USWORTH COLLIERY
Weekly Newsletter

23rd October 2026

ATTENDANCE TO CELEBRATE THIS WEEK

Classes with 96% and above who were in the green zone this week

1CB - Cara Barella	96%
4GS - Miss Skeen	96.48%
5JM - Mr Millett	97.89%
6JW - Mr Warner	96.67%

Four classes made it into the green zone this week for attendance.
Congratulations go to **5JM-** winners of the attendance trophy this week.
Whole school attendance this week was **91.94%**
Remember every school day counts

WHO HAS BEEN IN MY OFFICE THIS WEEK?

Joshua 4GS came to show me his amazing explanation text all about an ingenious invention called the 'Travelatron'. He writing is beautifully presented and he has worked incredibly hard to use fronted adverbials to make his writing interesting to read and link his ideas. Both Joshua and his teacher are so proud of his work. Keep it up Joshua.
Daniel, Nicole, Brody, Hunter and Oscar Year 3 came to show me their fabulous diary entries explaining about their trip to Forest School. They have used full stops, capital letters and the conjunction 'and'. They have worked really hard on their letter formation and tried hard to present their work beautifully.

YEAR 4 VISIT ANCIENT ROMAN SITES IN NORTHUMBERLAND



On Tuesday and Wednesday, Year 4 enjoyed an exciting trip to Vindolanda and the Roman Army Museum. Despite some rain and windy weather, the children thoroughly enjoyed exploring the remains of a Roman town and learning about life in Roman Britain. During their visit, pupils examined a range of fascinating artefacts uncovered through archaeological excavations, including Roman boxing gloves and ancient toilet seats. They also took part in an engaging lesson led by a holographic Roman soldier, who taught them some Latin and helped bring the Roman world to life.



THE PHOENIX PROJECT



This week, ten children from Year 6 took part in the Phoenix Project with Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service. The project aims to develop six key life skills that are essential not only within the fire and rescue service but also in everyday life: confidence, resilience, leadership, communication, teamwork and problem-solving. Before tackling a series of firefighter challenges, the children were tasked with putting on their personal protective equipment (PPE), including leggings, braces, a tunic, jacket, helmet and gloves, in under four minutes! They then put their skills to the test through a range of exciting, firefighter-inspired activities, including search and rescue operations, tunnel crawling, fitness challenges, climbing walls and ladders, and operating a fire hose. Throughout the project, the children were encouraged to step outside their comfort zones, persevere when faced with challenges and support one another as a team. They showed fantastic determination, enthusiasm and resilience, embracing every opportunity to learn new skills and build their confidence. We were incredibly proud of how the children represented our school and look forward to seeing them put these valuable life skills into practice both in school and during the next block of Phoenix Project sessions in January.





IN THE SPOTLIGHT – BLACK HISTORY MONTH



In school, we have been celebrating Black History Month throughout the month of October with each class finishing the celebrations by completing a piece of work on this topic. The theme for 2026 is "Honouring Our Communities and in school we have been recognising the communities that shape, support and strengthen Britain. Follow the link below to a page on our school website page and see all the wonderful things we have been learning about
https://usworth-colliery-primary.schudio.com/blog/2026-10-23-06-00-subjects-in-the-spotlight

COUNT ON YOUR COMMUNITY – FAMILY MATHS FUN FAIR!

As part of Number Confidence Week this November, we're excited to invite you to our Family Maths Fun Fair on **Friday 6th November from 9:30am.**
There will be lots of exciting games to try, number challenges and our very own Maths Tombola, where children can follow number clues to win prizes. Families will have the chance to play together, solve puzzles and discover that maths is all around us.
You don't need to be a maths expert to take part – just come along, have a go and enjoy learning together! We can't wait to see our school community counting on each other and having fun with maths.

