

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	98.64%	4EH	97.39%
RLC	89.5%	4SP	96.84%
1JB	92.22%	5GS	94.44%
1JD	91%	5JM	94.74%
2EP	92.5%	6CS	93.04%
2PQ	94.98%	6JW	91.2%
3BB	97.39%	Base Blue	97.27%
3RD	94.5%	Base Yellow	95.16%
Base Red	91.49%	Thrive	100%

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

Whole school attendance this week **94.37%**

Remember every school day counts!

WHO HAS BEEN IN MY OFFICE THIS WEEK?

Eliza, Jidenna, David and Hannah in 4EH have all written the most fantastic sci-fi stories this week. They used AI to create a setting image and then wrote a descriptive piece based on the image. They used some fantastic similes and fronted adverbials as well as embedding clauses within sentences. These were all skills they have been learning throughout the unit. Their finished pieces were really high quality and their teacher was so proud of them. I think they were proud of themselves too. Well done all of you these were really impressive pieces!

Logan and Alfie in 5GS both came to show me their diary entries based on the book 'The Island' which they have been working on for a couple of days. Alfie's handwriting was amazing, in fact the improvement in his presentation was unbelievable in such a short time. Well done Alfie! Logan was super proud of his writing and was able to point out where he had used relative clauses, personification and similes. I was really impressed with the quality of his piece. Well done Logan!

EASTER RAFFLE

This year's prizes include:

- A large outdoor-activity hamper filled with pavement chalks, bats and balls, bubble wands and more
- Lots of chocolate eggs
- A selection of Easter crafts

Tickets are £1 per strip and can be purchased either directly from the school office or by sending money into school in a sealed envelope clearly marked with your child's name and class **before Monday 30th March**. All money raised will go towards purchasing new waterproof clothing for our Forest School, helping our children enjoy outdoor learning in all weathers.

Thank you, as always, for your support.



BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK



[spotlight](#)

We had so much fun celebrating British Science Week, we spent a whole 2 weeks doing just that! From donning our lab coats and testing electrical circuits in Y6, to being curious about which biscuits lasted the longest when being dunked in a cup of tea in Base Yellow and Y1, the children all across school have been following where their curiosity takes them. Y4 were able to invite Andy from P&G who spoke to the children about the skills that everyone possesses to become a successful scientist, and Reception have thoroughly enjoyed being curious about their new ducklings! Follow this link to see what else we have been up to. <https://www.usworthcolliery.co.uk/blog/2026-03-27-07-00-subjects-in-the->

Mrs Swinburn and Mrs Henderson.

HEADLICE

We have had some cases of headlice in school so please could you check your children's hair. The link below is full of extremely useful advice around avoiding the spread of headlice and effective treatments. Please can you ensure if your child has long hair it is tied back. Click on the link below to access NHS guidance <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

DREAM BIG FOR ENGINEERING IN YEAR 3

Over the past couple of months, Year 3 have been taking part in the Dream Big for Engineering programme run by the National Literacy Trust. As part of this inspiring project, pupils have been learning about the world of engineering and the many opportunities it offers. Last Monday, they had the fantastic opportunity to meet three real-life engineers, asking thoughtful questions and finding out more about their careers. The children were also delighted to meet local author Victoria Donwes, who shared insights from her book *Engineering Your Future*. It was a truly inspiring experience that encouraged our pupils to think big about their futures! The children then chose their own STEM related book to take home.



PRESTIGIOUS AWARD FOR LOLA!

We are super proud of Lola in year 6 who was nominated and won the title of Young Health and Wellbeing Champion by Sunderland City Council. At the age of 11, she has already shown an extraordinary commitment to helping others and improving the wellbeing of her community. An ambassador for three charities – 4Louis, Melanoma Me Foundation and Sunderland Soup Kitchen – Lola has raised thousands of pounds and given countless hours of her time creating sleeping bags, ground sheets and hygiene packs with essentials for people experiencing homelessness and making bereavement boxes for families facing the unimaginable loss of a child. It is lovely to see her charity work being recognised and we wanted to share her success with you all. Congratulations Lola!



Lola Mae Stephenson with Mia Lough, Public Health Practitioner for Sunderland City Council

WELL DONE COMPETITION WINNER LIBBY!

A couple of weeks ago, our Y5 children entered a competition with Taylor Wimpy to design a card to welcome homeowners to their new community. The design would be printed and delivered to the new residents of local housing developments across the area. All of the entries the children designed were fantastic and the staff at Taylor Wimpy had a really difficult time choosing a winner. After much debate, it was Libby Trotter in 5JM whose design was chosen! As well as her beautiful art work being sent to all of the new homeowners in the areas, she has also won a £50 Amazon voucher! Congratulations!



MUSICAL PERFORMANCE BY YEAR 4

This week our year 4 children performed in front of KS2 in their singing assembly. They sang and played recorders to Mamma Mia by Abba. They have been working hard to perfect their performance across the term as part of their music lessons and they did a fantastic job! Well done everyone!



RECEPTION HAVE HAD A BUSY WEEK!



Both RAW and RLC have recently enjoyed a trip to Pizza Express, where everyone made their own margherita pizzas. The children had a fantastic time, showing great enthusiasm and creativity, and their behaviour was excellent throughout. It was a brilliant morning that everyone really enjoyed!

EYFS also took part in the Gateshead Dance Festival on Wednesday and were absolutely amazing. They performed with fantastic energy and enthusiasm, remembered their moves brilliantly, and showed great confidence on stage. Their bravery and big smiles made it a truly special performance, and we are so proud of them all!

