



USWORTH COLLIERY

Weekly Newsletter



26th September 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	89.55%	4EH	100%
RLC	94.55%	4SP	83.5%
1JB	90.53%	5GS	96.67%
1JD	96.32%	5JM	97.65%
2EP	85.83%	6CS	91.3%
2PQ	96.36%	6JW	88.33%
3BB	93.33%	Base Blue	98%
3RD	93.81%	Base Yellow	94.26%
Base Red	84.44%	Thrive	96.67%

This week's winner of the 100% attendance certificate and Just Eat voucher is Jack in **4CS**

Congratulations to **4EH for 100% attendance** - the best attendance this week!

Whole school attendance **92.84%**

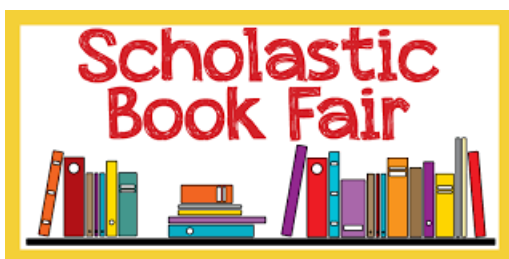
Remember every school day counts!

WHO HAS BEEN IN MY OFFICE THIS WEEK?

Charlie 5JM came to show me some fabulous sentences he had been writing. He used his knowledge of synonyms to choose the most effective vocabulary to create well-structured and well punctuated sentences. My favourite was this one. 'Dismayed, Albert headed for the apex of the lighthouse.' Pretty impressive Charlie well done!

POLITE REMINDER FOR PARENTS AND CARERS ON EYFS PLAYGROUND

Please would you keep the children off the EYFS yard equipment before and after school especially the hobbit house. We have had solar lights fitted which have been damaged twice this week due to children jumping on top on the house while under parental supervision.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IS HERE!

From Friday 26th September to Wednesday 1st October, we are having a Book Fair in school. It will be open from 3:15pm-3:45 pm every day. A Book Fair is a great way to find exciting new genres and stories and earn **FREE BOOKS** for our school!

MEET THE TEACHERS!

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for our Meet the Teachers presentations and classroom visits this week and last. We hope you found it useful and enjoyed spending time with your children in their classes. We have now emailed you a copy of your year group's presentation, in case you were not able to attend or would like to look over the presentation to remind yourselves of the context of the meeting,

GATESHEAD FOOTBALL COMPETITION

Congratulations to our Y4/5 Girls who took part in the Gateshead School Sport Partnership Football competition on Friday last week. They worked well as a team, supported each other and most of all, had great fun. Well done, girls!

RECOMMENDED READS AND NEW RELEASES

DO YOU BELIEVE IN GHOSTS? BY DANNY ROBINS

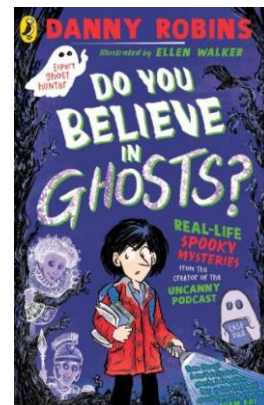
Discover the 'spooktacular' new collection of real-life ghost stories for readers aged 9-12 from the award-winning writer, creator and host of the hit BBC podcast and TV series *Uncanny*.

Have you ever wondered if ghosts really exist? What is it like to live in a 'haunted' house? Award-winning writer Danny Robins is on a mission to inspire a new generation of ghost-hunters in his thrilling first book for children, *Do You Believe in Ghosts?*

Join Danny on an adventure into the world of the paranormal, exploring bizarre and intriguing mysteries from poltergeists and apparitions, to messages from the spirit world, ghostly photos, and even a haunted toilet!

This is a journey of discovery for anyone curious about the paranormal, exploring the science and history behind these incredible stories. As Danny says, "it's spooky not scary"!

So, climb under the covers, grab a torch and prepare to get ghost hunting!



FOUNDATION OF LIGHT FOOTBALL COURSES

Foundation of light have set up some local football sessions in the Sunderland area on evenings and weekends for young people to access. They have asked us to share this information. For more details follow the link below:

Football for boys/girls aged 18 month - 11 years @ Downhill Hub and Beacon of Light

<https://www.abler.io/shop/foundationoflight/eveningandweekendfootball?sportType=FOOTBALL>

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 29th September	RLC Library Visit
Tuesday 30th September	RAW Intergenerational Visit to Care Home
Wednesday 1st October	RAW Library Visit
Friday 3rd October	Yr 5/6 girls 6 a-side Football pm
Wednesday 8th October	6CS Lindisfarne
Thursday 9th October	KS1 Indoor Athletics am
Friday 10th October	6JW Lindisfarne
Tuesday 14th October	RLC Intergenerational Visit to Care Home
Tuesday 14th October	Handwashing Presentation School Nurse Year 1
Tuesday 21st October	Y5 Great North Museum (Newcastle)
Wednesday 22nd October	Parents Meetings
Thursday 23rd October	Yr 5/6 Sports Hall Athletics pm

Friday 24th October
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Reception Open Morning for 2026-27 parents 9-11am
Last day of this half term

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

Monday 4th November	Children back to school
Tuesday 11th November	RAW Intergenerational Visit to Care Home
Monday 10th November	RLC Library Visit
Monday 10th November	Little Wandle parent session (Rec-Y2) 9am
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 14th 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-6JM 2nd-4EH 3rd-3BB

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Supportive Level
**Speech and
Language UK**



**Problem-solving
School**
Enriching maths

**Eco-Schools
Mark
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