



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 %		90%	97.8%	97.2%	96.8%	99.1%	95.7%	96.2%
Whole School attendance %	95.5%							

News

This week's school achievers are...

Achievement for All

Mars: Isla Bailiff

Earth: Brooke Parker

Jupiter: Jack Lazarus

Neptune: Jenna Urwin-Myers

Venus: Nyla Burdis

Saturn: Isaac Mason

Mercury: Max Forrester

Website update

Our school website has just been updated. On our website, you will find links to all relevant information which are hosted under the following headings:

About Us: This tells you how to contact school and who is who in school.

Key Information : In this section you will find a host of information relating to admissions, policy, achievement, SEND, Ofsted, Equality, Vision and Values and much more.

News & Events: Here you will find all our weekly newsletters and a school calendar which has key dates on.

Parents: This section hosts information relating to term dates, uniform, school meals and class pages where you will find termly overviews of learning and end of year expectations.

Curriculum: This shows you our vision for different subject areas, yearly overviews and skills progression so you can understand what your child is learning about, in each subject, in each year group.

On our Home Page, we now have four buttons which link directly to our school calendar, Facebook, vision & values and contact page.

Please click on the link to go directly to our website <https://www.washingwell.org.uk/>

Themed Lunch

Our school meals provider, Orian will be holding a themed lunch – Pasta Party! – on Thursday 3 October 2024. If you would like your child to participate in this, please sign up via School Hub.

Menu

Main: Pepperoni pasta in tomato sauce

Veggie: Cheesy pasta tubes with herb crust

Side: Garlic bread

Dessert: Frozen vanilla and milk dessert



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

Parent Questionnaire

If you have not yet completed your parent questionnaire, please could you do so by Monday 23 September. Your views do matter to us. <https://forms.office.com/e/dt4Kw3SbDL>

Reminders

Cycle to School week

Cycle to School week will commence on **Monday 23 September** through to **Friday 27 September**. During this week, we encourage all children to either ride or scoot to school to gain points for their house.

Each morning, our House Captains will be stationed on the Key Stage 1 yard. On arrival at school, go to your relevant House Captain who will give you a sticker and merit point. Over the week, the points will be added up and the winning house announced in assembly on Friday 27 September.

Bikes must be left in the following designated areas:

Early years on the grass outside the entrance gate to the garden area;

Key Stage 1 in the bike shed on the yard;

Key Stage 2 on the grass inbetween the car park and Reading Den.

I wonder which House will win this month's challenge?

School Crossing Patrol

There will be no School Crossing Patrol on Broom Lane on the afternoons of Tuesday 17 September and Wednesday 25 September.

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

Whickham School will be holding open evenings for Year 6 parents. Events will take place on the dates and times below. Please note that there are two separate events on each date which you can sign up for on the Whickham School website.

- Thursday 19 September at 5.00pm and 7.00pm
- Tuesday 24 September at 5.00pm and 7.00pm

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 **£163** which is amazing after only one week so, keep donating - **72 days left!**



Forthcoming Events and Key Dates

Planned Staff Training and Arranged Class Cover for the week ahead.			
Staff Member	Class	Date	Cover
Mr Nicholson	Venus	Monday 23 September – am Wednesday 25 September – am/pm	Mrs Bridger
Mr Sayers	Neptune	Monday 23 September – pm Tuesday 24 September - pm Friday 20 September - pm	Mrs Bridger Mrs Bridger Mr Stephenson
Mrs Mustard	Jupiter	Wednesday 25 September – am/pm	Mr Chung
Miss Johnson	Mercury	Thursday 26 September - pm	Mr Stephenson

Another very busy week for training!

Monday 23 September 2024

Cycle to School week – House Challenge (information on next week’s newsletter)

Wednesday 25 September 2024

Reception Vision Screening 9.00am
The History Guy – Y4 & Y5 - **NEW**

Wednesday 2 October 2024

Year 5 visit Whickham School – pm
KS2 Cross Country Event at Watergate Park – consent required for invited children **NEW**

Thursday 3 October 2024

National Poetry Day
Themed lunch – Pasta Party! Please place your order via School Hub **NEW**

Friday 4 October 2024 **NEW**

Year 5/6 Girls Football 12.30pm – consent required for invited children

Thursday 10 October 2024

World Mental Health Day

Friday 11 October 2024 **NEW**

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

Monday 14 October 2024

Poetry week in school

Tuesday 15 October 2024

School photographs – individual and family groups

Tuesday 22 October 2024

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

Friday 25 October 2024

School closes for half term

Tuesday 5 November 2024

8.40am – school reopens to all pupils.

Wednesday 6 November 2024

Year 6 visit Whickham School – pm

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

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*