



USWORTH COLLIERY

Weekly Newsletter



24th October 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	94.55%	4EH	92.61%
RLC	96.36%	4SP	94.5%
1JB	89.47%	5GS	88.89%
1JD	87.37%	5JM	97.89%
2EP	94.58%	6CS	97.83%
2PQ	96.82%	6JW	98.33%
3BB	95%	Base Blue	80%
3RD	98.1%	Base Yellow	89.34%
Base Red	71.11%	Thrive	98.33%

This week's winner of the 100% attendance certificate and Just Eat voucher is **Shae Base Red**

Congratulations to **6JW** for the best attendance this week **98.33%**

Whole school attendance **92.28%**

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

ACTIVE CHILDREN AT USWORTH COLLIERY



Last week in assembly we were officially awarded our trophy from The Great Active Sunderland School Charter Group and for the second year running we achieved the gold standard and you can see our award on the bottom of the school banner!

This week we have had an audit on our school sports and have been awarded the Silver School Games Mark. The auditors were particularly impressed with the number of opportunities we provide children to have access to competitive sport and events. They were also impressed with how we strive to reach 60 active minutes for each child every day. To allow us to continue to improve and reach gold we aim to share all of our sporting achievements and the purpose of each competition we attend with you. As a school we endeavour to ensure that as many children as possible have access to sporting competitions. Each of these events have a particular purpose in developing the children's physical literacy. On any letter regarding a sporting trip, you will see one of the following logos to show you the intent of the event.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

In school, we have been celebrating Black History Month throughout the month of October through assemblies and in classes. This week each class finished the celebrations by completing a piece of work on this topic. This year's theme is **'standing firm in power and pride'**. In classes we have looked at the talents and achievements of a member of the black community and discussed how they stood firm in power and pride to overcome the difficulties they faced. To see examples of some of the work produced by your children please follow the link below to our school website 'subject in the spotlight' page

<https://www.usworthcolliery.co.uk/blog/2025-10-24-09-00-00-subjects-in-the-spotlight>

FREE PACKED LUNCHES AVAILABLE THIS HALF TERM

This half-term, the Washington Community Food Project (WCFP) will be offering their SPOOKILY-GOOD packed lunches free to all local school children. No referral is necessary but all children must be accompanied by an adult. Lunches may be collected from their outlet in Unit O (opposite Virgin Money, in The Galleries) every Tuesday-Friday between 12 & 3pm during the half-term holidays. For more information, please see the flyer at the bottom of this newsletter.

UCPS GIRLS FOOTBALL TEAM UPDATES

On Tuesday evening, girls' football team travelled to Rickleton Primary School for their latest round of fixtures and what a fantastic evening of football it turned out to be!

The girls started strongly with a convincing 5–0 win in a friendly against Rickleton. Their teamwork, communication, and attacking play were outstanding, setting the tone for the rest of the night. In their second match, the team faced Holley Park in what proved to be a much tougher challenge. It was a close, hard-fought contest that ended in a 2–2 draw, showing great determination and resilience from our players. The final game against JFK was full of excitement and drama. Both teams battled hard, but our girls showed fantastic spirit and focus, clinching a 3–2 victory with the winning goal scored right on the final whistle!

A special mention must go to our Year 6 players, who demonstrated incredible stamina and commitment. Having already taken part in a tournament in Gateshead earlier that afternoon, they still gave their all and performed brilliantly in every match. Their energy and determination was a real credit to the school.

🏆 **Manager's Player of the Match:** Darcy for being a consistently outstanding, reliable and hardworking member of the team.

🏆 **Players' Player of the Match:** Leela who was chosen by her teammates for her positive attitude, tireless effort and fantastic team spirit.

YEAR 5 ANCIENT GREEK VISIT

On Tuesday, Year 5 visited the Great North Museum. They took part in a 'Hidden Lives' workshop where they looked at artefacts from Ancient Greek times, explored a model house and played with Ancient Greek toys. Whilst at the museum, they explored the Ancient Greek gallery and particularly enjoyed spotting the artefacts from their eye spy sheet. In the afternoon, they completed their Geography fieldwork unit where they used their map reading skills to direct themselves from The Great North Museum to Leazes Park Lake.



