOMMENDED READS AND NEW RELEASES

THE MAGIC FEATHER BY JULIA DONALDSON AND CATHERINE RAYNER



A rhyming fairy-tale adventure about the magic of nature and caring for our environment from the Number One bestselling Julia Donaldson, author of *The Gruffalo*, and Catherine Rayner, winner of the Kate Greenaway Medal for Illustration.

Imagine if you could speak to birds . . . that's just what happens to one young girl when she is given a magic feather that transforms their trills and twitters into words - and she discovers that they need her help! Join her as she embarks on an amazing journey across the sea to save their nests from the queen's woodcutters in *The Magic Feather*.

A stunningly illustrated book with a wonderful rhyming tale about magic, nature and looking after our environment from the creators of *The Go-Away Bird*.

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

HALF TERM

Monday 16 th March	RAW Hall Hill Farm
Tuesday 17 th March	RLC Pizza Express
Wednesday 18 th March	2026 Y6 SATs meeting for parents
Wednesday 18 th March	Year 5 visit to Life Centre
Friday 20 th March	RAW Hall Hill Farm
Monday 23 rd March	Rocksteady Concert 10am
Monday 23 rd March	RLC Library Visit
Wednesday 25 th March	EYFS at the Dance Festival
Tuesday 24 th March	RLC Pizza Express
Friday 27 th March	KS1 Easter Performance (am for Y1 parents)
Friday 27 th March	KS1 Easter Performance (pm for Y2 parents)
Monday 30 th March	Base Blue and Thrive visit to SafetyWorks (am)
Tuesday 31 st March	4SP Washington Arts Centre
Wednesday 1 st April	4EH Washington Arts Centre
Wednesday 1 st April	5GS visit to Ouseburn
Thursday 2 nd April	5JM visit to Ouseburn
Thursday 2 nd April	Easter Egg Competition
Thursday 2 nd April	Spring Term reports sent out to parents
Thursday 2 nd April	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-6JW 2nd- 2EP 3rd-5GS

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