



USWORTH COLLIERY

Weekly Newsletter



2nd October 2026

ATTENDANCE TO CELEBRATE THIS WEEK

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

RAW	97.26%
1CB	96.19%
2PQ	96.32%
4GS	98.02%
5JM	97.37%
6JW	97.78%

Fantastic news - six classes made it into the green zone this week for attendance. **What a week!**

Congratulations to **4GS** winners of the attendance trophy with attendance of **98.02%**

Whole school attendance this week was **93.77% an improvement again on last week!**

Remember every school day counts

ALL ABOUT ARBOR

We are now using the **Arbor Parent App** for all trip letters and consent forms. Please remember to check the app regularly, as new trips and events will be added throughout the year.

If you have not yet downloaded the Arbor Parent App, it is available **free from the Google Play**

Store and Apple App Store. Or assess it though this link <https://login.arbor.sc> enter the email address registered with the school and select 'Forgot Password' to receive instructions and set up your login. If you have any queries, please contact the school office by email info@usworthcolliery.co.uk

REMINDER- UPCOMING VISITS ARBOR

Please can we remind parents of these upcoming educational visits. Parents and Carers will need to consent to children attending the visit **on Arbor** as soon as possible so that we can ensure visits can go ahead and all children can attend.

Thank you for your support

Visit Date	Trip / activity	Class / Group	Consent Deadline
Monday 5 th October 2026	Y5 Culture House	5JM and 5RD	Fri 2nd Oct
Wednesday 7 th October 2026	Hancock Museum	5JM	Fri 2nd Oct
Monday 12th/Tuesday 13 th October 2026	Year 6 Holy Island	6CS and 6JW	Mon 5th Oct
Tuesday 20 th October 2026	Vindolanda	4GS	Fri 9th Oct
Wednesday 21 st October 2026	Vindolanda	4KB	Fri 9th Oct
Wednesday 21 st October 2026	Soft Play Visit	Base Yellow	Fri 9th Oct
9th , 16 th , 20 th or 30 th Nov	Small-group Artist Sessions	RAW and RLC	Fri 6th Nov

NEW CLUB STARTING FOR Y5 AND Y6 GIRLS

A girls' football club run by Mis Skeen and Phil from Foundation of Light is starting on Monday 5th October for any interested Year 5 and Year 6 girls. This club will meet in Miss Skeen's classroom at the end of the school day to get changed but children will be **collected from the field** at the back of the school.

SPOTLIGHT ON ...POETRY

To celebrate National Poetry Day, we have been reading writing and performing poetry. Our poetry spotlight this month explores the theme "I Wonder" inviting us to pause, imagine and ask those wonderfully curious questions that begin with what if?, why? and I wonder...

Our poets have embraced the theme in creative and thoughtful ways, sharing poems that encourage us to look at the world differently, celebrate curiosity and let our imaginations wander.

Classes from across the school each contributed an 'I wonder...' line, which were brought together to create one collaborative whole-school poem., ask yourself: What do you wonder about?

I wonder

By classes from UCPS

I wonder why conker husks are prickly.

I wonder why it is getting colder.

I wonder why bird's feathers fall to the ground.

I wonder why hands allow people to hold, build, eat, and explore the world around them.

I wonder what the world would be like if my favourite book never ended

I wonder if these beasts will ever become real one day.



Follow the link to our bog to see the activities we have taken part in this week celebrating all things poetic!

<https://www.usworthcolliery.co.uk/blog/2026-06-19-08-00-subjects-in-the-spotlight>

SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD DAY.

On Friday 16th October, we are inviting all children and staff to wear something red to support **Show Racism the Red Card Day**. This important event helps raise awareness of racism and promotes kindness, respect and equality for everyone. By taking part, we can help teach our children the importance of celebrating diversity, challenging discrimination and creating a school community where everyone feels valued, included and safe. We look forward to seeing a sea of red as we stand together against racism.

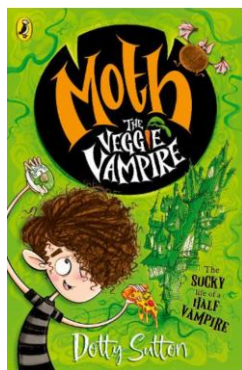
SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS - CHILDREN IN NEED -13TH NOVEMBER

This year our School Council have decided that we will be taking part in the Children in Need fundraising event on Friday 13th November, with a Dress Down Day, children are also welcome to wear spots if they wish.

