



# USWORTH COLLIERY PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Weekly Newsletter

7<sup>th</sup> February 2025

### ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK

These classes have the highest attendance this week. Well done everyone who achieved 100% attendance this week!

EYFS/KS1 2JP 96.19%      KS2 6CS 97.92%      Base Yellow 98.36%

Whole school attendance – 93.27%

### SPRING TERM PARENTS/CARERS MEETINGS

We are holding our Spring Term parent/carer meetings on Wednesday 12th March and you are now able to sign up for appointments using our electronic form to arrange a time to meet your child's teacher, discuss how they are doing at school and also get the opportunity to see their work. You will need to complete a separate form for each child and tick all the time slots that you are available.

The office will then get back to you with your allocated ten-minute meeting time. All instructions are on the form. Please use the link below to access the form:

<https://forms.office.com/e/i9fTGExqPh>

Thrive appointments are only available from 3.30pm onwards.

Base parent's meetings have been arranged individually and you should have already received a date for this

Thank you for your continued support, we look forward to seeing you all there.

### WORLD BOOK DAY - FRIDAY 7TH MARCH



Jo Smedley, - School visit –

We are lucky to have author, Jo Smedley Author of *The Girl with the Big Heart*, joining us for World Book Day on Friday 7th March. Jo writes because she wants to make a difference.

She will be reading extracts from her book *The Girl with the Big Heart* and doing workshops in school.

If you would like to purchase a copy of Jo's book, this can be purchased on Amazon.

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Girl-Big-Heart-Jo-Smedley/dp/1068635207>

*The Girl with the Big Heart* – Jo Smedley £13.99

Jo will be signing any copy that is brought in on the day.

We are looking forward to inviting Jo into our school to share her wonderful book with us and inspire us all to listen to our thoughts and feelings.

Thank you for your continued support



### NUMBER DAY LAST FRIDAY

We have had a phenomenal day celebrating Number Day – the children looked great in their number themed outfits and enjoyed lots of very exciting (and challenging) puzzles, problems and number fun. From Thrive going on a Great Bird Hunt to Year 5 making equation hats. The children have had the opportunity to explore numbers, patterns and relationships. Well done everyone and a huge thank you to all the staff for their hard work in planning special activities for all to enjoy.

<https://www.usworthcolliery.co.uk/blog/2025-02-12-09-00-00-subjects-in-the-spotlight>



## WHO HAS BEEN IN MY OFFICE THIS WEEK?

**Mason, Oliver and Tilly-Rose from Year 4** got the pleasure of showing Mrs. Moore their wonderful Hot Writes. They have worked really hard to create a tense atmosphere using lots of very high-level techniques such as pathetic fallacy, similes and powerful verbs and adjectives. The presentation of the children's work has also shown really great progress this year - I was super pleased to give them their special stickers - well done all of you. Keep up the hard work.

**Molly 2JB** has done some fantastic maths work this week. She completed calculations independently choosing the right equipment for the job. She was able to explain what she had been doing to me so confidently and with such pride. Well done Molly.

**Ava 6JM** has been learning how to convert mixed numbers to improper fractions and because of her great problem-solving skills and her super tables knowledge, she amazed her teacher with how quickly she picked up this new concept. In fact, he asked her to miss out the practise questions and move straight onto the really tricky ones! Super effort Ava well done

**Israel 4EH** came to show me how hard he has been working on his handwriting. He even practised in homework club! I could see that his letter formation and letter sizing is getting so much better. Keep working on this important skill Israel!

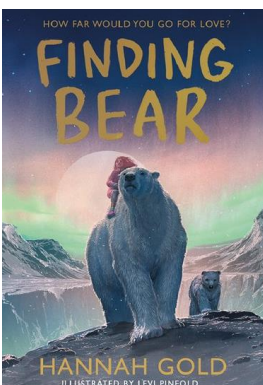
**Oliver 1RD** came to show me his shape work he had completed a tangram fish picture all by himself without becoming distracted. His teacher was so proud of him and so am I! Well done Oliver.

