



USWORTH COLLIERY

Weekly Newsletter



14th November 2025

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

This week's class attendance figures:

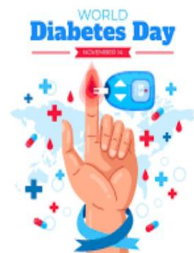
Classes with 96% and above are in the **green zone!**

Classes with 90% and below are in the **red zone!**

RAW	89.05%	4EH	90%
RLC	93.33%	4SP	99.5%
1JB	92.11%	5GS	96.11%
1JD	93.68%	5JM	90.53%
2EP	96.25%	6CS	95.65%
2PQ	92.17%	6JW	90.83%
3BB	88.64%	Base Blue	90%
3RD	96.67%	Base Yellow	90.98%
Base Red	90%	Thrive	100%

This week's winner of the 100% attendance certificate and Just Eat voucher is **Ryan 3BB**
Congratulations to Thrive for 100% attendance this week and to **4SP** for **99.5% attendance**
Whole school attendance **93.08%**
Remember every school day counts!

NON-UNIFORM DAY FOR WORLD DIABETES DAY AND CHILDREN IN NEED



Thank you for supporting your children to take part in our **World Diabetes** and **Children In Need non-uniform day today**. I am thrilled to inform you that we raised a fantastic **£274.78** which will all go to the charity **Breakthrough T1D UK**, that supports people living with type 1 diabetes and funds vital research.



SPOTLIGHT ON MATHS

Last week, we celebrated Number Confidence Week, with a special focus on 'Money Matters'—because feeling good with numbers can make a real difference in how we manage our finances.

Why Numbers Matter for Your Finances

From budgeting and saving to understanding bills and making informed purchasing decisions, everyday maths skills help us take control of our finances. Two-thirds of people in the UK say feeling confident with numbers has helped them in their careers—so whatever job you do, or hope to do, numeracy skills are worth building.

Take a look to see what each year group has been doing on our website by following this link.

<https://www.usworthcolliery.co.uk/blog/2025-11-14-09-00-subjects-in-the-spotlight>



CONCORD ILLUMINATIONS – MONDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 5PM -7PM

Please see the flyer at the bottom of the newsletter about this event next week!

SUNDERLAND YOUNG ACHIEVER AWARDS

If you know a young person who has achieved something wonderful and you would like to nominate them for this award, please see the flyer at the bottom of this newsletter.

THE PHOENIX PROJECT

This week some of our Year 6 students attended week one of the Phoenix Project at the Sunderland Fire Station as part of a programme to build up confidence and resilience. All children challenged themselves and engaged with multiple activities, including rock climbing, hose running and search and research exercises. It was wonderful to see them all developing a greater understanding of team work and leadership and we can't wait to see how they continue to develop these skills across the year.



WHO HAS BEEN IN MY OFFICE THIS WEEK?

Daniel 2EP and Max 2PQ worked so hard in art on Wednesday. Daniel concentrated really hard and his fine motor skills are showing huge improvements. Max showed his mature attitude to work. He showed everyone on his table how to work together, share equipment and take care of the classroom resources as well as producing a wonderful piece of art work based on the texture of tiger fur!

Edna Base Yellow wrote the most amazing paragraph all about when Katie Morag visited her Granny and was given some very important advice. The piece was neat, well punctuated and Edna read the whole paragraph back to me without any mistakes. Well done Edna!

Oskar RLC made a huge number line with blocks and then he counted to 91 and wrote all of these numbers on his number line. It was so big he couldn't bring it to show me so I had to go and see it in his classroom. It was very impressive and Oskar was very proud of his work. Well done Oskar!

REMEMBRANCE DAY



On Tuesday, our children gave a wonderful presentation to senior citizens from our local community, sharing what they have been learning about Remembrance Day. The afternoon showcased a wide range of work, from heartfelt poetry and thoughtful artwork to moving songs and creative Forest School activities. The children demonstrated excellent knowledge, confidence and respect throughout the event. Their performances were outstanding and their mature, considerate attitudes made us incredibly proud. Our visitors, including a representative from the Royal British Legion, spoke highly of the children's efforts and the meaningful way they honoured this important occasion.



A NEW CREATIVE OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR CHILDREN



Many of you will know that we've been running the Creative Sparks Club in school on Wednesdays, and it's been a huge hit with the children! We're now really excited to share that from Thursday 6th November, Creative Sparks will be offering new weekly after-school sessions at the Sulgrave Centre.

These sessions will be all about exploring arts and crafts in fun, hands-on ways — giving children the chance to try new things, express themselves, and build their confidence. The programme is being delivered in partnership with Sunderland Culture (Culture Start), and the Sunderland All Together Consortium.

The best part is, the sessions are completely free for all primary school children. If you think your child would love to get creative, please see the flyer at the bottom of this newsletter for all the details.

