



# USWORTH COLLIERY

## Weekly Newsletter



19<sup>th</sup> December 2025



*As we come to the end of a busy term, we would like to wish all our children and families a very **Merry Christmas**. Thank you for your continued support throughout the year. We hope the holidays bring you time to rest, share special moments together and create happy memories. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the New Year. With love from all the staff and governors at Usworth Colliery Primary School!*

### OUR CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY

We had a lovely sing along Christmas awards assembly this morning. Well done to all our winners! All the children have worked incredibly hard this term and as a result of this and their wonderful singing they were visited by



a special guest at the end of the assembly! Not only that but he brought a gift for everyone and with 2026 being the **National Year of Reading** all of our children now have a lovely book to read this Christmas!



### 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	95.45%	4EH	93.91%
RLC	90%	4SP	96.32%
1JB	91.67%	5GS	97.78%
1JD	82.63%	5JM	88.36%
2EP	91.25%	6CS	88.7%
2PQ	97.73%	6JW	92.05%
3BB	91.82%	Base Blue	83.64%
3RD	93.81%	Base Yellow	98.36%
Base Red	90%	Thrive	88%

Congratulations to **Base Yellow** for the best attendance this week at **98.36%**

Whole school attendance **91.75%**

**No classes with 100% this week. Remember every school day counts!**

### CHRISTMAS VISITS FROM REVEREND BETHANY

Last Monday, Reverend Bethany and her wonderful team of volunteers led a whole-school assembly to help us celebrate Advent and explore the Nativity story together. It was a warm and engaging opportunity for the children to reflect on the meaning of this special season. A huge thank you to Reverend Bethany, her volunteers, and some of our fantastic Year 3 and 4 children for helping to make the assembly so memorable.

Reverend Bethany then spent a morning with our Year 2 children making Christingles. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience and learnt all about the meaning behind each part of the Christingle.



## ART COMPETITION

Year 3 children have been taking part in the 'All-Star Advent' art competition run by SparkUK to help raise awareness of children's mental health in the lead up to Christmas. We have designed our own stars to be entered into the competition and the chance to win some very exciting prizes. - **Miss Sheldon**



## WHO HAS BEEN IN MY OFFICE THIS WEEK?

**Mary-Ann, Hadiitha and Jack W** from 6CS came to show me their persuasive writing. They have written a letter to Salva (the head of water for South Sudan) to encourage him to build a well. They used headed school paper and created their own stamps and envelopes. Their writing was very formal with lots of literary devices such as rhetorical questions and 'the power of three' sentences., I was super impressed with all of them. Well done keep it up!

**Edna from Base Yellow** came to show me her independent writing of a Katie Morag story. She had used capital letters, full stops and adjectives and of course her handwriting was beautiful too!

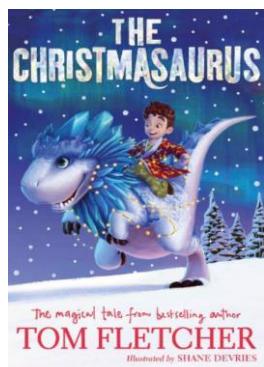
## OUR FIRST DONATION THROUGH THE CHILDREN'S BOOK PROJECT

We're delighted to share that since signing up to the Children's Book Project, we've received our very first donation and what a wonderful way to begin!

This generous gift came from a lovely donor whose children are now grown. As they were clearing space at home, they chose to donate their children's books so they could continue their journey with a new generation of readers. We were thrilled to welcome these books into our school, where they will be enjoyed, shared, and cherished. We are incredibly grateful to our donor for their kindness and to the Children's Book Project for connecting our school with the wider community.

**Miss Brown**

## RECOMMENDED READS AND NEW RELEASES THE CHRISTMASAURUS BY TOM FLETCHER



This story starts, like all good stories, a long time ago. Not just a long time ago, a very, very, very long time ago. Squillions of years ago, in fact.

Full of innocent charm and humour, The Christmasaurus follows the adventures of a little boy named William Trundle who travels to that most magical home of Santa Claus, The North Pole, where he meets a dinosaur.

This is not the North Pole as you may have imagined it before: there are elves with names like Snozzletrump speaking entirely in rhyme, Santa has a vinyl-powered sleigh, and, most importantly, there is a dinosaur in residence: a dinosaur who wishes he was a reindeer. This delightful tale is wonderfully told and will appeal to readers of all ages.

## SPRING TERM AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

**Clubs start back week beginning 12th January (second week back)**

Day	Club name	Staff	Year Groups	Location
Monday	Forrest school	Mrs Walker/Mrs Prinn	Rec-2	Forrest school
Monday	Construction Club	Mrs Jones	Rec-6	Yellow Base
Monday	Book club	Miss Brown	3-6	2JB classroom
Monday	Lego Club	Mrs Edmunds/Mrs Green	1-6	Art Room
Monday	Jigsaw and Games	Mrs Calcutt	Rec-6	KS2 intervention room
Tuesday	Jewellery Making	Mrs Dixon	3-6	3 RD classroom
Tuesday	Film Club	Mrs Henderson	2-6	4EP classroom
Tuesday	Skiping Club	Mrs Burrell	3-6	Hall
Wednesday	Creative Sparks	Culture Start (external provider)	3-6	Hall or Art Room

## SPRING TERM DATES

Events next week

New information added

### *Children return to school on Monday 5th January*

Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	RLC Library Visit
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	RAW Library Visit
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Y4 Visit to Angel of The North
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Science is my Superpower (Newcastle pm)
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 5 Bikeability week.
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	RLC Library Visit
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents Evening
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	School closes for half term

### **HALF TERM**

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	School opens for all pupils
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	6CS Safetyworks
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	6JW Safetyworks
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Science is my Superpower (Newcastle pm)
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	RAW Hall Hill Farm
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	RLC Pizza Express
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	2026 Y6 SATs meeting for parents
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 visit to Life Centre
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	RLC Hall Hill Farm
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Rocksteady Concert 10am
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	RLC Library Visit
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	RAW Library Visit
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	RAW Pizza Express
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	KS1 Easter Performance (am for Y1 parents)
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	KS1 Easter Performance (pm for Y2 parents)
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Base Blue and Thrive visit to SafetyWorks (am)
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	4SP Washington Arts Centre
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	4EH Washington Arts Centre
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	5GS visit to Ouseburn
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	5JM visit to Ouseburn
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Easter Egg Competition
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Spring Term reports sent out to parents
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	School closes for the Easter Holidays

### *Children return to school on Monday 21st April*

## **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.

Our House point winners this term are **Pegasus** with **272** tokens collected. Well done Pegasus!

The highest house point scorers from each class for the Autumn term are as follows:

RAW - Freya-Lilly	RLC – Merrill	1JB - Liam	1JD - John
2EP - Danica	2PQ - Charlie	3BB - Bryan	3RD - Thomas
4EH - Hannah	4SP - Sophie	5GS - Jacob	5JM - Mason
6CS - Ivy	6JW - Alba		

The highest score across the whole school was Hannah with 755. The class with the highest total was 4EH with 5854. Well done everyone on a hard working term!



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# Merry Christmas



*From the* **COLLIERY**