**Travis 5GS** brought me his amazing hot write, which was a persuasive letter urging the reading not to visit Fulbert Freakfinder's Circus. He used some very technical vocabulary, took a lot of care with his writing and impressed his teacher so much he was sent all over the school to show teachers how hard he had worked. We were all so very impressed with the effort and care Travis took today with his writing.

## UCPS GIRLS FOOTBALL UPDATE

On Thursday evening, we attended the final night of the Futsal league. Our first game was against St John's. It was a very high energy game with end-to-end football being played by both teams. We started strong with a successful strike from Jessie-May within the first minute. However, another goal for Jessie-May later in the game wasn't enough for us to secure our victory with the final score being a 3-2 loss. Our final game was against Biddick. The girls showed outstanding resilience in his game with all players giving their everything on the pitch. This game ended in a draw with Darcy getting her first (and very well deserved) goal for the team and Jessie-May continuing with her striking streak to score her 3rd goal of the night. This week's player's player was Darcy for being an extremely hardworking member of the team who can seamlessly switch between attacking and defending. The manager's player was Jessie-May for her confidence in front of goal and for achieving 3 goals in one night. Well done girls! *Mrs Skeen*

## RECOMMENDED READS AND NEW RELEASES FINDING BEAR BY HANNAH GOLD



The stunning sequel to Waterstones Children's Book Prize Winner 'The Last Bear'. April Wood has returned home from her adventure on Bear Island. But, over a year later, she can't stop thinking about Bear. When April hears that a polar bear has been shot and injured in Svalbard, she's convinced it's her friend and persuades her dad to travel with her to the northernmost reaches of the Arctic. So begins an unforgettable journey across frozen tundra and icy glaciers. But along the way, she discovers much more than she bargained for – a tiny polar bear cub, desperately in need of her help. In freezing temperatures, April must navigate the dangerous Arctic terrain and face her deepest fears if she's to save him. Beautifully illustrated by Levi Pinfold, Finding Bear is a stunning story of survival and a heart-warming tale of love that shows us how hope is born from the smallest of beginnings.

## AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

Day	Club name	Staff	Year Groups
Monday	Lego	Mrs Edmonds/Mrs Green	1-6
Monday	Mindful Colouring	Mrs Allen	3-6
Monday	Forrest School	Mrs Prinn/Mrs Walker	Rec-2
Monday	KS1 Homework	Miss Coxon	1-2
Monday	Jewellery Making	Mrs Dixon	1-3
Monday	Book Club	Miss Brown	3-6
Tuesday	Film Club	Mrs Jones	1-6
Tuesday	Multi Sports	Mr Pearson	3 and 4
Tuesday	KS2 Homework	Mrs Henderson	3-6
Tuesday	Choir	Mrs Barella	2-6
Thursday	Hama Bead Crafting	Mrs Burrell	1-3
Thursday	Skipping	Miss Armstrong	2-4

## SPRING TERM DATES

Events next week    New dates added

Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	RLC to the Discovery Museum
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 5/6 Swimming Competition
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 1 Parents Phonics Meeting
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>School closes for half term</b>
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Staff INSET DAY (no pupils in school)
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	<b>School opens for all pupils</b>
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>World Book Day</b>
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception Mini Movers Intergenerational Visits
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Meetings
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Y6 SATs information meeting 5pm
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	5GS trip to Ouseburn
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	5JW trip to Ouseburn
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	KS1 Girls football event
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Y6 Phoenix Programme
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Y6 Phoenix Programme
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Reception Mini Movers Intergenerational Visits
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	Y6 Phoenix Programme Final Presentation
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Y1/Y2 Easter Performance for Y1 parents (am)
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Y1/Y2 Easter Performance for Y2 parents (pm)
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>School closes for the Easter Holidays</b>
<b>Children return to school on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April</b>	

## 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:

1<sup>st</sup> – 1BD    2<sup>nd</sup> – 3RL    3<sup>rd</sup> – 4EH

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