



Washingwell Primary School

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Attendance

	Mars Nursery	Mars Reception	Jupiter Y1	Venus Y2	Earth Y3	Neptune Y4	Saturn Y5	Mercury Y6
Weekly Attendance %	74.7%	93.8%	97.8%	89.2%	95.2%	99.4%	90.6%	98.8%
Whole School attendance %	93.8%							

News

We would like to say a huge **THANK YOU** to Evelyn in Year 1 for raising £280 for school funds by completing the Junior Great North Run. The money she has raised will go towards purchasing some new books for our school library.

Sporting Success

Our school participated in two sporting events this week:

Key Stage 1 Athletics



Venus attend the Key Stage 1 Indoor Athletics festival on Thursday where they competed against other teams in a variety of athletic based activities. Venus definitely displayed passion and effort in all of the events. Mr Nicholson was super proud of everyone for their effort, manners and behaviour.



Key Stage 2 Cross Country

On Wednesday, children from KS2 went to Watergate Park to compete in a cross-country competition. As always, our children demonstrated fantastic sportsmanship throughout, competing against 150 others in each race! We came away with 2 gold medals and a 5th place which is outstanding. Well done!

House Points Challenge

The winners of our September House Challenge linked to Cycle to School week was **Columbia** who enjoyed their reward of an extra afternoon playtime in the sunshine!



Achievement for All

School Value: Together

Theme: Caring

Mars: Zachary Layton

Earth: Olive Jones

Jupiter: Evelyn Bennett

Neptune: Maddie Lazarus

Venus: Max Woodhams

Saturn: La Stanley

Mercury: Abbie Bennett

You spoke, we listened...

As introduced last week, this new section will look at how we have listened to parents and carers ideas and comments to help make our school an even better place to be.

What does my child do at school?

You said you would like to know more about what your child learns at school and how you could support them at home. With this in mind, we would like to you participate in a Phonic and/or Spelling lesson with your child and their class teacher. This is your opportunity to work with your child on activities that will develop their phonic/spelling skills, widening your understanding and taking away some strategies to use at home.

Mars, Jupiter, Venus	Earth, Neptune, Saturn, Mercury
9.00 – 9.30 Wednesday 6 November	9.45 – 10.15 Wednesday 6 November

Sign- up for this session is required and is limited to one adult per child. The form will be sent via Operoo Monday 21 October.

We would also like to point you in the direction of our Class Pages on our website where you can find out more information about your child's learning. This week we have added Progression of Skills in Reading.

[Washingwell Community Primary School - Class Pages](#)

Extra-curricular clubs

Below is an overview of what our extra-curricular clubs will look like for the academic year.

	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer
	5.11.24 – 13.12.24 (6 weeks)	13.1.25 – 21.2.24 (6 weeks)	3.3.25 – 11.4.25 (6 weeks)	28.4.25 – 12.7.25 (10 weeks)
Tuesday	Craft Club KS2	Forest School KS2	Forest School KS2	Forest School KS2
Wednesday	Stem Club KS2	Coding KS2	Hockey KS2 Football Skills KS1	Athletics KS2 Football Skills KS1
Thursday	Art KS1	Art KS1	Multi- skills KS1	Athletics KS1
Friday	Rugby Skills KS1/KS2	Dance KS1/KS2 (Must attend dance festival)	Dance KS1/KS2 (Must attend dance festival)	Dance KS1/KS2

Other offers which occur during school day:

School Council – Tuesday lunchtime

Choir – Friday lunchtime

Sports Crew – every lunchtime

School Teams:

Year 5/6 mixed football – Thursday 3.30 -4.30

Year 5/6 girls football – Thursday 3.30 -4.30

Sign-up for Autumn 2 clubs will be open on Monday 14 October and close Friday 18 October. Places will be allocated on Monday 21 October with a deadline given for payment.

FUNdraisers

Washingwell FUNdraisers

- Putting the 'fun' in to fundraising -

Registered Charity Number: 1166523



HALLOWEEN DISCO

Thursday 24 October 2024

Mars, Jupiter, Venus
3.30 -4.30pm

Earth, Neptune, Saturn, Mercury
4.45 -5.45pm

Tickets will go on sale week commencing 7th October at a cost £4.50 and will include a hot dog, drink and prizes.

Tickets for our Halloween disco will go on sale next week:

When: Monday – Friday 3.20pm

Where: Bike Shed, KS1 yard

Cost: £4.50 **CASH** only

Tickets are limited to 50 for each event so, make sure you buy yours early to avoid disappointment.

If you would like to find out more about our FUNdraisers and how you could support, please come along to one of our coffee events in the school hall. We would love to see you there. The more helpers we have the more we can do to raise vital funds for our school.

