



# USWORTH COLLIERY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025

## ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK

These classes have the highest attendance this week. Well done everyone who achieved 100% attendance this week!

EYFS/KS1 1RD 95.6%      KS2 4EH 100%      Base Red 94%

Whole school attendance – 93.09%

## SPRING TERM PARENTS/CARERS MEETINGS

We are holding our Spring Term parent/carer meetings on Wednesday 12th March and you are now able to sign up for appointments using our electronic form to arrange a time to meet your child's teacher, discuss how they are doing at school and also get the opportunity to see their work. You will need to complete a separate form for each child and tick all the time slots that you are available.

The office will then get back to you with your allocated ten-minute meeting time. All instructions are on the form. Please use the link below to access the form:

<https://forms.office.com/e/i9fTGExqPh>

Thrive appointments are only available from 3.30pm onwards.

Base parent's meetings have been arranged individually and you should have already received a date for this

Thank you for your continued support, we look forward to seeing you all there.

## DERWENT HILL RESIDENTIAL VISIT DECEMBER 2025

An email was sent out last week containing details for the Derwent Hill Residential Visit in December 2025. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children to engage in exciting outdoor learning, develop confidence, resilience, and social skills. If you have a child in the current Y4 or Y5 who would be interested in taking part in this trip, or you would like some more information, please check your emails, ask at the office for a paper copy of the letter or visit the Derwent Hill website. <https://www.derwenthill.co.uk/>



## UCPS GIRLS FOOTBALL UPDATE

On Thursday evening, the girls football team headed back to Washington Leisure Centre for the second session of Futsal fixtures. The girls were excited to get started and had even organised their own warm-up before I arrived. Our first match was against JFK. The girls showed brilliant team work and a dedication to keeping possession with all players tracking back and preventing attacks from the opposition. Jade opened the scoring with a well-timed strike before Jessie-May followed suit with a clever shot past the keeper, making the score line 2-0. Unfortunately, in the last seconds of the game JFK managed to sneak past our defence to make the final score 2-1. Next up was Holley Park who are our closest competition on the Futsal league table. We were lucky to have 3 substitutes for this game. The girls did a brilliant job of transitioning on and off the pitch with super communication being shown between all players. We were over the moon to score another goal in this game but the match ended in a 3-1 loss. All of the girls are going from strength to strength with their skills and confidence on the pitch. The players player this week was Jade for her determination in challenges. The manager's player was Zoe for being a flexible member of the team, who is a true team player. **The futsal fixtures continue next Thursday 4pm - 5pm at Washington Leisure Centre.**

## LEGO LEAGUE

A big pat on the back to the team from Year 6 who took part in the Sunderland heats of the First Lego League at Nissan this year. The girls & boy did us proud, working well as a team to overcome some tricky challenges. They started the day on a score of 105 and managed to improve this by 20 points, finishing the competition on 125! Out of the 6 models that were attempted, 5 were successfully conquered. Throughout the day they showed super resilience & confidence, presenting their ideas and designs to a panel of engineers from Nissan. Well done everyone! & a big thank you to Nissan for making this possible. **Mr Arthur**



## SPOTLIGHT ON PSHCE

### CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK



AS part of Mental Health week this week the children have been working to understand themselves and their feelings. We followed the Mental Health Week theme of 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself' which encourages us to identify our feelings and think about ways we can recognise those feelings when they arise and work to understand them better. To see some of the work we have completed this week please follow the link below to our webpage.



<https://www.usworthcolliery.co.uk/blog/2025-01-31-09-00-00-subjects-in-the-spotlight>

## SCIENCE IS MY SUPERPOWER!



Last Saturday, a group of girls from Y5 attended the second Saturday morning session of the 'Science Is My Super Power' project with New High School for Girls. This week, the girls explored DNA by creating DNA necklaces linking the different strands (did you know adenine is bound to thymine and guanine to cytosine?) and then extracted DNA from a banana! The final task for them was to show team work and collaboration skills by creating towers. The girls were, as always, great ambassadors for the school, immersing themselves into really cool science. Well done everyone!

**Mrs Swinburn and Mrs Calcutt.**

## WHO HAS BEEN IN MY OFFICE THIS WEEK?

**Jayden Thrive** came to show me his independent maths work. He had come into school and set about completing his morning task without being asked and without any help. He was so proud of himself and his teacher was too! Earlier in the week Jayden also read his reading book to me and I was thrilled with how well he read and how much better his reading is getting. What a week for you Jayden, well done!

**Riley Base Red** came to show me his good manners he had been practising saying please and thank you and when I gave him a shiny sticker, he was able to thank you me without any prompting. Super work Riley!