RECOMMENDED READS AND NEW RELEASES

THE HOUSE WITH THE LITTLE RED DOOR BY GRACE EASTON

An atmospheric, heart-warming and stunningly illustrated bedtime story about the meaning of home, *The House With the Little Red Door* follows a girl on a quest to find a new abode for a mouse who has lost his old one. Olivia lives in a house with a little red door. Mouse lives in an oak tree behind the house. When a storm blows the oak tree down, Olivia tries her best to find a new house for her neighbour, but are any of the houses the right home? When Mouse loses his old oak tree home in a snowstorm, his neighbour Olivia offers many different options for a new house, but none are quite right. It is only when she offers a place in her own house with the little red door that it becomes a home for both of them.



Please note that all children must be collected from after school clubs from now on. This is due to the darker nights. No child will be permitted to walk home alone after a school club until after the easter holidays.

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

Day	Club name	Staff	Year Groups	Max number	Location
Monday	Forrest school	Mrs Walker/Mrs Prinn	Rec-2	20	Forrest school
Monday	Art Club	Miss Coxon	Rec-2	15	RLC classroom
Monday	Book club	Miss Brown	3-6	15	2JB classroom
Monday	Lego Club	Mrs Edmunds/Mrs Green	1-6	20	Art Room
Monday	Board Games	Mrs Calcutt	Rec-6	15	KS2 intervention room
Tuesday	Choir	Mrs Moore	3-6	20	TBC
Tuesday	Jewellery Making	Mrs Dixon	3-6	15	3 RD classroom
Tuesday	Mindful Colouring	Mrs Henderson	3-6	20	4EP classroom
Tuesday	Boxing club	Mr Pearson	5-6	10	Hall
Tuesday	KS1 Homework	Mrs Quinn	1-2	20+	2PQ classroom
Tuesday	KS2 Homework	Mrs Swinburn	3-6	20+	6CS classroom
Thursday	Boxing club	Mr Pearson	3-4	10	Hall

Please note that that the boxing club will no longer be running do to Mr Pearson leaving.

AUTUMN TERM DATES

Events next week

New dates added

Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October - HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 17th November	Little Wandle Rapid Catch-up parent session (KS2) 9am
Tuesday 18th November	RAW Intofilm festival Cinema visit
Monday 24th November	School Photograph Day
Wednesday 26th November	Reception Open Afternoon for 2026-27 parents 1-3pm
Monday 1st December	Start of Derwent Hill residential week
Tuesday 11th November	RLC Intofilm festival
Friday 14 th November	Non Uniform Day fundraising for World Diabetes Day
Wednesday 17th December	RLC Northern Stage The Night Before ChrisMouse,
Thursday 18th December	RAW Northern Stage The Night Before ChrisMouse,
Wednesday 3rd December	Science is my Superpower (Newcastle pm)
Monday 8th December	Rocksteady Concert 10am
Monday 8th December	RLC Library Visit
Tuesday 9th December	RLC Intergenerational Visit to Care Home
Wednesday 10th December	RAW Library Visit
Friday 12th December	Reception Christmas performances (am performance no pre-school children pm performance all welcome)
Friday 12 th December	Autumn Term reports sent out to parents

Tuesday 16th December

Year 3&4 Christmas performance

(am performance no pre-school children pm performance all welcome)

Wednesday 17th December

Christmas fair

Friday 19th December

Last day of Autumn Term

Children return to school on Monday 5th January

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.

Please note the school Twitter account, @UCPrimary, is no longer in use.

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-3BB 2nd-6JW 3rd-6CS

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Supportive Level

**Speech and
Language UK**



We are a
**Problem-solving
School**

Enriching maths

Eco-Schools
March
2022-2023



**GOLD
Active
Sunderland
School 2024-25**



**Artsmark
Silver Award**
Awarded by Arts
Council England

NOTICES

SUNDERLAND YOUNG ACHIEVERS' AWARDS 2026

**Do you know a young person
or group of young people
who are making a real
difference in Sunderland?**

**Now's the time to celebrate them through the
Sunderland Young Achievers' Awards 2026!**

This is your chance to recognise the incredible achievements of young people in Sunderland, whether they excel in academics, sports, the arts, music or make a difference in their community through caring responsibilities, supporting health and wellbeing initiatives, or being an environmental champion.

Let's shine a light on those making a difference.

The categories for the 2026 Sunderland Young Achievers' Awards are open to both individuals and groups of young people, with a **Highly Commended** and an **Overall Winner** recognised in each category.

- Bringing Communities Together Award
- Young Health and Wellbeing Champion
- Young Mental Health Champion
- Arts and Culture Award
- Music Award
- Young Carer Award
- Youth Voice Award
- Young Environmental Champion Award
- Achievement in Learning award
- Sport and Physical Activity Award
- Personal Growth Award
- Overall Winner - chosen from all nominations received

Nomination deadline:
Friday 12 December 2025

Who can be nominated?
Groups or individuals aged 8-18 or up to 25 for young people with SEND needs.

It only takes a few minutes to submit your nomination and give young people the recognition they deserve. Let's come together to celebrate their hard work, passion, and commitment!

Nominate now at:
www.togetherforchildren.org.uk/SYAA

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