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Attendance

	Mars Nursery	Mars Reception	Jupiter Y1	Venus Y2	Earth Y3	Neptune Y4	Saturn Y5	Mercury Y6
Weekly Attendance %	100%	97.2%	98.9%	97.3%	98.2%	97.5%	95.8%	99.3%
Whole School attendance %	97.9%							

News

On the third week 'til Christmas Washingwell brings to you.....

Monday 2 December – Polar Express Day

Your child should have 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.

Thursday 5 December - FUNdraisers Christmas Fayre

Our Christmas Fayre will be held in school **3.30pm Thursday 5 December**. All children will be collected as normal then, assemble on the Key Stage 1 yard to listen to our school choir who will be opening the event with carols around the outdoor Christmas tree. If your child is attending Whizz Kids then staff will accompany them around the fayre. Please send spending money, in a named envelope, into school with them on Thursday.

Coming up...

Christmas performances

Thank you to all those who have signed up for the Christmas Performances. If you have not yet done so, please ensure you sign up promptly to avoid disappointment.

Christmas parties

On the day of your child's Christmas party, you can either take your child home for lunch to get changed or bring their party clothes into school and they can get changed in school. Full details will be on next week's newsletter.

Achievement for All

School Value: Ambitious

Theme: Super Homework

Mars: Theo Hooper

Earth: Oscar Asheg

Jupiter: Zahra Howden

Neptune: Summer McCarthy

Venus: Darcey Allan

Saturn: George Hamilton

Mercury: Nazar Shepel

Lost property

Nakai, from Year 1, has lost a blue winter coat which does have his name in. Please could you check and ensure that your child has not taken it home in error. Can I also remind parents to name all items of clothing, including hats, scarves and gloves. Without names we cannot guarantee a safe return.

Guide Dog visit

Mr Lumley, who is a grandparent and volunteer of the school, also supports with the training of Guide Dogs and has recently just received a new puppy. As part of the training process the puppy needs to be exposed to many different social situations, noises and environments. Next week you may see him on the stage in the Key Stage 1 yard with the puppy. Can we ask that you do not approach them as this is part of the training process. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Reminders

Flu immunisations

The School Nursing Team will be administering flu vaccinations in school on Monday. Only those children who have parental consent will take part.

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 **£459.36** so, keep donating - **1 day 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
Mr Nicholson	Venus	Thursday 5 December 2024 – am	Mrs Bridger

Monday 2 December 2024

Polar Express day
Flu immunisations

Thursday 5 December 2024

School Christmas Fayre

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

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