



USWORTH COLLIERY

Weekly Newsletter



21st November 2025

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	99.05%	4EH	91.3%
RLC	90.95%	4SP	92.11%
1JB	92.78%	5GS	96.67%
1JD	90.53%	5JM	94.21%
2EP	93.75%	6CS	92.61%
2PQ	93.18%	6JW	95.83%
3BB	96.36%	Base Blue	90.91%
3RD	95.71%	Base Yellow	93.44%
Base Red	83%	Thrive	96%

This week's winner of the 100% attendance certificate and Just Eat voucher is **Corey in RAW**

Congratulations to **RAW** for the best attendance this week **99.5%**

Whole school attendance **93.24%**

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

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Don't forget school photographs are being taken in school on **Monday 24th November**. Please can all children come into school in school uniform even if they have forest school later in the day. Parents who have requested photos with preschool siblings should come to school at 8am

CHRISTMAS FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS

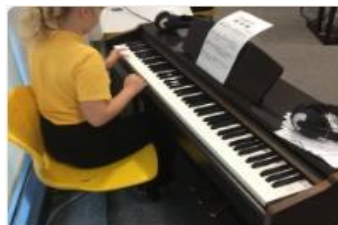
The Local Authority have once again confirmed that all eligible pupils in receipt of Free School Meals (FSM) will each receive a £30 shopping voucher for the Christmas holiday period. Vouchers will be automatically sent out via email by the school office to parents who have already registered and are currently in receipt FSM. Please note that this is not the same as Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM), which all EYFS and KS1 children automatically receive.

If you believe you may be entitled to FSM but have not yet applied, I strongly encourage you to do so as soon as possible by following the link below:

<https://www.usworthcolliery.co.uk/about-us/lunchtimes>

YEAR 5 VISIT TO WASHINGTON ACADEMY

On Tuesday, Year 5 enjoyed an exciting day at Washington Academy. Both classes completed three engaging lessons, had lunch in the Pit Stop and even joined a lunchtime club, choosing between karaoke and trampolining. **5GS** began their day with a lively music lesson, exploring body percussion and trying their hand at the keyboard. They then moved on to French, where the class split into two teams and competed to earn the most euros using their language skills. Their final session was English, in which pupils worked hard to describe imaginative and unusual characters. **5JM** started with a creative art lesson, using a range of materials to design festive Christmas jars. After break, they headed to the science labs to take part in a heart-rate investigation. Their day ended in the cookery room, where pupils made their own wraps—many of which were proudly taken home!



BASE YELLOW VISIT TO THE CHURCH

As part of their curriculum 'The world about us', Base Yellow have been looking at what makes a church special for Christians. They visited St. Michael's and All Angels Church to learn more about what happens inside. Rev. Bethany gave the class the opportunity to dress in different colour robes that she uses for special occasions throughout the year. They were also able to handle lots of artifacts with different purposes that sounded, smelt and felt very interesting to us. We are going back soon to discover how Christmas is celebrated in the church.



VISITORS TO SCHOOL FROM NORTHERN GAS

This week, we were delighted to welcome Northern Gas Network into school to lead a series of exciting workshops on global warming and sustainability. Each year group took part in hands-on learning linked to real-world environmental issues.

Year 2 explored what causes global warming and investigated how these changes affect animals and their habitats.

Year 3 learned about renewable and non-renewable energy sources and carried out a practical experiment to compare how effective they are.

Year 4 had a workshop all about renewable energy. They looked at hydrogen car models, created the fuels from water and an energy source and then used this to power the cars. They checked to see how long the fuel lasted on do



different surface types. This workshop made links to their Geography topic, including discussions about whether cars should be banned from Newcastle city centre.

Year 5 focused on the Earth's atmosphere and climate, building on their existing knowledge of environmental change.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the workshops and engaged enthusiastically with the important themes of climate change and sustainability.

