



USWORTH COLLIERY

Weekly Newsletter



17th October 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	94.09%	4EH	94.35%
RLC	95.45%	4SP	96.5%
1JB	94.74%	5GS	100%
1JD	93.68%	5JM	97.22%
2EP	93.33%	6CS	98.95%
2PQ	97.73%	6JW	95.65%
3BB	92.27%	Base Blue	94.58%
3RD	97.14%	Base Yellow	89%
Base Red	87.78%	Thrive	96.72%

This week's winner of the 100% attendance certificate and Just Eat voucher is **Abigail 5JM**

Congratulations to **5JM** for the best attendance this week **with 100%**.

Whole school attendance **94.77%**

Remember every school day counts!

REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE

Picking up children from After School Clubs

When collecting children from the afterschool clubs please can all adults use the school pedestrian gates rather than the staff car park gate. All gates into school are open after school and therefore there is no need to use the buzzer and wait to be let onto the school grounds. Thank you for your support in this.

UCPS GIRLS FOOTBALL TEAM UPDATE

On Tuesday evening our girls' football team travelled to St Bede's for the second round of fixtures, building on the momentum of last week's impressive performances.

The team started full of energy, eager to continue their winning streak. However, St Bede's caught us off guard, scoring within the opening minutes and quickly adding a second before we found our rhythm. Despite the early setback the second half saw a strong defensive display by Alba, Leela and Imogen. They regrouped, communicated well and worked together to keep the final score at 2-0 – a great example of resilience and teamwork.

In the second game against George Washington, our team came out fighting. Saphira opened the scoring with a confident early goal setting the tone for the match. A stunning free kick from Darcy doubled our lead and Saphira struck again to secure a 3-0 win. Jasmine, Chloe and Amelia held firm in defence and Lola's acrobatic goalkeeping ensured a clean sheet.

The last game of the evening was a friendly against Rickleton and gave the girls a chance to explore different positions on the pitch. Jasmine impressed with her superb assists while Imogen netted her first two goals for the team - a fantastic achievement! The match ended with a 5-0 win with three more goals shared among the team. The highlight of the evening? Lola's incredible backwards roll to save a shot on the line, a moment that had everyone cheering!

🏆 Manager's Player of the Match: Lola for her outstanding acrobatic goalkeeping

🏆 Players' Player of the Match: Saphira for her confidence, composure and precision in front of goal

WHO HAS BEEN IN MY OFFICE THIS WEEK?

Charlie and Lex 5JM came to tell me about their fabulous maths work. They have been rounding decimal numbers to the nearest tenth and whole number. They completed their work, went on to complete the challenge, the super challenge and the super, super challenge. Because they were so enthusiastic, they even made up their own challenge. Well done boys - loving your enthusiasm for maths and your positive attitude to learning!

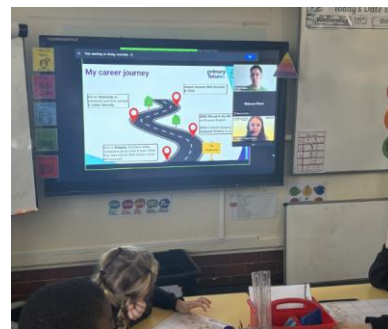
CONSIDERING CAREERS IN YEAR 3

On Wednesday, as part of our career-related learning, Year 3 took part in an exciting virtual workshop, Cool STEM Jobs at Amazon. During the session, the children enjoyed a virtual tour of an Amazon Robotics Fulfilment Centre, where



they discovered how computers, machines, and people work together to process customer orders. Along the way, they took part in an interactive Kahoot! quiz.

They also had the chance to meet employees in a range of roles and hear from three engineers, who shared the skills they use in their work and what they love most about their jobs. The workshop ended with a Q&A session, where the children asked thoughtful questions and learned even more about the exciting world of STEM careers.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUB OPPORTUNITY

As you know, we use our own staff and any funding streams we can find to provide **FREE** after school clubs. However, every so often an opportunity arises to host an after-school club run by experts in their field. Such an opportunity has arisen and we are in the lucky position to be able to run an after-school club lead by Active Families. An email was sent home last week with details about the club. Unfortunately, we have only had a few expressions of interest and if we can not fill the spaces, we cannot run the club. The cost for the club is £5 PER SESSION and a payment of £30 upfront would need to be paid to secure your child's place. If you think your child might be interested. Please read the information below and contact school to reserve a place.

'We are delighted to announce that Active Families North East team have offered our school to take part in a brand-new project - STEAM Explorers.'

Active Families really enjoyed working with our children in Year 4 last year when they delivered a number of STEM workshops.

STEAM Explorers is an engaging 6-week afterschool club that combines fun, hands-on activities with formal learning in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics.

Each weekly session is packed with curiosity sparking topics including:

Week 1 - I have a Bright Idea

Week 2 - I can care for Our Planet

Week 3 - Shapes and Structures

Week 4 - Energy and Light

Week 5 - Technology - Getting Creative and Being Clever

Week 6 - Manufacturing, Making and Celebrating

The after-school club will take place on a Friday after school 3.15pm-4.30pm after Christmas.

There is a small cost of £5 PER SESSION and a payment of £30 upfront would need to be paid to secure your child's place.

This is a fantastic opportunity to continue to inspire our pupils in STEAM subjects, while also supporting families with meaningful after-school enrichment.'

OCTOBER HOLIDAY CLUBS

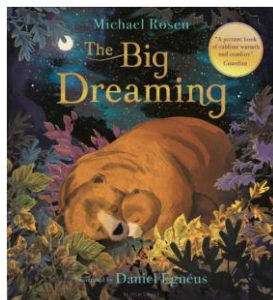
The Beacon of Light have football and holiday camps taking place at The Beacon of Light (SR5 1SN). Please follow the link to the website. If you are interested in signing children up or would like more information.

<https://www.abler.io/shop/foundationoflight/holidaycourses>



RECOMMENDED READS AND NEW RELEASES

THE BIG DREAMING BY MICHAEL ROSEN



The Cold is coming, and it's time for Big Bear and Little Bear to get ready for the Big Sleep – for bears sleep all winter long, and wake up in the spring. But Little Bear is worried. What if they run out of dreams during the Big Sleep? And so, Little Bear sets out bravely to find enough dreams to see them through the long winter. On his journey, he discovers dreams of happiness; dreams of homecoming; and dreams of hope. But with the Cold approaching fast, will Little Bear make it back home in time for the Big Dreaming? A resonant and uplifting tale from a master storyteller, The Big Dreaming is a classic in the making, filled with luminous illustrations by award-winning Daniel Egnéus.

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

AUTUMN TERM DATES

Events next week New dates added

Tuesday 21st October	Y5 Great North Museum (Newcastle)
Wednesday 22nd October	Parents Meetings
Thursday 23rd October	Yr 5/6 Sports Hall Athletics pm
Friday 24th October	Reception Open Morning for 2026-27 parents 9-11am
Friday 24th October	Last day of this half term

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

Monday 4th November	Children back to school
Monday 10th November	RLC Library Visit
Monday 10th November	Little Wandle parent session (Rec-Y2) 9am
Tuesday 11th November	RAW Intergenerational Visit to Care Home
Tuesday 11th November	Remembrance Tea for Senior Citizens
Wednesday 12th November	RAW Library Visit
Monday 17th November	Little Wandle Rapid Catch-up parent session (KS2) 9am
Tuesday 18th November	RAW Intofilm festival
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 16 th December	Year 3&4 Christmas performance (am performance no pre-school children pm performance all welcome)
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas fair
Friday 19 th 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-4EH 2nd-3RL 3rd-6CS

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