



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	98.18%	4EH	91.36%
RLC	86%	4SP	94.74%
1JB	93.33%	5GS	92.7%
1JD	94%	5JM	99.47%
2EP	90.42%	6CS	94.78%
2PQ	98.17%	6JW	92.08%
3BB	93.48%	Base Blue	100%
3RD	98%	Base Yellow	92.06%
Base Red	87.23%	Thrive	92%

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

Whole school attendance this week **93.9%**

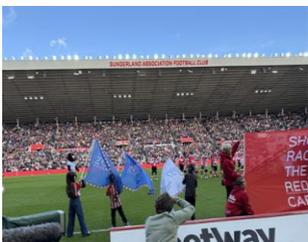
Remember every school day counts!

WHO HAS BEEN IN MY OFFICE THIS WEEK?

Travis 6JW, has had two amazing weeks getting 100% on his reward chart. To achieve this is very tricky and the effort Travis has put into all aspects of school over the last two weeks is amazing. Well done Travis keep up the hard work!

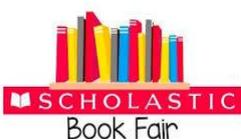
RESIDENTIAL VISIT TO DERWENT HILL IN NOVEMBER 2026

We are pleased to announce that we have spaces available for our current year 4 and 5 children to take part in the Derwent Hill residential visit taking place in November 2026. These children would be in Year 5 and Year 6 when the visit takes place. Please contact the school office if you are interested in this opportunity for your child.



SUNDERLAND AFC FLAG BEARING

Isaac and Alba did us the honour of representing Usworth Colliery at the Sunderland vs Brighton match on Saturday at the Stadium Of Light. They were superb and although the result didn't go Sunderland's way, they had a great experience. Thank you to AK Teaching for providing the school with both this the opportunity and our own flag to keep.



THE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IS HERE!

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming next week! From Monday 23rd to Wednesday 25th September, our school will be bursting with brilliant books, from laugh-out-loud stories to thrilling adventures and page-turning mysteries. Join us each day from 3:15pm–3:45pm to explore the shelves with your child. Every book you buy helps us earn FREE new books for our school, so it's a wonderful way to inspire reading and support our library and our classrooms at the same time. We can't wait to see you there—let's celebrate the joy of reading together!

YEAR 5 VISIT TO CENTRE FOR LIFE

On Wednesday, Year 5 enjoyed an exciting visit to the Centre for Life in Newcastle. During their Destination Space workshop, pupils repaired broken solar panels on the International Space Station using robotic arms, sampled space food, experimented with infrared cameras to test materials for a space suit, and even investigated the absorbency of astronaut nappies—before watching a thrilling rocket launch! Their day continued with a visit to the planetarium to learn about constellations and the planets, followed by a lively science show filled with illusions and surprising demonstrations. The children also had time to explore the museum, making it a fun-filled and memorable trip for everyone.



FESTIVAL OF THE GIRL

Newcastle are thrilled to invite our local community to Festival of The Girl Newcastle, an exciting festival on Saturday 21 March 2026 at Newcastle University's Sports Hall. It's an opportunity for young girls to explore exciting activities, meet inspiring role models, and build confidence in a safe, inclusive space. Although designed for 7–11-year-old girls, everyone is welcome. With a SEND zone, pay-what-you-can and group discount booking options they are hoping no girl will miss out.

Please find a flyer attached to the bottom of this newsletter or learn more by following this link: <https://www.festivalofthegirl.com/newcastle>

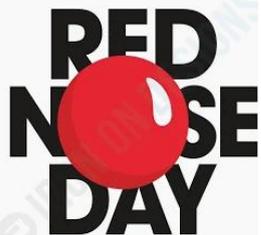
PROPOSED EARLY BREAKFAST CLUB – EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

We are considering introducing a new paid Early Breakfast Club for pupils, running from 7:30am to 8:00am, to support families who require earlier childcare at the start of the school day. This would be **in addition** to our existing free Breakfast Club, which will continue to run as normal from 8:00am to 8:45am.

