



USWORTH COLLIERY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

31st January 2025

ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK

These classes have the highest attendance this week. Well done everyone who achieved 100% attendance this week!

EYFS/KS1 1BD 92.92% KS2 4EH 99.44% Base Blue 97.27%

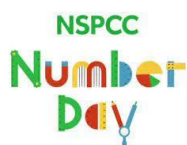
Whole school attendance – 91.49%

OFSTED INSPECTION

This week we received our Ofsted report which will go live on the Ofsted website in few days' time. All parents and carers will have received an email with the report attached and it is now also on our website (please follow the link below to access it). As a school, we are very pleased with the outcome and the report as we feel it reflects our school, vision and values and celebrates the hard work of our whole school community.

<https://www.usworthcolliery.co.uk/parents/ofsted-parent-pupil-view>

NUMBER DAY (Friday 7th February)



On Friday, we will be celebrating NSPCC Number Day. Children will be taking part in some special activities in their classrooms for Maths lessons and they are invited to wear non-uniform linked to number. It could be joggers that have 3 stripes or a top that they can count the spots on. Let's all have some number fun!

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK (3-7TH FEBRUARY 2025)

Next week, we will be celebrating Children's Mental Health Week (3-7th February 2025). The theme for this year is 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself' and focuses on the importance of understanding self-awareness and managing emotions. Each class will spend time learning about ways to combat and deal with overwhelming feelings and situations, with a specific focus on their own emotions and how they look and feel. We will be using resources and activities from children's mental health charity, Place2Be. There is a dedicated family section if you wish to complete some activities at home:

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/>

Thank you for your support. *Mrs Swinburn.*



HEALTHY HEADS: WORKING IN SCHOOL

We have worked really hard as a school to be able to bring in the Healthy Heads Team to support our children and families. Healthy Heads is a mental health service that school is now accessing. The service is provided by South Tyneside & Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust and is based in Sunderland. Healthy Heads can offer early intervention to help children, young people and their families who are struggling with mild to moderate anxiety and/or depression. The team involved includes Clinical Lead's, Primary Mental Health Specialists, Primary Mental Health Workers, Senior Educational Mental Health Practitioners (EMHP), and Speech and Language Therapists. The Clinicians in the team provide a range of emotional, behavioural and psychological support services to children, young people, parents and professionals. Through-out the remainder of the year. Healthy Heads will be running school wide assemblies, group workshops, 1 to 1 workshops and support for parents. If you feel your child could benefit from this support, or for further information please speak to our Family Liaison Officer Mrs L Thubron.

Also see the poster attached to the bottom of this newsletter for more information



SPOTLIGHT ON SUSTAINABILITY

This week's spotlight is on Sustainability. Across school, we have been working hard to implement the topics from our sustainability curriculum. Some of the topics we have covered so far include learning about healthy living, climate change, biodiversity, healthy living, transport and waste – the Three R's Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. It has been lovely to see the children so engaged and learning about such an important topic. To see examples of your children's work, follow this link to the website page <https://www.usworthcolliery.co.uk/blog/2025-01-31-09-00-00-subjects-in-the-spotlight>



YEAR 3 BASKETBALL COMPETITION

On Tuesday this week, ten of our Year 3 pupils took part in a basketball competition against children from schools in Gateshead. It was a tough competition and our children had to fight hard, show great determination and work together as a team which they did incredibly well. They showed some fancy footwork too! I was so impressed by their attitudes and their fighting spirit and as always when out of school they made us proud! Well done all of you!



YEAR 6 MINDFULNESS

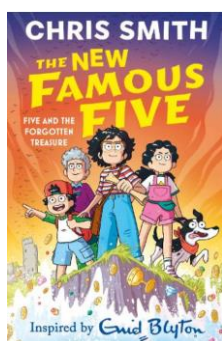
Amidst the experience of mocks SATs this week, Y6 also had a Mindfulness Session with Anthony from Active Sunderland. We looked at the benefits of exercise, sleep and a healthy, varied diet. We then had a go at yoga, finger breathing (ask and we'll show you!) and even used Maltesers and strawberries to practise mindful eating! Hopefully these techniques will help the children if they are feeling overwhelmed or worried over the next few months.



WHO HAS BEEN IN MY OFFICE THIS WEEK?

Layla 5GS was so proud of herself. She came rushing in to tell me that in maths she had pushed herself, shown true resilience and managed to complete not only the main maths task but also the challenge question. I was so proud of her and so was her teacher! Well done Layla keep up the hard work.

