



# USWORTH COLLIERY

## Weekly Newsletter

6<sup>th</sup> December 2024

### ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK

These classes have the highest attendance this week. Well done everyone!

EYFS/KS 2JB 95.45%      KS2 4EH 96.67%      Base Red 90%

**Whole school attendance – 93.22%**

Attendance has dropped this week partly due to a nasty sickness bug – Let's hope everyone is back and well for next week!

### CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Raffle tickets for our Christmas Raffle are now on sale from the office. Tickets are £1:00 per strip - money to be paid in an envelope with your child's name and class on.

### SANTA EXPERIENCE

Tickets for this event are on sale now. You should have received emails about the event this week with instructions on how to book tickets. All tickets need to be pre-paid online or in cash at the office before your slot can be confirmed. You will receive an email on **TUESDAY** confirming your time slot. Your ticket will get you into the hall where there will be a variety of stalls and refreshments to purchase. It will also include a visit to see Santa in his grotto (where there will also be face painting and glitter tattooing stall).

### SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH

We would like to invite all our children who would normally have a packed lunch the option to have a Christmas School Meal on Friday 13th December. If your child is currently on school meals there is no need for you to do anything as your child will automatically receive a Christmas Meal.

If your child is in Years 3 to 6 this meal will cost £2.74.

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or 2 this meal will be free.

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals but usually chooses a packed lunch this meal is also free.

If your child would like to order a Christmas lunch then please use the school grid system, selecting Friday 13th December. If your child is not on the system, then please email [meals@usworthcolliery.co.uk](mailto:meals@usworthcolliery.co.uk) with the following details so we can get you added on: Parent name, parent email address, parent mobile, child's name and child's class. We need to know numbers by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December so that the kitchen can order the food.

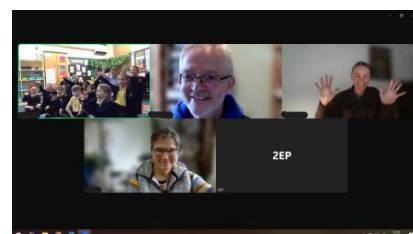


### YEAR 2 CHAPTER ONE MEET AND GREET

Some children in Year 2 have been taking part in online reading with volunteers from the literacy charity Chapter One. Chapter One's corporate volunteers from all over the country are paired with selected pupils, for the whole school year, to help boost the children's reading confidence and enjoyment. During the sessions, the child

and the volunteer read stories and play word games via a laptop and voice connection - they are unable to see each other. This week the children had an online meet and greet and loved putting a face to their online reading volunteer's voice. Chapter One also offers a free online library of books for everyone to enjoy. Find out more on their website: <https://www.chapterone.org/uk>

A special thank you goes out to one of our governors who put us in contact with the organisation!



## YEAR 1 TRIP TO ASDA

On Wednesday 1RD visited Asda at Washington as part of their history topic. They had a tour of the supermarket where Eve who works for Asda explained how the supermarket has developed. We were able to visit the bakery, opticians and pharmacy before enjoying a snack.



## EVENTS AT ST MICHAELS AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH (MICKEY'S PLACE)

Reverend Bethany McNeeley who is a school governor and also the Reverend at St Michaels and All Angels Church has sent us information about a range of events happening at the church in the run up to Christmas. Details of these events; which include a Christmas diner, a christingle and a carol service as well as breakfast with Santa. All flyers are attached to the bottom of this newsletter.

## STORING BIKES AT SCHOOL

Please make sure **all** bikes and scooters are **locked** and left in the bike storage area at the back of the school near the Y5 and Y6 entrance. We have moved the bike area to this part of the school because it is more secure. Please remind your children to lock their bikes in the storage areas provided and not leave them anywhere else on the yard. **Thank you**

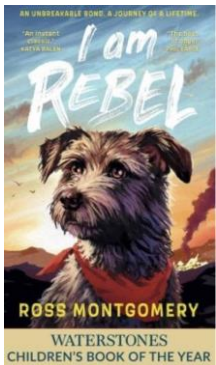
## WASHINGTON LEISURE CENTRE FREE HOLIDAY AND FOOD ACTIVITY CAMP

For the parents/guardians of children who are entitled to means tested free school meals Washington Leisure Centre have lots free spaces per day on their Christmas holiday camps. Children who attend will get a free hot meal as well as sports activities including swimming.

Dates are: Mon 23rd and Mon 30th December, Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd January ages 5 – 11 years.

From 10am – 2pm

Please call Washington Leisure Centre on 01914166642 to book your child's place and for more information



## RECOMMENDED READS AND NEW RELEASES I AM REBEL BY ROSS MONTGOMERY

A heart-warming adventure about the unbreakable bond between a dog and his human from a beloved and twice Costa-shortlisted author Ross Montgomery.

'I'm Tom's dog, and he's my human. We belong to each other.'

Rebel is a good dog, and he loves his simple, perfect life on the farm with his owner Tom – until one day the war comes too close... Now Tom is determined to join the rebellion to defeat the king's men. But Rebel knows war is dangerous, and he will stop at nothing to save the human he loves. Rebel must bring Tom home before it's too late.

## AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

**No creative Sparks Club next week due to the Santa experience – this club will continue with the current children until February half term**

**Next week is the last week of clubs as there will be no clubs running in the last week of the term  
New after school club information for the Spring term will be circulated in the New Year**

Day	Club name	Staff	Year Groups	Max number	Location
Monday	KS1 Homework	Mrs Justice	1-2	20	Base Room (Blue)
Monday	Forest School	Mrs Walker/ Mrs Prinn	Reception – 2	20	Forest School
Monday	Choir	Mrs Barella	2-6	20	3CB classroom
Monday	Lego	Mrs Green/Mrs Edmonds	1-6	15	TBC

Monday	Games & Jigsaws	Mrs Dixon	1-2	20	1RD classroom
Tuesday	KS2 Homework	Mrs Swinburn	3-6	30	6CS classroom
Tuesday	STEM	Mr Warner	5-6	15	5JW classroom
Tuesday	Sensory session	Miss Raistrick	Base & siblings	10 inc siblings	Base room (red)
Tuesday	Just Dance	Mrs Robson	1-6	10	Thrive classroom
Wednesday	Creative Sparks	Creative Sparks staff and TA	3-6	15	Mail Hall
Thursday	Multi Sports	Mr Pearson	5-6	16	Hall/field

## AUTUMN TERM DATES

Events next week New dates added

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Phoenix Programme (Monday- Wednesday)
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	1RD visiting Hardwick Park
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	The Akademiks - Rock Band Assembly
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Santa Event
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Eye Tests
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Autumn Term reports sent out to parents
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	3RL morning visit to Wharton Park (Natural Christmas)
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	3CB visiting Wharton Park (Natural Christmas)
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3&4 Christmas performance 9.30am (all welcome) & 2pm (no pre-school)
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	RLC Northern Stage Theatre Visit
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Christmas performance 9.30am (all welcome) & 2pm (no pre-school)
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Choir Singing at Willow Brook Care Home
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	RAW Northern Stage Theatre Visit
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Y3 Christmas Crafts at Washington Manor
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of Autumn Term

**Children return to school on Monday 6th January**

## 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:

1<sup>st</sup> – 3RL 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3SP 3<sup>rd</sup> – 2EP

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**GOLD**  
**active**  
**Sunderland**  
School 2021-22



ARTS COUNCIL  
ENGLAND



**Artsmark**  
**Silver Award**  
Awarded by Arts  
Council England

## NOTICES

PARISH OF USWORTH

### ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

#### WEDNESDAY EVENING ADVENT STUDY

December 4th, 11th and 18th 6pm at Holy Trinity.

#### BLUE CHRISTMAS

Blue Christmas Remembrance is a space to remember those whom we miss at Christmas.

St. Michael's from 9:30am-1pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in December.

Holy Trinity - Tuesday Dec. 17th from 10am-4pm.

#### SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES OF LIGHT

All are welcome to join us at 7pm.

December 1st - St. Michael's

December 8th - Holy Trinity

December 15th - St. Michael's

December 22nd - Holy Trinity

#### MESSY CHRISTINGLE SERVICES

All are welcome to join us for our family friendly and messy Christingle Services.

Sunday December 8th at 3pm

Sunday December 15th at 3pm

#### MICKEY'S PLACE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Saturday December 21 at St. Michael's

Tickets are available for £5/family

Booking Times: 9am-10:30am or 10:30am-12pm

#### MICKEY'S PLACE CHRISTMAS DINNER

Sunday December 22 from 1-2pm

St. Michael and All Angels Church

Tickets only: £5/person

#### CAMPFIRE CAROLS

All are welcome to join us for carols around a campfire with marshmallows and hot cocoa.

Sunday December 22 from 5pm at St. Michael's.

#### CHRISTMAS EVE CAROL SERVICES

All are welcome to join us for our family friendly Carol Services.

St. Michael's - 3pm

Holy Trinity - 7pm

#### CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS

December 24 Holy Trinity at 11pm.

#### CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

St. Michael's at 10am.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR

### Christingle Service



#### SUNDAY DECEMBER 8

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH AT 3PM

#### SUNDAY DECEMBER 15

ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH AT 3PM



For more information please contact:  
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St. Michael and All Angels Church  
Manor Road, Sulgrave

### Mickey's Place

## Children's Christmas Breakfast with Santa

Saturday December 21

#### Booking times:

9-10:30am

10:30am-12pm

**Tickets: £5/family**

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# Carol Service

**TUESDAY DECEMBER 24**

ST. MICHAEL'S - 3PM

HOLY TRINITY - 7PM

For more information please contact: Revd. Bethany McNeeley

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ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH,  
MANOR ROAD, SULGRAVE

# Christmas Campfire Carols

SUNDAY DECEMBER 22 FROM 5PM

carols, marshmallows,  
hot cocoa and mulled wine

For more information please contact: Revd. Bethany McNeeley

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