USWORTH COLLIERY
Weekly Newsletter

6th November 2026

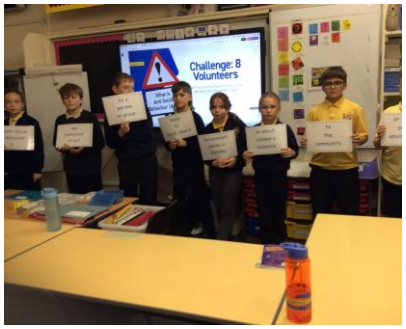
ATTENDANCE TO CELEBRATE THIS WEEK

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

RAW	**96.02%**
1CB	**98.75%**
1JB	**96.25%**
2EP	**98.68%**
2PQ	**97.37%**

Five classes made it into the green zone this week for attendance.
Congratulations go to **1CB-** winners of the attendance trophy this week.
Whole school attendance this week was **92.75%**
Remember every school day counts

POLICE WORKSHOP FOR Y5 AND Y6



Suzanne from our local Northumbria Police Force came into school on Thursday to talk to Y5 and Y6 children about **Anti-Social Behaviour.** The children were fully engaged throughout the sessions and asked a variety of interesting and thought-provoking questions that led to lots of great discussions. One topic the children spoke lots about was that of e-scooters and e-bikes. They discussed their experiences and worries with Suzanne, who commented on how sensible and mature the children were. Well done everyone! We cannot wait to have Suzanne in again in March for another Police workshop. For parents and carers, there is a flyer attached to the bottom of the newsletter with some information surrounding e-scooters and the law.

ATHLETICS COMPETITION



Our Y5 and 6 pupils recently enjoyed an exciting trip to Barnwell to take part in an athletics competition. It was a fantastic opportunity for pupils to showcase their sporting talents, challenge themselves and compete against students from other schools. Throughout the event, pupils participated in a range of athletic activities, demonstrating great determination, enthusiasm and sportsmanship. Pupils took part in track and field event such as obstacle courses, relay races and the long jump. A huge well done to all those who took part!

COME AND JOIN US FOR BOOKS AND BREAKFAST



We are delighted to continue our Books and Breakfast sessions for Reception & KS1 families. Parents and carers are invited to join us from 8:45am through the classroom doors to share books and stories with their child while enjoying some light refreshments. During each session, staff will provide a short demonstration of a reading or phonics activity that we use in school, along with ideas for how these can be supported at home. We are also excited that our KS2 Reading Ambassadors will be joining the classes to help celebrate a love of reading. Sessions will finish at 9:15am. Please see below for your child's year group date – we look forward to welcoming you!

Reception Friday 27th November
Year 1 Thursday 12th November - NEXT WEEK!
Year 2 Wednesday 2nd December

FAMILY MATHS FUN FAIR!



It was so lovely to see so many parents and carers joining their children this morning to take part in our maths morning. Lots of mathematical fun was had by all and a. Well done all of you!

What a fantastic morning we've had celebrating Number Confidence Week! It was wonderful to see so many families joining us for our Family Maths Fair, taking part in fun activities and discovering that maths really is all around us. A special mention goes to our maths ambassadors who helped set up and run the activities today!



We were also delighted to welcome Sunderland Foundation of Light, who brought along some exciting robots for the children to programme using iPads, bringing technology and problem-solving to life! The children also enjoyed an action-packed times table penalty shoot-out, putting their multiplication skills to the test in a fun and competitive way.

There was plenty of problem-solving, teamwork, and, most importantly, lots of confident mathematicians having a go. Thank you to everyone who came along and helped make the morning such a success. It was a wonderful way to celebrate our theme, Count on Your Community, and show how much fun maths can be when we learn together

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK AND CHILDREN IN NEED





Next week, our school is proud to celebrate Anti-Bullying Week 2026, joining schools across the UK in promoting kindness, respect and inclusion. This year's theme, "Break the Silence," encourages everyone to speak up about bullying, support one another, and work together to create a safe and welcoming environment for all. Through discussions, activities and our shared commitment to treating others with respect, we will help ensure that every child feels valued, heard and empowered. As well as this, we will also be supporting Children in Need. On Friday, children are invited to come to school in non-uniform or wear something Pudsey-themed and bring a small donation to help raise money for this worthwhile cause. We look forward to coming together as a school community to support children and young people across the UK while having some fun along the way.