Finley, Max, Lucas, Oscar S, Oscar F and George all came to show me their writing which has improved so much since September. What is really impressive is their attitude to learning and how hard they are trying to improve. Super work boys well done!



RECOMMENDED READS AND NEW RELEASES THE NEW FAMOUS FIVE: FIVE AND THE FORGOTTEN TREASURE BY CHRIS SMITH

Join the original Famous Five and a new group of children in this exciting new adventure by bestselling author Chris Smith, inspired by Enid Blyton.

When Fran, Tom, Maddy and Gilbert the dog stay with Professor George Kirrin for the holidays, they soon find themselves caught up in a robbery of a top-secret treasure map. Professor George will have to tell them about an old case of the Famous Five if they're ever going to catch the thief and rescue the forgotten treasure...

POLITE REMINDER ABOUT EXPECTATIONS FOR PARENTS, CARERS AND ALL VISITORS TO SCHOOL

- Please make sure, in order to set a good example for our children that all visitors to the school wear appropriate clothing and avoid wearing pyjamas, dressing gowns etc.
- We have a no smoking policy for anywhere on the school grounds and this includes vapes and/or cigarettes.
- Please do not bring dogs onto the school premises even if they are carried.
- Please remember no bikes or scooters should be ridden in the playground or between yards for the safety of everyone

Many thanks for your on-going co-operation

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

Day	Club name	Staff	Year Groups
Monday	Lego	Mrs Edmonds/Mrs Green	1-6
Monday	Mindful Colouring	Mrs Allen	3-6
Monday	Forrest School	Mrs Prinn/Mrs Walker	Rec-2
Monday	KS1 Homework	Miss Coxon	1-2
Monday	Jewellery Making	Mrs Dixon	1-3
Monday	Book Club	Miss Brown	3-6
Tuesday	Film Club	Mrs Jones	1-6
Tuesday	Multi Sports	Mr Pearson	3 and 4
Tuesday	KS2 Homework	Mrs Henderson	3-6
Tuesday	Choir	Mrs Barella	2-6
Thursday	Hama Bead Crafting	Mrs Burrell	1-3
Thursday	Skipping	Miss Armstrong	2-4

SPRING TERM DATES

Events next week New dates added

Saturday 1 st February	Science is my Superpower
Tuesday 4 th February	EYFS Gruffalo stay and play
Thursday 6 th February	Lego League Team Event
Friday 7 th February	NSPCC Number Day
Monday 10 th February	Bikeability Week (Year 5)
Tuesday 11 th February	EYFS Cat in the Hat Stay and Play
Tuesday 11 th February	Reception Mini Movers Intergenerational Visits
Friday 14 th February	RAW to the Discovery Museum
Wednesday 19 th February	RLC to the Discovery Museum
Wednesday 19 th February	Year 5/6 Swimming Competition
Thursday 20 th February	Year 1 Parents Phonics Meeting
Thursday 20th February	School closes for half term
Friday 21 st February	Staff INSET DAY (no pupils in school)
Monday 3rd March	School opens for all pupils
Tuesday 11 th March	Reception Mini Movers Intergenerational Visits
Wednesday 12 th March	Parents' Meetings
Tuesday 1 st April	5GS trip to Ouseburn
Wednesday 2 nd April	5JW trip to Ouseburn
Thursday 3 rd April	KS1 Girls football event
Monday 7 th April	Y6 Phoenix Programme
Tuesday 8 th April	Y6 Phoenix Programme
Tuesday 8 th April	Reception Mini Movers Intergenerational Visits
Wednesday 9 th April	Y6 Phoenix Programme Final Presentation
Thursday 10 th April	Y1/Y2 Easter Performance for Y1 parents (am)
Thursday 10 th April	Y1/Y2 Easter Performance for Y2 parents (pm)
Friday 11th April	School closes for the Easter Holidays
Children return to school on Monday 28th April	

TWITTER STARS

Remember to check out this week's Twitter Stars! These are tweeted on: @TStarKS1_UCPS or @TStarKS2_UCPS. They also appear on @UCPrimary and on our website Twitter feed

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 following the Colliery Code. This week's classes with the most house points are:

1st – 4EH 2nd – 3RL 3rd – 6CS



NOTICES



We have a new website where you'll find lots of information about the services we provide and how we can help you.

You can find the Sunderland Mental Health Support Service: Healthy Heads Team website by visiting

www.stsftmentalhealth.nhs.uk

or scan the QR code using the camera on your mobile phone.



If you would like your child to access the service, please speak to your child's school.

