



USWORTH COLLIERY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

6th June 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!**

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| RAW | 93.81% | 3CB | 96% |
| RLC | 86.96% | 3RL | 95.22% |
| 1BD | 92.92% | 4EH | 94.44% |
| 1RD | 90.8% | 4SP | 91.67% |
| 2EP | 91.43% | 5GS | 97.6% |
| 2JB | 85.5% | 5JW | 90.83% |
| Base Red | 89% | 6CS | 94.58% |
| Base Yellow | 94.26% | 6JM | 90.77% |
| Base Blue | 92.73% | Thrive | 90% |

This week's winner of the 100% attendance certificate and Just Eat voucher is **Alice** in **Base Red**
 Congratulations to **5GS** for the best attendance this week at **97.6%**
 Whole school attendance **92.14%**

CLASS PHOTOS

On Tuesday next week we have Phototronics in school to take the end of year class photos. We must have parental consent for your child to be included in their class photograph. Please check your emails for the consent form. There is no obligation to purchase the photographs but we must have consent to allow each child to be photographed by Phototronics.

AFRICA DAY



In school on Tuesday, we celebrated Africa Day. The children came into school in bright colours or traditional African dress and they all looked absolutely wonderful. We were really fortunate to have one of our Governors in school alongside some other parents who offered to talk to the children about life and culture in Africa. The children had a great day celebrating and asked lots of insightful questions. Thank you to everyone who supported us in running this exciting day.



BASE BLUE AND THRIVE'S INSPIRING PARK VISIT



This week, Base Blue and Thrive had a wonderful time visiting our local park, where they were treated to a special storytelling session by local illustrator and storyteller, Hannah Graham. The children were absolutely captivated by her magical tales and imaginative illustrations. A huge thank you to Vicky Calder, Lyla's grandma, for kindly organising such a fantastic experience. The children were fascinated, intrigued, and fully immersed in the stories – it was a truly memorable day!

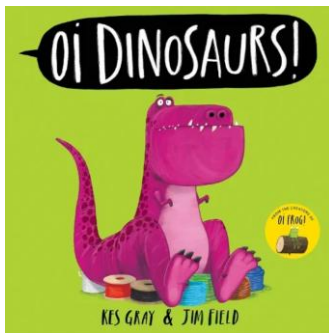
DT REQUEST FROM MRS SHELDON

This term in design technology children in year 6 will be using recycled material to create their own bug hotel. If you have any empty 2 litre plastic pop bottles, please could you collect them and send them into school. Thank you. **Mrs Sheldon (Art and DT teacher)**

WHO HAS BEEN IN MY OFFICE THIS WEEK?

Scarlett 6JS has been writing an Amazon book review on the biography of Mart Anning, who was a famous fossil hunter. Scarlett was so knowledgeable about both Mary and fossils and it was obvious she had really researched into the subject. Her final book report was beautifully written and well presented. Well done Scarlett. **John, Nancy, Bryan, Lyla and AJ** have all been reading the story The Enormous Turnip. They had learned the story and re written it using some of the key phrases from the original book. Bryan could tell me that they all had turnip for tea at the end of the story and Lyla explained that the turnip was enormous, enough for everyone!

RECOMMENDED READS AND NEW RELEASES OI DINOSAURS! BY KES GRAY



According to Frog, in dinosaur times sitting down hadn't been invented. So . . .
Pterosaurs didn't sit on bendy straws?

Velociraptors didn't sit on plug adaptors?

And Triceratops didn't sit on lollipops?

Join Frog, Cat and Dog for oodles of prehistoric rhyming fun packed with dinosaurs, mammoths and - of course - prehistoric frogs! With over 3 million copies sold across this beloved series, this hilarious new rhyming story from Kes Gray and Jim Field is the perfect picture book to share together. Guaranteed to get little dinosaurs-fans giggling. Perfect for Reception children and even younger ones!

OUR GEOGRAPHY AMBASSADORS AT WASHINGTON OLD HALL

Before the holidays, our Geography Ambassadors visited Washington Old Hall to continue their work with the



National Trust on the Blossom Project. The children used digital recorders to record sounds from both physical and human features. The children then interviewed each other about sounds, spring and the natural world before collecting various items which will be made into a collage. Finally, they planted sunflower and carrot seeds and even got to take some home. The Ambassadors are looking forward to seeing the finished collage and soundscape which will be on display at Washington Old Hall in July.



