



# 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 %	100%	98.5%	97.8%	100%	100%	99.1%	93.1%	97%
Whole School attendance %	98%							

## News

Thank you to everyone for your support during our Ofsted visit. I was extremely proud of all the children, staff and Governors who showed them exactly what Washingwell is all about. This was also supported by the very positive feedback that came through Parent View showing the Inspectors the true picture of what it is like to learn and work in our amazing school. The report will take probably a month to be released but as soon as I have it I will share it with you all.

## Achievement for All

School Value: Respectful

Theme: Honest

**Mars:** Penny Howard

**Earth:** Oliver Palmer

**Jupiter:** Nakai Eke Matsika

**Neptune:** Josh Anderson

**Venus:** Leo Corrigan

**Saturn:** Joey Brown

**Mercury:** Isla Lazarus

## Parent Consultation Meetings

Parent evenings will be held in the following rooms:

**Mr Phillips : Mars** – please enter via the school main entrance and wait outside of Mars classroom on chairs provided.

**Mrs Mustard: Jupiter** - please enter via the school main entrance and wait outside of Jupiter classroom on chairs provided.

**Mr Nicholson: Venus** – please enter via the main entrance and wait outside Venus classroom on the chairs provided.

**Miss Tweedy: Earth** – please enter via the Key Stage 2 door; use the small gate from the Key Stage 1 yard to walk through the car park and follow the path around to the door. Please wait outside of Earth classroom on the chairs provided.

**Mr Sayers: Neptune** - please enter via the Key Stage 2 door; use the small gate from the Key Stage 1 yard to walk through the car park and follow the path around to the door. Please wait outside of Neptune classroom on the chairs provided.

**Mrs Erskine: Saturn** – Library – please enter via the main entrance and wait outside the school office on the chairs provided

**Miss Johnson: Mercury** - please enter via the Key Stage 2 door; use the small gate from the Key Stage 1 yard to walk through the car park and follow the path around to the door. Please wait in the small area (hub) outside of Mercury classroom on the chairs provided.

- On completion of your meeting with class teachers, you will be given your child's books to look at. Once finished looking at them, please return them to the box outside of the classroom door.
- For Health and Safety reasons, parents are not permitted to go through the hall as Whizz Kids will be operating.
- Children being collected from Whizz Kids will follow the same collection routine as always.
- Please arrive for your appointment 5 minutes before your scheduled time. As you can imagine it is extremely busy and space is at a premium.
- If you are unable to attend for any reason, please inform school as soon as possible. Unfortunately, due to workload of staff, appointments cannot be re-scheduled.

### Anti-Bullying Week

Next week is anti-bullying week in school with this year's theme being **Choose Respect**.

*"From playgrounds to parliament, our homes to our phones, this Anti-Bullying Week let's 'Choose Respect' and bring an end to bullying which negatively impacts millions of young lives.*

*This year, we'll empower children and young people to not resort to bullying, even when we disagree and remind adults to lead by example, online and offline.*

*Imagine a world where respect and kindness thrives — it's not just a dream, it's in the choices we make. Join us this Anti-Bullying Week and commit to 'Choose Respect'. What will you choose?"*

In support of this we will be joining in with **Odd Socks Day** on **Tuesday 12 November**. Children and staff should come to school wearing odd socks as a way of expressing themselves, celebrating their individuality and what makes them unique.



**ODD SOCKS DAY**

### Themed Lunch

Our school meals provider, Orian will be holding a themed lunch – **Autumn Fun** – on Tuesday 12 November. If you would like your child to participate in this, please sign up via School Hub.

#### Menu

**Main:** Harvest chicken casserole with cheesy herb scones

**Vegetarian:** Yorkshire puddings filled with cauliflower cheese

**Sides:** Garden peas, carrot and swede mash, hassle back potatoes

**Dessert:** Sticky toffee pudding

*\*A full range of allergen options are available. Please check out School Hub for full details.*

### Parent Phonic & Spelling Sessions

Thank you to all our parents and grandparents who attended our phonic and spelling workshops on Wednesday morning; I hope you found them useful in understanding how phoincs and spellings are taught within school. Feedback was very positive and engagement high. Here are just a few of the comments shared with us:



*"Helpful to understand how phonics is taught for continuity at home" (Year 2)*

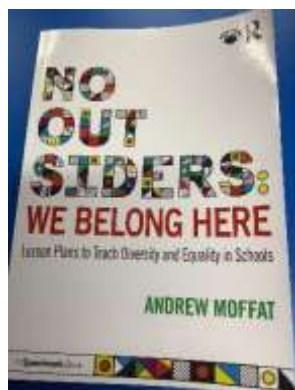
*"The phonics session in Nursery was enlightening for Gran, never mind the children! Absolutely first class and reassuring to know the children are in such capable 'Early Learning' hands." (Nursery)*

*"Great interactive session covering many aspects of spelling. I liked how the game encouraged everyone to spell as many words as possible correctly in the time. It was fun." (Year 5)*

*"Really interesting. My child enjoys spelling and Spelling Shed is a great addition/support to homework. Will use pyramid at home!" (Year 3)*

### **No Outsiders**

We were so lucky to have Andrew Moffat MBE with us in school yesterday, launching the No Outsiders programme with all classes. No Outsiders is an inspiring programme of lessons which help to teach diversity and equality, using beautiful and accessible books. Our children are already so inclusive, but we know this will help them to have a better understanding of modern Britain and how to be a responsible and tolerant member of our community. Andrew was blown away by their considered and mature responses and staff can't wait to do more work with them around this. We look forward to sharing more information with families in due course. A huge thanks to Andrew for joining us all the way from Birmingham, and delivering such inspiring sessions to our school community. We are proud to become a No Outsiders School!



### **Children in Need**



This year, Children in Need will take place on **Friday 15 November**. Our School Councillors have decided to follow the theme of yellow and/or spots this year. For a donation of £1.00 children can come to school wearing anything yellow or spotty and bring a teddy as a symbol of support for Pudsey. Please remember that Flex-it Friday activities will still continue so dress appropriately.



## 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](http://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 **£369.80** so, keep donating - **22 days left!**



### Parking around school ...

**'Be cool, park away from school'**

Please can I ask parents to be mindful that when parking around school not to block residents driveways and garages. Thank you for your co-operation and support in keeping our streets a safe place for all.

### Forthcoming Events and Key Dates

Planned Staff Training and Arranged Class Cover for the week ahead.			
Staff Member	Class	Date	Cover
Mrs Mustard	Jupiter	Monday 11, Tuesday 12 & Wednesday 13 November 2024 - am/pm	Mrs Ellison
Mrs Erskine	Saturn	Tuesday 12 November 2024 - am/pm	Mr Stephenson
Miss Tweedy	Earth	Thursday 14 November 2024 - pm	Mr Stephenson
Mr Phillips	Mars	Thursday 14 November 2024 - pm	Ealy Years Team

### Monday 11 November 2024

Anti-bullying week in school

### Monday 11 November & Tuesday 12 November 2024

Parent consultation evenings 3.00 -6.00pm

### Tuesday 12 November 2024 **NEW**

Odd Socks Day

### Wednesday 13 November 2024 **NEW**

Saturn (Year 5) Parent consultation evening 3.00 -6.00pm

### Thursday 14 November 2024 **NEW**

Year 5/6 Girls Football County Cup – invited girls

**Friday 15 November 2024**

Children in Need

**Wednesday 20 November 2024**

SEND review meetings

**Monday 25 November 2024**

Assessment week in school

Author visit Helen Rutter – Year 4 & 5 more information to follow

**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

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