



USWORTH COLLIERY

Weekly Newsletter



19th September 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	48.88%	4EH	97.07%
RLC	47.73%	4SP	98.91%
1JB	91.33%	5GS	96.34%
1JD	89.67%	5JM	93.51%
2EP	93.55%	6CS	87.74%
2PQ	94.5%	6JW	95.85%
3BB	94.74%	Base Blue	97.8%
3RD	93.16%	Base Yellow	86.49%
Base Red	86.59%	Thrive	100%

This week's winner of the 100% attendance certificate and Just Eat voucher is **Liam** in **1JB**
Congratulations to **Thrive** for **100% attendance again this week** and to **4SP** for **98.91%** - the best attendances this week!

Whole school attendance **88.55%**

Remember every school day counts!

WHO HAS BEEN IN MY OFFICE THIS WEEK?

Daniel 2EP has impressed his teachers this week in art. He produced a beautiful front cover for his art book based on animals using texture and pattern and cutting techniques, but what impressed them most was how hard he worked and how long he was able to concentrate for. What a fantastic start to the year for Daniel. Well done!

MEET THE TEACHERS!

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for our Meet the Teachers presentations and classroom visits this week. We hope you found it useful and enjoyed spending time with your children in their classes. In case you were not able to attend or would like to look over the presentation to remind yourselves of the context of the meeting, we will email you a copy of your year group's presentation.

UKS2 meetings are due to take place next week:

Mon 22nd Sept - Year 5 (Mr Millett and Miss Skeen) 9:15am

Wed 24th Sept- Year 6 (Mr Warner and Mrs Swinburn) 9:15am

YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6 OPEN DAYS AT SECONDARY SCHOOLS

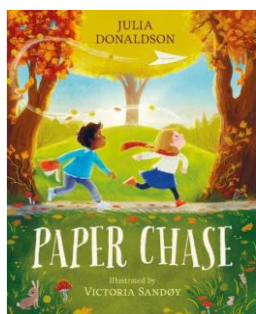
As we receive information about open days at any of our feeder secondary schools, we will keep you informed. On September 23rd Oxclose are holding their open day from 6pm. More information is included in the flyer at the bottom of the newsletter.

RECOMMENDED READS AND NEW RELEASES

PAPER CHASE BY JULIA DONALDSON

A captivating paper chase, and an unforgettable adventure . . . Two children meet under a tall tree. James has a book. Ginger has a paper plane. They become friends . . . but then they're parted. Will they ever meet again? But this isn't just James and Ginger's story: it's a paper chase! Much-loved storyteller Julia Donaldson weaves the children's tale of friendship into the amazing story of how paper is made.

With perfect, read-aloud rhymes and glowing illustrations by Victoria Sandøy, this is a story of friendship and adventure like no other.



YEAR 4 GEOGRAPHY FIELDTRIP TO NEWCASTLE



Year 4 visited Newcastle Quayside this week for their geography fieldwork. We braved the turbulent weather and asked members of the public why they were visiting Newcastle and which tourist attractions they had seen that day. Although it was a daunting thought at first, the children showed great resilience and bravery and their confidence grew each time. Well done Year 4! **Mrs Henderson and Mr Pearson**

DISCOUNTED SUNDERLAND AFC WOMEN VS DURHAM MATCH TICKETS

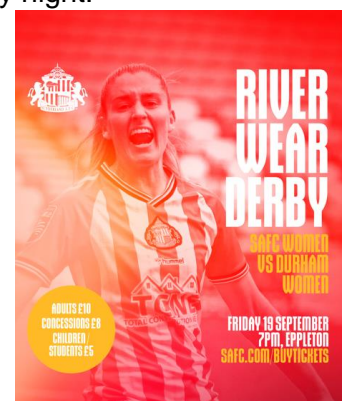
Be part of the River Wear Derby – Sunderland AFC Women vs Durham Women
We'd love to see you at Eppleton for one of the biggest fixtures of the season – the **River Wear Derby**. Sunderland AFC Women take on Durham Women, and we're giving schools and grassroots clubs **50% off tickets** to make sure the stands are full of noise, colour, and passion for a fiery Friday night.

