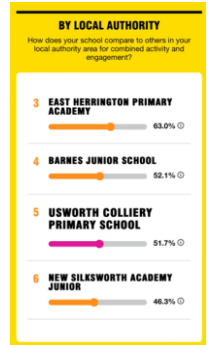


### 5TH PLACE IN SUNDERLAND ON THE TRAVEL TRACKER!

Every morning as part of our WOW streets travel tracker we log how your children travel to school. This is done by many Sunderland schools in an attempt to increase pupil activity in the area and encourage more people to walk ride and scoot. We are currently in 5th place on the leader board which is very impressive. Well done everyone!



### CANCELLED CLUBS

Please be aware that the following after school clubs are cancelled on the 4th June 2024.

**Gardening Club - Mrs R Lowe**

**Yoga & Positivity - Mrs L Comby**

### FREE LUNCHES FROM THE WASHINGTON FOOD PROJECT

Washington Community Food Project are delighted to once again be offering free packed lunches to all accompanied school children this half term. They can be collected from their outlet in The Galleries on Tuesday-Friday between 12-3. No referral is needed. Please see the flyer attached to the bottom of this email for more information

### FREE HALF TERM HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AT THE MILLENNIUM CENTRE

Culture house Sunderland has organised a range of free activities for children and their families to run across the city this half term. The Millennium Centre Concord is one of the venues chosen to hold these activities. Have a look at the flyer at the bottom of the newsletter for more information.

### FUN DAY AT THE TOP CLUB

You may have noticed all the building work going on at the Top Club this year. Well, they are near completion of the refurbishment of the Community Hall (funded by Biffa-Award), and want to extend an invite to you to help them celebrate the official opening on Friday 31st May. They are organising a Family Fun Day for the local community and are expecting Sharon Hodgson and a board member at Biffa Award to arrive at 2:30pm to help them officially open the room. The Fun Day includes free activities and is aimed mainly at the younger children in KS1 and nursery but go along and see what they have to offer. For more information see the flyer at the bottom of the newsletter.

### SCHOOL PHOTOS REMINDER

Your children should have now received a letter to give consent for them to have their class photo taken on Wednesday 12th June. If you have more than one child at school, each child needs their own form completing. If we do not have a consent form your child/children will not be able to have their school photo taken so please complete the consent forms and return them to school no later than Friday 7th June. If you require a new letter, please contact the office.

### YEAR ONE VISIT

On Tuesday Year 1 visited St Michael & All Angels Church as part of their current RE topic, The Creation Story. They met Rev Bethany who told them the story using actions and props. The children then ordered pictures of The Creation Story and explained what part of creation is their favourite and why. The children were then able to ask Rev Bethany questions and she commented on how lovely it was to hear so many inquisitive, curious and deep questions from the children.



### WHO HAS BEEN IN MY OFFICE THIS WEEK?

**Callum 5JW** came to show me some fantastic research he decided to carry out at home this weekend. In class he has been learning about the features of a non-chronological report and the class have been looking at the yellow spotted lizard that lives in the USA. Callum decided to find out about another animal he is interested in – the Japanese Giant Salamander. He produced a really interesting and informative fact file with diagrams, pictures and subheadings. A really well-structured interesting read. Well, done Callum!

**Indi, Olivia LY and Chloe 6JM** came to show me their book reviews which were of a very high standard and described to the reader how the book draws the reader in. The girls used some very high-level vocabulary such as mesmerising, engrossed, labyrinth intrigue and captivating – very impressive indeed!

**William 3LC, Kome 3RL, Abigail 3RL and Logan 3LC** all brought their non-chronological reports to show me and they were absolutely superb!. They had organised their sections to make sure the reader could follow the instructions and now we all know how to mummify a banana!

**Leo 3LC** came to show me how much his handwriting has improved since March. The difference was unbelievable in fact I thought two different people had been writing. Leo is so proud of his improvement and so he should be Well done Leo!



