



USWORTH COLLIERY

Weekly Newsletter



6th February 2026

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	92%	4SP	91.05%
1JB	91.11%	5GS	92.22%
1JD	96.32%	5JM	96.84%
2EP	92.92%	6CS	93.04%
2PQ	94.09%	6JW	94.17%
3BB	93.04%	Base Blue	91.82%
3RD	98%	Base Yellow	97.58%
Base Red	91.49%	Thrive	92%

Congratulations to **3RD** for the best attendance this week **at 98%**

Whole school attendance **93.88%**

No classes with 100% this week, but no classes in the red zone Well done!

Remember every school day counts!

CELEBRATING NATIONAL YEAR OF READING 2026



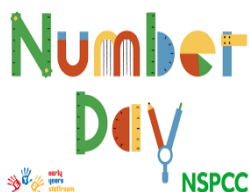
Last week all of Key Stage 1 took part in an online virtual visit with the author and illustrator of the funny book series 'Adventure Mice'. The children got to draw along with the story and the teachers have taken part too and entered a competition to win free books for school. Have a look at some of the pictures they have entered!



GO ALL IN.

National
Year of
Reading
2026

CELEBRATING NSPCC NUMBER DAY



What a great Number Day we had in school again this year. The children looked fantastic dressed in their number themed outfits and engaged so well in the number activities. This year we were visited by Sunderland University students who came to see what we were up to in maths and who were so impressed with the Mastering Number work they saw in both KS1 and KS2. I was so proud of all the children today as they showcased our super maths curriculum and demonstrated a real love of maths!



BOOKING PARENTS/CARERS MEETING APPOINTMENTS FOR WEDNESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY

An email has been sent out this week with information regarding how to book an appointment time for the parents/carer evening on the 18th February. If you have not received the email, or if you need any support booking appointments, please contact the school office

WHO HAS BEEN IN MY OFFICE THIS WEEK?

Poppy 3RD has been working very hard at home to learn her tables. She brought me a roll of paper that she had used to write out and practise 6 different times tables patterns- some of which she hasn't even been taught in school yet! Well done Poppy!

Wealth, Callie, Lottie, Kaydee and Amelia 4RL have all been working on transforming their hot writes, from a scary opening and build up into a much happier story. They did this very successfully by adapting the atmosphere. They were able to tell me that's they had changed the mood of the piece by changing the weather and using different adjectives and noun phrases and the results are absolutely superb!

Alfie 5GS has been calculating the area of compound shaped and had worked so hard he came to show me all of his calculations. He was even able to talk to me about how you can work out the area by splitting the compound shape into two rectangles. Well done Alfie, I know Mrs Skeen was very proud of you this week!

Harry and Travis 6JW have been researching about Mayan gods. Travis had drawn a super picture and produced a fact file describing Itzamna, the creator god and explaining how he created the world. Harry had written a report describing the Mayan creation story detailing the different attempts by the gods to create humans that could worship them. Both pieces of work were very impressive and the depth of their research was very evident. Well done boys!

Jacob, Saphira and Darcy brought their final hot writes where they have transformed a section of the play Macbeth into a narrative or story. I was so impressed with their language choices, sentence structure and the way they described the settings using detail and adjectives that not only brought the writing to life but gave the reader clues to the horror that was about to unfold! Super work well done!

COMMUNITY EVENTS UPDATE

Please see the most recent flyers school have been sent from local support groups and community groups. This week we have posters for:

Free outdoor play sessions for autistic children and families, information from the Community Mental Health Hub and a SEND Family Fun Day at the Beacon of Light in April. There is also a flyer from Sunderland Aquatic centre advertising their swimming club (see the bottom of the newsletter for details)

RECOMMENDED READS AND NEW RELEASES

THE GIRL WHO RACED THE WORLD BY NAT HARRISON



It is 1872 and, when Maggie Appleton's beloved mother dies, she is left with nothing but a letter for a mysterious stranger called Passepartout. With nowhere else to turn, Maggie seeks out Passepartout and, in doing so, is drawn into an adventure beyond her wildest dreams. Together with Passepartout's employer, the enigmatic Mr Phileas Fogg, Maggie journeys to Italy, India, Hong Kong, Japan and America, in a daring race against time to win the wager Mr Fogg has accepted.

But with a bank robber on the loose, an angry Inspector on their tail and unread secrets in her mother's letter, Maggie soon discovers that there is much more at stake than keeping on schedule to win the bet. Who can she really trust - and will she ever find out where she truly belongs?

SPRING TERM AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

Please could all parents use the gates on the KS2 (Year 6) yard when collecting the children from After School Clubs.

