



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	97.16%	4EH	92.39%
RLC	92.5%	4SP	98.03%
1JB	87.5%	5GS	90.97%
1JD	88.57%	5JM	98.68%
2EP	89.06%	6CS	92.39%
2PQ	97.16%	6JW	93.23%
3BB	92.93%	Base Blue	88.51%
3RD	93.75%	Base Yellow	85.42%
Base Red	86.49%	Thrive	100%

Congratulations to **Thrive** for the best attendance this week at **100%**

Whole school attendance this week **92.68%**

Remember every school day counts!

WHO HAS BEEN IN MY OFFICE THIS WEEK?

Sophie and Charlie 4SP have finally completed their science fiction stories and they are truly fantastic. They have written beautifully, using similes and dialogue to bring their work to life. They structured their stories really well using paragraphs which linked and moved the action on. Well done both of you I know you really enjoyed this unit of work even though it was tricky at times!

Callie 4SP has transformed her science fiction story into a threatening and sinister story. It was very clear in her writing that Callie knew and could use the literacy techniques to do this. She changed the length of sentences and the vocabulary to create a really quite eerie story about a malfunctioning invention. Super work Callie, well done!

EASTER RAFFLE

Thank you for buying tickets for our Easter Raffle. Well done to all our winners! Texts have been sent out today to all winners. Don't forget to collect your prizes from the office.

All proceeds from the raffle will go towards waterproof clothing for our KS1 pupils for Forest School sessions.

PUPIL CONTACT INFORMATION

As you may know we are updating our information systems in school and to ensure the current information that we hold about your child is accurate and the most up to date information, we are systematically checking data for each year group. All children in EYFS up to Y3 will be coming home with a pupil contact information sheet for parents and carers to complete and return after the easter holiday please. Thank you for your support in this important process.

HOME READING BOOKS- REC, KS1 & CHILDREN ACCESSING RAPID CATCHUP IN KS2



We have listened carefully to parent feedback regarding the eBook platform and how children access reading books at home. We are pleased to let you know that the school has secured a grant which will allow us to provide physical reading books to support reading at home. This will begin after the Easter holidays. For more information, please see the separate letter given to your child.

Y4 VISIT TO WASHINGTON ARTS CENTRE



This week Year 4 visited the Arts Centre in Washington as part of our cultural curriculum. The children were very enthusiastic about exploring the art that was on show and discovering the different mediums the art was made of as well as the different styles of art. They were given a scavenger hunt to locate different pieces of art and had a great time locating these, as well as paying close attention to the details. They were then set the challenge to find the most expensive piece, the least expensive piece, and to find the name of one of the pieces. The children all identified their favourite piece that they had looked at and explained why they enjoyed it. All of the children were very respectful of the art and the centre itself, representing UCPS in the best light. Well done, Year 4!

Mrs Henderson & Mrs Lowe

SUPPORTING FAMILIES THIS EASTER

As we approach the Easter holidays, we know that school holidays can bring added financial pressure for some families. That's why Sunderland City Council has partnered with Lightning Reach - a platform designed to help residents access financial support quickly and easily. Lightning Reach connects users to over 2,500 support schemes from charities, councils, and organisations across the UK based on your individual circumstances. On average, it takes just 11 minutes to complete your Lightning Reach profile.

There is a wide variety of support available including:

- Energy and bills
- Furniture and white goods
- Clothing and essentials
- Home improvements

For more information please follow the link: www.lightningreach.org/sunderlandschools

A HOME FOR THE DUCKS!

Some children from EYFS took our ducklings to their new home at Bill Quay Farm. We were able to take them into the barn, where they'll be safe while they grow a little more before joining the main flock. Before we left, they had already settled in and made themselves at home. We're excited to hopefully visit them in the future and see them again at the farm. There were five very happy ducklings! 🐣



FREE EASTER ACTIVITIES THROUGH CREATIVE SPARKES

As some of your children know we have a 'Creative Sparks' club on a Wednesday afternoon. This Wednesday the organisers brought in a flyer listing all the free activities they are running over the Easter Holidays. See the flyer at the bottom of this newsletter for more information

THINKING ABOUT OUR FUTURES

Yesterday, we hosted our Careers Fair for EYFS, Year 4 and Base classes, centred around the theme *People Who Help Us*. The children each had their own careers passport and enjoyed speaking to the RNLI, police, firefighters, vets, mechanics and pharmacists.