POPPY APPEAL



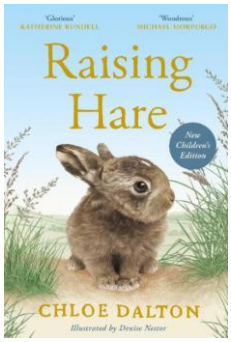
We are pleased to support this year's Poppy Appeal. A collection box is available in the school office, where children, parents and grandparents can purchase a poppy or other Poppy Appeal items. A suggested minimum donation of **£1 per item** is appreciated, with all proceeds supporting the work of the Royal British Legion and helping members of the Armed Forces community. Thank you for your support.

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SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

On Monday 23rd November Phototronics are visiting school to take individual and sibling photographs of your children. They are also able to take family photos before school starts if you would like younger siblings, not at our school, to be included in the photograph. Please see the link below to consent for your child to have their photograph taken and also to request the kind of photograph you would like them to take (individual/sibling/family) There is no expectation for you to purchase any photographs taken but without your consent via this form, your child will not have their photograph taken by Phototronics on this day.

School Photography GDPR Consent – Fill in form



RECOMMENDED READS AND NEW RELEASES
RAISING HARE BY CHLOE DALTON

One winter's day, Chloe Dalton went for a countryside walk and discovered a new born baby hare - no bigger than her hand - chased by a dog and separated from its mother. Worried for its safety, Chloe took the tiny hare home and learned how to feed and care for it...and an extraordinary friendship began.

This is the true tale of how Chloe and the hare, with its drumming paws and distinctive charm, lived alongside each other until the time came for it to return to the wild.

But when the hare is finally ready to jump over the garden wall, will Chloe ever see it again?

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KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE: A PLEA TO DRIVERS

Following a recent concern raised with school about a vehicle travelling at speed while a parent and child were crossing the road, we would like to remind all drivers to take extra care around our school.
We appreciate that we cannot assume that vehicles travelling through the area are connected with school. However, we would ask everyone in our school community to set the example: **slow down, park responsibly and be alert for children crossing.**
School has raised concerns about traffic, parking and speeding on a number of occasions with the Local Authority and local councillors, and we will continue to do so. We would also encourage anyone who witnesses dangerous driving to **report it to Northumbria Police via 101,** as reports from members of the community can help provide a record of concerns in the area. **Please slow down. No journey is more important than a child's safety.**

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

Please remember all children must be collected from after alcohol clubs until the start of the summer term due the darker nights

Day	Club name	Staff	Year Groups	Location
Monday	Choir	Mrs Barella	Y2-Y6	Class 1CB
Monday	The Story Studio - Creative Writing Club	Miss Brown	Y3-Y6	Class 1JB
Monday	KS1 Sports Club	Mrs Prinn	EYFS KS1	Main Hall
Monday	Lego Club	Mrs Green and Mrs Edmonds	Y1-Y6	Art Room
Monday	Film Club	Mrs Jones	Y1-Y6	Base Blue
Monday	Girls' Football	Mrs Skeen	Y5 & Y6	Field
Tuesday	Games Club	Mrs Calcutt	Y1-Y6	KS2 Intervention Room
Tuesday	STEM Club	Mr Warner	Y5 & Y6	Class 6JW
Tuesday	Forest School Club	Miss Coxon and Miss Rodden	EYFS KS1	Forest School
Wednesday	Creative Sparks Club	Sunderland Culture	KS2	Main Hall/ Art Room
Thursday	Mindfulness Colouring Club	Mrs Quinn	Y2-Y6	Class 2PQ
Thursday	Playdoh Club	Mrs Burrell	Y1-Y4	Class 3BB
Thursday	Jewellery Club	Mrs Dixon	Y3-Y6	Class 5RD

