

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	82.27%	4EH	93.04%
RLC	88.18%	4SP	91.58%
1JB	94.74%	5GS	89.47%
1JD	96%	5JM	92.11%
2EP	90%	6CS	89.13%
2PQ	88.26%	6JW	92.37%
3BB	91.79%	Base Blue	86.15%
3RD	93.81%	Base Yellow	81.58%
Base Red	76.34%		

Not a great week this week for attendance but, congratulations to **1JD** for the best attendance this week at **96%**

Whole school attendance this week was **89.82%**

Remember every school day counts!

YEAR 6 PARENTS AND CARERS -PLEASE NOTE A CHANGE OF DATE!

The Year 6 end of year productions of 'I'm an 11-year-old, Get Me Out of Here!' have been moved to Thursday 16th July at 9:30am and 5pm.

WHO HAS BEEN IN MY OFFICE THIS WEEK?

Oakar, Grace, Sophie and Amelia-Rose RLC have all been to show me their amazing writing. They all worked independently to re-tell the story of the enormous turnip. All four stories were exiting and different. They were all able to read their work back to me. Well done all of you, your work is super!

Mason 5JM has been to see me because his attitude to work has improved so much that his teacher wanted me to hear all about him. Mason has shown a strong work ethic and such a mature attitude towards all areas of school, both in class and at playtimes. This is so good to hear Mason. Keep this up!

Sam, Valerie and Jasmine 6JW have produced some truly exceptional pieces of writing. They were tasked with creating an obituary about a famous person they had researched. Sam and Jasmine both chose Mary Shelley inspired by Frankenstein, a book they studied this year. Valerie chose to research Joan of Arc and all three extended their writing to create poems about their famous person. Super work all of you, well done!

Ethan 4SP has been editing and improving his work today. This is tricky because you need to think carefully, listen to advice and scan your work for errors. Ethan did this brilliantly today and his teacher is super proud of him. Well done Ethan!

TAYLOR WIMPEY COMPETITION WINNER FROM UCPS



Another well done to Libby Trotter in Y5 who won the Taylor Wimpey competition to design a new 'welcome to your new home' card for the new residents at Stoneridge Hall. Last week, Libby went along to the site for her official photo shoot and presentation of her bag of goodies! She even got to have a tour of the new homes and was very impressed with what she saw. Well done Libby we are very proud of you!

FOND FAREWELLS

We would like to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt goodbye to three valued members of our staff who are leaving us today to take up new roles, following promotions and new opportunities, which I know they are all very excited about.

Firstly, **Mrs Jacobs**, who has been an integral part of our school office team for the past four and a half years. Mrs Jacobs has been a friendly and helpful presence for so many of our families, and her warmth and dedication have supported the smooth running of the school every day. We are very grateful for all she has contributed and she will be greatly missed.

We also say farewell to **Mrs Lines**, who has worked with us for three years, in our Base provision. She has been a valued member of the team and has supported many of our children during her time with us. She will be very much missed by, staff, pupils and parents.

Finally, we say goodbye to **Mrs Arkley**, who has worked with Year 6 this year, supporting pupils each morning in both Maths and English. Her support has made a real difference to the children, and we are grateful for the care and commitment she has shown.

While we are sad to see them all go, I'm sure you will join us in wishing Mrs Jacobs, Mrs Lines and Mrs Arkley every success and happiness in their new roles.

SPOTLIGHT ON NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY WEEK

National Biodiversity Week has provided a wonderful opportunity for children across school to explore and celebrate the variety of living things in our environment. From pond dipping at the wetlands in Reception and exploring habitats around our school grounds, to collecting biodiversity data in Forest School and researching ways to improve local habitats, pupils have been developing their understanding of how plants, animals and habitats are all connected.



Children have taken part in a range of hands-on activities including tree identification, wildlife surveys, tally charts and pictograms, observing and planting wildflowers, growing sunflowers and creating artwork inspired by pollinators and nature. It has been fantastic to see the children's curiosity

and enthusiasm as they explored how we can all help protect and support biodiversity in our local environment.