At this stage, this is only a proposal and no final decisions have been made. Before moving forward, we would like to gather feedback from parents and carers to help us understand whether there is sufficient interest to make this provision viable. The Early Breakfast Club would offer a safe, supervised environment for children, with a calm start to the day before they transition into the existing breakfast provision. If this is something you would be interested in using, please let us know by completing and returning the attached short expression of interest form by Friday 27th March. Your feedback will be invaluable in helping us decide whether to introduce this new provision. Thank you for your continued support.

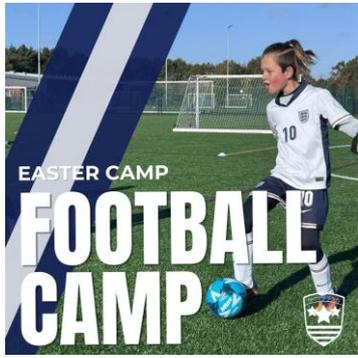
COMIC RELIEF RED NOSE DAY

We had a lovely time in school this Friday celebrating Red Nose Day together. The children enjoyed coming to school in their non-uniform, and it was wonderful to see so many happy faces joining in with the spirit of the day. Thank you to everyone who chose to send in a voluntary donation. Your kindness and generosity help support a range of important causes, including tackling poverty, supporting mental health, and addressing social injustice both here in the UK and around the world. Events like this truly highlight the strength of our school community. We are proud to take part in initiatives that promote kindness, compassion and looking out for others and will let you know how much we have raised as soon as we have the total.



FOUNDATION OF LIGHT HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

This Easter holiday, the Foundation of Light are running football and holiday camps over the two-weeks (7th April-17th April) in Sunderland, Seaham, Peterlee and North Durham and they would love to see you there! Please see the poster at the bottom of this newsletter for more information and follow the link below to book on if you're interested for your child: <https://www.abler.io/shop/foundationflight/holidaycourses>



EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB AT WASHINGTON FOOTBALL CLUB

Washington Football Club are running their Easter Holiday Camp again this year. It is open to boys and girls aged 5-14 of all abilities, to train and play football in a fun, safe and learning environment. The Club have also been given funding to deliver free spaces for the HAF programme. This funding is for families who have children on free school meals or children with SEN

The Football Camp is also open to children outside of Washington FC
To book use this link:

<https://www.washingtonafc.com/easter-football-camp/>

UCPS GIRLS FOOTBALL TEAM UPDATE

Our girls' football team had an action-packed week, with matches on both Tuesday and Thursday and they certainly didn't disappoint!

Tuesday marked the final night of the league fixtures, where Colliery faced JFK and Holley Park. The girls put on a masterclass in teamwork and determination, showing clever challenges, brilliant passing and some truly skilful finishing. Their hard work paid off with two fantastic 3-0 victories! We are still waiting for the final league standings to be announced.

On Thursday, the team kicked off the first round of the Girls' Trophy.

First up was Biddick, and two confident first-half goals helped secure a well-deserved win. Next came a tough match against a much-changed Rickleton side. It was a thrilling end-to-end battle, complete with two VAR-worthy disallowed goals! The game ended 0-0, but the team's grit and focus meant they still did enough to move on to the next round — well done, girls!

★ Players of the Week

Tuesday – Darcy: Awarded Players' Player for her incomparable dedication to the game and for the brilliant support and guidance she gave her teammates.

Thursday – Jasmine: Awarded Players' Player for scoring a well-earned goal, always giving 100%, and bringing a brilliant positive attitude to the pitch.

Manager's Player of the Week – Saphira: Celebrated for her excellent finishing, scoring numerous goals and being an outstanding, reliable team player who always seems to be in exactly the right place at the right time.

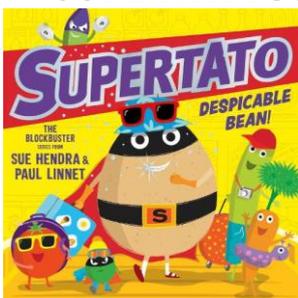


MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL COUNCIL AND MRS HILTON ABOUT OUR EASTER EGG COMPETITION

Get ready to crack open your creativity! 🥚 We are hosting our annual, fun-filled Easter Egg Decorating Competition on Thursday 2nd April, and everyone is invited to join in. All you have to do is: take an egg, boil it and decorate it, it's as simple as that. Don't forget to put your name on your entry and bring your most egg-cellent creations into school on the last day of this term. We look forward to seeing your fantastic entries. Lets get egg-s-tra creative.

