



25th September 2026

ATTENDANCE TO CELEBRATE THIS WEEK

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

Base Red	97.14%
RAW	98.26%
1CB	100%
3BB	96.36%
4GS	97.98%
5JM	97.89%

Fantastic news - five classes made it into the green zone this week for attendance. What a week!

Congratulations to **1CB** winners of the attendance trophy this week at a superb **100%**

Whole school attendance this week was **93.53% an improvement from last week!**

Remember every school day counts

ARBOR TRIP CONSENTS REMINDER

We are now using the **Arbor Parent App** for all trip letters and consent forms. Please remember to check the app regularly, as new trips and events will be added throughout the year.

If you have not yet downloaded the Arbor Parent App, it is available **free from the Google Play Store and Apple App Store**. Once downloaded, enter the email address registered with the school and select 'Forgot Password' to receive instructions and set up your login.

Thank you for helping us move towards a more efficient and environmentally friendly way of communicating about school trips.

REQUEST FOR PARENT VOLUNTEERS

We are currently looking to expand our pool of parent volunteers who may be available to support school trips throughout the year.

Volunteering on educational visits can be a rewarding experience and provides valuable support to our staff and pupils and it allows us to provide more out of school experiences for our children! If you would like to be considered as a parent volunteer for future trips, please get in touch with the office.

Please note that all parent volunteers are now required to hold a valid DBS check before they can accompany pupils on trips. **The school will arrange and pay for the DBS application for successful volunteers.**

Registering your interest does not commit you to volunteering on every trip. We will contact volunteers as opportunities arise and you can decide whether you are available at that time.

If you would like to be added to our parent volunteer register, **please reply by Monday 28th September.**

Thank you for supporting our school community!

WHO HAS BEEN IN MY OFFICE THIS WEEK?

Sophie from 5JM was sent to see me because of her super attitude to learning. Mr Millett has been so impressed by her so far this year. She has engaged particularly well with her writing topic where she had been designing her own story inspired by the film *The Lighthouse Keeper*. I can't wait to read her final published piece where she tells me she is going to use lots of description and try to develop suspense within her story. Well done Sophie!

Jared from 5JM also came to show me his writing. He was at the point of having completed his published piece and was very proud of his work. He had used fronted adverbials and effective dialogue to move the action forward as well as short sentences for suspense which made his final written piece very impressive indeed. Well done Jared!

MULTI-SPORTS SESSIONS AT THE MILLENNIUM CENTRE

The RFU and Sunderland Council have organised a multi sports sessions to run every Friday at the Millennium Centre from 4:45 till 5:45. Please see the poster at the bottom of this newsletter for more information about the sessions and about how to join!

A QUICK REMINDER ABOUT REPORTING ABSENCES

If your child is unable to attend school, please remember to telephone the school office before **9.00am** to let us know the reason for their absence by selecting the 'reporting an absence' option to leave a message or by emailing absence@usworthcolliery.co.uk.

We also ask that you contact us **each morning** that your child remains off school.

As part of our safeguarding responsibilities, we must account for every child who is absent. When we do not receive a message from home, office staff need to send texts and make phone calls to establish the reason for the absence. If a reason for the absence cannot be obtained, the unexplained absence will be forwarded to our Family Liaison and Safeguarding Officer for follow-up.

By letting us know as early as possible, you help us keep our registers accurate and ensure staff time can be focused on supporting children and families. Thank you for your continued support.

SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD DAY.

On Friday 16th October, we are inviting all children and staff to wear something red to support **Show Racism the Red Card Day**. This important event helps raise awareness of racism and promotes kindness, respect and equality for everyone. By taking part, we can help teach our children the importance of celebrating diversity, challenging discrimination and creating a school community where everyone feels valued, included and safe.

We look forward to seeing a sea of red as we stand together against racism. ❤️ ⚽

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 . . .

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
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

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Thursday 1st October

Tuesday 6th October

Monday 12th October

Monday 12th October

Tuesday 13th October

Wednesday 14th October

Friday 16th October

Tuesday 20th October

Wednesday 21st October

Thursday 22nd October

Friday 23rd October

National Poetry Day

Flu immunisation team in school

Y5/6 STEM Roadshow in school

Y6 Lindisfarne

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Parents Afternoon/Evening

Show Racism the Red Card Day

4GS visit to Vindolanda

4KB visit to Vindolanda

EYFS Intergenerational Visit to Care Home

Last day of this half term

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

Monday 2nd November

Tuesday 3rd November

Thursday 5th November

Monday 9th November

Monday 16th November

Wednesday 18th November

Friday 20th November

Monday 23rd November

Wednesday 25th November

Thursday 26th November

Friday 27th November

Monday 30th November

Wednesday 11th November

Monday 23rd November

Monday 30th November

Thursday 3rd December

Monday 7th December

Wednesday 9th December

Friday 11th December

Friday 11th December

Wednesday 16th December

Monday 14th December

Wednesday 16th December

Thursday 17th December

Thursday 17th December

Friday 18th December

Staff Training (INSET) Day (school closed to children)

Children back to school

Police Anti-Social Behaviour Workshop Y5 and Y6.

