USWORTH COLLIERY
Weekly Newsletter

13th November 2026

ATTENDANCE TO CELEBRATE THIS WEEK

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

1CB	99.5%
3BB	96.09%
6JW	98.89%

Three classes made it into the green zone this week for attendance.
Congratulations go to **1CB-** winners of the attendance trophy this week.
Whole school attendance this week was **92.74%**
Remember every school day counts

WHO HAS BEEN IN MY OFFICE THIS WEEK?

Logan in 4GS has produced some fabulous Maths work looking at all the different ways to divide 1,000 into equal parts. He has read scales, graphs and completed missing numbers on the numberline. He showed me four whole pages of work! Well done, Logan - this is truly brilliant work and we are so proud of you!
Hayden in 2PQ came to show me his handwriting. I couldn't believe the difference in his writing between September and now. He is writing using capital letters and small letters accurately and you can definitely tell them apart by size and formation His words sit beautifully on the line with his ascenders and descenders just the right length. I know how hard Hayden has worked so make this improvement. Well done Hayden!

DRESS DOWN DAY ON THURSDAY FOR THE CHRISTMAS TOMBOLLA!

We are already planning for our Christmas Fair this year which will take place on 16th December. To collect lots of goodies for the tombola stall we are again this year having a dress down day where the children can come into school in their everyday clothes and ring a bottle or gift that we can use on our tombola stall. There will be an email from Mrs Thomson with more details about this coming your way.

NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL COUNCIL - CHRISTMAS ART COMPETITION

UCPS School Council are delighted to launch thier Christmas Art Competition. All pupils are invited to get creative and design their very own Christmas snow globe using their imagination. There will be some fantastic prizes up for grabs, so we can't wait to see the amazing festive scenes and characters that children choose to include in their designs. Get a template from your teacher and hand it back by Friday 7th December. Good luck and let your creativity shine! ***The School Council***

SUNDERLAND AFC TICKET OFFER

Show Racism the Red Card has been given access to £1 Under-14 tickets for Sunderland AFC v Jagiellonia Białystok in the UEFA Europa League on Thursday 26 November, kick-off 8pm.
As our school was part of the successful anti-racism workshop project funded by Together for Children at Sunderland Council, we have been gifted this offer for parents/carers and children who attend UCPS.
Please see the information at the bottom of this newsletter about how to apply for the tickets and the terms and conditions.

STEM OPEN MORNING FOR PARENTS

Ever wondered what shrimp whiskers look like under a microscope? Or which organs go where in the human body? Ever thought about a career in the Sciences? We are delighted to invite parents to our **STEM Open Morning on Friday 27th November from 9:30am to 11:00am.** Come along and enjoy a range of exciting hands-on science activities and experiments with your child, giving you the opportunity to experience STEM learning in action. As with our recent Maths Morning, parents should collect their children from their classrooms at 9:30am before joining in the activities. We look forward to welcoming you for a fun and engaging morning of scientific discovery!

COME AND JOIN US FOR BOOKS AND BREAKFAST



We are delighted to continue our Books and Breakfast sessions. Parents and carers have been are invited to join us from 8:45am through the classroom doors to share books and stories with their child while enjoying some light refreshments. During each session, staff provided a short demonstration of a reading or phonics activity that we use in school, along with ideas for how these can be supported at home. We are also excited that our KS2 Reading Ambassadors joined the classes to help celebrate a love of reading. Sessions finish at 9:15am. We have one session left this time for our Y2 parents on **Wednesday *2nd December***

WASHINGTON ACADEMY CHRISTMAS FAYRE

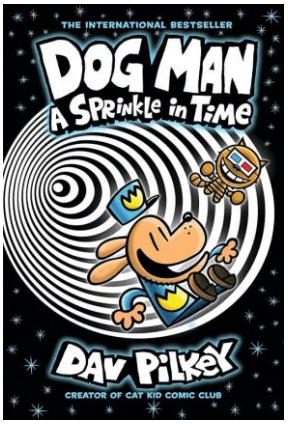
Washington Academy have asked us to pass on this flyer to parents and carers to invite you to their Christmas Fayre. They are very excited to invite families to join them for Santa's Grotto, pony rides, a Disney ride, bouncy castle, bungee jump, games, face painting, Christmas stalls, food and festive treats! Please see the flyer at the bottom of the newsletter for more information.

SPOTLIGHT ON ANTIBULLYING



Last week in school we were focussing on antibullying with the national theme this year being 'Break the Silence' all about speaking up when you see unkindness and bullying. Our children, as always produced some super work on this topic and if you would like to see some of the work produced please follow the link below to the spotlight section on our website https://www.usworthcolliery.co.uk/blog/2026-11-20-06-00-subjects-in-the-spotlight

RECOMMENDED READS AND NEW RELEASES
DOG MAN: A SPRINKLE IN TIME - BY BY DAV PILKEY!



