



USWORTH COLLIERY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

23rd May 2025

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	92.86%	3CB	96.5%
RLC	91.77%	3RL	93.48%
1BD	87.5%	4EH	95.56%
1RD	86%	4SP	90.56%
2EP	94.76%	5GS	89.6%
2JB	99%	5JW	94.17%
Base Red	83%	6CS	91.67%
Base Yellow	87.7%	6JM	86.54%
Base Blue	88.18%	Thrive	65%

This week's winner of the 100% attendance certificate and Just Eat voucher is **Teddy** in **3RL**

Congratulations to **2JB** for the best attendance this week at **99%**

Whole school attendance **89.66%**

SCIENCE IS MY SUPER POWER

Last weekend, a group of girls from Y5 attended the third and final Saturday morning session of the 'Science Is My Super Power' project with Newcastle High School for Girls. This week, the girls were challenged to create their own sustainable community. They designed and built houses that had effective insulation and heat pumps, as well as community areas that included bee hives, vegetable patches, ponds, rivers and play parks to support the mental health of their community. This project is a great opportunity for our girls to see science in action, meet other children interested in science and work outside of the school and the primary curriculum. The girls involved seem to have enjoyed the experiences and hopefully it has ignited an interest in all things scientific for them. Well done everyone! **Mrs Swinburn and Mrs Calcutt.**



WHO HAS BEEN IN MY OFFICE THIS WEEK?

Travis 5GS came to see me with another full week of ticks, stars and stickers. I am so proud of his maturing attitude to work. Keep it up Travis!

Nathan and Israel 4EH both brought me their descriptive narrative writing that they had been working on this week. They had both used figurative language and worked so hard on making sure their written piece was cohesive and that the narrative flowed. Super effort boys well done!

RECOMMENDED READS AND NEW RELEASES

THE TOOTH FAIRY AND THE CROCODILE BY JULIA DONALDSON



Ruth Mary the tooth fairy is used to collecting teeth from under the pillows of sleeping children, not animals. But when the Fairy Queen sends her off to the jungle, Ruth Mary doesn't mind. Everything goes well until she collects the tooth of a crocodile, who wakes up and decides that Ruth Mary looks like a tasty snack . . . and with her wings not working, how will the tooth fairy escape?

A brilliantly illustrated story from the creators of the What the Ladybird Heard series, which have sold over four million copies worldwide – perfect for any child with a wobbly tooth!

BASE BLUE AND THRIVE VISIT TO WEST BOLDON LODGE

The two classes had an amazing time at West Boldon Lodge, enjoying lots of exciting activities. They followed a dinosaur trail, made a nest for a giant dinosaur egg, and became archaeologists—finding, digging up, and cleaning dinosaur fossils. They also had fun in the mud kitchen and music area. They designed their own dinosaur masks and enjoyed playing with dinosaur toys and relaxing in the hammock. They then ended the morning by sharing a snack and lighting a fire to roast the marshmallows on.



HALF TERM TIMETABLE FOR THE RAINBOW FAMILY HUB

Rainbow Family Hub Half Term Timetable Tuesday 27th May - Friday 30th May 2025 Family.hubwashington@togetherforchildren.org.uk					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Rainbow Family Hub Washington, NE37 3AE 0191 561 3995	Bank Holiday Closed	Family Fun Stay & Play (0-10 years) 10 - 11am - Bookable Rainbow Community Café 9.30 - 11.30am Play Space 1.00 - 3.00pm Sensory Room 1.00 - 3.00pm Sensory/Messy Play (Birth - 18 months) 1.30 - 2.15pm Stop Smoking Support Drop in 1 - 3pm SEND Sensory (5 years and over) 3 - 4pm - Bookable 4 - 5pm - Bookable Antenatal Programme 3.45 - 5.45pm To book call 03000 031552	Review & Development Clinic 10.00 - 11.30am Book via Health Visitor Welfare Rights (referral) 9.00am - 12noon Birth Registrations Book via Sunderland Council website Thorney Close Family Hub Open Day 11am - 2pm 0-11years Colour Fun 11am - 3 pm (Field next to Thorney Close Family Hub) SR3 4JQ	Play Space 9.00 - 11.30am 1.00pm - 3.00pm Sensory Room 9.00 - 11.30am 1.00pm - 3.00pm Growing Healthy Drop In 10.00 - 11.30am Bread & Butter Thing 1.15 - 2.15pm To Reserve a bag text 07860063304	Play Space 9.00 - 11.30am 1.00 - 3.00pm Sensory Room 9.00 - 11.30am 1.00 - 3.00pm

Social media

Please check 'My Best Life website', www.mybestlife.org.uk
 Sunderland Family Hubs Facebook and Instagram pages for more information,
 and booking details for some of our sessions.



