



21<sup>st</sup> November 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	96.82%	4EH	95.22%
RLC	82.86%	4SP	89.47%
1JB	96.67%	5GS	95.56%
1JD	92.63%	5JM	95.79%
2EP	84.17%	6CS	97.39%
2PQ	91.36%	6JW	99.58%
3BB	95%	Base Blue	97.27%
3RD	95.24%	Base Yellow	89.34%
Base Red	78%	Thrive	88%

This week's winner of the 100% attendance certificate and Just Eat voucher is **Erin in 3RD**

Congratulations to **6CS** for the best attendance this week **97.39%**

Whole school attendance **92.24%**

**No classes with 100% this week. Remember every school day counts!**

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

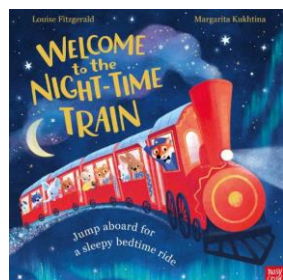
**Jacob 5GS** came to show me his Hot write which was a narrative story based on the poem the Highwayman. He changed the characters and the setting but kept the historical figures and era He used some fantastic figurative language to really bring his story to life. The effort, passion and determination that Jacob has brought to this writing is very clear indeed and his handwriting is beautiful. I was so impressed and I know his teacher was too. Well done Jacob. Keep up the hard work!

**Mary-Ann and Ivy 6CS** have been writing a non-linear story based on the book 'A Long Road to Water'. They were able to tell me that they have used fronted adverbials to improve their sentence starters and I noticed some very effective descriptive language being used. I can't wait to read their finished and edited piece. Well done girls!

**Amelia and Lucas 5GS** produced a brilliant poster about insulation where they designed me a heated pillow and sleeping bag in case I ever go on a campong trip in this country. They used their science knowledge to pick the materials and their art skills to design the school logo. Super work both of you well done!

### RECOMMENDED READS AND NEW RELEASES

#### WELCOME TO THE NIGHT-TIME TRAIN BY LOUISE FITZGERALD



Get ready for a magical bedtime ride in this soothing story that helps children settle down to sleep. Perfect for fans of the Ten Minutes to Bed series, There's a Bear in Your Book and Goodnight Moon. Join the adventures of these adorable baby animals as they ride the Night-Time Train and get ready for bed, stopping at some magical places along the way. At Pyjamaville, helpful birds will find the comfiest clothes, and at Toothbrush Town, a friendly octopus is waiting to brush everyone's teeth! Then curl up with a story at Library Land before the last stop of all . . . Starlight Skies, where your bed in the clouds awaits. Reading this lyrical rhyming story to a child is a wonderful way to help them wind down, ready for sleep.

## CHRISTMAS FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS

The Local Authority have once again confirmed that all eligible pupils in receipt of Free School Meals (FSM) will each receive a £30 shopping voucher for the Christmas holiday period. Vouchers will be automatically sent out via email by the school office to parents who have already registered and are currently in receipt FSM. Please note that this is not the same as Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM), which all EYFS and KS1 children automatically receive.

If you believe you may be entitled to FSM but have not yet applied, I strongly encourage you to do so as soon as possible by following the link below:

<https://www.usworthcolliery.co.uk/about-us/lunchtimes>

## HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES FROM THE HAF PROGRAMME

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme is for families whose children are eligible for Free School Meals or fall within a vulnerable category. The HAF programme offers free, fun activities and nutritious meals during the school holidays for eligible pupils. This is a fantastic opportunity for children to stay active, social, and engaged while enjoying healthy meals. If you are interested, please use the following QR code and/or weblink with parents and carers so they can view available sessions and book places in your area:

Washington Area



SEND Specific



<https://eequ.org/tfcwashington>

<https://eequ.org/tfcsend>

If you have any questions, please contact [HAF@togetherforchildren.org.uk](mailto:HAF@togetherforchildren.org.uk).

Please note that all children must be collected from after school clubs from now on. This is due to the darker nights. No child will be permitted to walk home alone after a school club until after the easter holidays.

## 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

## AUTUMN TERM DATES

Events next week

New dates added

**Monday 27th October to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October - HALF TERM HOLIDAY**

**Monday 1st December** Start of Derwent Hill residential week

Tuesday 11th November RLC Intofilm festival

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> December	Autumn Term reports sent out to parents
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3&4 Christmas performance (am performance no pre-school children pm performance all welcome)
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas fair
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> 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-4EH 2nd-5GS 3rd-5JM**

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Enriching maths

**Eco-Schools**  
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**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