

### KS2 SATS

Well done to all our Y6 pupils who took their SATs this week they showed real perseverance, resilience and self-control. We always try to make SATS as relaxed as possible with our Y6 breakfast, chocolate to give us energy, longer breaks outside between tasks and lots of adult support - not to mention the famous ice cream van at the end!

### FREE HALF TERM HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AT THE MILLENNIUM CENTRE

Culture house Sunderland has organised a range of free activities for children and their families to run across the city this half term. The Millennium Centre Concord is one of the venues chosen to hold these activities. Have a look at the flyer at the bottom of the newsletter for more information.

### SCHOOL PHOTOS REMINDER

Your children should have now received a letter to give consent for them to have their class photo taken on Wednesday 12th June. If you have more than one child at school, each child needs their own form completing. If we do not have a consent form your child/children will not be able to have their school photo taken so please complete the consent forms and return them to school no later than Friday 7th June. If you require a new letter, please contact the office.



### BANANA MUMMIFICATION IN YEAR 3

As part of our new unit in English, Year 3 performed a mummification (of a banana!). We discovered that the instructions were not very specific and so this made them hard to follow. Up until half term, we will continue learning about instruction texts and then we aim to write a ten-step instruction leaflet explaining the mummification process in greater detail.



### SPOTLIGHT ON GEOGRAPHY

This week we are looking at what we have been learning in geography and celebrating what fantastic geographers our children are becoming. Follow the link below to find out about the counties that make up the United Kingdom, the Lake District, South America and North America as well as a social responsibility topic in Y2 all about why education is so valuable

<https://www.usworthcolliery.co.uk/blog/2023-10-19-20-34-43-subjects-in-the-spotlight>

### SOCIAL TENNIS AT USWORTH PARK

Lee from Active Sunderland, has asked me to share this opportunity for the over 55s. They are running a social tennis session for over 55s – so maybe something for the grandparents or other relatives of our children. It takes place at Usworth Park on a Friday 10-11.30am, right on your door step! See the flyer at the bottom of the newsletter for details.

### NOMINATE YOUR TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Do you know a teacher that goes above and beyond? Would you like to see them recognised for their efforts? Town & City Gift Cards has teamed up with GiftRound on a fantastic new Teacher of the Year competition. Simply nominate the teacher you think deserves to win, tell us why, and you could win a £250 Town & City Gift Card. The Teacher of the Year will receive a massive £500 Town & City Gift Card of their choice. What's more, the Teacher of the Year's school will also win a £500 Town & City Gift Card too! Choose from over 100 Town & City Gift Cards in the UK and Ireland. Cards can be spent with shops, restaurants, salons, attractions and more locally. The Teacher of the Year competition is free to enter and is open to all types of teachers including primary school teachers, special educational needs teachers, early years teachers, teaching assistants and even headteachers. The closing date for entries is the 31st August 2024 at midnight. The Teacher of the Year will be announced in September 2024.

Nominate a teacher free at [teacheroftheyear.co.uk](https://teacheroftheyear.co.uk)

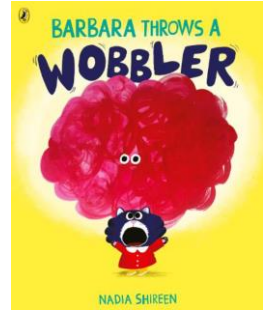


## FAIRY FESTIVAL AT THE LITTLE ONION CLUB

The local group called The Little Onion Club have recently moved to Usworth Park. They currently run After School Clubs Monday - Thursday and then many well-being classes during the day. The younger children litter pick every day and they are currently designing and building an allotment. **On 26th May** they are holding a Fairy Festival in the park, from **11-3pm** with free entry and a range of stalls and entertainment. Why not pop along and support your local community group? See the bottom of the newsletter for the poster and more details!

## RECOMMENDED READ AND NEW RELEASES BARBARA THROWS A WOBBLER BY NADIA SHIREEN

Barbara is in a very bad mood. She won't admit it, but she is. She has a problem with a sock, and at lunchtime there's a strange pea... And even though she's at the park with her friends, it all just gets a bit much. Suddenly Barbara's WOBBLER is out of control! But what if Barbara and her Wobbler can work together, so she can be cheerful again? Winner of the UKLA Award and shortlisted for the Oscar's Book Prize and the FCBG Children's Book Award, Barbara Throws A Wobbler is a brilliantly funny and sensitive way to understand and deal with tantrums.