If families are able to do so, we would welcome a small voluntary donation to support the vital work of Children in Need. Donations will be collected in school and sent directly to the charity.

We are looking forward to a fun day in school, with children enjoying the opportunity to wear their own clothes while coming together to support a very worthwhile cause. Taking part in events such as Children in Need is an important opportunity for our children to learn about kindness, empathy and helping others. It encourages them to think beyond their own experiences and understand how fundraising can make a real difference to the lives of children and young people who may need extra support.

RECOMMENDED READS AND NEW RELEASES MOTH THE VEGGIE VAMPIRE BY DOTTY SUTTON



The hilarious new illustrated series perfect for fans of Loki, Amelia Fang and Hotel Transylvania.

Ever wondered what it's like to be a vampire?

To be super strong, super fast and super naughty? To sleep all day and party all night? Cool, right?

But what if you're only half-vampire? Super awkward, super anxious and super allergic to garlic dip?

I'm Moth, and this is the story of how my sucky life got kinda better thanks to a girl called Mina, a plant called Gary and my best friend Biscuit (who is a bat).

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

Day	Club name	Staff	Year Groups	Location
Monday	Choir	Mrs Barella	Y2-Y6	Class 1CB
Monday	The Story Studio - Creative Writing Club	Miss Brown	Y3-Y6	Class 1JB
Monday	KS1 Sports Club	Mrs Prinn	EYFS KS1	Main Hall
Monday	Lego Club	Mrs Green and Mrs Edmonds	Y1-Y6	Art Room
Monday	Film Club	Mrs Jones	Y1-Y6	Base Blue
Monday	Girls' Football	Mrs Skeen	Y5 & Y6	Field
Tuesday	Games Club	Mrs Calcutt	Y1-Y6	KS2 Intervention Room
Tuesday	STEM Club	Mr Warner	Y5 & Y6	Class 6JW
Tuesday	Forest School Club	Miss Coxon and Miss Rodden	EYFS KS1	Forest School
Wednesday	Creative Sparks Club	Sunderland Culture	KS2	Main Hall/ Art Room
Thursday	Mindfulness Colouring Club	Mrs Quinn	Y2-Y6	Class 2PQ
Thursday	Playdoh Club	Mrs Burrell	Y1-Y4	Class 3BB
Thursday	Jewellery Club	Mrs Dixon	Y3-Y6	Class 5RD

AUTUMN TERM DATES

Events next week New dates added

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Monday 5 th October	Y5 Space Culture House Visit
Monday 5 th October	Y1 Local Walk
Tuesday 6 th October	Flu immunisation team in school
Monday 12 th October	Y5/6 STEM Roadshow in school
Monday 12 th October	Y6 Lindisfarne
Tuesday 13 th October	Y6 Lindisfarne
Wednesday 14 th October	Parents Afternoon/Evening
Friday 16 th October	Show Racism the Red Card Day
Tuesday 20 th October	4GS visit to Vindolanda
Wednesday 21 st October	4KB visit to Vindolanda
Thursday 22 nd October	EYFS Intergenerational Visit to Care Home
Friday 23 rd October	Last day of this half term

Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October - HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 2 nd November	Staff Training (INSET) Day (school closed to children)
Tuesday 3 rd November	Children back to school
Thursday 5 th November	Police Anti-Social Behaviour Workshop Y5 and Y6.
Monday 9 th November	EYFS Art Studio Visit
Friday 13 th November	Children In Need
Monday 16 th November	EYFS Art Studio Visit
Wednesday 18 th November	RLC Intofilm Festival
Friday 20 th November	EYFS Art Studio Visit
Monday 23 rd November	Y6 YDAP Sunderland Drug and Alcohol Talk
Wednesday 25 th November	RAW Intofilm Festival
Thursday 26 th November	EYFS Intergenerational Visit to Care Home
Friday 27 th November	STEM/Science Family Moring (9:30am -11am)
Monday 30 th November	EYFS Art Studio Visit
Wednesday 11 th November	Remembrance Tea for Senior Citizens
Monday 23 rd November	School Individual/Family Photographs
Monday 30 th November	Start of Derwent Hill residential week
Thursday 3 rd December	RLC Northern Stage Christmas Show
Monday 7 th December	Staff Training (INSET) Day (school closed to children)
Wednesday 9 th December	RAW Northern Stage Christmas Show

