



5<sup>th</sup> December 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	96.36%	4EH	91.3%
RLC	86%	4SP	92.11%
1JB	89.44%	5GS	100%
1JD	93.68%	5JM	92.11%
2EP	94.17%	6CS	97.39%
2PQ	95.45%	6JW	93.33%
3BB	90.91%	Base Blue	93.64%
3RD	88.57%	Base Yellow	90.16%
Base Red	85%	Thrive	100%

Congratulations to **5GS and Thrive** for the best attendance this week **at 100%**

Whole school attendance **92.76%**

**Wonderful to see two classes with 100% this week.**

**Remember every school day counts!**

### NON-UNIFORM DAY ON THURSDAY

Next Thursday (11th December) we are going to hold a non-uniform day to collect prizes for our **Christmas Fair**. Instead of bringing money into school we are asking if the children bring donations for our general tombola stall or the bottle tombola stall (donations of shower gel, sauces etc) If you are making a donation of alcohol, please can this be brought directly to the school office by an adult or handed in person to the class teacher or teaching assistant. Thank you in advance for your support.

### THE PANATHLON AT GATESHEAD STADIUM

On Tuesday, eight children from Year Two proudly represented our school at the recent SEND sports panathlon at Gateshead Stadium. They showed fantastic teamwork, determination, and positivity throughout the afternoon as they tackled each activity with confidence and supported one another at every step. Their resilience and upbeat attitude were praised by staff and organisers, and their hard work paid off with an impressive 2nd place finish! We are incredibly proud of their efforts and how well they represented our school. Well done everyone.



### RECOMMENDED READS AND NEW RELEASES

#### SAMMY FEELS SHY BY TOM PERCIVAL

Sammy LOVES having fun. But at school there are so many people . . . and he doesn't always know what to say. When a whole load of things go wrong and Sammy feels like EVERYONE is staring, he starts to go pink, and then pinker . . . until he's bright pink ALL OVER! Can Sammy learn how to tackle his feelings – and go back to his usual colour? This reassuring and funny book is the perfect springboard for talking to children about shyness and feeling self-conscious.

## SCIENCE IS MY SUPERPOWER FOR YEAR 5 GIRLS

On Wednesday, a group of our Y5 girls enjoyed an exciting visit to Newcastle High School for Girls, where they took part in a hands-on engineering workshop. During the session, they designed and built their own small model cars, learning about aerodynamics, structure and creativity in the process. Once completed, each car was tested using a compressor-powered launch machine to see how far and how fast it could travel. The afternoon was fun, engaging, and a great introduction to practical STEM skills - Well done! **Mrs Swinburn**



## KEYBOARD CONCERT

This afternoon, a group of wonderfully talented children took part in our first ever Keyboard Concert for their parents and friends. They played a range of Christmas songs to show off their hard work and their teacher, Sam, was so proud of them, as were we all. They played absolutely beautifully. Well done!

If you would like your child to take part in music lessons in school (Keyboard or Guitar) or if they would like to join one of our RockSteady bands, please see the office.



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 information added

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
Thursday 11th December	Non-Uniform Day and bring a tombola prize donation!
Friday 12th December	9:30 Reception Christmas performances (no pre-school children)

Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	2pm Reception Christmas performances (all welcome)
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Autumn Term reports sent out to parents
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	9:30am Year 3&4 Christmas performance (no pre-school children)
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	2:15pm Year 3&4 Christmas performance (all welcome)
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas fair
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	RLC Northern Stage The Night Before ChrisMouse,
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	RAW Northern Stage The Night Before ChrisMouse,
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-3RL 2nd-RAW 3rd-2EP**

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