YEAR 5 AND 6 ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR WORKSHOP (ASB)

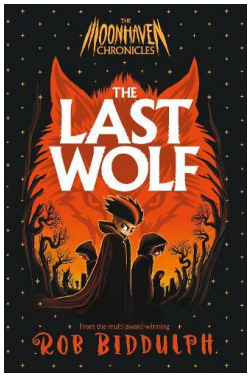
Northumbria Police's Prevention Through Education Team will be visiting our school on Thursday November 5th to deliver sessions to years 5 and 6 on Anti-Social Behaviour.
The session aims to help students understand what ASB is, why people cause it, the consequences of ASB and how it affects communities, and how to get help.
Please see the attached parent/carer e-leaflet at the bottom of this newsletter for information about ASB and how to report it.

WASHINGTON COMMUNITY FOOD PROJECT LUNCHES FOR KIDS OVER HALF TERM

This half-term, the WCFP will be offering their spookily-good packed lunches free to all local school children. No referral is necessary but when collecting the lunches children must be accompanied by an adult. Lunches can be collected from their outlet in unit 0 (opposite Virgin Money, in the Galleries) every Tuesday-Friday between 12 & 3pm during the half-term holiday. Please see the leaflet at the bottom of this newsletter for more information.

OCTOBER HALF TERM, FREE MORRISONS CAFÉ BREAKFAST FOR EVERYONE

Families visiting their local Morrisons Café can enjoy a free 'Kellogg's Breakfast' across every school holiday in 2026. Simply visit a local Morrisons café and ask for a 'Kellogg's Breakfast'. Please see the flyer at the bottom of this newsletter for further details.



RECOMMENDED READS AND NEW RELEASES
THE LAST WOLF BY ROB BIDDULPH

The legend of the werewolf is reimagined in The Last Wolf, a thrilling, spine-tingling adventure by bestselling author/illustrator Rob Biddulph. Perfect for children of 8-12, with more than 100 spectacular black-and-white illustrations throughout.
Jax, Jovi, Esau and Fourth live for full-moon adventures – sneaking out after curfew, dodging the Nighthawks and roaming the empty streets of Moonhaven.
But when a rare werewolf attack rocks the town, the friends become prime suspects. With the Nighthawks closing in on anyone who was out after dark, they're forced to run – setting off a chain of rumours, secrets and betrayals. As suspicion spreads, friendships are tested and the truth may be more dangerous than any of them imagined . .

RAINBOW CENTRE HALF TERM EVENTS



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AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

Day	Club name	Staff	Year Groups	Location
Monday	Choir	Mrs Barella	Y2-Y6	Class 1CB
Monday	The Story Studio - Creative Writing Club	Miss Brown	Y3-Y6	Class 1JB
Monday	KS1 Sports Club	Mrs Prinn	EYFS KS1	Main Hall
Monday	Lego Club	Mrs Green and Mrs Edmonds	Y1-Y6	Art Room
Monday	Film Club	Mrs Jones	Y1-Y6	Base Blue
Monday	Girls' Football	Mrs Skeen	Y5 & Y6	Field
Tuesday	Games Club	Mrs Calcutt	Y1-Y6	KS2 Intervention Room
Tuesday	STEM Club	Mr Warner	Y5 & Y6	Class 6JW
Tuesday	Forest School Club	Miss Coxon and Miss Rodden	EYFS KS1	Forest School
Wednesday	Creative Sparks Club	Sunderland Culture	KS2	Main Hall/ Art Room
Thursday	Mindfulness Colouring Club	Mrs Quinn	Y2-Y6	Class 2PQ
Thursday	Playdoh Club	Mrs Burrell	Y1-Y4	Class 3BB
Thursday	Jewellery Club	Mrs Dixon	Y3-Y6	Class 5RD

AUTUMN TERM DATES

Events next week New dates added

Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October - HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 2nd November	**Staff Training (INSET) Day (school closed to children)**
Tuesday 3rd November	**Children back to school**
Thursday 5th November	Police Anti-Social Behaviour Workshop Y5 and Y6.