Friday 11th December
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Wednesday 16th December
Monday 14th December

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Thursday 17th December
Thursday 17th December
Friday 18th December

Autumn Term pupil attainment reports sent out
Reception Christmas performances
(am performance no pre-school children pm performance all welcome)
EYFS Intergenerational Visit to Care Home
Year 3&4 Christmas performance
(am performance no pre-school children pm performance all welcome)
Christmas Fair
School Christmas Dinner
Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner
Last day of Autumn Term

Children return to school on Monday 4th 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.

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 House point winners are

1st 6JW

2nd 3BB

3rd 4GS

PATHWAY TO... Firefighter 🚒

This week, our Pathway to... career focus is firefighters! 🧑‍🚒🧑‍🚒 Pupils have been finding out how firefighters help keep our communities safe, from tackling fires and rescuing people to responding to emergencies and helping to prevent fires. We have also explored the skills and qualities firefighters need, including teamwork, communication, resilience, problem-solving and bravery. Who knows — perhaps one of our pupils will become a firefighter in the future! 🔥🚒

USWORTH COLLIERY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Pathway to... Firefighter

Exploring careers, skills and the journeys that get us there.

Aspiration
Resilience
Care
Safety

Brave people... real heroes!

What do they do?

Firefighters help keep our communities safe. They put out fires, rescue people and animals, and respond to emergencies such as road traffic collisions, flooding and other incidents. They also give safety advice and help prevent fires.

Why choose this career?

- ✓ You get to help and make a real difference in your community.
- ✓ Every day is different – no two calls are the same!
- ✓ It's a rewarding job and you'll be part of a close team.
- ✓ You get to learn new skills and build confidence.

The journey to get there

- 1. GCSEs**
Build a strong foundation in English and Maths (and other subjects).
- 2. Fitness & health**
Pass a fitness test and meet the medical standards.
- 3. Apply**
Complete an application and attend an assessment centre.
- 4. Training**
Undertake specialist training at a fire and rescue college and on the job.
- 5. Qualified Firefighter**
Start your career and continue to learn and grow.

What you need

- ✓ GCSEs (especially English and Maths) – usually grades 4/5 or above (varies by employer).
- ✓ Good fitness and strong health (you'll need to pass a fitness test).
- ✓ Teamwork and communication skills (you'll work with lots of different people).
- ✓ A calm and positive attitude (even in tricky situations).
- ✓ You'll also need to complete training and a medical, including a vision test.

Skills you'll need

- Communication**
Work well with your team and the public.
- Teamwork**
Be reliable and support others.
- Fitness**
Be active and look after your health.
- Problem Solving**
Think quickly and stay calm under pressure.
- Bravery**
Be courageous and help others in need.

Did you know?

- Firefighters train for many different skills, including first aid, water rescue and working at height.
- There are over 5,000 firefighters in the UK.
- You can join as a firefighter from the age of 18 (and there are different roles and pathways).

Real skills. Real impact.

Big dreams start with small steps... What will your pathway look like?

Accreditation –
Supportive Level
**Speech and
Language UK**



**Problem-solving
School**
Enriching maths



**GOLD
Active
Sunderland**
School 2024–25



**Artsmark
Silver Award**
Awarded by Arts
Council England

NOTICES



FUN • FRIENDS • FITNESS

NEXTGEN MULTI SPORTS

★ Every Friday, 4:45pm – 5:45pm ★

📍 **Millennium Centre, Concord, Washington, NE37 2QD**
Football, basketball, dodgeball, rounders and rugby –
come along every Friday and take part in multi-sports sessions!

WHO CAN JOIN?

- Free
- Children aged 7 to 11

WHY GIVE IT A TRY?

- Try new sports and activities
- Keep fit and healthy
- Make new friends and have fun

SCAN TO REGISTER!



Please scan the QR code to register your place

STARTS

26TH JUNE

📧 Email us @ Vigor.Rugby@gmail.com for any queries

COME ALONG, HAVE FUN AND BE ACTIVE!

Active Sunderland

OXFORD & DISTRICT YOUNG PEOPLE'S PROJECT

VIGOR RUGBY