Back in the classroom, the children reflected on their experiences and shared their thoughts on which careers they might be interested in pursuing in the future.



RECOMMENDED READS AND NEW RELEASES HANK MEETS FRANK BY MAUDIE POWELL-TUCK

Hank the goose is back in this anarchic follow up to Hank Goes Honk. Hank can be a little pesky, a little pecky and a teensy bit objectionable! But not today. Not when his little cousin Frank is here to visit. You see, Frank is sweet as a daisy and cute as a button. Butter wouldn't melt. So, Hank is going to be on his very best behaviour. In fact, they're both going to be little angels. Isn't that right, Hank? Frank? Guys?!

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	TBC
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	Timestable 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](#)

Monday 20th April Staff INSET DAY (no pupils in school)
 Tuesday 21st April Children back to school
 Tuesday 21st April Year 4 Anti-Racism workshops.
 Tuesday 21st April Year 5 Synagogue trip

Wednesday 22 nd April	Year 5 Synagogue trip
Wednesday 22 nd April	Year 3 water workshop from Northumbria Water
Monday 27 th April.	RLC Library Visit
Wednesday 29 th April	RAW Library Visit
Friday 1 st May	Phototronics class photos
Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday (school closed)
Friday 8 th May	RLC Washington Wetlands Visit
Monday 11 th May – Thursday 14 th May	KS2 SATS Week
Friday 15 th May	RAW Washington Wetlands Visit
Monday 18 th May	Year 5 Puberty talk with school nurse
Tuesday 19 th May	Y5 assembly
Wednesday 20 th May	Science is my Superpower (Newcastle pm)
Friday 22 nd May	School closes for half term
HALF TERM HOLIDAY	
Monday 1 st June	Children return to school
Monday 8 th June	RLC Library Visit
Tuesday 9 th June	4EH Eden Camp
Wednesday 10 th June	RAW Library Visit
Monday 15 June - Friday 19 th June	June Sports Week
Tuesday 16 th June	4SP Eden Camp
Tuesday 16 th June	KS1 Sports Day
Wednesday 17 th June	KS2 Sports Day
Friday 19 th June	PSHCE/ Mental Health Open Morning
Wednesday 24 th June	EYFS Edinburgh Zoo visit
Thursday 25 th June	London Residential
Tuesday 30 th June- Thursday 2 nd July	Washington Academy Transition Days
Monday 6 th July	RLC Library Visit
Tuesday 7 th July	Year 6 End of Year Production - 10am and 5pm
Wednesday 8 th July	RAW Library Visit
Saturday 11 th July	Summer Fair
Monday 13 th July	Rocksteady Concert 10am
Monday 13 th July	6CS Wilderness Trip
Tuesday 14 th July	6JW Wilderness Trip
Friday 17 th July	End of Year reports sent out to parents
Wednesday 22 nd July	Leavers Assembly
Wednesday 22 nd July	School closes for the Summer

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.

The final house point totals are as follows

1st Phoenix (7580 points)

2nd Hercules (5020 points)

3rd Pegasus (4510 points)

4th Orion (2260 points)

Individual Winners this term were:

EYFS - Amelia

Y1 - Jax

Y2 - Sophia

Y3 - Victor

Y4 - Hannah

Y5 - Olivia

Alba had the highest score across the whole school with **479** and the class with the highest total was **4SP** with **3667**.

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**SUNDERLAND
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Spring SPARKS



**Come and join our
FREE Creative
Workshops**



Creating and Inventing Joy Lab! with Little Inventors

Tuesday 7 April, 10am - 11.30am

Amazing Spring Blossoms: Painting with Elizabeth Kane

Friday 10 April, 10am - 12noon

Puppet Making with Georgia Hill

Monday 13 April, 10am - 12noon

Forest Fun: Nature Picture Printing with Katie Watson

Tuesday 14 April, 10am - 12noon

Animation with Robin Webb

Friday 17 April, 10am - 12noon

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Who can book?

Suitable for children aged 5-12 years old
(children under 7 should have an adult stay to help)

Where is it held?

Building Blocks Day Centre, 20 Victoria Road, Washington NE37 2SS

How do I book?

Sessions are FREE but must be booked in advance as spaces are limited.
Book online sunderlandculture.org.uk/BBSparks from March 16.



Spring Sparks is part of Culture Start, an exciting programme designed to help children and young people in Sunderland take part in free creative and cultural events.



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