Friday 6th November	Maths Fair (for parents/carers and children)
Monday 9th November	EYFS Art Studio Visit
Friday 13th November	Children In Need
Monday 16th November	EYFS Art Studio Visit
Wednesday 18th November	RLC Intofilm Festival
Friday 20th November	EYFS Art Studio Visit
Monday 23rd November	Y6 YDAP Sunderland Drug and Alcohol Talk
Wednesday 25th November	RAW Intofilm Festival
Wednesday 25th November	School Nurses visiting Y2 Dental Hygiene Workshop
Thursday 26th November	EYFS Intergenerational Visit to Care Home
Friday 27th November	STEM/Science Family Moring (9:30am -11am)
Monday 30th November	EYFS Art Studio Visit
Wednesday 11th November	Remembrance Tea for Senior Citizens
Monday 23rd November	School Individual/Family Photographs
Monday 30th November	Start of Derwent Hill residential week
Thursday 3rd December	RLC Northern Stage Christmas Show
Monday 7th December	Staff Training (INSET) Day (school closed to children)
Wednesday 9th December	RAW Northern Stage Christmas Show
Friday 11th December	School Nurses visiting Y5 Personal Safety Workshop
Friday 11th December	Autumn Term pupil attainment reports sent out
Friday 11th December	Reception Christmas performances (am performance no pre-school children pm performance all welcome)
Wednesday 16th December	EYFS Intergenerational Visit to Care Home
Monday 14th December	Year 3&4 Christmas performance (am performance no pre-school children pm performance all welcome)
Wednesday 16th December	Christmas Fair
Thursday 17th December	School Christmas Dinner
Thursday 17th December	Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner
Friday 18th December	**Last day of Autumn Term**

Children return to school on Monday 4th 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.

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 House point winners are

1st 3BB **2nd 6CS** **3rd RLC**

PATHWAY TO... Police Officer! 🚔

As part of our ***Pathway to...*** careers series, we're exploring the exciting and rewarding role of a police officer! Police officers help keep our communities safe, respond to emergencies and support people when they need it most. They need to be good at communicating, working as part of a team to solve problems and have empathy. Through our careers learning, we want to inspire children to think big, challenge stereotypes and recognise that there are lots of different pathways into exciting future careers. Who knows – we might have some future police officers here at Usworth Colliery Primary School! 👮 🚓



Mrs Alison Forster Headteacher

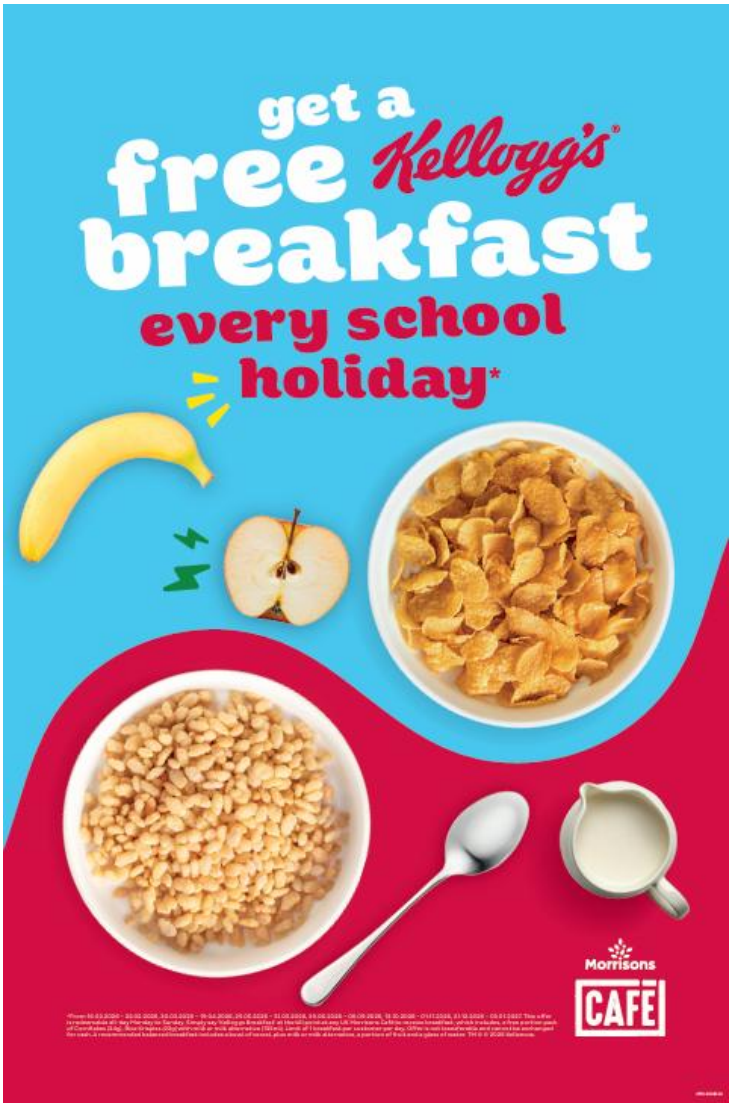
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Accreditation – Supportive Level Speech and Language UK | We are a Problem-solving School Enrich Enriching maths | Eco-Schools World 2022-2023 | School Games Mark Bronze 2023/24 | GOLD Active Sunderland School 2024-25 | Sunderland Mental Health Charter Mark | Arts Council England | Artsmark Silver Award Awarded by Arts Council England

