



3rd October 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	93.64%	4EH	96.96%
RLC	94.55%	4SP	92%
1JB	86.84%	5GS	97.78%
1JD	88.42%	5JM	98.82%
2EP	93.75%	6CS	95.65%
2PQ	97.27%	6JW	90%
3BB	88.1%	Base Blue	96%
3RD	98.57%	Base Yellow	99.18%
Base Red	82.22%	Thrive	100%

This week's winner of the 100% attendance certificate and Just Eat voucher is **Hallie in RAW**

Congratulations to **Thrive for 100% attendance** – and to class **5JM** for topping the class attendance chart this week! Whole school attendance **93.88%**

Remember every school day counts!

KEY INFORMATION FROM THE OFFICE

Individual Photographs

This week your children should have come home with a letter of consent for them to have their individual school photos taken by Phototronics on Monday 24th November. Please can we have these consent forms back asap. If you have more than one child in school you will need to fill in a separate form for each of the children you would like to have photographed. Forms can be returned to class teachers or the office.

Parents Evening

This week you will have also received an email offering you appointments for the parents/carers meetings to discuss with the class teacher how your child has settled into their new class. This is an online booking system so please look out for this email or use this QR code to navigate to the booking form.



NATIONAL POETRY DAY

This week our whole school came together to celebrate National Poetry Day with creativity and enthusiasm. Each class explored poetry in their own way – experimenting with rhythm, rhyme, performance, and writing their own verses. It was a wonderful opportunity for children to enjoy listening to, reading, and creating poetry, while celebrating the power of words. To see a collection of the children's work on our website please follow the link <https://www.usworthcolliery.co.uk/blog/2025-10-03-09-00-00-subjects-in-the-spotlight>



YEAR 6 ARTISTS!



Our Year 6 children are taking part in the Young Artists 'Food Friends' competition as part of their food topic in Art. They have created their own character inspired by food and are competing to have the opportunity for their work to be used in a published book and featured on the front cover! They could also win a fabulous creative goody bag. Good luck to all of the children who have taken part! - Miss Sheldon.

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.



DERWENT HILL PARENTS MEETING REMINDER

This meeting will be held at 5pm on Wednesday 15th October in the main hall.

RUGBY FREE FAMILY FUN EVENT

To celebrate the success of England winning the Rugby World Cup, Active Sunderland will be running a free family fun event on Saturday 4th October consisting of fun rugby themed games and challenges, mindfulness and relaxation, healthy snacks and refreshments as well as dance sessions and more!

No need to book, just turn up to Washington Football Hub NE37 3HR 2:30-4:30pm to join in on the fun. Please see the flyer at bottom of newsletter for more information.

WEAR SIDE MARTIAL ARTS

Please see the flyer attached to this newsletter offering karate training for all ages and abilities at St Andrews church Concord

RECOMMENDED READS AND NEW RELEASES

THE WILD ROBOT ON THE ISLAND BY PETER BROWN



Venture into Roz's wild world in this gorgeously illustrated picture book that brings to full colour the adventures of the No.1 New York Times bestselling novel THE WILD ROBOT - now a DreamWorks major motion picture!

Roz is not where she's supposed to be. Roz the robot wasn't designed to live in the wilderness. But when she washes up on an island, she must learn from the animal inhabitants and adapt to her new, natural surroundings, and before long, the island begins to feel like home. Filled with Peter Brown's stunning artwork, this moving picture book is the perfect gift for readers new to The Wild Robot or for long-time fans of the series that sparked a global phenomenon.

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

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

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

Monday 4th November	Children back to school
Monday 10th November	RLC Library Visit
Monday 10th November	Little Wandle parent session (Rec-Y2) 9am
Tuesday 11th November	RAW Intergenerational Visit to Care Home
Tuesday 11th November	Remembrance Tea for Senior Citizens
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 12th December	Autumn Term reports sent out to parents
Tuesday 16th December	Year 3&4 Christmas performance (am performance no pre-school children pm performance all welcome)
Wednesday 17th December	Christmas fair
Friday 19th 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-6CS 3rd-2EP



NOTICES

WEAR SIDE MARTIAL ARTS



Affiliated with the prestigious Cobra Martial Arts Association, Wearside Martial Arts offers high-quality karate training for all ages and abilities.

Time: Mondays 6-7PM

Location: St Andrews Church, Concord, Washington

Led by experienced black belt instructors, with a combined experience of over 70 years, our classes focus on discipline, confidence, fitness, and self-defence. Students progress through a structured belt system—from red to black—with opportunities to grade and achieve nationally recognised qualifications.

Whether you're a complete beginner or looking to advance your skills, Wearside Martial Arts provides a friendly, supportive environment to help you reach your goals.

Come along and give it a try—your journey starts here!

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FREE Play and Pamper Day

Saturday 4 October, 2.30–4.30pm
Washington Football Hub NE37 3HR

Celebrating the success of the Women's Rugby World Cup.

- Fun rugby-themed games and challenges
- Dance sessions
- Prizes and give-aways!
- Free mini treatments
- Wellness workshops and health checks
- Mindfulness and relaxation sessions
- Healthy snacks and refreshments
- Get involved - no matter your age or ability

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