



# USWORTH COLLIERY PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Weekly Newsletter

9<sup>th</sup> May 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!**

RAW	98.81%	3CB	94.38%
RLC	91.85%	3RL	98.37%
1BD	94.79%	4EH	99.31%
1RD	89.5%	4SP	91.67%
2EP	96.43%	5GS	98%
2JB	99.38%	5JW	98.44%
Base Red	83.75%	6CS	93.75%
Base Yellow	83.67%	6JM	93.27%
Base Blue	90.91%	Thrive	95.83%

This week's winner of the 100% attendance certificate and Just Eat voucher is **Libby** in **4SP**

Congratulations to **2JB** for the best attendance this week at **99.38%**

Whole school attendance **94.01%**

### SATS WEEK

Year 6 have their SATs next week. These are national tests that are being held in every primary school across the county and our Y6 children are well prepared for them - in fact, we think they might even enjoy them! To support them next week, we are holding a separate breakfast club for just the Y6 children who will have the chance to get into school, chat with their friends, relax and enjoy a rather lovely breakfast including bacon and sausage sandwiches. There will be **NO CHANGE** to the normal breakfast club that is offered to the rest of the school. We wish our Y6 children the very best of luck; we are so proud of how much work they have put into their learning this year and remember; these tests are just one small part of your educational journey.



### 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF VE DAY

On Thursday we celebrated the 80th anniversary of VE Day. Each class learnt about the event and enjoyed a picnic in class to celebrate the historical anniversary. In the morning, we also completed a one-minute silence to honour the soldiers that fought during the war. Year 4 particularly enjoyed learning about VE Day as Alfie from 4EH brought in a newspaper from 8th May 1945 to show the class.



### FOOTBALL STARDOM FOR ONE OF OUR OWN!

Last week **Evie** 2JB had an unforgettable experience as the mascot for the Arsenal vs. PSG Champions League semi-final in London! She walked out onto the pitch with the referee, proudly held the match ball, and even had her moments of fame on live TV! A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and a memory she'll treasure forever.



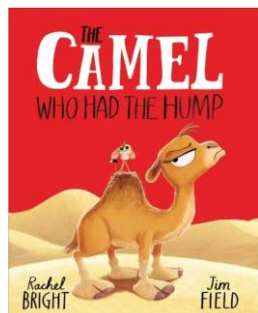


## YEAR 5 VISIT TO THE SYNAGOGUE

This week, Year 5 had the opportunity to visit a synagogue in Newcastle. The trip brought their classroom learning about the Jewish faith to life, allowing the students to see first-hand what they had learnt in class. The children were highly engaged and asked thoughtful questions. I was so proud to hear that the lady who showed them around the synagogue was impressed by their respectful attitudes, their interest in other faiths and the knowledge they already had about the Jewish faith. Well done Year 5!



## RECOMMENDED READS AND NEW RELEASES THE CAMEL WHO HAD THE HUMP BY RACHEL BRIGHT



An uplifting and empowering tale about finding new ways to navigate big feelings, from the bestselling creators of The Lion Inside.

'As a shimmering sun lit the desert at dawn,  
A clumping of camels awoke with a yawn.'

But not everyone has woken up in a good mood: Cuthbert the camel is having a bit of a bad morning. He's hot, he's tired and he certainly WON'T be walking to the oasis today! There is ABSOLUTELY NOTHING that will get him out of his grump. Or is there? When Cuthbert makes a new friend, he discovers that even if things get off on the wrong hoof, we're all just one smile away from a happy rest-of-day. A laugh-out-loud tale of how choosing fun can turn a grumpy, humpy start into a happy ending.

## ANNUAL STAKEHOLDER SURVEYS

As you know, in March, we carried out our annual stakeholder surveys. We have now analysed the results from these surveys, which I am pleased to say, are on the whole positive. Thank you to everyone who responded. We have taken into consideration all comments, both positive and negative, shared them with governors and used them to look at ways to continue to improve as a school. Comments made about our current use of X (formally known as Twitter) and parental preferences for Facebook have also been listened to and we are now looking at setting up a school Facebook page. More information around this will be sent out as soon as we are set up! To have a look at the survey results, please follow the link below, which will take you to the appropriate page on our website.

<https://www.usworthcolliery.co.uk/parents/ofsted-parent-pupil-view>

## WHO HAS BEEN IN MY OFFICE THIS WEEK?

**Louis Base Red** came to show me the excellent progress he is making with his phonics. He has been joining in the sessions, trying really hard to learn the sounds and is now much more confident matching the sound to the letter. Well done Louis it was lovely to see your enthusiasm for phonics!

**Olivia and Zoe 6JM** came to show me the script they had written together in science, to describe to an audience how life forms have developed over time, from micro-organisms to the birth of the dinosaurs. However, I didn't need to read their scripts as they had recorded themselves presenting the facts. Super work girls maybe a future in presenting informative TV programmes is on the cards?

## 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

Monday 12th May	SATs Week
Monday 12th May	RAW - Library visit
Wednesday 14th May	Stay and Play Base Blue (1.30pm)
Friday 16th May	RLC - Library visit
Saturday 17th May	Science Is My Superpower
Wednesday 21st May	Base Blue and Thrive visit to West Boldon Lodge
Thursday 22nd May	Y3/4 Careers Fair
Friday 23rd May	Geography Ambassadors visiting Washington Old Hall
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	<b>Children finish for half term</b>

### Half Term 26<sup>th</sup> May- 1<sup>st</sup> June

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

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 –5GS 2nd – 4EH 3rd – 4SP**

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## NOTICES



# Join ParkPlay!

Make friends, have fun, get moving.  
FREE every Saturday morning.

**#MeetMovePlay**



## Washington ParkPlay

**Come and meet your PlayLeaders at Usworth Park, every Saturday from 9:30am.**

ParkPlay welcomes everyone, so turn up for games, activities and fun with your local community.

**Register today!**

[park-play.com/register](http://park-play.com/register)

**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 11<sup>th</sup> June**

**Millennium Centre  
Washington  
9am - 12pm**

**Soft play  
entry  
discounted  
to £2.50**



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