## SUMMER TERM DATES

Saturday 18th May – Science is My Superpower Visit to Newcastle  
 Monday 20th May - Y4 Beamish 4VM  
 Tuesday 21st May - Y4 Beamish 4SB  
 Friday 24th May - 4VM Class Assembly  
**HALF TERM HOLIDAY Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May**

Tuesday 4th June – Y5 Green careers workshops  
 Wednesday 5th June – Y5 Science is My Superpower Visit to Newcastle  
 Thursday 6th June – Base Stay and Play 1:30pm  
 Friday 7th June – 4SB Class Assembly  
 Wednesday 12th June – Class photographs  
 Wednesday 12th June - Y6 Kooth Mental Health workshop  
 Thursday 13th June - Reception Mini Movers Intergenerational Visits  
 Thursday 13th June – Geography Fieldwork Showcase  
 Monday 17th June – 1EP Washington library  
 Tuesday 18th June – NSPCC Workshops Y2, Y5 and Y6  
 Monday 20th June - Base 1 Beamish  
 Friday 21st June - PSHCE/Mental Health Open Morning  
 Friday 21st June - 5GS class assembly  
 Monday 24th June – 1RD Washington library  
 Tuesday 25th June – KS1 Sports Day (pm)  
 Friday 28th June – KS2 Sports Day (pm)  
 Tuesday 2nd July – RAW Pizza Express visit  
 Friday 5th July - Washington 60th Anniversary picnic  
 Monday 8th July - Y5 Heritage Day Beacon of Light  
 Tuesday 9th July – RDB Pizza Express visit  
 Thursday 11th July - Reception Mini Movers Intergenerational Visits  
 Thursday 11th July - Y6 performance  
 Friday 12th July – End of Year reports  
 Friday 12th July - Summer Fair  
 Monday 15th July - Wilderness Trip 6CS  
 Tuesday 16th July - Wilderness Trip 6JM  
 Friday 19th July – Y6 Leavers Assembly  
 Friday 19th July – Break up for Summer holidays

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES SUMMER TERM

Day	Club name	Staff	Location
Monday	KS1 Homework	Mrs Hilton	2CH Classroom
Monday	Review Crew	Mrs Kaur	Base 3
Monday	Mindful Colouring	Mrs Allen	3LC Classroom
Monday	Lego	Mrs Green and Mrs Edmunds	KS2 Intervention Room
Tuesday	KS2 Homework	Miss Skeen	5GS Classroom
Tuesday	Gardening	Mrs Lowe	3RL Classroom/Wild Garden
Tuesday	Yoga and Positivity	Mrs Comby	3LC Classroom
Tuesday	Games and jigsaws	Mrs Dixon	1RD Classroom
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These clubs start slightly later due to Terry's availability

Day	Club name	Staff	Location
Monday STARTS 13 <sup>th</sup> MAY	Football Skills boys/Girls	Mr Rutherford	School Field
Thursday STARTS 2 <sup>nd</sup> MAY	Football Skills Girls	Mr Rutherford	School Field

## 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> – 3CL 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3RL 3<sup>rd</sup> – 1EP

## ATTENDANCE WINNERS

These classes have the highest attendance this week. Well done everyone!

Whole school attendance – 90.82%

EYFS/KS1 RDB - 96.36% KS2 98.72% - 6JM

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## NOTICES



For booking onto a session please visit the Cultural Spring website at [theculturalspring.org/whatson](http://theculturalspring.org/whatson)

Booking essential as spaces are limited.

# may half term Family WORKSHOPS

Washington Millennium Centre

The Oval, Concord, Washington NE37 2QD

Culture House Sunderland are working with Cultural Spring to bring creative and crafty activity to families across Sunderland in May Half term.

### Wednesday 29th May

**Marionette Puppet Making**  
with Rachelle Harrigan  
(6- 11 yrs), 10am - 12pm

Make your own marionette puppet from household and recycled objects. Bring to life your own little character using paper, glue and a loo roll or two! You will be guided step by step, just bring your imagination.

### Friday 31st May

**Hanging Mobiles with Andrea Errington** (5-11 yrs), 10am - 12pm

Join us to turn found and upcycled materials into hanging eco-mobiles inspired by the wonderful nature that surrounds us. Create butterflies, caterpillars, birds or bugs out of old paper napkins and attach them to a small tree branch wrapped in wool to create a hanging mobile which you can take home and hang in your favourite place.

### Saturday 1st June

**Illustration with Liz Million**  
(6-11 yrs), 10:30am - 12pm

Come along and learn how to draw like a pro with fabulous illustrator/author, Liz Million! In this hilarious and fully interactive drawing session, Liz will be showing how to draw futuristic cartoon characters using exciting expressions, super shading, action lines and so much more. We'll be creating our own inventions like robots on roller skates and flying saucer armchairs!

All activities are  
**FREE**



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# Stay Active Social Tennis

You don't need to be a pro to get out on the court. Our over 55's tennis sessions are a fun and social way to get some exercise, meet new people and spend some time outdoors.

Free of charge and no need to book in advance. Just turn up and play - all equipment provided.

**Monday: Hetton Park 1-2.30pm**

**Friday: Usworth Park 10-11.30am**

Email: [active@sunderland.gov.uk](mailto:active@sunderland.gov.uk)

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