WHO HAS BEEN IN MY OFFICE THIS WEEK?

Michelle 5JM has been learning the difference between formal and informal writing and has produced two fantastic pieces describing the same disaster from different viewpoints. Her choice of language shows such a clear understanding of how a writer needs to adapt to match the purpose of the piece of writing. Her witness statement is informal and chatty and her police report is formal and precise. Well done Michele you have shown a real depth of understanding here!

Sam and Jasmine 6JW have been experimenting with genres of writing their latest pieces was transforming a suspense story into a romance. I was very impressed with the subtlety of the romance and the way in which they built up the relationship between two main characters. They have both had so much fun writing in this genre!

THE BREAD-AND-BUTTER THING – SUPPORT WITH GROCERY SHOPPING

The Family Rainbow Centre has set up a Thursday grocery club to support families who are experiencing the increasing cost of groceries and can provide around £35 worth of food for £8:50. There is no commitment and it is free to join. Or more information please see the flyer at the bottom of the newsletter.

OCTOBER HOLIDAY CLUBS

The Beacon of Light have football and holiday camps taking place at The Beacon of Light (SR5 1SN). Please follow the link to the website If you are interested in signing children up or would like more information.

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



JUDO FOR BEGINNERS

The Washington Judo Club have asked me if I could share their flyer with you. They are offering a free Judo event for beginners on Tuesday 28th October. Please see the flyer attached to the bottom of this newsletter for more information!

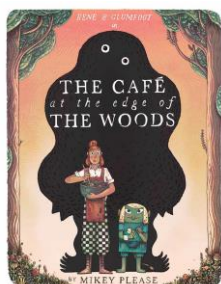


POPPY APPEAL

After half term, we will be supporting the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal in memory of fallen soldiers. Poppies and a range of other poppy-related items will be available from the school office for anyone who wishes to make a donation. We kindly suggest a **minimum donation of £1** per item to support this important cause.

RECOMMENDED READS AND NEW RELEASES

THE CAFE AT THE EDGE OF THE WOODS BY MIKEY PLEASE



Welcome to the Café at the Edge of the Woods, the utterly charming and mesmerising new picture book from BAFTA award-winning writer Mikey Please.

Rene's dreams have finally come true! She's opened a café beside an enchanted wood, and with the help of a newfound waiter, Glumfoot, she is ready to serve the finest cuisine! But the locals seem to favour a most peculiar palette, requesting all sorts of disgusting things.

Can Glumfoot's quick-thinking save the day?

Join Rene and Glumfoot in this incredible other-worldly story full of magical humour, mythical creatures and culinary curiosities.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL CHILDREN MUST BE COLLECTED FROM AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS FROM AFTER HALF TERM. THIS IS DUE TO THE DARKER NIGHTS. NO CHILD WILL BE PERMITTED TO WALK HOME ALONE AFTER A SCHOOL CLUB UNTIL AFTER THE EASTER HOLIDAYS.

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

Day	Club name	Staff	Year Groups	Max number	Location
Monday	Forrest school	Mrs Walker/Mrs Prinn	Rec-2	20	Forrest school
Monday	Art Club	Miss Coxon	Rec-2	15	RLC classroom
Monday	Book club	Miss Brown	3-6	15	2JB classroom
Monday	Lego Club	Mrs Edmunds/Mrs Green	1-6	20	Art Room
Monday	Board Games	Mrs Calcutt	Rec-6	15	KS2 intervention room
Tuesday	Choir	Mrs Moore	3-6	20	TBC
Tuesday	Jewellery Making	Mrs Dixon	3-6	15	3 RD classroom
Tuesday	Mindful Colouring	Mrs Henderson	3-6	20	4EP classroom
Tuesday	Boxing club	Mr Pearson	5-6	10	Hall
Tuesday	KS1 Homework	Mrs Quinn	1-2	20+	2PQ classroom
Tuesday	KS2 Homework	Mrs Swinburn	3-6	20+	6CS classroom
Thursday	Boxing club	Mr Pearson	3-4	10	Hall