**Henry and Dilan Base Yellow** came to tell me about how well they are turn taking. They were playing 'Shopping list' and 'Lunchbox' and they helped each other remember whose turn it was. Then they did a number jigsaw together working cooperatively! Well done boys!

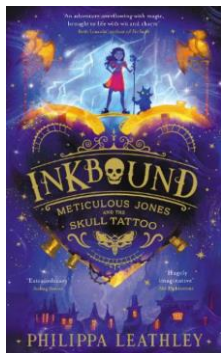
## CHEWING GUM- UGH!

When cleaning the dinner hall after lunchtime, the kitchen staff have discovered used chewing gum in the cutlery tray, stuck under the dinner tables and on the bottom of plates and trays. I have spoken to the children about how this is unhygienic and also disrespectful of those who have to clean the dinner hall. I have also explained how difficult gum is to remove. I have reminded them that chewing gum should not be brought into school. Please can I ask parents and carers to support me by reminding the children that they should not bring gum of any kind into school. Thank you for your support with this.

**Alison Forster**

## RECOMMENDED READS AND NEW RELEASES

### INKBOUND: METICULOUS JONES AND THE SKULL TATTOO BY PHILIPPA LEATHLEY



Enter an extraordinary magical adventure about family, fate and finding the courage to be truly yourself – perfect for fans of Nevermoor, Lemony Snicket and The Swifts. On her tenth birthday, Meticulous ‘Metty’ Jones receives her fate, as all children do, in the form of a magical tattoo on her hand. She hopes that her tattoo will reveal an exciting destiny: travel, discovery or adventure. What appears is a skull in the palm of a violet glove – Metty’s fate is to be a murderer. When Metty’s father disappears in mysterious circumstances, Aunt Magnificent takes her to the glittering city of New London, filled with magic, wonder and enchantment. But when Metty hears rumours of a shadowy organisation known as the Black Moths, she begins to suspect they are connected to her own dark fate ...

### AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

Day	Club name	Staff	Year Groups
Monday	Lego	Mrs Edmonds/Mrs Green	1-6
Monday	Mindful Colouring	Mrs Allen	3-6
Monday	Forrest School	Mrs Prinn/Mrs Walker	Rec-2
Monday	KS1 Homework	Miss Coxon	1-2
Monday	Jewellery Making	Mrs Dixon	1-3
Monday	Book Club	Miss Brown	3-6
Tuesday	Film Club	Mrs Jones	1-6
Tuesday	Multi Sports	Mr Pearson	3 and 4
Tuesday	KS2 Homework	Mrs Henderson	3-6
Tuesday	Choir	Mrs Barella	2-6
Thursday	Hama Bead Crafting	Mrs Burrell	1-3
Thursday	Skipping	Miss Armstrong	2-4

### SPRING TERM DATES

Events next week    New dates added

Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Bikeability Week (Year 5)
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	EYFS Cat in the Hat Stay and Play
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Reception Mini Movers Intergenerational Visits
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	RAW to the Discovery Museum
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	RLC to the Discovery Museum
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 5/6 Swimming Competition
<span style="color: cyan;">Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February</span>	<span style="color: cyan;">Year 1 Parents Phonics Meeting</span>
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>School closes for half term</b>
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Staff INSET DAY (no pupils in school)
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	<b>School opens for all pupils</b>
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception Mini Movers Intergenerational Visits
<span style="color: cyan;">Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March</span>	<span style="color: cyan;">Parents' Meetings</span>
<span style="color: cyan;">Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March</span>	<span style="color: cyan;">Y6 SATs information meeting 5pm</span>
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	5GS trip to Ouseburn
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	5JW trip to Ouseburn
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	KS1 Girls football event
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Y6 Phoenix Programme
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Y6 Phoenix Programme
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Reception Mini Movers Intergenerational Visits
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	Y6 Phoenix Programme Final Presentation
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Y1/Y2 Easter Performance for Y1 parents (am)

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April

Y1/Y2 Easter Performance for Y2 parents (pm)  
School closes for the Easter Holidays  
Children return to school on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April

## 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> – 6JM 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3RL 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4EH

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## NOTICES



**Visit our...  
new  
website**



We have a new website where you'll find lots of information about the services we provide and how we can help you.

You can find the Sunderland Mental Health Support Service: Healthy Heads Team website by visiting [www.stsftmentalhealth.nhs.uk](http://www.stsftmentalhealth.nhs.uk) or scan the QR code using the camera on your mobile phone.



If you would like your child to access the service, please speak to your child's school.



**helping and supporting you: Healthy Heads Team**  
Service provided by South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust