



Washingwell Primary School

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Date: Friday 25 October 2024

Attendance

From 2.9.24 – 22.10.24 (We have excluded the absence figures from Wednesday 23 – Friday 25 due to our sickness outbreak)

	Mars Nursery	Mars Reception	Jupiter Y1	Venus Y2	Earth Y3	Neptune Y4	Saturn Y5	Mercury Y6
Weekly Attendance %	89.9%	95.1%	95.9%	97.5%	97.4%	99.2%	94.5%	97%
Whole School attendance %	96.3%							

News

Thank you to everyone for your support these past three days when illness has really hit school hard. I hope that everyone has a well-deserved half-term and comes back to school on **Tuesday 5 November** fit and well.

Parent Governor Vacancy

Our Parent Governor, Jamie Wilson has stepped down from this position, leaving a parent governor vacancy on our Governing Body. I am sure you would like to all pass on your thanks for the dedication and commitment he has shown to the children, staff and school during this time.

As we now have a vacancy, we will be holding a parent governor election and ask that anyone who is interested in becoming a parent governor, read and complete the relevant information which was sent to you via Operoo on Tuesday 22 October.

All nominations need to be returned to Mrs Gardner. The closing date for nominations is **3.30pm, Friday 8 November 2024**.

FUNdraisers

Washingwell FUNdraisers

- Putting the 'fun' in to fundraising -

Registered Charity Number: 1166523



Halloween Disco

Our Fundraisers have rescheduled the Halloween disco for **Thursday 7 November**. This date also coincides with our non-uniform day when we ask children to wear non-uniform in exchange for a donation towards our Christmas Fayre.

So, what we suggest is the following:

EYFS & KS1 come to school in whatever they would like to wear for the Halloween disco, either a costume or party clothes for a donation of sweets, chocolates etc.

KS2 come in non-uniform for a donation of bottles ie drinks, bubble bath etc.

All donations should be placed in the trolley on the Key Stage 1 yard.

No Outsiders

On Thursday 7th November, we will be welcoming Andrew Moffatt MBE, author of the 'No Outsiders' programme, into school. The 'No Outsiders' programme educates children about diversity within our communities. It is taught to each year group through the use of age-appropriate books. Through these beautiful picture books, the children explore the concepts of equality, diversity, acceptance of differences and of the right of someone to have an opinion different to their own. We are all greatly looking forward to working with him.

Parent Consultation Meetings

Parent Consultation evenings will take place on Monday 11 November and Tuesday 12 November, in school. Appointments are bookable via Operoo. To ensure you get a time which is convenient for you, please sign up early. Teachers will not be able to offer slots outside of these two dates.

Gateshead West Uniform Scheme

GATESHEAD WEST UNIFORM SCHEME

Who are we?
We are a registered charity, operating in Gateshead West since 2021.
We provide good quality preloved and brand new school uniforms to our community from our sites in Ryton and Blaydon.
We operate on a pay-what-you-feel basis.

Please donate your pre-loved Christmas Jumpers to us!

Did you know?
As well as school uniform items, we also have **CHRISTMAS JUMPERS** at both market sites.

Markets in Nov/Dec 2024...
Blaydon Fri 1st Nov, 3:30pm - 5pm.
Ryton Sat 9th Nov, 10am - 11:30am.
Blaydon Sat 16th Nov, 9am - 11am.
Ryton Mon 25th Nov, 6pm - 7pm.
Blaydon Fri 6th Dec, 3:30pm - 5pm.
Ryton Sat 14th Dec, 10am - 11:30am.
Blaydon Sat 21st Dec, 9am - 11am.
Ryton Mon 30th Dec, 6pm - 7pm.
Market dates may change so please check social media before you come

www.facebook.com/gatesheadwestprelovedschooluniform
<https://www.gatesheadwestuniformscheme.org.uk>
contactsGatesheadWestUniformScheme.org.uk
and find us as gwusne on Vinted

Reminders

Phonic/Spelling Session

Please ensure you sign up to secure your place.

Mars, Jupiter, Venus	Earth, Neptune, Saturn, Mercury
9.00 – 9.30	9.45 – 10.15
Wednesday 6 November	Wednesday 6 November

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 **£304.67** so, keep donating - **37 days left!**



Forthcoming Events and Key Dates

Planned Staff Training and Arranged Class Cover for the week ahead.			
Staff Member	Class	Date	Cover

Friday 25 October 2024

School closes for half term

Tuesday 5 November 2024 NEW

8.40am – school reopens to all pupils.
Year 5/6 Tag Rugby Final – 12.30pm invited children only

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 NEW

Non-uniform day – donations for school fayre
Halloween Disco - EYFS & KS1 3.30 - 4.30pm
- KS2 4.45 -5.45pm

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 NEW

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

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