



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	96.82%	4EH	88.26%
RLC	84%	4SP	96.84%
1JB	86.67%	5GS	85%
1JD	94.74%	5JM	98.95%
2EP	90.42%	6CS	93.04%
2PQ	96.36%	6JW	92.5%
3BB	85.22%	Base Blue	81.82%
3RD	87%	Base Yellow	91.8%
Base Red	86.17%	Thrive	96%

Congratulations to **5JM** for the best attendance this week at **98.95%**

Whole school attendance **90.8%**

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

UCPS GIRLS FOOTBALL TEAM UPDATE WINNERS!!!!

On Thursday evening, our girls' football team took to the pitch for the rearranged final night of futsal fixtures. First up were familiar rivals Rickleton, always tough opponents. After going 1–0 down early on, the girls showed fantastic resilience, working tirelessly as a team to defend against key players and create opportunities going forward. Their determination and teamwork paid off as they battled back to secure a hard fought and well deserved 3–2 victory.

In our final game of the tournament against JFK, the team produced an outstanding performance from start to finish. Strong individual play combined with excellent teamwork allowed the girls to dominate the game and finish with an emphatic 7–0 win. The results meant officials had a challenging task calculating the final standings, with the title decided on goal difference. We were absolutely delighted to learn that we had done enough to be crowned **champions of the 2026**

Washington PSFA Girls Futsal League. Huge congratulations to every player on this fantastic and thoroughly deserved achievement.



A VISIT FOR YEAR 2 FROM MATILDA THE MUSICAL!

This week, Y2 had a truly magical experience in school when an actor from Matilda the Musical came in to

read some of their very own stories with them. After weeks of planning, writing, and imagining, it was wonderful to see their ideas come to life in front of a real performer.

As part of the visit, the children shared an imaginary scene they had written together. Hearing it read aloud by a professional actor—someone who has performed with the Royal Shakespeare Company—made the moment even more exciting. The actor was incredibly impressed by their creativity, imagination, and the detail they put into our writing.

It was an inspiring day that showed the children how powerful storytelling can be, and how their words can spark performance, emotion, and creativity. They loved every minute!



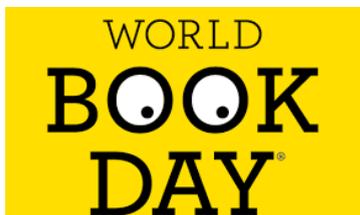
PARENTS/CARERS MEETING

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Spring Term Parents' Teacher Meetings. I hope you enjoyed talking about your children's successes and seeing the work they have been doing this year.

We really value the chance to catch up with you and share how your children are getting on. Working together helps us all stay connected to their learning and ensures they feel supported both at home and in school.

Thank you for taking the time to come in and for being such an important part of their school journey.

WORLD BOOK DAY- THURSDAY 5TH MARCH



This year, our theme for World Book Day is Read Your Own Way, linked to the National Year of Reading. We are celebrating that reading looks different for everyone — whether that's novels, comics, cookbooks, sports reports, audiobooks, or even video game guides and gaming stories — it all counts!

To keep the day inclusive and low-pressure, children and staff can either: wear dots, linked to our whole school text *The Dot* (polka dots or dot-inspired clothing), or they can

dress as their favourite text type with a matching career (e.g. thriller–detective, cookbook–chef, sports book–athlete, gaming guide–gamer). However, children are also welcome to come in non-uniform or wear a costume they already have at home — ***there is no need to buy anything new!***

Every child will receive a World Book Day book of their choice, which they have already selected in school using their World Book Day token.

Our key message this World Book Day is simple: ***There is no “right” way to read... just your way.***

We always have a fabulous day on world book day celebrating everything reading and we can't wait to celebrate it again together this year!

The kitchen is joining in the celebration and providing a special world book day lunch which includes Peter Pan Pizzas - Margherita, Pepperoni or Vegetable, Rapunzel's Pasta - a hearty tomato pasta and a range of Goldilocks Wraps including Coronation Chicken, Tuna Crunch, Cheese, Vegan Cheese and Ham

Please see the poster at bottom of the newsletter

WHO HAS BEEN IN MY OFFICE THIS WEEK?

Sophie, Dexter and Charlie 4SP came to show me their hot writes. They have been writing letters from Charlotte to Templeton (characters from *Charlotte's web*) where Charlotte (the spider) tries to persuade Templeton (the rat) to find some words for her web. They all used rhetorical questions, flattery and emotive language to get their cases across. Their handwriting was beautiful too making the letters were a joy to read. They now have the skills to effectively persuade their readers so be careful parents this half term! Well done all three of you, your work was superb!

RECOMMENDED READS AND NEW RELEASES

A GIRL'S GUIDE TO SPYING BY HOLLY WEBB



Did you know that the Girl Guides worked undercover for MI5 during the First World War? When Phyl is dragged along to the Girl Guides by her younger sister, Annie, the last thing she expects is the adventure of a lifetime. Then her Guide captain offers her a job as a messenger for MI5. Phyl is desperate to help the war effort and is thrilled to be working with spies. But she can't seem to do anything right in the eyes of the grumpy Major Warren. When he suddenly disappears, Phyl and Annie suspect that he may in fact be a double agent. The two sisters must solve the mystery of his whereabouts, before it's too late. Luckily their friends from the Rose Patrol are ready to help...

SPRING 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	Forest 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	Skipping 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

HALF TERM

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

Children return to school on Tuesday 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.

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–6CS 2nd– 4SP 3rd–2EP

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NOTICES



**5th
March
2026**

WORLD BOOK DAY

GOLDEN TICKET

MAINS

- Peter Pan's Pizza Choice
- Rapunzel's Golden Locks Pasta (VG)
- Goldilocks & The Three Bears Wrap Bar

SIDES

- Fairy Godmother Fries
- Jack's Magic Beans
- Princess and the Peas (...and the Sweetcorn)

DESSERTS

- Red Velvet Riding Hood Brownie (v)
- Fruit Yoghurt (v)
- Fresh Fruit (various)