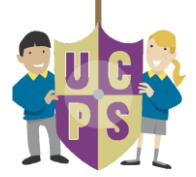




USWORTH COLLIERY

Weekly Newsletter



3rd July 2026

ATTENDANCE TO CELEBRATE THIS WEEK

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

3RD	98.5%
4SP	96.32%
5JM	97.37%
6JW	96.25%

Four classes all in KS2 made it into the green zone this week for attendance! Congratulations to **3RD** for the best attendance at **98.5%** and for winning the attendance trophy for the second week running.

Whole school attendance this week was **93.34%** another increase on last week!

Remember every school day counts

ROTARY CLUBS WASHINGTON SCHOOLS WRITING COMPETITION 2026

Every year, as a school we enter strong pieces of your children's writing into the Rotary Club Schools writing competition and again this year we have some winners! Congratulations this year go to Jacob, Victor, Charlie, Samuel, Jacob, Thomas, William, Isla, Callie, Betsy and Erin. Well done all of you, your certificates are on their way!

This year however, we are super proud to announce the overall winner is a child from Usworth Colliery – beating all children from the other Washington schools to the top spot! Huge congratulations to Valerie Y6 who has been awarded a £25.00 cheque as the top prize!

WHO HAS BEEN IN MY OFFICE THIS WEEK?

Darcey from 5GS was working hard last week to find non-unit fractions of amounts. She then applied this into solving some problems and could explain her method using mathematical vocabulary. Well done! Keep it up.

Alice Base Blue showed me her super writing today. She had been using a word bank of emotions to help her describe a character's feelings and both her handwriting and the quality of her sentences impressed me very much. Well done Alice!

SUMMER FAIR RAFFLE TICKETS

Our Summer Raffle tickets are now on sale and cost **£1 per strip**. Tickets can be purchased from the school office or by sending money into school in a sealed envelope, clearly marked with your child's name and class. We have some fantastic prizes available, including:

📺 Lenovo Tab 1 tablet and case (kindly donated by Omnicom)

🎟️ 2 x tickets to Robot Wars

🍾 Champagne

🎁 Gift sets

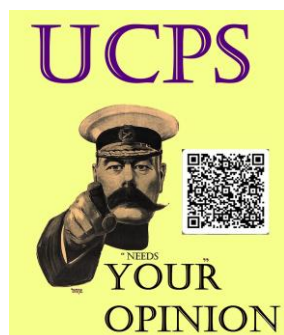
★ And many more wonderful prizes!

Thank you for your continued support. Every ticket purchased helps us raise valuable funds for our school and pupils. Good luck!

YEAR 5 FILM WORKSHOP



Year 5 had an incredibly exciting time during their film workshop on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon as part of our Cultural Passport programme. The pupils fully immersed themselves in the creative process and loved taking on a variety of important roles. Throughout the workshop, they had the chance to step into the shoes of directors, actors, sound technicians and camera operators, gaining hands-on experience in every aspect of filmmaking. Their enthusiasm, teamwork and imagination were fantastic to see as they worked together to bring their ideas to life



REQUEST FOR HELP FROM MR ARTHUR

Next year, we will be looking at how to update and improve our school website. Before we make any changes, we'd like to know what you think. We would therefore be grateful if you could complete a short feedback form (5 questions) sharing your views on our current website. You can access the questionnaire through this QR code or by following the link below.

Thanks, Mr Arthur

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/A6ZUnBBQ5Z>

DEBUT NOVEL BY YOUNG AUTHOR MARGARET "MAGGIE" COLEMAN

We are extremely proud to share with you some bittersweet news that a former pupil of Usworth Colliery, Maggie, has become a published author. Writing was a real passion for Maggie, who knew that her debut novel, 'Hope Forever: Yui's Journey' had been accepted by publishing company Fearless Publishing. Tragically, Maggie passed away in July 2025 following a sudden brain haemorrhage, at the end of her first year of secondary school and so its release is a meaningful tribute to her talent, voice, and vision. Remembered as a compassionate thinker, an enthusiastic writer, and a vibrant young individual, Maggie's legacy lives on through her work.

If you would like to purchase a copy, please use the following link:

<https://www.openpr.com/news/4519012/debut-novel-by-young-author-margaret-maggie-coleman-shares>



RECOMMENDED READS AND NEW RELEASES

HANNA ASKS FOR HELP BY TOM PERCIVAL

An uplifting book about learning how to ask for help, from the bestselling creator of the Big Bright Feelings series. Hanna LOVES playing sports. But she finds maths a real puzzle! Nothing she tries works...until she finds the courage to ask for a little bit of help. Soon, Help arrives - and nothing will ever be the same again!

This reassuring and funny book is the perfect springboard for talking to children about asking for help - because we're all good at different things, and giving and receiving help can be one of life's greatest joys.

FREE MULTI SPORTS SESSIONS AT THE MILLENNIUM CENTRE

RFU and Active Sunderland have opened a free Multi Sports session at the Millennium Centre every Friday 4:45 till 5:45. see the poster attached to the bottom of this news for more information

SUMMER TERM AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

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	Base Blue
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

SUMMER TERM DATES

Events next week New information added

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Wednesday 8 th July	Year 1 Books and Breakfast 8:45- 9:15am
Wednesday 8 th July	RAW Library Visit
Saturday 11 th July	Summer Fair
Monday 13 th July	Rocksteady Concert 10am
Monday 13 th July	6CS Wilderness Trip
Tuesday 14 th July	6JW Wilderness Trip
Thursday 16 th July	Year 6 End of Year Production 9:30am and 5pm
Friday 17 th July	End of Year reports sent out to parents
Wednesday 22 nd July	Leavers Assembly
Wednesday 22 nd July	School closes for the Summer

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.

1st – 4SP 2nd – 4EH 3rd – 2PQ

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NOTICES



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

Join us for a friendly session of multi sports

- Free
- Children aged 7 to 11

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- Keep fit and healthy
- Make new friends and have fun

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