CAREERS FAIR

Before the holidays, we were pleased to host our second careers fair for Year 3 and Year 4 based on apprenticeships. We welcomed various construction companies, HMRC, Siemens, New College Durham and Springboard. The children were able to discuss various apprenticeship options and discover how they are a fantastic way to start a career of your choice, learn invaluable, hands-on skills and also get paid while you learn. To see more about our careers



teaching follow the link to the webpage <https://www.usworthcolliery.co.uk/learning/career-related-learning>

PRIVATE SINGING LESSONS AT THE TOP CLUB

Meg Halliday is offering singing tuition from the Top Club under the name Halliday Arts Tuition. Meg is an experienced vocal tutor with a thoughtful and encouraging approach. Please see the flyer at the bottom of the newsletter for more information.

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS FOR THE SUMMER TERM

| Day | Club name | Staff | Year Groups |
|-----------|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Monday | Mindful Colouring | Mrs Allen | 3-6 |
| Monday | Art Club | Miss Coxon | Rec-2 |
| Monday | Book club | Miss Brown | 2-6 |
| Monday | Exercise Games | Miss Armstrong | 3-4 |
| Monday | Construction Club | Mrs Justice | 2-3 |
| Tuesday | Film club | Mrs Jones | 1-6 |
| Tuesday | Lego Club | Mrs Edmunds/Mrs Green | 1-6 |
| Wednesday | Creative Sparks | Culture Start | 3-6 |
| Thursday | KS1 Homework | Miss Davidson | 1-2 |
| Thursday | Friends of God - FOG | Mrs Burrell | 2-4 |

SUMMER TERM DATES

Events next week

New dates added

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| Monday 9 th June | Phonics screener week |
| Monday 9 th June | MTC Screener week 2 |
| Monday 9 th June | Kooth visiting Y6 |
| Tuesday 10 th June | Class Photos |
| Tuesday 10 th June | Rise Family Learning Morning |
| Wednesday 11 th June | Year 2 Sing Sunderland |
| Friday 13 th June | Year 1 Centre for Life |
| Tuesday 17 th June | Year 1 Centre for Life |
| Friday 20 th June | PSHCE/Mental Health Open Morning |
| Friday 20 th June | RLC - Library visit |
| Tuesday 24 th June | Y5 and Y6 Careers Fair |
| Wednesday 25 th June | Reception Edinburgh Zoo |
| Tuesday 1 st July | Year 6 Transition to secondary days (3 days) |
| Tuesday 1 st July | Reception Mini Movers Intergenerational Visit |
| Thursday 3 rd July | London trip (Thursday and Friday) |
| Wednesday 9 th July | Year 4 WW2 Beamish Trip |
| Friday 11 th July | Y2 visiting Sunderland Marina Oyster Project |
| Monday 14 th July | Rocksteady Summer concert (am) |
| Monday 14 th July | EYFS/KS1 Sports afternoon |
| Monday 14 th July | 6JM Wilderness Trip |
| Tuesday 15 th July | 6CS Wilderness Trip |
| Tuesday 15 th July | Reception Rise Family Learning |
| Wednesday 16 th July | Reception Rise Family Learning |
| Wednesday 16 th July | KS2 Sports afternoon |
| Thursday 17 th July | Y6 Leavers Performances (9:30am and 5:30pm) |
| Friday 18 th July | Reports sent home |
| Monday 21 st July | EYFS/KS1 Celebration assembly |
| Tuesday 22 nd July | KS2 Celebration Assembly |
| Wednesday 23 rd July | Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9:15am |
| Monday 8th September - School re-opens for children. | |

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:

1st – 5JW 2nd – 3RL 3rd – 6CS

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Are you ready to take your singing to the next level?

Whether you're a beginner or an experienced performer,

Halliday ◦ Arts ◦ Tuition

offers private singing lessons tailored to your unique voice and goals!



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Is your child starting reception soon?



Join us at the Millennium Centre for our drop-in sessions, where we'll help you and your child get ready for reception.

These sessions offer support and advice from various teams, including:

- Sunderland Community Children and Young Peoples Mental Health Service (SCCYPMHS)
- Sunderland 0-19 Service
- Family Hubs and Speech and Language
- Occupational Therapy
- Choice Wellbeing
- Sunderland Parent Carer Forum
- Transitions team

Wednesday 11th June

Millennium Centre

Washington

9am - 12pm

**Soft play
entry
discounted
to £2.50**