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Attendance for Autumn 2 term

	Mars Nursery	Mars Reception	Jupiter Y1	Venus Y2	Earth Y3	Neptune Y4	Saturn Y5	Mercury Y6
Weekly Attendance %	97.9%	97.3%	97.9%	96.3%	97.4%	96.7%	96.5%	96.1%
Whole School attendance %	96.9%							

News

Fundraising

Over the past term we have had some fundraising donations. Evelyn in Year 1 raised an amazing £280 in sponsorship for taking part in the Children's Great North Run and thanks to every one who shops at Asda, we received £473.26 from the Asda Cashpot giving us a grand total of **£753.46**. These donations will go towards buying non-fiction books for our school library in the new year. Thank you to all!

After School Clubs

Your child should have received confirmation as to which club they have been offered for the Spring term. Clubs will start week commencing **Monday 13 January 2025**.

School Meals

Our school meal provider Orian, have advised us that the cost of a school meal is set to rise in line with inflation to £2.85 per day. This will be the case as of **Monday 6th January 2025**.

If you feel that you may be entitled to free school meals, please follow the link to make an application with Gateshead Council: <https://www.gateshead.gov.uk/article/10245/Apply-for-free-school-meals>

Even if your child brings a packed lunch or gets universal free school meals as they are in Early Years or Key Stage 1, it is really important that you apply for this if you are able, as school receives extra funding which we can use to further support children in school.

Future events



Following on from the success of our Phonic workshops with parents in November, we will be holding Maths workshops on **Tuesday 14 January 2025**. Key Stage 2 will be at **9.00am** and EYFS & Key Stage 1 at **9.45am**. Booking will be via Operoo which will go live on Monday 6 January.

We will also be holding class Showcases during the Spring term. This is an opportunity for parents to work side by side with their child on topics which the children are learning in their relevant class. Dates for each class can be found in our **Key Dates** section of the newsletter.

Christmas has arrived!

We have all made it to the end of a very long and busy term filled with lots of hard work, friendship and fun.

On behalf of all the staff, I would like to say a huge thank you for your kind words and gifts this Christmas – they really do mean a lot.

Can I take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Enjoy every moment of your time together.

Whizz Kids re-opens 7.30am Monday 6 January 2025 and for all other children, school re-opens at 8.40am.

The booking form for Whizz Kids will go live on Thursday 2 January. Please ensure you check Operoo and book in advance to ensure your child's place.



Reminders

Tuck Shop

The Tuck Shop item for January through to Easter will be available to purchase on Schoolhub from Monday 9 December 2024 and will remain open until Friday 10 January 2025.

The cost of the tuck shop for the term is £6.00 per child to cover the 10 week period from w/c 13/1/25 to w/c 7/4/25. For the 60p per week the children get to pick 2 items from our tuck shop trolley which holds a selection of healthy choice snacks such as juice, popcorn and snack bars.

Please note that once the payment closes on 10 January we will not be able to make any further additions.

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

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

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

Tuesday 11 February 2025

Jupiter Showcase – 9.15am

Thursday 20 February 2025

Earth Showcase – 9.15am

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

Neptune Showcase – 9.15am

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

Wednesday 12 March 2025

Parent consultations – 3.30pm – 6.00pm Nursery & Reception

Wednesday 19 March 2025

Mercury Showcase – 9.15am

Thursday 20 March 2025

Mars Stay & Play – 9.15am

Wednesday 26 March 2025

Spring Assembly 9.15am – more information to follow

Monday 31 March 2025

Venus Showcase – 9.15am

Wednesday 2 April 2025

Saturn Showcase – 9.15am

Friday 11 April 2025

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

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