BIODIVERSITY WEEK 2026

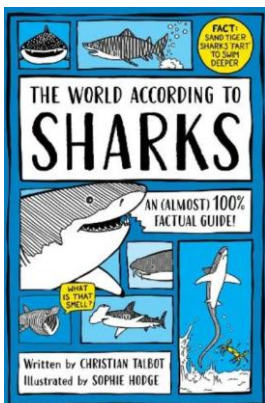
Friday, 15th May - Sunday, 24th May

Follow the link below to see some of the wonderful activities taking place across school.

<https://usworthcolliery.co.uk/blog/2026-05-08-10-00-subjects-in-the-spotlight>

RECOMMENDED READS AND NEW RELEASES

THE WORLD ACCORDING TO SHARKS BY CHRISTIAN TALBOT



This is a laugh-out-loud guide to the weird and wonderful world of sharks – from sharks that can walk on land, to sharks that glow in the dark, to sharks that fart to swim deeper (yes, really).

Did you know...

- There's a species of shark that can swim faster than a jet ski?
- Or that some sharks like eating vegetables?
- Or that playing 'Baby Shark' is the most effective way to annoy a shark? (OK, maybe that last one isn't scientifically proven...)

From the creators of popular webcomic The Life of Sharks, this is a funny and almost 100% factual guide to the ocean's most misunderstood creature.

Perfect for landlubbers aged 7+ who want to learn more about their finned friends!

DONATIONS OF SCHOOL UNIFORM

As we approach the warmer months and children continue to grow, we are currently running low on spare school uniform in school, particularly jumpers and particularly the larger sizes. If you have any items of uniform that your child has grown out of and you are happy to donate, we would be extremely grateful. All donations can be sent into the school office. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.



SUMMER 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	Mindful Movement	Miss Coxon	Rec-2	RLC classroom
Monday	Film Club	Mrs Jones	1-6	Base Blue
Monday	Lego Club	Mrs Edmunds/Mrs Green	1-6	Art Room
Monday	Games club	Mrs Calcutt	Rec-6	KS2 intervention room
Tuesday	Mindful colouring	Mrs Quinn	Rec-6	2PQ Classroom
Tuesday	Disney Club	Miss Clapperton	1-6	5GS classroom
Thursday	Timestable Rockstars	Mrs Burrell	3-6	3BB classroom
Wednesday	Creative Sparks	Culture Start (external provider)	3-6	Hall or Art Room

SUMMER TERM DATES

Events next week
New information added

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 1 st June	Children return to school
Monday 8 th June	RLC Library Visit
Tuesday 9 th June	4EH Eden Camp
Wednesday 10 th June	RAW Library Visit
Monday 15 June - Friday 19 th June	June Sports Week
Tuesday 16 th June	4SP Eden Camp
Tuesday 16 th June	KS1 Sports Day
Wednesday 17 th June	KS2 Sports Day
Friday 19 th June	Dress down day and bring a Summer Fayre tombola donation
Friday 19 th June	PSHCE/ Mental Health Open Morning
Wednesday 24 th June	EYFS Edinburgh Zoo visit
Thursday 25 th June	London Residential
Tuesday 30 th June- Thursday 2 nd July	Washington Academy Transition Days
Monday 6 th July	RLC Library Visit
Tuesday 7 th July	Year 6 End of Year Production - 10am and 5pm
Wednesday 8 th July	RAW Library Visit
Saturday 11 th July	Summer Fair
Monday 13 th July	Rocksteady Concert 10am
Monday 13 th July	6CS Wilderness Trip
Tuesday 14 th July	6JW Wilderness Trip
Thursday 16 th July	Year 6 End of Year Production 9:30am and 5pm
Friday 17 th July	End of Year reports sent out to parents

Wednesday 22nd July
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Leavers Assembly
School closes for the Summer

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.

1st – 4SP 2nd – 4EH 3rd – RAW

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