



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	96.59%	4EH	95.65%
RLC	83.75%	4SP	97.37%
1JB	92.11%	5GS	96.71%
1JD	98.75%	5JM	98.68%
2EP	88.42%	6CS	94.51%
2PQ	96.55%	6JW	97.92%
3BB	92.93%	Base Blue	100%
3RD	96.2%	Base Yellow	95.08%
Base Red	76.32%		

Congratulations to **Base Blue** for the best attendance this week at **100%**

Whole school attendance this week **94.38%**

Remember every school day counts!

WHO HAS BEEN IN MY OFFICE THIS WEEK?

Mollie 3BB has been working extremely hard on her maths this term. This week she was adding 2, three-digit numbers together using the re-distribution method which when she brought me her work she was able to explain to me. She also talked about why it helps her to add certain numbers together. I was very impressed with her attitude to work and the maturity she is showing now she is in Y3. Well done Mollie, keep it up!

WATER WORKSHOP FOR YEAR 3



On Wednesday, Year 3 had a brilliant time taking part in a water workshop with Northumbrian Water linked to their geography work. The children acted out the water cycle,

taking on roles of the sun, clouds and raindrops. It was a fun and active way to help them understand how water moves through evaporation, condensation and precipitation. They also talked about how we can all help to save water, both at home and in school. The children shared lots of great ideas, including turning off taps properly and taking shorter showers so expect some conversations this weekend around the water usage in your home!



SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD WORKSHOP FOR YEAR 4

On Tuesday, Year 4 took part in an inspiring workshop with Show Racism the Red Card. The session focused on understanding stereotypes and how snap judgements—often based on personal perception rather than facts—can hurt others. The children also explored "critical thinking" online, discovering that not everything we read on the internet is true. Most importantly, they learned that the best way to truly know someone isn't by making assumptions based on their appearance, but by talking to them and asking questions.



YEAR 5 SYNAGOGUE VISIT

On Tuesday and Wednesday, Year 5 enjoyed an exciting start to the term with afternoon visits to Newcastle Reform Synagogue. The visit helped to deepen and consolidate our understanding of Judaism, building on the learning already completed in class. Pupils toured the synagogue, exploring key areas of the building and learning more about important Jewish customs, including Shabbat and kosher eating. A particular highlight was the opportunity for some volunteers to use a yad to practise following the Torah. It was wonderful to see the children show such respect for differing viewpoints, while asking thoughtful and respectful questions.



FREE SCHOOL MEAL INFORMATION FOR YEAR 2 PARENTS

As part of the Government scheme your child automatically receives a free school meal each day. However, this scheme covers children **from Reception Year up to the end of Year 2.**

As your child/children will be transitioning into Year 3 in September 2026 your child will **no longer be eligible** for the free school meal provision scheme in Year 3 and onwards throughout Key Stage 2. This is unless you may be eligible for Free School Meals which is a 'means tested benefit'. You may be eligible for free school meals if you are in receipt of certain benefits. Please visit the Together for Children website for further information about how to apply for Free School Meals.

The website is <https://www.togetherforchildren.org.uk/article/21204/Free-School-Meals>

Applications for free school meals can be done via your child's portal with Together for Children or on a paper application which is available from the school office.

If you are not eligible for free school meals, meals are payable at a charge of £3.07 per day (£15.35 per week).

If you require any further information, please contact the school office.

PUPIL CONTACT INFORMATION

As you may know we are updating our information systems in school and to ensure the current information that we hold about your child is accurate and the most up to date information, we are systematically checking data for each year group. All children in EYFS up to Y3 came home with a pupil contact information sheet for parents and carers to complete and return after the Easter holiday. If you have not returned this please could you do so.. Thank you for your support in this important process.

PLACES AVAILABLE FOR THE DERWENT HILL RESIDENTIAL VISIT FOR Y5 AND Y4 PUPILS.



We have a limited number of places available if you would like your child to attend this year's residential visit to Derwent Hill. The visit is planned for the **30th November 2026**, and the children are away for 4 nights and 5 days. This is an exciting

opportunity, for the children to experience fantastic outdoor activities. Derwent Hill is based in the beautiful Lake District. All activities, food and travel are included in the price and Derwent Hill Outdoor Centre provide all the clothing for the activities (walking boots and wet weather clothing). Please visit the website, <https://www.derwenthill.co.uk/>. where you can see photographs and information or speak to Mr Millet who has led this residential for a number of years.

