



### 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	100%	4EH	92.34%
RLC	88%	4SP	99.47%
1JB	92.22%	5GS	97.78%
1JD	91.58%	5JM	97.89%
2EP	92.08%	6CS	93.91%
2PQ	98.18%	6JW	96.67%
3BB	96.52%	Base Blue	100%
3RD	98%	Base Yellow	98.39%
Base Red	97.87%	Thrive	96%

Congratulations to **RAW and Base Blue** for the best attendance this week at **100%**

Whole school attendance this week **95.68%**

**A super week this week, let's keep it up! Remember every school day counts!**

### UCPS GIRLS FOOTBALL TEAM UPDATE

On Tuesday, the girls' football team travelled to Rickleton to kick-start the second half of the league season with a fantastic set of performances. The first match against St Joseph's showcased strong attacking play, with excellent work down the wings and high-quality deliveries into the box creating real goal-scoring opportunities. The team secured a brilliant 3–0 victory, with goals from Darcey and Saphira.

Next up was an exciting game against Rickleton, where the players took everything in their stride and impressed once again, finishing with a 4–0 win. Jasmine added her name to the scoresheet, celebrating in style, while Lola made an outstanding save by tipping a penalty over the crossbar. Despite Rickleton being allowed to add an extra player while 4–0 down, the team remained determined, defended superbly and kept another clean sheet.

The final match against Biddick was a hard-fought, end-to-end contest, with excellent play from both sides, ending in a 0–0 draw. The team were extremely proud to have kept clean sheets all evening.

Players' Player: Leela – for her positive and respectful attitude towards all players and staff, along with her determination and resilience on the pitch.

Manager's Player: Amelia – for her growing confidence and willingness to go into tackles, showing fantastic improvement.

**Mrs Skeen**

### WHO HAS BEEN IN MY OFFICE THIS WEEK?

**Lincoln RLC**, came to tell me that he had been on the class treasure chest for god behaviour all day and that he had worked super hard in phonics and maths. He even brought his number formation sheet to show me where he had correctly written all the numbers from 0-20 in order and properly formed! Such a great start to the half term Lincoln, well done!

**Grace and Amara RLC** brought me some super writing. They have been reading a book called Billy and The Beast and the girls decided to write recipes for the silly soup from the story. Their recipes were exciting and a little bit silly! Well done girls, keep up the hard work!

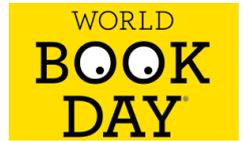
## WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day was an amazing success thanks to the enthusiastic participation of our children, parents, and staff. It was wonderful to see so many members of our school community excited about books and celebrating a wide range of genres. Throughout the day, a variety of activities and events took place across the school. Every class enjoyed reading 'The Dot' by Peter H. Reynolds and used the story as inspiration to express their creativity in many different ways. There were also several engaging online author visits that classes were able to take part in during the day. Each child went home with a special World Book Day book as well as a book token to continue their reading journey.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the day so memorable and enjoyable for our whole school community.

As part of our work on reading this year The Spotlight for World Book Day is now live on our website and you can see the different activities your children have been taking part in by following the link below

<https://www.usworthcolliery.co.uk/blog/2026-03-06-07-00-subjects-in-the-spotlight>



## YEAR 6 YOUTH CLUB

Please see the poster at the bottom of this newsletter advertising the Year 6 youth club opening this week and then on every Wednesday at the Sulgrave Centre. Leaflets will also be handed out to our Y6 children in school this week

## GUIDES AND BROWIES

We have been contacted by our local Girlguiding team, who are currently welcoming new members across their Brownies (ages 7–10), Guides (ages 10–14), and Rangers (ages 14–18) groups. They are also looking for adults who may be interested in volunteering.

Girlguiding offers girls a safe, supportive space to build confidence, learn new skills, make friends, and enjoy exciting activities. Volunteering roles are flexible and come with full support and training, making them suitable for a wide range of ages and commitments. They would love our help in sharing the following opportunities:

- Joining a local Girlguiding unit for girls aged 7–18
- Adult volunteer roles for anyone interested in supporting the groups
- Information about how to get involved, whether as a member or volunteer

Please see the posters and information from Girlguiding at the bottom of the newsletter, which include further details and how to register interest.

