



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	97.73%	4EH	88.04%
RLC	90.48%	4SP	98.03%
1JB	94.74%	5GS	92.11%
1JD	91.25%	5JM	96.05%
2EP	86.84%	6CS	90.11%
2PQ	93.64%	6JW	91.05%
3BB	89.44%	Base Blue	100%
3RD	97.47%	Base Yellow	94.39%
Base Red	84.62%		

Congratulations to **Base Blue** for the best attendance this week at **100%** and to **4SP** with **98%**

Whole school attendance this week was **92.61%**

Remember every school day counts!

WHO HAS BEEN IN MY OFFICE THIS WEEK?

Benny RLC made his own book version of We Are Going on A Bear Hunt using all the repeated phrased including 'swishy swashy' and 'we'll have to go though it!' His writing was super and he was able to recite the whole story to me with great enthusiasm. Well done Benny Keep up the hard work! Today, **Oliver** and **Isaac** in **5JM** came to see Mrs Moore because they had been working really hard in maths, producing some very impressive work focusing on prime and common multiples. Well done both of you!

TO ALL OUR WONDERFUL YEAR 6 CHILDREN

As SATs week begins on Monday 11th May, we want you to know just how proud we are of every single one of you. Since September, you have all worked incredibly hard, shown determination, resilience and courage, and given your very best throughout the year. Remember, SATs are only a small snapshot of what you can do — they do not measure your kindness, creativity, humour, friendships or the unique talents that make you who you are. You are already amazing individuals, and nothing on a test paper can change that. Believe in yourselves, try your best, and know that we are all cheering you on every step of the way!

A reminder that our Y6 SATS breakfast club starts on Monday at 8am - **children to come through the main office doors** and we will meet them in the hall. Thank you.



SPOTLIGHT ON MATHS

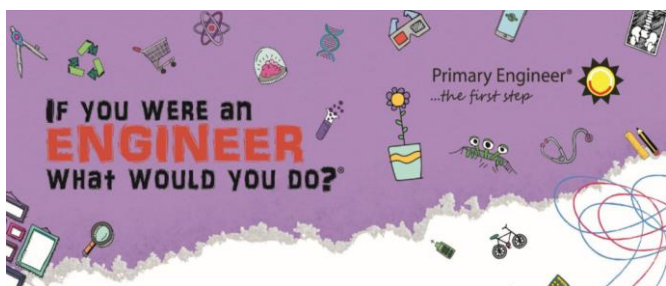


This year, our maths focus has been developing spatial reasoning skills. Through practical activities, puzzles and problem-solving tasks, the children are learning to think carefully about shape, space and position. These important skills help to support learning across all areas of maths. To see the work we have been doing please follow the link below.

<https://www.usworthcolliery.co.uk/blog/2026-05-08-10-00-subjects-in-the-spotlight>

IMPRESSIVE YEAR 4 STEM WORK!

In March, Year 4 participated in the 'If you were an engineer...' project linked to careers in STEM and science week. This project included in-person and online interviews with real-life engineers to understand the many differing roles in the field. The children then needed to source an everyday problem that could be solved using engineering. After much thought, the children then sketched, labelled and explained their designs ready to be sent off to engineers to be evaluated. Each design submitted, was looked at and graded by an engineer as a Pass, Merit, Distinction or Shortlisted.



Those who were shortlisted were sent to VIP judges to be further evaluated; many of our pupils' designs reached this stage! The children who participated in this project had great fun, wonderful initiative and design ideas and enjoyed learning different avenues of engineering. Well done Year 4, you should all be extremely proud of your achievements!

Mrs Henderson & Mrs Lowe

POLITE REMINDER REGARDING BIKES AND SCOOTERS

It is lovely to see so many children choosing to cycle or scoot to school, and we hope even more will do so as the warmer weather continues.

Please can we remind all children not to ride bikes or scooters across the school yard. This also includes siblings who do not attend our school and older children collecting pupils. The playground can become very busy at drop-off and pick-up times, and this is to help keep everyone safe and avoid accidents.