AUTUMN TERM DATES

Events next week

New dates added

Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October - HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 3rd November	Children back to school
Monday 10th November	RLC Library Visit
Monday 10th November	Little Wandle parent session (Rec-Y2) 9am
Tuesday 11th November	RAW Intergenerational Visit to Care Home
Tuesday 11th November	Remembrance Tea for Senior Citizens
Wednesday 12th November	RAW Library Visit
Monday 17th November	Little Wandle Rapid Catch-up parent session (KS2) 9am
Tuesday 18th November	RAW Intofilm festival
Monday 24th November	School Photograph Day
Wednesday 26th November	Reception Open Afternoon for 2026-27 parents 1-3pm
Monday 1st December	Start of Derwent Hill residential week
Tuesday 11th November	RLC Intofilm festival
Friday 14 th November	Non Uniform Day fundraising for World Diabetes Day
Wednesday 17th December	RLC Northern Stage The Night Before ChrisMouse,
Thursday 18th December	RAW Northern Stage The Night Before ChrisMouse,
Wednesday 3rd December	Science is my Superpower (Newcastle pm)
Monday 8th December	Rocksteady Concert 10am
Monday 8th December	RLC Library Visit
Tuesday 9th December	RLC Intergenerational Visit to Care Home
Wednesday 10th December	RAW Library Visit
Friday 12th December	Reception Christmas performances (am performance no pre-school children pm performance all welcome)
Friday 12 th December	Autumn Term reports sent out to parents
Tuesday 16 th December	Year 3&4 Christmas performance (am performance no pre-school children pm performance all welcome)
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas fair
Friday 19 th December	Last day of Autumn Term

Children return to school on Monday 5th 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.

Please note the school Twitter account, @UCPrimary, is no longer in use.

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-5CS 2nd-6JW 3rd-3RL

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NOTICES



Join us for Judo fun with friends and family

Free Judo Event for Beginners

6 to 16
year
olds

Tuesday 28th Oct
12:30pm to 4:30pm

Wear tracksuit bottoms and a t-shirt
Bottled water will be provided

@Top Club, Manor Road, Sulgrave



OCTOBER HALF-TERM LUNCHES FOR KIDS

This half-term, the **WCFFP** will be offering their **POOKILY-GOOD** packed lunches free to all local school children.

NO REFERRAL IS NECESSARY
CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED

Lunches may be collected from our outlet in Unit O (opposite Virgin Money, in The Galleries) **every Tuesday-Friday** between **12 & 3pm** during the half-term holidays.

See our [Facebook](#) page for more details



The bread and butter thing.

Your local hub: WASHINGTON

Every Thursday at 2pm

**Rainbow Family Centre,
34 Elliott Terrace, NE37 3AE**

- Get around £35 worth of food for £8.50.
- Includes fresh fruit and veg, fridge favourites and cupboard staples.
- Open every Thursday at 2pm.
- You need to become a member to use the hub but it's free to sign-up and book a slot - just follow these steps.
- There is no commitment and it's free to join.

It's really easy to sign-up:

- 1 Text 07507 237 311 with your full name, postcode and the name of the hub you will be collecting from:
"WASHINGTON"
- 2 Select the size of order you want to receive: Family £8.50, individual £5 or Large Family £17. There is a Vegetarian option available too.
- 3 You'll get a text every Tuesday to see if you want an order. Just reply "YES" by 10am the next day. Your order will be delivered to the hub on Thursday at 2pm.
- 4 Collect and pay for your goods from the WASHINGTON hub. (Don't forget - someone can collect on your behalf if you can't make it and Healthy Start Vouchers are also accepted.)