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUB INFORMATION

### **Clarification around arrangements for children walking home from after-school clubs.**

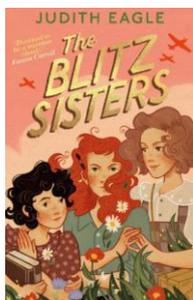
We have reviewed our original decision, which stated that children could only walk home alone from after school clubs after Easter. Following feedback from families with multiple siblings attending different clubs on different days, and to support increased attendance at our Year 6 Booster sessions, we are making a change. In addition, the lighter nights now mean it is safer for children to walk home independently at this time of year, which has also influenced our decision.

**From this week, any child who already has a signed parental permission form allowing them to walk home from school will now also be allowed to walk home from after-school clubs.**

Please remember that children will only be permitted to walk home from school or from after-school clubs if a parental permission form has been completed and signed. If you need a new form, please contact the school office.

### **Reminder of collection routines**

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



## RECOMMENDED READS AND NEW RELEASES

### THE BLITZ SISTERS BY JUDITH EAGLE

War has been declared and the lives of three sisters, Lydia, Peggy and Teddy, are about to be turned upside down. As bombs rain down on London, the girls will lose their homes, their things, their loved ones . . . But they will find lost kittens, friendships with fellow rebels, the need for art, the strength and love to carry on, and a greater sense of family than ever. And with each other's help and with the radical changes to society that war brings, the three sisters will discover the essence of who they truly are.

## 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	Forest 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	Skipping 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

### HALF TERM

Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Science is my Superpower (Newcastle pm)
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	RAW Hall Hill Farm
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	RLC Pizza Express
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	2026 Y6 SATs meeting for parents
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 visit to Life Centre
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	RAW Hall Hill Farm
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Rocksteady Concert 10am
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	RLC Library Visit
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	EYFS at the Dance Festival
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	RLC Pizza Express
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	KS1 Easter Performance (am for Y1 parents)
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	KS1 Easter Performance (pm for Y2 parents)
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Base Blue and Thrive visit to SafetyWorks (am)
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	4SP Washington Arts Centre
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	4EH Washington Arts Centre
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	5GS visit to Ouseburn
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	5JM visit to Ouseburn
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Easter Egg Competition
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Spring Term reports sent out to parents
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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-4SP 2nd- 2EP 3rd-5GS**

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## NOTICES

### YEAR 6 YOUTH CLUB

**STARTING 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

The place to hang out, make friends & have fun!

- Games • Music • Arts & Crafts • Chill time • Pool • Table Tennis • Cooking • Karaoke

Every week is something new and it's FREE!

#### ★ WHEN & WHERE

Sulgrave Centre

Wednesdays

4:30 - 6:30 PM

#### ★ WHO CAN COME?

All **Year 6** students

Bring a friend!

#### ★ DON'T MISS OUT!

Come once... you'll want to come every week!



#### ★ WHY JOIN?

- Make new friends
- Try new things
- Have fun after school
- Be yourself in a safe place
  - Create things
  - Learn new skills

#### ★ WHO RUNS IT?

Oxclose & District Young Peoples Project

Friendly youth workers who are there to support you and make sure everyone has fun.

For more information contact us on 0191 4173382

Find us on Facebook: Oxclose and District Young Peoples Project





We open up a **world of possibilities** to girls from 4-18-years-old, one where they **can do anything.**

**It's totally flexible,** you can help as much or as little as you want.

Join us for nonstop fun, learning and adventures.

**Your local Girlguiding group needs:**  
We have several units, within Washington & Houghton who needs your help. Register your interest.



**Register today**



Registered charity number: Excepted from registration

[girlguiding.org.uk/volunteer](http://girlguiding.org.uk/volunteer)

**'I had never climbed before. I was scared of heights. But I climbed and rang the bell all by myself and felt really proud of myself'**  
**Poonam**

**Brownies**  
Washington & Houghton Division

**Girls have nonstop fun, learning and adventure**  
for ages 7 to 10

At Brownies, we welcome all girls to explore their creative side, get out into the great outdoors and start to learn to look after themselves, others and the world we live in.

Girlguiding  
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Join a local Brownies group [girlguiding.org.uk/joinus](http://girlguiding.org.uk/joinus)

**'Guides is the most adventurous thing... It gives you the opportunity to meet people and see things you wouldn't normally see, and it's just an amazing experience'**  
**Bryony**

**Guides**  
Washington & Houghton Division

**Girls laugh, learn and expand their horizons**  
for ages 10 to 14

At Guides, all girls are welcome to enjoy our fun-filled space, where she'll make good friends, learn to be herself, explore what she loves and do stuff she's never done before!

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