



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!**

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| 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

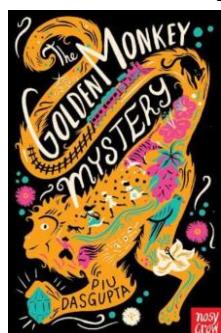


This week, we celebrated **World Religion Day** with the theme of **Harmony**. The children explored how harmony is valued across different religions, discovering shared messages of respect, peace, and understanding. They also made thoughtful connections between these values and their own lives, reflecting 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 |
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| 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 | 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

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| 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 20th February | School closes for half term |
| | HALF TERM |
| Monday 2 nd March | School opens for all pupils |
| Monday 2 nd March | 6CS Safetyworks |

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| 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 18th March | Year 5 visit to Life Centre |
| Friday 20 th March | RLC Hall Hill Farm |
| Monday 23rd March | Rocksteady Concert 10am |
| Monday 23rd March | RLC Library Visit |
| Wednesday 25th March | RAW Library Visit |
| Tuesday 24th 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 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– 4EH 3rd–RAW

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Supportive Level

**Speech and
Language UK**



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School**

Enriching maths



GOLD
Active
Sunderland
School 2024–25



**ARTS COUNCIL
ENGLAND**



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

NOTICES



FEBRUARY 2026 HALF-TERM HOLIDAY COURSES

WELLFIELD SCHOOL, TS28 5AX

MONDAY 23RD - WEDNESDAY 25TH

3 DAY FOOTBALL
9.30AM-3PM | **£45**

BEAMISH FOOTBALL CENTRE, DH9 6PZ

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BEACON OF LIGHT

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| 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