EYFS Art Studio Visit

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RLC Intofilm Festival

EYFS Art Studio Visit

Y6 YDAP Sunderland Drug and Alcohol Talk

RAW Intofilm Festival

EYFS Intergenerational Visit to Care Home

STEM/Science Family Moring (9:30am -11am)

EYFS Art Studio Visit

Remembrance Tea for Senior Citizens

School Individual/Family Photographs

Start of Derwent Hill residential week

RLC Northern Stage Christmas Show

Staff Training (INSET) Day (school closed to children)

RAW Northern Stage Christmas Show

Autumn Term pupil attainment reports sent out

Reception Christmas performances

(am performance no pre-school children pm performance all welcome)

EYFS Intergenerational Visit to Care Home

Year 3&4 Christmas performance

(am performance no pre-school children pm performance all welcome)

Christmas Fair

School Christmas Dinner

Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner

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 6JW

3rd 2PQ

PATHWAY TO... *Veterinary Surgeon!*

This week, our Pathway to... careers feature is all about veterinary surgeons! Pupils can discover how vets care for animals, diagnose illnesses and injuries, and use their knowledge of science to help animals live happy, healthy lives. They can also explore the different pathways and skills needed to pursue this rewarding career.

Our children can also have a think about this week's "Would You Rather?" challenge: Would you rather be a veterinary surgeon caring for pets or a wildlife vet caring for wild animals? 🐶🐱 What would you choose, and why?



Pathway to...

Exploring careers, skills and the journeys that get us there.

Pathway to...

A Veterinary Surgeon



Healthy animals, happier lives

Aspiration
Resilience
Care
Safety

What do they do?

Veterinary surgeons treat and care for animals. They help keep pets, farm animals and wildlife healthy, diagnose illnesses, perform operations and give advice to owners.

What do you need?

- ✓ GCSEs (especially in Science and Maths)
- ✓ A Levels (usually Biology, Chemistry and/or Maths)
- ✓ A university degree (Veterinary Medicine – 5 to 6 years)
- ✓ Practical experience (work placements and training)
- ✓ Further training and registration with the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS).

Why choose this career?

- You'll make a real difference to the lives of animals and their owners.
- Every day is different – you could be working with pets, farm animals, wildlife or exotic animals.
- It's a rewarding career with lots of opportunities to specialise (e.g. surgery, emergency care, research).

The journey to get there


1. GCSEs
Build a strong foundation in Science, Maths and English.


2. A Levels
Study Biology, Chemistry and/or Maths (plus work experience if possible).


3. University
Complete a Veterinary Medicine degree (5-6 years).


4. Training & Experience
Work placements, postgraduate training and registration with the RCVS.


5. Career
Start your career as a veterinary surgeon and keep learning throughout your life.

Skills you'll need


Communication


Teamwork


Problem Solving


Empathy


Resilience

Did you know?

Veterinary surgeons can work with more than just pets – they also treat farm animals, zoo animals, wildlife and even marine life!

Big dreams start with small steps... what will your pathway look like?



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Supportive Level
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We are **Problem-solving
School**
Enriching maths

Eco-Schools
March
2022-2023

SCHOOL GAMES
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



A colorful poster for 'NextGen Multi Sports' featuring two children, a boy with a basketball and a girl with a rugby ball. The background is light blue with colorful bunting flags at the top. The text is bold and playful, with 'NEXTGEN' in large blue letters and 'MULTI SPORTS' in multi-colored letters. The poster includes details about the location, time, and activities, as well as a QR code for registration and a list of reasons to join.

FUN • FRIENDS • FITNESS

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NEXTGEN MULTI SPORTS

★ Every Friday, 4:45pm – 5:45pm ★

📍 **Millennium Centre, Concord, Washington, NE37 2QD**

Football, basketball, dodgeball, rounders and rugby –
come along every Friday and take part in multi-sports sessions!

WHO CAN JOIN?

- Free
- Children aged 7 to 11

WHY GIVE IT A TRY?

- Try new sports and activities
- Keep fit and healthy
- Make new friends and have fun

SCAN TO REGISTER!



Please scan the QR code to register your place

STARTS

26TH JUNE

COME ALONG, HAVE FUN AND BE ACTIVE!

Email us @ Vigor.Rugby@gmail.com for any queries

Active Sunderland

OXFORD & DISTRICT YOUNG PEOPLE'S PROJECT

VIGOR RUGBY