Here are 4 reasons to attend:

1. **Derby Day drama** – Expect high intensity play with local pride on the line
2. **Unmissable value** – Tickets are just half price – bring friends, family, or your whole team.
3. **Inspire the next generation** – Watch top-level women's football up close and show young players what's possible.
4. **Cheer on the Lasses**- SAFC Women remain unbeaten so far this season - be there to back them again!

Secure your discounted tickets today and be part of the atmosphere!

👉 **USE CODE: SAFCWOMEN50OFF**



SPOTLIGHT ON OUR VALUES

At Usworth Colliery Primary School, our ethos is simple: we enjoy achieving together to be the best that we can be. Everything we do is shaped by this, and by our four core values: Care, Safety, Resilience and Aspiration. These values guide our learning, our choices and the way we look after one another every day. To find out more about these values as well of lost of other aspects of our school life follow the link below

<https://www.usworthcolliery.co.uk/blog/2025-09-19-09-00-00-subjects-in-the-spotlight>

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

Monday 22nd September	Reception classes start full days
Monday 22nd September	Year 5 Parents meet the teachers and visit the classroom (9:15am)
Wednesday 24th September	Year 6 Parents meet the teachers and visit the classroom (9:15am)
Wednesday 24th September	Science is my Superpower (Newcastle pm)
Friday 26th September	5/6 Tag Rugby pm
Monday 29th September	RLC Library Visit
Tuesday 30th September	RAW Intergenerational Visit to Care Home
Wednesday 1st October	RAW Library Visit
Friday 3rd October	Yr 5/6 girls 6 a-side pm
Wednesday 8th October	6CS Lindisfarne
Thursday 9th October	KS1 Indoor Athletics am
Friday 10th October	6JW Lindisfarne
Tuesday 14th October	RLC Intergenerational Visit to Care Home
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
Tuesday 11th November	RAW Intergenerational Visit to Care Home
Monday 10th November	RLC Library Visit
Monday 10th November	Little Wandle parent session (Rec-Y2) 9am
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
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

DATES FOR THE YEAR

At the bottom of this newsletter, I have attached our 2025/2026 term dates starting in September. Any dates that are circled are **Teacher Training Days** and children **will not** be attending school that day. **Please do not book holidays within term time**
If you require any further information, please contact the school office.

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-1BD

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NOTICES

TERM DATES 2025/2026

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Total Days: 193



**OXCLOSE
COMMUNITY
ACADEMY**

YEARS 5 & 6 OPEN DAY

SEPTEMBER 23RD 2025

**PRESENTATION
STARTS 6PM**

**COME AND DISCOVER A WORLD
OF OPPORTUNITIES.**

We are delighted to give you and your child the chance to meet the staff and see the superb facilities we have to offer at Oxclose.

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WHY CHOOSE OXCLOSE COMMUNITY ACADEMY?

WE BELIEVE IN DEVELOPING THE WHOLE CHILD

High expectations in every lesson, with a culture that celebrates diversity and supports every student to achieve their best. With innovative teaching, a thriving community school tailoring learning to the needs and aspirations of our students and families, empowering them to succeed in school and beyond.

OUTSTANDING SPORTS FACILITIES

Indoor gym suite, MUGAs, pitches for cricket, rugby and football, plus outdoor gym equipment. We use physical activity to support health, wellbeing and confidence.

CREATIVE ARTS AT THE HEART

Specialist drama, music and visual arts studios, including a recording studio, where students grow both their creativity and technical skill.

**“THE SCHOOL’S CURRICULUM IS
AMBITIOUS FOR PUPILS.”**

- Ofsted 2024



Explore more of what makes
Oxclose Community Academy extraordinary.

Scan the QR code to take a closer look.

