

Tuesday 25th June – KS1 Sports Day (pm)

Friday 28th June – KS2 Sports Day (pm)

Children can wear their PE kit for school all day on the day of their sports day! Please ensure your child brings a water bottle to school that day and has appropriate clothing for the weather as they will be outside for a considerable time i.e. sun hat, sun cream or tracksuit bottoms and a school jumper if the weather is colder.

This year they will complete activities relating to the upcoming Olympic games and learning about local sports people in their classes during the morning and the sports day event will be in the afternoon.

Parents are invited to join sports day on the field from 12.45pm ready for a 1pm start time. Parents can enter via the gate directly onto the KS2 yard and head straight to the field. You will see a designated parent area in the middle of the field. Please head straight to that area. To enable us to maintain the safety of all children at all times we politely ask you to remain within this area until after sports day has finished and children have been escorted back to their classrooms by their teacher. Once all children have left the field you are welcome to go and collect your child from the usual doors. Children will rotate around the 6 stations within their class group until they have completed all activities. Once this is complete all children will move to the long track (nearest the school building) to complete in elite races. Following this the winning house will be announced before the children return to their classrooms.

We are hoping the weather does not spoil the day but obviously if it is very wet and we have to cancel we will let you know as soon as we can prior to the event.

CELEBRATING WASHINGTON TURNING 60!

On 20th July 2024, Washington will be 60 years old. To celebrate this important local anniversary, each class will be looking at how our local area has changed over the past 60 years. From 2:30pm on Friday 5th July, we would love it if you could celebrate this event with us by attending our picnic. If you would like to join us, come along and bring your own picnic snacks to share with your family. Class teachers will picnic with children whose families are unable to attend. All classes will be participating and children will be able to leave with you from the field throughout the afternoon.

WHO HAS BEEN IN MY OFFICE THIS WEEK?

Albie Base 2 came with his teacher to tell me about his positive attitude to learning and his enthusiasm for work today. He was able to identify all his initial sounds in his phonics lesson this morning. Well done Albie!

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If you think that your child may be eligible for free school meals, then we urge you to complete the online form.

[Free School Meals - Together for Children](#)

If your child is in reception, Year 1 or Year 2 they automatically receive a free lunch as part of the Universal Free School Meals scheme. You have to apply for free school meals. **THEREFORE, IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT YOU APPLY, IF YOU THINK YOU QUALIFY AND YOUR CHILD IS IN YEAR 2. THEY WILL NO LONGER GET FREE MEALS WHEN IN YEAR 3 IF YOU HAVE NOT APPLIED.**

We get updated lists of those who have applied on a weekly basis. Also, your child does not automatically receive free school meals even if a sibling in school does, you still have to apply for each child individually. Any questions then please contact the school office.

We have received an email from together for children that they have received funding for the vouchers £60.00 per child. For the Summer holidays however, you only receive these if you are in receipt of free school meals. If you have applied and you are eligible for the vouchers, you will receive a text from school when they are ready to be collected.

NSPCC WORKSHOPS

On Tuesday, the NSPCC came into school to complete a workshop with Y2, Y5 and Y6. They learned about the aims of the NSPCC through the 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' campaign. They all identified the different types of abuse and the key people in our lives that can help and support us, from teachers and counsellors, to friends, families and even football coaches! Well done to all of the children for being sensible and engaged throughout the workshops. Mrs Swinburn





YEAR 1 VISIT

On Tuesday afternoon Year 1 visited The Little Onion Club to support their science and geography topics. During the afternoon, the children spent time exploring the plants using their senses, planting beans and learning about the different fruits and vegetables they grow. They had a wonderful time and really enjoyed the experience. Huge thanks to the Little Onion Club for inviting us!



BASE 1 BEAMISH TRIP

On Thursday, Base 1 children enjoyed their trip to Beamish Museum. They thoroughly enjoyed their journey on the open-top tram and loved watching sweets being made in the 1900's confectioners. In the Welfare Hall, in the new 1950's town, the children met Simon Wooley who showed us lots of old toys as part of our toy workshop. We then loved playing with them and choosing our favourite ones. After this, we enjoyed eating ice-creams by the bowling green. Many thanks go to Derek Freeman and the Washington Rotary Club for funding our visit – as well as the ice-creams!