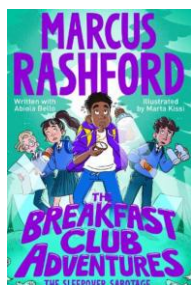


FOUNDATION OF LIGHT HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

This Easter holiday, the Foundation of Light are running football and holiday camps over the two-weeks (7th April-17th April) in Sunderland, Seaham, Peterlee and North Durham and they would love to see you there! Please see the poster at the bottom of this newsletter for more information and follow the link below to book on if you're interested for your child: <https://www.abler.io/shop/foundationoflight/holidaycourses>

RECOMMENDED READS AND NEW RELEASES

THE SLEEPOVER SABOTAGE - THE BREAKFAST CLUB ADVENTURES BY MARCUS RASHFORD



A sleepover challenge is being held at Rutherford School! Teams of four have to build a tent from sustainable materials and stay overnight in the school grounds. Everyone is excited but Marcus is feeling worried because he's never spent the night away from his mum.

As the night of the sleepover draws closer, a strange creature is spotted roaming the school and challenge participants start to drop out putting the sleepover at risk of being cancelled! Can Marcus face his fears with the help of his friends and save the sleepover?

Written with Abiola Bello and packed with tons of illustrations by Marta Kissi, The Breakfast Club Adventures: The Sleepover Sabotage is the perfect book for children aged 8+.

SUMMER TERM AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

These are the available after school clubs for the summer term. You should have received an email by now informing you as to whether your child has successfully secured a place on their choice of club. If you have any queries around this, please contact the office.

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

SPRING TERM DATES

Events next week [New information added](#)

Monday 30th March	Base Blue and Thrive visit to SafetyWorks (am)
Tuesday 31st March	4SP Washington Arts Centre
Wednesday 1st April	4EH Washington Arts Centre
Wednesday 1st April	5GS visit to Ouseburn
Thursday 2nd April	5JM visit to Ouseburn
Thursday 2nd April	Easter Egg Competition
Thursday 2nd April	Spring Term reports sent out to parents
Thursday 2nd April	School closes for the Easter Holidays

Children return to school on Tuesday 21st April

SUMMER TERM DATES (First week back)

Monday 20 th April	Staff INSET DAY (no pupils in school)
Tuesday 21 st April	Children back to school
Tuesday 21 st April	Year 4 Anti-Racism workshops.
Tuesday 21 st April	Year 5 Synagogue trip
Wednesday 22 nd April	Year 5 Synagogue trip
Wednesday 22 nd April	Year 3 water workshop from Northumbria Water

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 classes with the most house points are:

1st-3BB 2nd- 3RL 3rd-4EH

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NOTICES

EASTER HOLIDAY COURSES
7-17 APRIL

REPRODUCTION OF THE WORLD AT YOUR FEET

FOOTBALL
7-9 APRIL / 13-15 APRIL

TRAIN LIKE A PRO
10 APRIL

1.1 COACHING
13/14, 15 APRIL

TODDLER TALES
7 APRIL / 14 APRIL

MINI BAKERS
8 APRIL / 15 APRIL

JUNIOR BAKERS
9 APRIL / 16 APRIL

BEAUTY AT THE BEACON
8 APRIL / 15 APRIL

HOLIDAY CLUB
7-9 APRIL / 13-15 APRIL

SEND FOOTBALL
8, 10, 16, 17 APRIL

WEEK ONE	WEEK TWO
Tues 7-Thurs 9 April 3 Day Football Beacon of Light 9.30am-3pm £50	Mon 13-Wed 15 April 3 Day Football Beacon of Light 9.30am-3pm £50
Tues 7-Thurs 9 April 3 Day Football Wellfield School 9.30am-3pm £45	Mon 13-Wed 15 April 3 Day Football Beamish Football Centre 9.30am-3pm £45
Tues 7-Thurs 9 April 3 Day Football Beamish Football Centre 9.30am-3pm £45	Mon 13-Wed 15 April 3 Day Football Seaham High School 9.30am-3pm £45
Tues 7-Thurs 9 April 3 Day Holiday Club Beacon of Light 9.30am-3pm £45	Mon 13-Wed 15 April 3 Day Holiday Club Beacon of Light 9.30am-3pm £45
Tues 7 April Toddler Tales Beacon of Light 10am-12pm £5	Tues 14 April Toddler Tales Beacon of Light 10am-12pm £5
Wed 8 April Mini Bakers Beacon of Light 10am-12pm £15	Wed 15 April Mini Bakers Beacon of Light 10am-12pm £15
Wed 8 April Beauty at the Beacon Beacon of Light 10am-1pm £15	Wed 15 April Beauty at the Beacon Beacon of Light 10am-1pm £15
Thurs 9 April 1 Day Football Chester le Street 9.30am-3pm £20	Thurs 16 April 1 Day Football Chester le Street 9.30am-3pm £20
Thurs 9 April Junior Bakers Beacon of Light 10am-12pm £15	Thurs 16 April Junior Bakers Beacon of Light 10am-12pm £15
Thurs 9 April SEND Football Beacon of Light 9.30am-3pm Free	Thurs 16 April SEND Football Beacon of Light 9.30am-3pm Free
Fri 10 April SEND Football Beacon of Light 9.30am-3pm Free	Fri 17 April SEND Football Beacon of Light 9.30am-3pm Free
Fri 10 April Train like a Pro Ford Hub 10am-3pm £30	


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