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES FROM THE HAF PROGRAMME

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme is for families whose children are eligible for Free School Meals or fall within a vulnerable category. The HAF programme offers free, fun activities and nutritious meals during the school holidays for eligible pupils. This is a fantastic opportunity for children to stay active, social, and engaged while enjoying healthy meals. If you are interested, please use the following QR code and/or weblink with parents and carers so they can view available sessions and book places in your area:

Washington Area



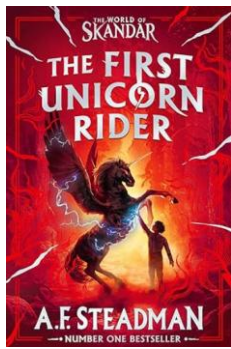
SEND Specific



<https://eequ.org/tfcwashington>

<https://eequ.org/tfcSEND>

If you have any questions, please contact HAF@togetherforchildren.org.uk.



RECOMMENDED READS AND NEW RELEASES

THE FIRST UNICORN RIDER BY A.F. STEADMAN

A boy with a destiny. A mysterious island. A world of magical creatures.

The adventure begins.

George Penhaligon has only ever wanted adventure. But when he finds himself shipwrecked and alone on a mysterious island, he makes an incredible discovery. Unicorns are not just a myth – they're real – and they're bloodthirsty predators.

Slowly, George gains one unicorn's trust and together they explore the Island's secrets. But there is another dark presence on the Island, more deadly than any unicorn.

George's adventure may be far more dangerous than he bargained for...

Discover the incredible World of Skandar with this thrilling origin adventure.

Please note that all children must be collected from after school clubs from now on. This is due to the darker nights. No child will be permitted to walk home alone after a school club until after the easter holidays.

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

Day	Club name	Staff	Year Groups	Max number	Location
Monday	Forrest school	Mrs Walker/Mrs Prinn	Rec-2	20	Forrest school
Monday	Art Club	Miss Coxon	Rec-2	15	RLC classroom
Monday	Book club	Miss Brown	3-6	15	2JB classroom
Monday	Lego Club	Mrs Edmunds/Mrs Green	1-6	20	Art Room
Monday	Board Games	Mrs Calcutt	Rec-6	15	KS2 intervention room
Tuesday	Choir	Mrs Moore	3-6	20	TBC
Tuesday	Jewellery Making	Mrs Dixon	3-6	15	3 RD classroom
Tuesday	Mindful Colouring	Mrs Henderson	3-6	20	4EP classroom
Tuesday	Boxing club	Mr Pearson	5-6	10	Hall
Tuesday	KS1 Homework	Mrs Quinn	1-2	20+	2PQ classroom
Tuesday	KS2 Homework	Mrs Swinburn	3-6	20+	6CS classroom
Thursday	Boxing club	Mr Pearson	3-4	10	Hall

Please note that that the boxing club will no longer be running do to Mr Pearson leaving.

AUTUMN TERM DATES

Events next week

New dates added

Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October - HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 24th November	School Photograph Day
Wednesday 26th November	Reception Open Afternoon for 2026-27 parents 1-3pm
Monday 1st December	Start of Derwent Hill residential week
Tuesday 11th November	RLC Intofilm festival
Friday 14 th November	Non Uniform Day fundraising for World Diabetes Day
Wednesday 17th December	RLC Northern Stage The Night Before ChrisMouse,
Thursday 18th December	RAW Northern Stage The Night Before ChrisMouse,
Wednesday 3rd December	Science is my Superpower (Newcastle pm)
Monday 8th December	Rocksteady Concert 10am
Monday 8th December	RLC Library Visit
Tuesday 9th December	RLC Intergenerational Visit to Care Home
Wednesday 10th December	RAW Library Visit
Friday 12th December	Reception Christmas performances (am performance no pre-school children pm performance all welcome)
Friday 12 th December	Autumn Term reports sent out to parents
Tuesday 16 th December	Year 3&4 Christmas performance

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Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas fair
Thursday 18 th December	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 18 th December	Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch
Friday 19 th December	Last day of Autumn Term

Children return to school on Monday 5th 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.

Please note the school Twitter account, @UCPrimary, is no longer in use.

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-5JM 3rd-5GS

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GOLD
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Sunderland**
School 2024-25



**Artsmark
Silver Award**
Awarded by Arts
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