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Attendance

	Mars Nursery	Mars Reception	Jupiter Y1	Venus Y2	Earth Y3	Neptune Y4	Saturn Y5	Mercury Y6
Weekly Attendance %	100%	100%	91.8%	100%	100%	100%	98.4%	99.4%
Whole School attendance %	98.6%							

News

Sporting Success

Year 5/6 Girls Football



Last week, our Year 5/6 girls footballers headed off to a tournament at Gateshead Powerleague. They played really well in their first outing as a team - showing respect, determination and incredible teamwork. They drew every game, finishing second in their group. An amazing display from a fantastic group of girls. We're so proud of you all!

Year 5/6 Football Team

Last night was the first outing for this year's Year 5/6 Mixed Football Team and what a fantastic effort it was! Unfortunately, the results didn't go our way, with two draws and a defeat, but the children showed great determination, effort and all round teamwork - something they should all be proud of!



World Mental Day 2024



Thursday saw us all take part in World Mental Health day, raising awareness of the importance of good mental health and what that means to each of us. Each class looked at why mental health was important, taking part in lots of different activities based around emotions, feelings and positive mindset.

School Photographs

Your child will have their individual school photograph taken on **Tuesday 15 October**. Sibling groups of children within school, will also be taken. If you have younger or older children who do not attend our school, then family photographs can be taken from 8.30am. Please come to the main entrance where you will be directed to the school hall. All children will need to be in full school uniform on this day. If it is your child's PE day – a school polo and sweatshirt should be worn on the top and jogging bottoms/leggings and trainers on the bottom, as all images will be from the waist up.

Harvest Assembly

Our Harvest assembly will take place in the school hall **9.15am on Tuesday 22 October**. Our assembly will involve all children as each class will be performing a poem. Parents are invited to attend this assembly but, for health and safety reasons, we can only admit one adult per family.

We will also be collecting donations of food for Gateshead Foodbank. This will be linked to our next House challenge. As of **Wednesday 16 October**, food donations will be received each morning on the school yard. Our House Captains will be on the Key Stage 1 yard from 8.40am collecting donations. These donations will then be used as part of our harvest display within school.



After the Harvest Assembly, the donations from each house will be weighed and the heaviest weight will win. You can check which items the Foodbank will accept by visiting <https://gateshead.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>.

This weeks achievers are....

Achievement for All

School value: Ambitious Theme: Super problem solving

Mars: George Barnes

Earth: Alana Larsen

Jupiter: Emily Abbott

Neptune: Summer McCarthy

Venus: Ewan Armstrong

Saturn: Emily Cheng

Mercury: Alex Winters

You spoke, we listened...

What does my child do at school?

This week we have uploaded our **Calculation Support for Parents** onto the class pages on our school website. In this booklet, you will find worked examples of how we teach and use calculation strategies within school. The calculation support document is broken down into four sections: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. At the beginning of each section, you will find an overview of which aspects of each operation we cover across the year group. Under each operation, you will then see the progression of skills taught and worked examples of how these methods are taught within class. We hope that by sharing these calculation methods with you, you will be able to support your child with their maths learning at home by building upon the strategies we teach in school.

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

Extra-curricular clubs

Below is an overview of what our extra-curricular clubs will look like for the next half term.

	Autumn 2			
	5.11.24 – 13.12.24 (6 weeks)			
	Club	Lead	Numbers	Cost
Tuesday	Craft Club KS2	Miss Johnson	Maximum - 12 Minimum - 8	£5.00
Wednesday	Stem Club KS2	Mr Sayers	Maximum - 16 Minimum - 8	£5.00
Thursday	Art KS1	Mrs Lowes	Maximum - 12 Minimum - 8	£5.00
Friday	Rugby Skills KS1/KS2	School Sports Partnership (external provider)	Maximum – 20 Minimum - 12	£5.00

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



Our tickets for the Halloween discos are now all sold out.

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. It is really simple, just follow the steps below. So far, our total is **£252.61** which is amazing after only two weeks so, keep donating - **50 days left!**



Forthcoming Events and Key Dates

Planned Staff Training and Arranged Class Cover for the week ahead.			
Staff Member	Class	Date	Cover
Mrs Erskine	Saturn	Wednesday 16 October - am	Mrs Bridger
Mr Sayers	Neptune	Thursday 17 October – am/pm	Mr Stephenson
Mr Nicholson	Venus	Thursday 17 October 2024 – am/pm	Ms Ellison
Mrs Mustard	Jupiter	Thursday 17 October – am/pm	Ms White

Monday 14 October 2024

Poetry week in school
 Year 5 visit Whickham School – Dance – pm **Change of date**

Tuesday 15 October 2024

School photographs – individual and family groups
 Year 6 visit Whikhanm School – Art - 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

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

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*