AUTUMN TERM DATES

Events next week New dates added

Monday 9th November	EYFS Art Studio Visit
Thursday 12th November	Year 1 Books and Breakfast (8:45-9:15am)
Friday 13th November	Children In Need
Monday 16th November	EYFS Art Studio Visit
Wednesday 18th November	RLC Intofilm Festival
Friday 20th November	EYFS Art Studio Visit
Monday 23rd November	School Photos by Phototronics
Monday 23rd November	Y6 YDAP Sunderland Drug and Alcohol Talk
Wednesday 25th November	RAW Intofilm Festival
Wednesday 25th November	School Nurses visiting Y2 Dental Hygiene Workshop
Thursday 26th November	EYFS Intergenerational Visit to Care Home
Friday 27th November	Reception Books and Breakfast (8:45-9:15am)
Friday 27th November	STEM/Science Family Moring (9:30am -11am)
Monday 30th November	EYFS Art Studio Visit
Wednesday 11th November	Remembrance Tea for Senior Citizens
Monday 23rd November	School Individual/Family Photographs
Monday 30th November	Start of Derwent Hill residential week
Wednesday 2nd December	Year 2 Books and Breakfast (8:45-9:15am)
Thursday 3rd December	RLC Northern Stage Christmas Show
Monday 7th December	Staff Training (INSET) Day (school closed to children)
Wednesday 9th December	RAW Northern Stage Christmas Show

Friday 11th December	School Nurses visiting Y5 Personal Safety Workshop
Friday 11th December	Autumn Term pupil attainment reports sent out
Friday 11th December	Reception Christmas performances (am performance no pre-school children pm performance all welcome)
Wednesday 16th December	EYFS Intergenerational Visit to Care Home
Monday 14th December	Year 3&4 Christmas performance (am performance no pre-school children pm performance all welcome)
Wednesday 16th December	Christmas Fair
Thursday 17th December	School Christmas Dinner
Thursday 17th December	Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner
Friday 18th December	**Last day of Autumn Term**

Children return to school on Monday 4th 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.

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 House point winners are

1st 3RL **2nd 4GS** **3rd 2EP**

PATHWAY TO… Fashion Designer!

As part of our **Pathway to…** careers series, we're exploring the creative and exciting world of **fashion design!**



Fashion designers use their imagination and creativity to design clothes and accessories, choosing fabrics, colours and patterns to bring their ideas to life. They need to be creative, pay attention to detail, be good problem solvers and resilient. We want to encourage our children to be creative, think big and recognise that their interests and talents could lead to all sorts of exciting future careers. Who knows – we might have some future fashion designers here at Usworth Colliery Primary School!

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NOTICES

E-scooters, EAPCs, E-bikes, and Motorcycles

Information for parents & carers

NORTHUMBRIA POLICE

Road safety law is there to protect riders and other road users. In the event of a collision, the physical consequences can be devastating, life-changing and can ultimately result in the loss of life. Make sure that when your children ride on the roads they are doing so legally and safely with protective equipment such as helmets. Visit THINK! Road safety and Road safety - Police.uk for more information.

What does the law say?

E-scooters

NOT ROAD LEGAL for ANYONE to use

It is illegal for ANYONE to ride a private e-scooter on public land – roads, pavements and cycle paths included. In law, they are treated as motor vehicles and, because they have no number plate, often don't have rear lights or signalling ability, **they cannot be used legally in public.**

Read more here about penalties and offences.

EAPC
(electrically-assisted pedal cycle)

ROAD LEGAL for those aged 14 and over. Helmet use is advised but optional

An EAPC must have pedals meaning that the bike can be used with or without the motor, and the fitted motor must cut off at a top speed of 15.5 mph (the speed of an average pedal cyclist)

Read more here and here

Electronically powered motorcycle – "E-bike"

Whether or not these are road legal depends on certain conditions (see below)

To be road legal an E-bike must have :
- A number plate
- Brake lights
- Indicators

An E-bike without these is NOT ROAD LEGAL

Also, the rider is subject to the same licence requirements as those for a moped/scooter/motorcycle (see column to the right), and they must have insurance.

Mopeds, scooters and motorcycles

ROAD LEGAL for those aged 16 and over with a motorcycle licence. Helmet use is mandatory

A provisional driving licence is required and compulsory basic training (CBT) must be completed. The age limit will depend on the type of motorcycle – visit this link for details

What's the difference between a moped and a scooter? Basically, it's all about engine size, but read more about it here

Why are rented e-scooters road-legal?

- Renters must have at least a provisional driving licence which has category Q or P/M entitlement
- The rental company provides insurance for the rider as part of the rental agreement
- They must be ridden in approved areas and only on the road

Read the following article for tips on how to protect your motorcycle, moped or scooter from theft