



23rd January 2026

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	91.82%	4EH	96.09%
RLC	88%	4SP	90.53%
1JB	90.56%	5GS	96.11%
1JD	91.05%	5JM	96.32%
2EP	94.58%	6CS	97.83%
2PQ	93.64%	6JW	95%
3BB	88.26%	Base Blue	96.36%
3RD	96%	Base Yellow	90.16%
Base Red	93%	Thrive	96%

Congratulations to **6CS** for the best attendance this week at **97.83%**

Whole school attendance **93.38%**

Lots of green on the chart this week well done everyone!

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

ATTENDANCE AND SICKNESS UPDATE

This year we are placing a strong focus on improving attendance and supporting children to be in school every day. Regular attendance is vital, as it allows children to make the most of their learning, build strong foundations for the future, and develop important social skills such as forming and maintaining friendships. The link between attendance and attainment is clear: the more time children spend in school, the greater their opportunity to achieve their full potential. We therefore encourage all families to prioritise daily attendance wherever possible.

However, we would also like to remind parents to follow NHS guidance when children are unwell. In cases of vomiting and/or diarrhoea, children should be kept off school and should not return until at least **48 hours after symptoms have stopped**. Most cases resolve without treatment, but if symptoms persist, please seek advice from your GP.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep children healthy, happy, and ready to learn.

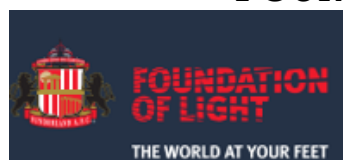
Lauren Thubron (FLO)

WHO HAS BEEN IN MY OFFICE THIS WEEK?

Mary-Ann, Isla and Oliver 6CS have been learning about how the heart works and how blood travels around the body. They produced some really comprehensive explanation texts containing diagrams, captions and paragraphs outlining the jobs of the different blood cells. Their understanding of the topic was very impressive indeed. Well done!

Elsie 1JD and Matilda 1JB came to show me the sentences they had written all by themselves about the little boy in the story 'Lost and Found'. Their sentences were beautifully written with finger spaces and a capital letter to start and a full stop at the end. Well done girls!

FOUNDATION OF LIGHT HOLIDAY PROGRAMME



Foundation Of Light Holiday Programme are running Football and Holiday Camps over February Half Term (23rd-25th February) in Sunderland, Peterlee and North Durham and they would love to see you there! Please see the link below to book on if you're interested for your child and see the poster at the bottom of this newsletter for more information.

<https://www.abler.io/shop/foundationoflight/holidaycourses>

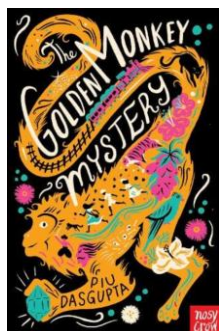
SPOTLIGHT ON RE



This week, we celebrated **World Religion Day** with the theme of **Harmony**. The children explored how harmony is valued across different religions, discovering shared messages of respect, peace, and understanding. They also made thoughtful connections between these values and their own lives, reflecting on how they can show harmony within their friendships, families, and school community. To see what we have been doing on this theme across the week please follow the link below to our **Subjects in the Spotlight....** section of the school website.

<https://usworthcolliery.co.uk/blog/2025-11-14-09-00-subjects-in-the-spotlight>

RECOMMENDED READS AND NEW RELEASES THE GOLDEN MONKEY MYSTERY BY PIU DASGUPTA



A thrilling adventure set in the jungles of India from the Waterstones Children's Book Prize shortlisted author of Secrets of the Snakestone.

A lost monkey. A cursed jewel. A race through the jungle.

When Roma stumbles upon a rare golden monkey, she vows to return it to its hidden home in the Himalayas. But the path is riddled with peril: ruthless bandits, prowling beasts, and the sinister power of the Snakestone - a jewel that stalks her dreams.

To make matters worse, Roma is forced to travel with Max and Arabella, two pampered children who seem more trouble than help. Only a mysterious map offers a chance of success, but with every step, pursuers of the Snakestone draw closer.

Can Roma unlock the map's secret before the jungle swallows them whole?

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	Forrest 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	Skippping 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

Monday 26 th January	Phoenix Project (Monday Tuesday and Wednesday)
Monday 2 nd February	Y4 Visit to Angel of The North
Wednesday 4 th February	Science is my Superpower (Newcastle pm)
Monday 9 th February	Year 5 Bikeability week.
Monday 16 th February	RLC Library Visit
Wednesday 18 th February	Parents Evening
Friday 20 th February	School closes for half term

HALF TERM

Monday 2 nd March	School opens for all pupils
Monday 2 nd March	6CS Safetyworks

Thursday 3 rd March	6JW Safetyworks
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	RAW Library Visit
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-3BB 2nd- 4EH 3rd-RAW

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**Speech and
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We are a
**Problem-solving
School**
Enriching maths



**GOLD
Active
Sunderland**
School 2024-25



**Artsmark
Silver Award**
Awarded by Arts
Council England

NOTICES

FEBRUARY 2026 HALF-TERM HOLIDAY COURSES



REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1089333

**FOUNDATION OF LIGHT**
THE WORLD AT YOUR FEET

WELLFIELD SCHOOL, TS28 5AX


MONDAY 23RD - WEDNESDAY 25TH
3 DAY FOOTBALL
9.30AM-3PM |
£45

BEAMISH FOOTBALL CENTRE, DN9 6PZ

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A PLACE FOR MORE THAN JUST FOOTBALL AND FRIENDS

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BEACON OF LIGHT

MONDAY 23RD - WEDNESDAY 25TH 3 DAY FOOTBALL 9.30AM-3PM £50	MONDAY 23RD - WEDNESDAY 25TH 3 DAY HOLIDAY CLUB 9.30AM-3PM £50	TUESDAY 24TH TODDLER TALES 10AM-12PM £15	TUESDAY 24TH DISABILITY FOOTBALL 10AM-12PM £15
WEDNESDAY 25TH LITTLE DRIBBLERS/ LITTLE LIONESSES BIG DAY OUT 10AM-12PM 1-3PM £15	WEDNESDAY 25TH MINI BAKERS 10AM-12PM 6-10 YEARS £15	THURSDAY 26TH JUNIOR BAKERS 10AM-12PM 10-16 YEARS £15	THURSDAY 26TH BEAUTY AT THE BEACON 10AM-1PM 10-16 YEARS £15

1.1 COACHING SESSIONS AVAILABLE | 4-5.30PM | £30
MONDAY 23RD, TUESDAY 24TH OR WEDNESDAY 25TH

SCAN TO BOOK