Please see the leaflet attached to the bottom of this newsletter for more information about activities based at the Rainbow Centre

FREE ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS OVER HALF TERM

Active Sunderland will be hosting 2 FREE Family Fun Days during May half term, here's where to find the fun:

- Wednesday 28th May , Ford Football Hub Keelman's Ln, South Hylton, Sunderland SR4 0RW
- Friday 30th May, Downhill Football Hub Kingsway Rd, Sunderland SR5 4BB

Both sessions are free to attend and no booking is necessary, just simply turn up and enjoy the fun between 10:00am-3:00pm. There will be multiple providers delivering different activities such as:

- Clubbercise
- Boxercise
- Dodgeball
- Cross fit
- HIIT training (High Intensity Interval Training)
- Basketball
- Rugby and more!



As well as multiple information stalls on Health and wellbeing. There will be providers such as NHS Oral Health community team, Everyone Active, Links for Life, Financial Inclusion and information around Active Sunderland.

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS FOR THE SUMMER TERM

Day	Club name	Staff	Year Groups
Monday	Mindful Colouring	Mrs Allen	3-6
Monday	Art Club	Miss Coxon	Rec-2
Monday	Book club	Miss Brown	2-6
Monday	Exercise Games	Miss Armstrong	3-4
Monday	Construction Club	Mrs Justice	2-3
Tuesday	Film club	Mrs Jones	1-6
Tuesday	Lego Club	Mrs Edmunds/Mrs Green	1-6
Wednesday	Creative Sparks	Culture Start	3-6
Thursday	KS1 Homework	Miss Davidson	1-2
Thursday	Friends of God - FOG	Mrs Burrell	2-4

SUMMER TERM DATES

Events next week New dates added

Half Term 26th May- 1st June

Monday 2nd June	School reopens for children
Monday 2 nd June	MTC Screener week 1
Tuesday 3rd June	Reception Mini Movers Intergenerational Visits
Wednesday 4 th June	Science in My Superpower (pm)
Wednesday 4 th June	London visit parents meeting (5pm)
Thursday 5th June	Y5 Film Workshop
Friday 6th June	Y5 Film Workshop
Friday 6th June	Y5/6 Girls Cricket
Monday 9 th June	Phonics screener week
Monday 9 th June	MTC Screener week 2
Monday 9th June	Kooth visiting Y6
Tuesday 10 th June	Class Photos
Tuesday 10 th June	Rise Family Learning Morning
Wednesday 11th June	Year 2 Sing Sunderland
Friday 13 th June	Year 1 Centre for Life
Tuesday 17 th June	Year 1 Centre for Life
Friday 20th June	PSHCE/Mental Health Open Morning
Friday 20th June	RLC - Library visit
Tuesday 24 th June	Y5 and Y6 Careers Fair
Wednesday 25 th June	Reception Edinburgh Zoo

Tuesday 1 st July	Year 6 Transition to secondary days (3 days)
Tuesday 1 st July	Reception Mini Movers Intergenerational Visit
Thursday 3 rd July	London trip (Thursday and Friday)
Wednesday 9 th July	Year 4 WW2 Beamish Trip
Friday 11 th July	Y2 visiting Sunderland Marina Oyster Project
Monday 14 th July	Rocksteady Summer concert (am)
Monday 14 th July	EYFS/KS1 Sports afternoon
Monday 14 th July	6JM Wilderness Trip
Tuesday 15 th July	6CS Wilderness Trip
Tuesday 15 th July	Reception Rise Family Learning
Wednesday 16 th July	Reception Rise Family Learning
Wednesday 16 th July	KS2 Sports afternoon
Thursday 17 th July	Y6 Leavers Performances (9:30am and 5:30pm)
Friday 18 th July	Reports sent home
Monday 21 st July	EYFS/KS1 Celebration assembly
Tuesday 22 nd July	KS2 Celebration Assembly
Wednesday 23 rd July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9:15am
Monday 8th September - School re-opens for children.	

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 -2JB 2nd - 4EH 3rd - 4EP

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NOTICES

Is your child starting reception soon?



Join us at the Millennium Centre for our drop-in sessions, where we'll help you and your child get ready for reception.