Monday 7 October 2.30pm or Tuesday 8 October 9.00am

FUNdraisers have kindly donated £350 to pay for our Christmas Music workshops which will take place on Wednesday 11 December. Thank you – we can't wait!

Missing Uniform

Aria in Year 5 has lost her hoodie and Charlotte in Year 2 has lost her cardigan, both of which are named. Please could you check your child's uniform to see if they have picked up either of the missing items by mistake. Thank you.

Reminders

Easyfundraising

The FUNdraisers have also registered with easyfundraising which is a simple way for us to earn cash back on any purchases made by yourself or family member. Easyfundraising partners with over 7,000 brands who will donate part of what you spend to a cause of your choice. It won't cost you any extra. The cost is covered by the brand.

To sign up, please click on the link below. It is so simple and gives back great returns on everyday purchases. Once signed in, you can then refer a friend or family member, making the return even greater for the school.

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/washingwellcps/2PV07R/c2s/ZdU7Z020/CE955/facebook/>

Prospective Parents for Nursery/Reception 2025

If you know of parents who have children who will be starting either Reception or Nursery in September 2025, school tours can be arranged via our school website; www.washingwell.org.uk

Asda Rewards Cashpot for Schools

Asda have a new Cashpot scheme which we would like you to sign up to. So far, our total is **£224.56** which is amazing so, keep donating - **57 days left!**



Forthcoming Events and Key Dates

Planned Staff Training and Arranged Class Cover for the week ahead.			
Staff Member	Class	Date	Cover
Mr Sayers	Neptune	Tuesday 8 October 2024 - pm	Mr Stephenson
Miss Tweedy	Earth	Wednesday 9 October 2024 – am/pm	Mrs Bridger

Monday 7 October 2024 **NEW**

FUNdraisers coffee event – 2.30pm school hall, all welcome

Tuesday 8 October 2024 **NEW**

FUNdraisers coffee event – 9.00am school hall, all welcome

Thursday 10 October 2024

World Mental Health Day

Friday 11 October 2024

Year 5/6 Tag Rugby event - consent required for invited children

Monday 14 October 2024

Poetry week in school

Tuesday 15 October 2024 **NEW**

School photographs – individual and family groups

Year 6 visit Whickham School – Art - pm

Monday 21 October 2024 **NEW**

Year 5 visit Whickham School – Dance - pm

Tuesday 22 October 2024

Harvest Assembly 9.15pm – parents welcome (more information to follow)

Thursday 24 October 2024

Halloween Disco – EYFS & KS1 3.30 - 4.30pm; KS2 4.45 – 5.45pm

Friday 25 October 2024

School closes for half term

Tuesday 5 November 2024

8.40am – school reopens to all pupils.

Wednesday 6 November 2024 NEW

Phonic workshop EYFS & KS1 – 9.00am - sign up required via Operoo

Spelling workshop KS2 - 9.45 -10.15am – sign up required via Operoo

Year 6 visit Whickham School – pm

Thursday 7 November 2024

Non-uniform day – donations for school fayre

Monday 11 November 2024

Anti-bullying week in school

Monday 11 November & Tuesday 12 November 2024

Parent consultation evenings 3.00 -6.00pm

Friday 15 November 2024

Children in Need – more information to follow

Wednesday 20 November 2024

SEND review meetings

Monday 25 November 2024

Assessment week in school

Monday 2 December 2024

Polar Express day – more information to follow

Flu immunisations

Tuesday 3 December 2024

Year 6 visit Whickham School – pm

Thursday 5 December 2024 CHANGE OF DATE

School Christmas Fayre – more information to follow

Monday 9 December 2024

Christmas lunch & Christmas jumper day

Tuesday 10 December 2024

Key Stage 2 Christmas performance – 9.30am and 2.15pm

Wednesday 11 December 2024

Music workshops - am

Thursday 12 December 2024

Early Years & Key Stage 1 Christmas performance – 9.30am and 2.15pm

Friday 13 December 2024

Neptune Christmas party 1.15pm

Monday 16 December 2024

Earth Christmas party 1.15pm

Tuesday 17 December 2024

Jupiter Christmas party 9.15am

Venus Christmas party 1.15pm

Wednesday 18 December 2024

Mars Christmas party 9.15am

Saturn Christmas party 1.15pm

Thursday 19 December 2024

Mercury Christmas party 1.15pm

Friday 20 December 2024

Carols around the Christmas tree 2.00pm – parents invited

School closes for Christmas holidays 3.20pm - No Whizz Kids after school session

Monday 6 January 2025

School re-opens to all pupils 8.40am

*A reminder that we are a Safeguarding School and we have a duty to pass on any concerns to
Children's Services*