PSHCE/MENTAL HEALTH OPEN MORNING

Thank you to everyone who came along to our PSHCE/Mental Health Open Morning this morning. It was wonderful to see so many families coming together to look at the work the children have completed in their class floor books, as well as having a go at some activities! Also attending were representatives from a number of local agencies including Washington Mind, Kooth, LumiNova, Together for Children and the Top Club - I hope you found chatting to them useful. Special thanks to Steve, Imogen, Riley, Charlii, Joe and Mia from Y6 for being my super helpers throughout the event. Please take a look at the link below for activities to do over the summer from Together for Children: <https://www.togetherforchildren.org.uk/washington-timetable>



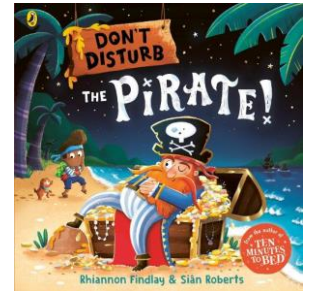
RECOMMENDED READS AND NEW RELEASES DON'T DISTURB THE PIRATE BY RHIANNON FINDLAY

Can YOU help her find the missing puppy?

Tiptoe over, under, round and through the book, just . . . don't disturb the PIRATE!

Fans of Ten Minutes to Bed, Little Unicorn will love joining in the quest in this immersive, interactive adventure with a wind-down-to-bedtime ending!

A brilliantly interactive rhyming read-aloud adventure before bedtime from the bestselling author of the Ten Minutes to Bed series.



ADVICE AROUND CHILDREN CYCLING AND SAFETY

Please see the advice from the child accident and prevention trust around children, cycling and safely

Your child's first bike

- By the age of five, many children will have started riding a tricycle, bicycle, bike with stabilisers or a balance bike.
- Kids' bike helmets are a must every time they go cycling as they can prevent serious head injuries if your child falls off or crashes into something.
- It will also help children get into the habit of wearing a helmet if they see the adults around them wearing bicycle helmets.
- Local parks and gardens can be safe places to ride until children are old enough to cycle on the road.

Biking safety for children aged seven to 10

- Children have better coordination and control and are usually more confident cyclists by the time they are around seven.
- They're still not ready to cycle in traffic, though, even if they're with an adult.
- Remind them to wear a bike helmet every time they go out on their bikes. Children are 'top-heavy' and more likely to land on their heads if they fall off their bikes.
- Some children might need help doing up the straps and making sure the cycle helmet is secure.

SUMMER TERM DATES

Events next week New dates added

Monday 24th June – 1RD Washington library

Tuesday 25th June – KS1 Sports Day (pm)

Friday 28th June – KS2 Sports Day (pm)

Monday 1st July – 5GS NUSTEM Think Lab workshop Northumbria University

Tuesday 2nd July – RAW Pizza Express visit

Tuesday 2nd July -Y6 trip to Oxclose to see Shrek the Musical pm

Friday 5th July - Washington 60th Anniversary picnic
 Monday 8th July - Y5 Heritage Day Beacon of Light
 Tuesday 9th July – RDB Pizza Express visit
 Wednesday 10th July – 5JW NUSTEM Think Lab workshop Northumbria University
Wednesday 10 July- Y4 Tennis experience (everyone active coaching)
 Thursday 11th July - Reception Mini Movers Intergenerational Visits
 Thursday 11th July - Y6 performance
 Friday 12th July – End of Year reports
 Friday 12th July - Summer Fair
 Monday 15th July - Wilderness Trip 6CS
 Tuesday 16th July - Wilderness Trip 6JM
Wednesday 17th July – Y5 Sports Festival at Oxclose
 Friday 19th July – Y6 Leavers Assembly
 Friday 19th July – Break up for Summer holidays

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES SUMMER TERM

Day	Club name	Staff	Location
Monday	KS1 Homework	Mrs Hilton	2CH Classroom
Monday	Review Crew	Mrs Kaur	Base 3
Monday	Mindful Colouring	Mrs Allen	3LC Classroom
Monday	Lego	Mrs Green and Mrs Edmunds	KS2 Intervention Room
Tuesday	KS2 Homework	Miss Skeen	5GS Classroom
Tuesday	Gardening	Mrs Lowe	3RL Classroom/Wild Garden
Tuesday	Yoga and Positivity	Mrs Comby	3LC Classroom
Tuesday	Games and jigsaws	Mrs Dixon	1RD Classroom
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Day	Club name	Staff	Location
Monday STARTS 13 th MAY	Football Skills boys/Girls	Mr Rutherford	School Field
Thursday STARTS 2 nd MAY	Football Skills Girls	Mr Rutherford	School Field

TWITTER STARS

Remember to check out this week's Twitter Stars! These are tweeted on: @TStarKS1_UCPS or @TStarKS2_UCPS. They also appear on @UCPrimary and on our website Twitter feed

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 following the Colliery Code. This week's classes with the most house points are:
 1st – 3RL 2nd – 3LC 3rd – 1RD

ATTENDANCE WINNERS

These classes have the highest attendance this week. Well done everyone!
 Whole school attendance – 94.78%
 EYFS/KS1 2CB - 99.06% KS2 3LC - 97.78%

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