These sessions offer support and advice from various teams, including:

- Sunderland Community Children and Young Peoples Mental Health Service (SCCYPMHS)
- Sunderland 0-19 Service
- Family Hubs and Speech and Language
- Occupational Therapy
- Choice Wellbeing
- Sunderland Parent Carer Forum
- Transitions team

Wednesday 11th June

**Millennium Centre
Washington
9am - 12pm**

**Soft play
entry
discounted
to £2.50**

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Special Lionesses Playgroup for children with SEN. Ran by Special Lionesses

Review and Development Clinic - please book through your Health Visitor. Call 03000 031552.

Baby Massage (birth - 6 months) a 5-week course and an opportunity to have special time with your baby through nurturing touch and massage.

Young Mums n Dads is a dedicated friendly group for parents aged between 14 & 22 years old, to have fun and socialise. Includes sensory, messy play, crafts, cooking and much more for the children. Contact Angela 07917535234, or Anna 0743575336.

Midwife Booking In Appointments. As soon as you find out you are pregnant, contact a GP or Midwife and they will help you book your first appointment. Your first Midwife appointment (also called the booking appointment) should happen before you are 10 weeks pregnant. This is because you'll be offered some tests that should be done before 10 weeks.

Sensory Room (from birth) sensory lights and equipment to help develop your child's senses. Also for children and young people with SEND aged 0-25 years. 30 minute exclusive slots are available.

Getting Ready for Nursery Drop In - Is your child aged 3 years and starting nursery soon? Are they toilet trained? Can they fasten their own coat? Are you worried how they will settle in? Why not come along to one of our drop in sessions at our Family Hubs to help you and your child prepare. The sessions include support and advice from the Speech & Language team, 0-19 service, CAMHS, and more. All whilst your child plays and has fun

Super Communicator Stay & Play - This is a dedicated group to help develop speech and language skills from age 18months - 3 years. Please speak with your Health Visitor or contact your Family Hub email address for more information.

Childminder Network Are you a registered childminder and would like to attend the childminder network with your childminded children? Please contact the Early Years team on this email early.years@togetherforchildren.org.uk

Play Space (0-5 years) a parent led session, where parents are encouraged to play and interact with your child/ren in a friendly environment.

Stay and Play (0-5 years) have fun with your little one whilst socialising with parents. Each week we will have a themed activity such as books, messy play and everyday opportunities.

Breastfeeding drop in to share experiences and advice about your breastfeeding journey with other parents. There is no need to book simply drop into any of the sessions.

Growing Healthy Drop In
Do you have a baby and would like to meet others with children of similar age. Come along to meet others and learn some useful tips and advice. There will be scales available to weigh your baby which is facilitated by our Family Peer Supporters

Time for Rhyme (birth - crawling) is an interactive session for babies and their parents / carers. Sessions are based around sharing nursery rhymes, action songs, musical instruments and books.

Birth Registrations - Please book via Sunderland City Council website. Register a birth, a new born baby must be registered within 42 days of the date of birth. The baby should be registered in the district where it was born.

Move to Rhyme (from moving) an interactive session for babies and their parents/ carers to share nursery rhymes, action songs, musical instruments and books.

Weaning - two sessions covering how to wean your baby on to solid food, understanding baby's cues, healthy key messages and food tasting. Your baby should be around 6 months old to attend the class. To book please call 03000 031552

Pregnancy Yoga stay active and healthy while pregnant. Improve your energy levels, strength, balance, posture, circulation, flexibility and breathing. For beginners also.

Makaton Support your little ones early language skills - 6 week programme for parents. Carers with babies over 6 months old. Please contact Rainbow Family Hub to discuss booking on.

Stop Smoking Support - The first step to quitting smoking, come along to the drop in clinic for support and tips.

Bread & Butter thing For just £8.50 people who sign up to become members of The Bread and Butter Thing will get around £35 worth of food, including fresh fruit and vegetables, chilled food for the fridge, and store cupboard staples.

Warm Hub Come along for a free tea, coffee or hot chocolate.

Antenatal Parent Programme - a 5 week course book from 26 weeks gestation by calling 03000 031 552.

Breast Pump Loan Scheme

Can be loaned on a 4 weekly basis. Each pack comes with information on how to use and a guide on how to clean.
Call 03000 031552 to find out more.

Registering

Please complete a 'Registration form' using this QR code, on My Best Life or at one of our Hubs to register at Sunderland Family Hubs then sign in each time you come to any hub. Everything is FREE!



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THORNEY CLOSE FAMILY HUB

OPEN DAY

Join our FREE family event to celebrate the opening of Thorney Close Family Hub on

Wednesday 28th May 2025 - 11am - 2pm

Thorney Close, Sunderland, SR3 4JQ

Angela's Ark, storytelling, outdoor play, fun exercises, Stay and Play and more.

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