NOTICES


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Washington Community Food Project
See our Facebook page for more details
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get a
free Kellogg's
breakfast
every school
holiday*
Morrisons
CAFÉ

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

Information for parents and carers

NORTHUMBRIA POLICE

Anti-social behaviour - what is it?

ASB is any behaviour or act by a person or group likely to cause others harassment, alarm or distress, or which causes a nuisance to the community or has an impact on the environment.

There are three main types of ASB:

Personal

Individuals or groups of people are targeted rather than the community. The incident causes distress and may have a negative effect on someone's quality of life. Intimidation and harassment through repeated ringing of a doorbell or damage to an individual's property are examples of this.

Nuisance

Nuisance incidents are those that affect the community rather than an individual. They cause trouble, annoyance, inconvenience or suffering. These incidences can interfere with public interests such as health, wellbeing, safety, and quality of life. Examples are drug or substance misuse, vehiclerelated nuisance, and animal-related problems.

Environmental

This kind of incident is when individuals or groups impact their wider surroundings. It includes environmental damage and the misuse of public spaces or buildings. Criminal damage or vandalism such as graffiti or damage to bus shelters, and littering are examples of this.

In response to a recent YouGov survey commissioned by Resolve, 50% of people said that "Youths/ teenagers/groups causing trouble on the streets" was the biggest concern when thinking about ASB. However, adults are the main perpetrators of ASB. Groups of young people hanging around the streets was perceived as concerning, making others feel intimidated, whereas young people mention that hanging around in groups makes them feel safer. Read more at YouGov.pdf (resolveuk.org.uk)

What does the law say?

While ASB itself isn't an offence, offences such as criminal damage, harassment, assault, and public order offences can be committed during the commission of ASB. There are many ways to deal with perpetrators of ASB aside from arrest such as Community Behaviour Orders, Community Protection Notices, and civil injunctions. Premises where ASB is taking place (e.g. drug misuse) can be ordered to close, and Public Space Protection Orders can be issued to areas where ASB is taking place or is likely to take place.

Why should I report ASB?

ASB goes largely unreported as people often consider it 'not serious enough' or believe that nothing will be done. Some people also worry about personal repercussions if they were to make a report. Not knowing how to report ASB is also a barrier. It's very important to report ASB at the earliest opportunity so that it can be dealt with before it escalates.

Here are ways to report ASB:

In an emergency where life or property is at immediate risk dial 999 and ask for police. Otherwise dial 101 or report ASB to police online.

Your local council will deal with many aspects of non-urgent ASB. Visit your council's ASB webpage:

Gateshead
Newcastle
Sunderland
Northumberland
North Tyneside
South Tyneside

Crimestoppers takes anonymous reports. This page on their website details when they cannot use information (e.g. about noise nuisance) with signposting to appropriate ways to report.

Further information

ASB HELP

A website dedicated to helping people report ASB incidents, as well as providing information about ASB.

A guide to recognising & reporting ASB - Neighbourhood Watch