



# 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 %	97.2%	94.3%	98.4%	93.4%	100%	98.8%	98.9%	100%
Whole School attendance %	97.8%							

## News

### Christmas is coming!

Our countdown to Christmas begins!

### On the fourth week 'til Christmas Washingwell brings to you.....

#### Monday 25 November

Our sign-up sheet for all our Christmas performances will go live, via Operoo, on Monday 25 November. There is an allocation of 2 tickets, per family, per performance. Please ensure you sign up to avoid disappointment as due to capacity, we will not allow entry to anyone who is not on our list.

Our sign up sheet for *Carols Around the Christmas Tree* on Friday 20 December will also go live on Monday. This is restricted to 1 ticket per family group due to capacity within the school hall.

#### Monday 2 December – Polar Express Day

Your child will come home with their Polar Express Golden Ticket on Thursday night.

On Monday morning, to board the Polar express, children need to hand their tickets to Mrs Tough and Mrs Hall. Dress code is pyjamas, dressing gowns and slippers. (Please ensure your child brings both outdoor shoes and coats for lunch and playtimes) They will then spend the morning doing Christmas activities, go into the dining hall for Polar Express lunch then spend the afternoon watching the movie, Polar Express, whilst having hot chocolate and cookies.



#### Monday 2 December – Post Box opens

On Monday, we will also open our Christmas post box. Children can post their cards to their friends each morning. At lunch time, our year 6 children will sort the cards and deliver them to each class. Please ensure you write the child's first and second name as well as class on the front. The post box will be situated in the school hall next to the Christmas tree. Thank you

#### Monday 2 December – Christmas bauble



If your child would like to bring a bauble in to hang on our school Christmas tree, this can be done anytime from Monday 2 December onwards. Our tree always has a very eclectic feel, with children bringing colourful baubles and decorations.

## Achievement for All

School Value: Together

Theme: Positive Contribution

**Mars:** Emilia Scott

**Earth:** James Tucker

**Jupiter:** Kali Bell

**Neptune:** Amelia Turnbull

**Venus:** Zoe Duff

**Saturn:** Zara Young

**Mercury:** Olivia Bagnall

### Reminders

#### Whickham Christmas Lights switch on

You are all invited to the Whickham Christmas Lights switch on. It is a lovely event which really gets everyone in the mood for Christmas so, why not leave your car and walk down to join in the festivities. I am sure you will have a great time!



Organised by :  
LIGHTING UP  
*Whickham*

With support from  
local residents  
and businesses

Donations welcome: Lighting Up Whickham  
Sort code: 60-08-45 Account number: 7336 3650

**Whickham Christmas  
Lights Switch-on**

Hosted by  
**Dame Bella Bluebell**  
and the cast of  
**Peter Pan**  
from the Little Theatre

**Church Green  
Tuesday  
November 26<sup>th</sup>  
3:45 p.m.**

**Everyone welcome**

### 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 **£424.73** so, keep donating - **9 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 you 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
Miss Johnson	Mercury	Tuesday 26 November –pm	Mr Stephenson
Miss Tweedy	Earth	Thursday 28 November – am/pm	Mr Stephenson

**Monday 25 November 2024**

Assessment week in school  
 Author visit Helen Rutter – Year 4 & 5

**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**

Family Learning session – Christmas Crafts – more information to follow

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

**Spring Term****Monday 6 January 2025**

School re-opens to all pupils 8.40am

**Tuesday 14 January 2025**

KS2 Maths workshop 9.00am – parents invited

EYFS & KS1 Maths workshop 9.45am – parents invited

**Monday 3 February 2025**

Children's World Mental Health Week

**Friday 21 February 2025**

School closes for half-term holidays – 3.20pm

**Monday 3 March 2025**

Staff training day – school closed to all pupils

**Tuesday 4 March 2025**

School re-opens to all pupils 8.40am

**Wednesday 5 March 2025**

Music Workshops – am

**Wednesday 5 – Friday 7 March 2025**

Year 4 residential visit to Kingswood

**Thursday 6 March 2025**

World Book Day – more information to follow

**Monday 10 March 2025**

Parent consultations – 3.30pm – 6.00pm all year groups

**Tuesday 11 March 2025**

Parent consultations – 3.30pm – 6.00pm Year 1 – 6

**Wednesday 12 March 2025**

Parent consultations – 3.30pm – 6.00pm Nursery & Reception

**Wednesday 26 March 2025**

Spring Assembly 9.15am – more information to follow

**Friday 11 April 2025**

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

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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*