Buckle up for the newest Dog Man space-capade!
Mischievous villain Grampa is back with more lies and trickery as he alters the fabric of time, turning Dog Man's world upside down. And to top it off, Nurse Lady has been kidnapped by the Space Cuties and imprisoned on Planet Precious with Li'l Petey and Molly.
Our heroes Dog Man, Petey, and Chief blast off aboard Petey's Space Shark to rescue their friends from the evil Professor Puddin' Pop. But when their spaceship is swallowed up and destroyed, their mission takes a dangerous turn. Who will light the way when hope dangles by a single, trembling thread? Who will step up and save the day? Action, suspense, time travel, and humor -- it's the saga of the century!
Dav Pilkey's trademark storytelling reminds readers about the power of belief and the importance of trust and hope. The story features amazing illustrations, dynamic colors, and Flip-O-Ramas that take this worldwide bestselling series to new heights.

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

Please remember all children must be collected from after alcohol clubs until the start of the summer term due the darker nights

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

Monday 23rd November	School Photos by Phototronics
Monday 23rd November	Y6 YDAP Sunderland Drug and Alcohol Talk
Wednesday 25th November	RAW Intofilm Festival
Wednesday 25th November	School Nurses visiting Y2 Dental Hygiene Workshop
Thursday 26th November	Dress down day and bring a Christmas Fair donation
Thursday 26th November	EYFS Intergenerational Visit to Care Home
Friday 27th November	Reception Books and Breakfast (8:45-9:15am)
Friday 27th November	STEM/Science Family Moring (9:30am -11am)
Monday 30th November	EYFS Art Studio Visit
Wednesday 11th November	Remembrance Tea for Senior Citizens
Monday 23rd November	School Individual/Family Photographs
Monday 30th November	Start of Derwent Hill residential week
Wednesday 2nd December	Year 2 Books and Breakfast (8:45-9:15am)
Thursday 3rd December	RLC Northern Stage Christmas Show
Monday 7th December	Staff Training (INSET) Day (school closed to children)
Wednesday 9th December	RAW Northern Stage Christmas Show
Friday 11th December	School Nurses visiting Y5 Personal Safety Workshop
Friday 11th December	Autumn Term pupil attainment reports sent out
Friday 11th December	Reception Christmas performances (am performance no pre-school children pm performance all welcome)
Wednesday 16th December	EYFS Intergenerational Visit to Care Home
Monday 14th December	Year 3&4 Christmas performance (am performance no pre-school children pm performance all welcome)
Wednesday 16th December	Christmas Fair
Thursday 17th December	School Christmas Dinner
Thursday 17th December	Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner
Friday 18th December	**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 3RL 2nd 5RD 3rd 4GS

PATHWAY TO... Nail Technician 💅

This week, our **Pathway to ……** focuses on becoming a **Nail Technician** and exploring the skills needed to work in the beauty industry. Nail Technicians need creativity, attention to detail, patience and excellent communication skills. They use their artistic talents to create nail designs, care for clients' nails and help people feel confident.

There are different routes into this career, including college courses, apprenticeships and specialist training in nail technology. With experience, Nail Technicians can work in a salon, become self-employed or even open their own business.

We hope this has encouraged our children to explore their interests, develop their talents and discover the exciting career opportunities available to them!



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NOTICES

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Show Racism the Red Card has been given access to £1 Under-14 tickets for Sunderland AFC v Jagiellonia Białystok in the UEFA Europa League on Thursday 26 November, kick-off 8pm.

These are European nights, landmark moments in the illustrious history of this great club. We want the stadium packed to capacity, at its loudest best - and we want the next generation of supporters to be part of it. If a ticket price has ever been what kept a family away, this is our way of offering the next

generation of Sunderland supporters the opportunity to witness what promises to be another European night to remember.

Parents can complete checkout themselves via safc.com/buytickets.

HOW TO PURCHASE

1. Go to safc.com/buytickets and select the Jagiellonia match.
2. When on the stadium map view, click 'I have a promo code' and enter your partner code: **Kids4Quid_4SRTRC**

3. This unlocks the allocated area and the £1 U14 price

4. Choose seats and check out as normal

Good to know

- Tickets are £1 for Under-14s. Accompanying adults are £39.
- Every Under-14 must be accompanied by an adult aged 18+. Up to 4 juniors per adult.
- Proof of age may be checked at the turnstile.
- The code is valid until the allocation sells out.

ABOUT THE CODE

This code is just for your organisation. Please share it directly with the families and young people you work with – it is not shared publicly on social media, websites, group pages or anywhere else open to the public.

We monitor every purchase made with the code. If it's used outside its purpose, shared publicly or bought for resale, we'll take the appropriate steps to deactivate it immediately and cancel any affected tickets. The purpose of this approach is to ensure tickets get to the people they're meant for.





Washington Academy

Washington Academy 2nd Annual CHRISTMAS FAYRE

WEDNESDAY 2ND DECEMBER | **4-7PM**

50p for Adults | **All Students and Children FREE**

OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC!


DISNEY RIDE


BUNGEE JUMP


BOUNCY CASTLE


SANTA'S GROTTO & MEET SANTA


PONIE RIDES

- Over 20 Stall Holders
- Food
- Cookies
- Facepainter
- Carnival Games
- Bouncy Castle
- Bungee Jump
- Disney Ride
- Santa's Grotto & Meet Santa
- Claires Coffee Van
- Ponie Rides

A fun-filled festive event for the whole school community and beyond!