## THE FANS MUSEUM AT ROSEBERRY COURT

This Week, players from the UCPS girls and boys football teams had a surprise visit to Roseberry Court care home. The children had true chance to chat about football with the residents and also to look at some of the exhibits laid on by The Fans Museum, who organised the whole event. The children got to see a huge range of memorabilia including old footballs and football boots and winners medals from a whole range of tournaments including the UEFA cup (now the Champions League), the English Premiership (or First Division as some of us remember it), the FA cup and many others. Also on display were some replica trophies and some actual international caps awarded to England players. The highlight of the event for the children was the enormous

collection of match worn kits from over the decades, including famous players from both Newcastle and Sunderland as well as others such as David Beckham, Thierry Henry, Bobbie Charlton, Steph Houghton, Gazza and (my own personal favourite) Pele. Thinking the day couldn't get any better, the children could barely believe their ears when they were told that they could try some of them on! The children were absolutely buzzing as we returned to school from a morning, they are unlikely to forget in a hurry. I would like to say a massive thank you to everyone at Roseberry Court and The Fans Museum for arranging such a memorable event. The memorabilia on show was only a fraction of what is on display at The Fans Museum and, with half term approaching, I know a lot of children who would love a chance to see the full collection! For more information, check out [www.fansmuseum.org](http://www.fansmuseum.org) Mr Millett

## THE LUMA NOVA APP

We are delighted to share with you a new NHS funded service designed to support young people aged 7-12 who are experiencing worries or anxieties; Lumi Nova. Lumi Nova is an intergalactic adventure game to support young people to fight fears and manage worries. Whilst exploring planets, customising characters and earning treasure your child breaks their fears and worries down into manageable steps, learning life-long skills and building resilience. In school on Wednesday 5th June at 5pm, there will be a short introduction to the app which you are invited to come along to. This is not a school-based app and is not run by the school - If you are interested, want to find out more or feel this can help you then come along to the event or click this link to find out more.

<https://luminova.app/parents>



## NOMINATE YOUR TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Do you know a teacher that goes above and beyond? Would you like to see them recognised for their efforts? Town & City Gift Cards has teamed up with GiftRound on a fantastic new Teacher of the Year competition. Simply nominate the teacher you think deserves to win, tell us why, and you could win a £250 Town & City Gift Card. The Teacher of the Year will receive a massive £500 Town & City Gift Card of their choice. What's more, the Teacher of the Year's school will also win a £500 Town & City Gift Card too! Choose from over 100 Town & City Gift Cards in the UK and Ireland. Cards can be spent with shops, restaurants, salons, attractions and more locally. The Teacher of the Year competition is free to enter and is open to all types of teachers including primary school teachers, special educational needs teachers, early years teachers, teaching assistants and even headteachers. The closing date for entries is the 31st August 2024 at midnight. The Teacher of the Year will be announced in September 2024.

Nominate a teacher free at [teacheroftheyear.co.uk](http://teacheroftheyear.co.uk)



## FAIRY FESTIVAL AT THE LITTLE ONION CLUB

The local group called The Little Onion Club have recently moved to Usworth Park. They currently run After School Clubs Monday - Thursday and then many well-being classes during the day. The younger children litter pick every day and they are currently designing and building an allotment.

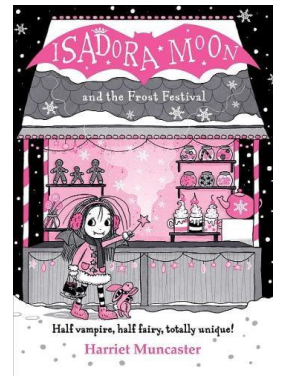
**On 26th May** they are holding a Fairy Festival in the park, from **11-3pm** with free entry and a range of stalls and entertainment. Why not pop along and support your local community group? See the bottom of the newsletter for the poster and more details!

# RECOMMENDED READS AND NEW RELEASES

## ISADORA MOON AND THE FROST FESTIVAL BY HARRIET MUNCASTER

Half vampire, half fairy, totally unique!

Isadora is special because she is different. Her mum is a fairy and her dad is a vampire and she's a bit of both. Isadora and her family are visiting the Frost Festival, a huge celebration of the winter fairies! There's ice skating, fairground rides, gingerbread houses and lots of delicious fairy hot chocolate. It's magical! But in the hustle and bustle Isadora gets separated from both her family and Pink Rabbit. Can she find them before the grand fairy lights are switched on?