If your child does travel to school by bike or scooter, please remind them

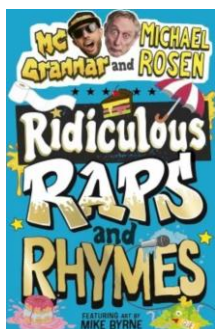
that these must be **stored at the back of the KS2 playground**, out of sight from the road. This helps to reduce the risk of theft.

Thank you as always for your continued support.



RECOMMENDED READS AND NEW RELEASES

RIDICULOUS RAPS AND RHYMES BY MICHAEL ROSEN AND MC GRAMMAR



Megastar rapper and literacy ambassador MC Grammar teams up with legendary children's poet Michael Rosen for a collection of seriously silly raps and rhymes about chocolate cakes, hissing snakes and scary books.

Parental advisory: Extremely silly poems inside!!!

From two master storytellers, comes a hilarious, high-energy rhyming adventure! Get ready for a rapping and rhyming quest like no other. From school to the zoo, the beach and the museum, riotously funny and wildly ridiculous poems that will take the reader on a one-of-a-kind adventure, with MC Grammar and Michael 'the mic' Rosen as their guide.

SCHOOL VACCINATION INFORMATION

From July, your local NHS school age immunisation service will contact parents and guardians directly to ask for consent rather than letters coming from the school.

You'll receive an email or text message from the NHS with a link to an online consent form.

You can use the online form to:

- give consent for your child to be vaccinated
- say you do not want your child to be vaccinated
- update your contact details if needed

If you have questions about vaccinations or the consent form, please contact the immunisation team at immunisations.s-st@intrahealth.co.uk

SUMMER 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	Mindful Movement	Miss Coxon	Rec-2	RLC classroom
Monday	Film Club	Mrs Jones	1-6	Base Blue
Monday	Lego Club	Mrs Edmunds/Mrs Green	1-6	Art Room
Monday	Games club	Mrs Calcutt	Rec-6	KS2 intervention room
Tuesday	Mindful colouring	Mrs Quinn	Rec-6	2PQ Classroom
Tuesday	Disney Club	Miss Clapperton	1-6	5GS classroom
Thursday	Timestable Rockstars	Mrs Burrell	3-6	3BB classroom
Wednesday	Creative Sparks	Culture Start (external provider)	3-6	Hall or Art Room

SUMMER TERM DATES

Events next week

New information added

Monday 11th May – Thursday 14th May KS2 SATS Week

Friday 15th May RAW Washington Wetlands Visit

Monday 18th May Year 5 Puberty talk with school nurse

Tuesday 19th May Y5 assembly

Wednesday 20th May Science is my Superpower (Newcastle pm)

Friday 22nd May School closes for half term

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 1st June Children return to school

Monday 8th June RLC Library Visit

Tuesday 9th June 4EH Eden Camp

Wednesday 10th June RAW Library Visit

Monday 15 June - Friday 19th June Sports Week

Tuesday 16th June 4SP Eden Camp

Tuesday 16th June KS1 Sports Day

Wednesday 17th June KS2 Sports Day

Friday 19th June PSHCE/ Mental Health Open Morning

Wednesday 24th June EYFS Edinburgh Zoo visit

Thursday 25th June London Residential

Tuesday 30th June- Thursday 2nd July Washington Academy Transition Days

Monday 6th July RLC Library Visit

Tuesday 7th July Year 6 End of Year Production - 10am and 5pm

Wednesday 8th July RAW Library Visit

Saturday 11th July Summer Fair

Monday 13th July Rocksteady Concert 10am

Monday 13th July 6CS Wilderness Trip

Tuesday 14th July 6JW Wilderness Trip

Friday 17th July End of Year reports sent out to parents

Wednesday 22nd July Leavers Assembly

Wednesday 22nd July School closes for the Summer

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.

1st – 4EH 2nd – RAW 3rd –5GS

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