



USWORTH COLLIERY

Weekly Newsletter



17th July 2026

ATTENDANCE TO CELEBRATE THIS WEEK

Classes with 96% and above who were in the green zone this week

3RD	98%
Base Blue	98.46%
5JM-Mr Millett	98.26%

Three classes made it into the green zone this week for attendance! Congratulations to **Base Blue** for the best attendance at **98.46%** and for winning the attendance trophy.

Whole school attendance this week was **93.7% up on last week's attendance!**

Remember every school day counts

WHO HAS BEEN IN MY OFFICE THIS WEEK?

Sophia RLC has been reading stories to her both RAW and RLC this week. On Tuesday she read *The Snail on the Whale* and on Thursday she read *A Squash and a Squeeze*. Her friends and her teachers were very impressed with her reading and her storytelling skills and enjoyed their story time very much. Well done Sophia!

YEAR 5 OUT AND ABOUT THIS WEEK

Year 5 enjoyed an exciting week filled with a number of educational visits. **On Monday**, pupils visited Washington Academy to experience life as a secondary school student. They took part in two engaging lessons, met academy teachers, enjoyed lunch in the Pit Stop restaurant, and joined in with lunchtime karaoke. The day ended with an impressive showcase of talent from current Washington Academy pupils.

On Wednesday, Year 5 completed their Geography fieldwork unit with a visit to Penshaw Monument and Herrington Country Park. Investigating the question, "How has land use changed at Herrington Park?", pupils climbed to the top of Penshaw Monument to observe and identify different types of land use across the surrounding landscape. They then explored Herrington Park, recording their findings using their own RICEPOTS fieldwork sheets and applying the geographical skills they had developed throughout the unit.



CONGRATULATIONS LOLA MAE!

Last week Lola met Anna Foster at the BBC Newcastle Radio Station and was interviewed for the radio broadcast. Lola was nominated for the 'BBC Make a Difference Award' for her charitable campaigning and projects. Lola continued through the process and is a finalist. The final award night is in September and although Lola will have left us by then we wish her all the very best and can't wait for her to come back and tell us all about it. Well done Lola, we have loved watching you through this process and hearing about your wonderful charity work. You are a fantastic ambassador for our school!



FOOTBALL CAMPS ARE BACK THIS SUMMER AT USWORTH COLLIERY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Hosted by Terry Rutherford - Mini Kickers Washington Athletic

Looking for something to keep the kids entertained in the holidays? Why not book a space at our FREE Summer Holidays Football and Activities Camp for ages 4 to 14. Lunch Drinks and Snacks included. To book a space please follow the link below and see the poster at the bottom of this newsletter. [WAFC Football & Activities Camp - Usworth with Washington Athletic YFC · Eequ](#)

RECOMMENDED READS AND NEW RELEASES

WARRIORS GRAPHIC NOVEL: THE NEW PROPHECY BY ERIN HUNTER AND GIBSON TWIST (SAMMY SAVOS ILLUSTRATOR)



The next graphic novel adaptation of the blockbuster, New York Times bestselling Warriors series covers the first two novels of the second arc, The New Prophecy (Midnight and Moonrise).

The wild cats of the forest have lived in peace for many moons—but when Brambleclaw, a warrior of ThunderClan, receives an ominous prophecy from StarClan that speaks of a mysterious danger, he must rally the fiercest warriors from all the Clans to seek answers in the mountains. But the journey is long and hard, and tensions rise back in the forest as Firestar and Leafpaw watch ThunderClan's world crumbling around them. As the questing cats struggle to uncover the meaning of the prophecy, turmoil threatens to overtake the Clans.

FREE CLUBS ACTIVITIES AND FUN OVER THE SUMMER

Together for Children and Sunderland Council are running a number of free activities over the summer holiday. See the poster and scan the QR codes and at the bottom of this newsletter for more information.

FREE MULTI SPORTS SESSIONS AT THE MILLENNIUM CENTRE

RFU and Active Sunderland have opened a free Multi Sports session at the Millennium Centre every Friday 4:45 till 5:45. see the poster attached to the bottom of this news for more information

SEND STAY AND PLAY CAMP AT RAINBOW FAMILY HUB

SEND stay and play camp at Rainbow Family Hub holiday camps are available to book. All Together Holiday Camp at ARTspace, Washington is available to book. Please see the flyers attached to the bottom of this newsletter.

SUMMER 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	Mindful Movement	Miss Coxon	Rec-2	RLC classroom
Monday	Film Club	Mrs Jones	1-6	Base Blue
Monday	Lego Club	Mrs Edmunds/Mrs Green	1-6	Art Room
Monday	Games club	Mrs Calcutt	Rec-6	KS2 intervention room
Tuesday	Mindful colouring	Mrs Quinn	Rec-6	2PQ Classroom
Tuesday	Disney Club	Miss Clapperton	1-6	5GS classroom

Thursday	Timetable Rockstars	Mrs Burrell	3-6	3BB classroom
Wednesday	Creative Sparks	Culture Start (external provider)	3-6	Hall or Art Room

SUMMER TERM DATES

Events next week

New information added

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 20 th July	Year 6 Reports sent out to parents (due to delayed SAT results)
Wednesday 22 nd July	Leavers Assembly 9:30am
Wednesday 22 nd July	School closes for the Summer

Wednesday 2nd September School opens for pupils (Y1 to Y6)

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.

Congratulations to Phoenix who won our summer term house point competition!

Mrs Alison Forster Headteacher



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NOTICES



SUMMER CAMPS

MENTORED BY
**WASHINGTON ATHLETIC
YOUTH FOOTBALL**

**LEARN. PLAY.
GROW. TOGETHER.**

Fun, inclusive football sessions designed for children of all abilities, led by experienced youth coaches.

**FUN FRIENDSHIPS
FITNESS
FOOTBALL**



SCAN ME!

Usworth Colliery Primary School, Washington

Ages 4 - 14

HAF Eligible Child **FREE**

Lunch Provided

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**TIME
10.00 - 15.00**

**LUNCH
PROVIDED**

Universal provision with SEND support

CAMP DATES

27.07.26 - 30.07.26	03.08.26 - 06.08.26
10.08.26 - 13.08.2026	17.08.26 - 20.08.26

**CONTACT
TERRY
07905653874**

BOOK YOUR PLACE TODAY!
BOOK ONLINE:
<https://eequ.org/book/wafc-football-and-activities-camp-usworth-with-washington-athletic-yfc-20848>

All Together HAF

ARTventurers
Sunderland West & Washington
Squidge, squish, point, explore, sing, dance!

working with



For ages 5-11 living in Sunderland/Washington.

Drop off only sessions, snack and hot lunch provided for all attending

(please bring refillable water bottle)

Cost of session: Free to those subject to meeting criteria.

(Free School Meals/SEND/Cost of Living)

Starts Friday 24th July
for 16 sessions
Mon-Fri 9-1pm

ARTspace, Washington, NE37 2HF

BOOK NOW: eequ.org/book

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Summerfest is here!

Bursting with games,
live music,
colour runs,
and community stalls



Every Wednesday during
the summer holidays
across Sunderland



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Your summer starts now!

Free activities across
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togetherforchildren.org.uk/HAF

active future SUMMER FUN!

Get ready for a summer to remember!
Active Future is thrilled returning to Hylton Castle Primary School, in partnership with and Together for Children to bring an exclusive HAF Summer Camp packed with high-energy fun, creativity and discovery.

Expect epic Nerf Battles, fast-paced Dodgeball, delicious Taste Testing, loads of Summer Crafts, and even some surprise activities along the way!
A healthy breakfast snack, hot lunch, fruit and drinks will be provided each day — So all your child needs to bring is their energy and enthusiasm!

*Free and paid places available

When	24 th July 28 th July - 31 st July 3 rd Aug - 7 th Aug 10 th Aug - 14 th Aug	Times	10 am - 2 pm	Who	5 years - 12 years
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Please turn over to make a booking



TO BOOK YOUR PLACE

Mark - 07964697411

afsunderland@activefuture.info



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SEND holiday camps



We are running specialist SEND camps designed around inclusivity and lead by specialist SEND staff including teachers.

What we offer

- **STAY and PLAY sessions**—we have a variety of activities and free play.
- **SPECIAL VISITORS** - Animal encounters and others
- **Science activities** - activities including CRAZY CHEMISTRY, BATH BOMB MAKING and SLIME.

We are running from **RAINBOW FAMILY HUB** in Washington. These sessions are for residents of Sunderland only.

<https://eequ.org/book/>

MESSAGE or PHONE to book - KATIE
07772477201

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EVENT

GETTING READY FOR NURSERY AND SCHOOL

A welcoming, practical session helping children get ready for nursery and school through play, building independence, confidence and communication. Parents / carers can also get friendly advice and support.

First hour of each session: nursery (2-3 years)
Second hour of each session: pre-school (3-4 years)



DROP IN



About



Tuesday 30th June, 10.30am-12.30pm

First hour starting nursery

Second hour starting school

Winnibell Family Hub,
Hendon, SR1 2HS



Tuesday 7th July, 9.30-11.30am

First hour starting nursery

Second hour starting school

Rainbow Family Hub,
Washington, NE37 3AE



Thursday 9th July, 1-3pm

First hour starting nursery

Second hour starting school

Coalfield Family Hub,
Hetton, DH5 9NE



Monday 13th July, 9.30-11.30am

First hour starting nursery

Second hour starting school

Thorney Close Family Hub,
Thorney Close, SR3 4JQ



Thursday 16th July, 9.30-11.30am

First hour starting nursery

Second hour starting school

Bunny Hill Family Hub,
Hylton Lane, SR5 4BW