### SUMMER TERM DATES

#### HALF TERM HOLIDAY Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May

Tuesday 4th June – Y5 Green careers workshops

Wednesday 5th June – Y5 Science is My Superpower Visit to Newcastle

Thursday 6th June – Base Stay and Play 1:30pm

Friday 7th June – 4SB Class Assembly

Wednesday 12th June – Class photographs

Wednesday 12th June - Y6 Kooth Mental Health workshop

Thursday 13th June - Reception Mini Movers Intergenerational Visits

Thursday 13th June – Geography Fieldwork Showcase

Monday 17th June – 1EP Washington library

Tuesday 18th June – NSPCC Workshops Y2, Y5 and Y6

Monday 20th June - Base 1 Beamish

Friday 21st June - PSHCE/Mental Health Open Morning

Friday 21st June - 5GS class assembly

Monday 24th June – 1RD Washington library

Tuesday 25th June – KS1 Sports Day (pm)

Friday 28th June – KS2 Sports Day (pm)

Tuesday 2nd July – RAW Pizza Express visit

Friday 5th July - Washington 60th Anniversary picnic

Monday 8th July - Y5 Heritage Day Beacon of Light

Tuesday 9th July – RDB Pizza Express visit

Thursday 11th July - Reception Mini Movers Intergenerational Visits

Thursday 11th July - Y6 performance

Friday 12th July – End of Year reports

Friday 12th July - Summer Fair

Monday 15th July - Wilderness Trip 6CS

Tuesday 16th July - Wilderness Trip 6JM

Friday 19th July – Y6 Leavers Assembly

Friday 19th July – Break up for Summer holidays

### EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES SUMMER TERM

Day	Club name	Staff	Location
Monday	KS1 Homework	Mrs Hilton	2CH Classroom
Monday	Review Crew	Mrs Kaur	Base 3
Monday	Mindful Colouring	Mrs Allen	3LC Classroom
Monday	Lego	Mrs Green and Mrs Edmunds	KS2 Intervention Room
Tuesday	KS2 Homework	Miss Skeen	5GS Classroom
Tuesday	Gardening	Mrs Lowe	3RL Classroom/Wild Garden
Tuesday	Yoga and Positivity	Mrs Comby	3LC Classroom
Tuesday	Games and jigsaws	Mrs Dixon	1RD Classroom
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These clubs start slightly later due to Terry's availability

Day	Club name	Staff	Location
Monday STARTS 13 <sup>th</sup> MAY	Football Skills boys/Girls	Mr Rutherford	School Field
Thursday STARTS 2 <sup>nd</sup> MAY	Football Skills Girls	Mr Rutherford	School Field

### 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:  
1<sup>st</sup> – 1RD 2nd – 3RL 3rd – 3LC

## ATTENDANCE WINNERS

These classes have the highest attendance this week. Well done everyone!

Whole school attendance – 89.47%  
EYFS/KS1 2CB - 97.64% KS2 97.78%- 3CL

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## NOTICES



For booking onto a session please visit the Cultural Spring website at [theculturalspring.org/whatson](http://theculturalspring.org/whatson)

Booking essential as spaces are limited.

# may half term Family WORKSHOPS

Washington Millennium Centre

The Oval, Concord, Washington NE37 2QD

Culture House Sunderland are working with Cultural Spring to bring creative and crafty activity to families across Sunderland in May Half term.

### Wednesday 29th May

**Marionette Puppet Making**  
with Rachelle Harrigan  
(6- 11 yrs), 10am - 12pm

Make your own marionette puppet from household and recycled objects. Bring to life your own little character using paper, glue and a loo roll or two! You will be guided step by step, just bring your imagination.

### Friday 31st May

**Hanging Mobiles with Andrea Errington** (5-11 yrs), 10am - 12pm

Join us to turn found and upcycled materials into hanging eco-mobiles inspired by the wonderful nature that surrounds us. Create butterflies, caterpillars, birds or bugs out of old paper napkins and attach them to a small tree branch wrapped in wool to create a hanging mobile which you can take home and hang in your favourite place.

### Saturday 1st June

**Illustration with Liz Million**  
(6-11 yrs), 10:30am - 12pm

Come along and learn how to draw like a pro with fabulous illustrator/author, Liz Million! In this hilarious and fully interactive drawing session, Liz will be showing how to draw futuristic cartoon characters using exciting expressions, super shading, action lines and so much more. We'll be creating our own inventions like robots on roller skates and flying saucer armchairs!

All activities are  
**FREE**



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# Family Fun Day

Come help us celebrate the opening of the Top Club Community Hall

Friday 31st May, 1pm to 4pm



Free activities for toddlers & young children in the Community Hall, including **soft play**, a **bouncy castle** & **face painting**

Stalls & information from clubs & activities including Washington Judo Club & AFNE

Free **refreshments & snacks** in the Community Cafe along with **arts & crafts** activities for older children & adults

Top Club, Manor Road, Sulgrave, Washington - NE37 3BD  
[www.transformnortheast.net](http://www.transformnortheast.net)

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