A copy of the letter has been emailed to Y4 and Y5 parents this week, however if you would like a paper copy, please contact the office.

CLASS PHOTOS - FRIDAY 1ST MAY 2026

This week we have sent an email with a consent form attached for your children to be part of their end of year class photo. The form it will need to be signed and emailed back, no later than **Friday 24th April 2026**

If you have more than one child at the school, you will need to complete a form for each child.

In the event you do not return the completed consent form, your child/children **WILL NOT** be able to have their photo taken with their class.

Should you have trouble accessing the form on line, a paper copy is available at the school office. Do not hesitate to ask or call the office if you require any further assistance



RECOMMENDED READS AND NEW RELEASES

A HOME FOR SPARK THE DRAGON BY MICHAEL SHEEN



When Spark the dragon wakes up to find a storm has destroyed his cosy nest, he must find a new place to live. But Spark soon discovers that a house needs more than just walls to feel like home. Will he ever find the right place for him?

This heart-warming story by Michael Sheen and co-author Jess Webb is brought to life by Sarah Massini's stunning illustrations. Puffin and the author Michael Sheen are proud to give 50p for every English-language paperback copy of this book sold in the UK and Ireland to Shelter. Shelter is a charity whose mission is to help support children and families affected by the UK's housing emergency.

SUMMER 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	Mindful Movement	Miss Coxon	Rec-2	RLC classroom
Monday	Film Club	Mrs Jones	1-6	TBC
Monday	Lego Club	Mrs Edmunds/Mrs Green	1-6	Art Room
Monday	Games club	Mrs Calcutt	Rec-6	KS2 intervention room
Tuesday	Mindful colouring	Mrs Quinn	Rec-6	2PQ Classroom
Tuesday	Disney Club	Miss Clapperton	1-6	5GS classroom
Thursday	Timestable Rockstars	Mrs Burrell	3-6	3BB classroom
Wednesday	Creative Sparks	Culture Start (external provider)	3-6	Hall or Art Room

SUMMER TERM DATES

Events next week New information added

Monday 27 th April.	RLC Library Visit
Wednesday 29 th April	RAW Library Visit
Friday 1 st May	Phototronics class photos
Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday (school closed)
Friday 8 th May	RLC Washington Wetlands Visit
Monday 11 th May – Thursday 14 th May	KS2 SATS Week
Friday 15 th May	RAW Washington Wetlands Visit
Monday 18 th May	Year 5 Puberty talk with school nurse
Tuesday 19 th May	Y5 assembly
Wednesday 20 th May	Science is my Superpower (Newcastle pm)
Friday 22 nd May	School closes for half term

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 1 st June	Children return to school
Monday 8 th June	RLC Library Visit
Tuesday 9 th June	4EH Eden Camp
Wednesday 10 th June	RAW Library Visit
Monday 15 June - Friday 19 th June	June Sports Week
Tuesday 16 th June	4SP Eden Camp
Tuesday 16 th June	KS1 Sports Day
Wednesday 17 th June	KS2 Sports Day
Friday 19 th June	PSHCE/ Mental Health Open Morning
Wednesday 24 th June	EYFS Edinburgh Zoo visit
Thursday 25 th June	London Residential
Tuesday 30 th June- Thursday 2 nd July	Washington Academy Transition Days
Monday 6 th July	RLC Library Visit
Tuesday 7 th July	Year 6 End of Year Production - 10am and 5pm
Wednesday 8 th July	RAW Library Visit
Saturday 11 th July	Summer Fair
Monday 13 th July	Rocksteady Concert 10am
Monday 13 th July	6CS Wilderness Trip
Tuesday 14 th July	6JW Wilderness Trip
Friday 17 th July	End of Year reports sent out to parents
Wednesday 22 nd July	Leavers Assembly
Wednesday 22 nd July	School closes for the Summer

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.

1st – 5JM 2nd – 4SP 3rd – 6JW

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