Day	Club name	Staff	Year Groups	Location
Monday	Forrest school	Mrs Walker/Mrs Prinn	Rec-2	Forrest school
Monday	Construction Club	Mrs Jones	Rec-6	Yellow Base
Monday	Book club	Miss Brown	3-6	2JB classroom
Monday	Lego Club	Mrs Edmunds/Mrs Green	1-6	Art Room
Monday	Jigsaw and Games	Mrs Calcutt	Rec-6	KS2 intervention room
Tuesday	Jewellery Making	Mrs Dixon	3-6	3 RD classroom
Tuesday	Film Club	Mrs Henderson	2-6	4EP classroom
Tuesday	Skiping Club	Mrs Burrell	3-6	Hall
Wednesday	Creative Sparks	Culture Start (external provider)	3-6	Hall or Art Room

SPRING TERM DATES

Events next week

New information added

Monday 9 th February	Year 5 Bikeability week.
Wednesday 18 th February	Parents Evening
Friday 20 th February	School closes for half term
HALF TERM	
Monday 2 nd March	School opens for all pupils
Monday 2 nd March	6CS Safetyworks
Tuesday 3 rd March	6JW Safetyworks
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Wednesday 11 th March	Science is my Superpower (Newcastle pm)
Monday 16 th March	RAW Hall Hill Farm
Tuesday 17 th March	RLC Pizza Express
Wednesday 18 th March	2026 Y6 SATs meeting for parents
Wednesday 18 th March	Year 5 visit to Life Centre
Friday 20 th March	RLC Hall Hill Farm
Monday 23 rd March	Rocksteady Concert 10am
Monday 23 rd March	RLC Library Visit
Wednesday 25 th March	Dance Festival
Tuesday 24 th March	RAW Pizza Express
Friday 27 th March	KS1 Easter Performance (am for Y1 parents)
Friday 27 th March	KS1 Easter Performance (pm for Y2 parents)
Monday 30 th March	Base Blue and Thrive visit to SafetyWorks (am)
Tuesday 31 st March	4SP Washington Arts Centre
Wednesday 1 st April	4EH Washington Arts Centre
Wednesday 1 st April	5GS visit to Ouseburn
Thursday 2 nd April	5JM visit to Ouseburn
Thursday 2 nd April	Easter Egg Competition
Thursday 2 nd April	Spring Term reports sent out to parents
Thursday 2 nd April	School closes for the Easter Holidays

Children return to school on Tuesday 21st April

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 classes with the most house points are:

1st–RAW 2nd– 6JW 3rd–6CS

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NOTICES

autistic children

For autistic children aged 5-11



Session dates:

16-20th
February
Spaces are limited to six per session.



Session times:

10:00 - 11:30AM
1:00 - 2:30PM
Morning and afternoons will be repeated activities.



Location:

Howdon Family
Hub, Howden
Lane, Wallsend,
NE2 80A



About the session:

These sessions will provide an opportunity for children to experience a variety of play based activities, making use of indoor and outdoor space.

The session will be facilitated by a member of NEAS team and rise, parents are requested to stay on site with their child during the session.



To express interest for a space please contact
Kerrie.Highcock@ne-as.org.uk

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Stadium Park, SR5 1SU
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Support With Anxiety

Experiencing anxiety or know someone who is?



Between January and March the Community Mental Health Hubs in Pennywell and Washington, are working with various partners to provide support. We understand anxiety is not caused by a single thing. So, we have a range of activities, courses and drop in sessions organised with more planned.

To get involved scan the QR code or email sgpa.cmhh@nhs.net



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pennywell	16/02/26 9:30 - 1.00 Intro to Children & Adolescent Mental Health	10/02/26 1.00 - 3.00 & 17/03/26 1.00-3.00 Cost of Living Advice & Support Drop In	04/02/26 1.00 - 3.00 WRAP 4 week course 25/02/26 10:30 - 11:30 Mindfulness Session	05/03/26 1.00-3.00 Emotional Resilience, 5 week course 26/02/26 10:30 - 3:30 Older Persons Drop In	06/02/26 9.00 - 11.00 Smoking Cessation Drop In
Washington	16/03/26 9:30 - 1.00 Intro to Children & Adolescent Mental Health	17/02/26 1.00 - 3.00 & 10/03/26 1.00-3.00 Cost of Living Advice & Support Drop In	04/03/26 1.00 - 3.00 WRAP 4 week course 11/03/26 10:30 - 11:30 Mindfulness Session	22/01/26 - 26/02/26 2:30 - 4.00 Drug & Alcohol Drop In 29/01/26 1.00 - 3.00 Emotional Resilience, 5 week course	To Be Confirmed email the Hub for the most up-to-date information and timetable

Rainbow Guide Live!



SEND Family Fun Day for all the family!

Sports Activities • Circus activities • Face Painter • Glitter Tattoos • Dancing • Under the sea Sensory space • Farm animals • Small lap animals • Bouncy Castles • Story Time • Fire engines • Activities • Information Stalls • Fun Stalls • Carnival Hair Braids • And Much More!

No need to book, stay all day or drop in and out!

When: 16th April 2026
Where: Beacon of Light Sunderland
Time: 10am - 2pm

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