RECOMMENDED READS AND NEW RELEASES

SUPERTATO: DESPICABLE BEAN! BY SUE HENDRA AND PAUL LINNET



Supertato is back in a brand-new adventure! It's night-time in the supermarket and the veggies are ROASTING!

There's only one thing for it - it's time for a HOLIDAY! But it looks like there's more to friendly holiday planner Pam than meets the eye and soon Supertato and the team find themselves in desperate DANGER!

Will they ever make their getaway?! THE HEAT IS ON! A laugh-out-loud funny new adventure in this beloved series. Supertato and Evil Pea must join forces and use their team work and imagination to get everyone to safety. This epic new adventure sees the return of a mean, green baddie who is NOT The Evil Pea. Can you guess who it is?

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 23rd March	Rocksteady Concert 10am
Monday 23rd March	RLC Library Visit
Wednesday 25th March	EYFS at the Dance Festival
Tuesday 24th March	RLC 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 30th March	Base Blue and Thrive visit to SafetyWorks (am)
Tuesday 31st March	4SP Washington Arts Centre
Wednesday 1st April	4EH Washington Arts Centre
Wednesday 1st April	5GS visit to Ouseburn
Thursday 2nd April	5JM visit to Ouseburn
Thursday 2nd April	Easter Egg Competition
Thursday 2nd April	Spring Term reports sent out to parents
Thursday 2nd 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-3BB 2nd- 6CS 3rd-4SP

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NOTICES

EASTER HOLIDAY COURSES
7-17 APRIL

FOUNDATION OF LIGHT
THE WORLD AT YOUR FEET

FOOTBALL
7-9 APRIL / 13-15 APRIL

TRAIN LIKE A PRO
10 APRIL

1.1 COACHING
13/14, 15 APRIL

TODDLER TALES
7 APRIL / 14 APRIL

MINI BAKERS
8 APRIL / 15 APRIL

JUNIOR BAKERS
9 APRIL / 16 APRIL

BEAUTY AT THE BEACON
8 APRIL / 15 APRIL

HOLIDAY CLUB
7-9 APRIL / 13-15 APRIL

SEND FOOTBALL
9, 10, 16, 17 APRIL

WEEK ONE	WEEK TWO
Tues 7-Thurs 9 April 3 Day Football Beacon of Light 9.30am-3pm £50	Mon 13-Wed 15 April 3 Day Football Beacon of Light 9.30am-3pm £50
Tues 7-Thurs 9 April 3 Day Football Wellfield School 9.30am-3pm £45	Mon 13-Wed 15 April 3 Day Football Beamish Football Centre 9.30am-3pm £45
Tues 7-Thurs 9 April 3 Day Football Beamish Football Centre 9.30am-3pm £45	Mon 13-Wed 15 April 3 Day Football Seaham High School 9.30am-3pm £45
Tues 7-Thurs 9 April 3 Day Holiday Club Beacon of Light 9.30am-3pm £45	Mon 13-Wed 15 April 3 Day Holiday Club Beacon of Light 9.30am-3pm £45
Tues 7 April Toddler Tales Beacon of Light 10am-12pm £5	Tues 14 April Toddler Tales Beacon of Light 10am-12pm £5
Wed 8 April Mini Bakers Beacon of Light 10am-12pm £15	Wed 15 April Mini Bakers Beacon of Light 10am-12pm £15
Wed 8 April Beauty at the Beacon Beacon of Light 10am-1pm £15	Wed 15 April Beauty at the Beacon Beacon of Light 10am-1pm £15
Thurs 9 April 1 Day Football Chester le Street 9.30am-3pm £20	Thurs 16 April 1 Day Football Chester le Street 9.30am-3pm £20
Thurs 9 April Junior Bakers Beacon of Light 10am-12pm £15	Thurs 16 April Junior Bakers Beacon of Light 10am-12pm £15
Thurs 9 April SEND Football Beacon of Light 9.30am-3pm Free	Thurs 16 April SEND Football Beacon of Light 9.30am-3pm Free
Fri 10 April SEND Football Beacon of Light 9.30am-3pm Free	Fri 17 April SEND Football Beacon of Light 9.30am-3pm Free
Fri 10 April Train like a Pro Ford Hub 10am-3pm £30	



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