



# 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 %	91.7%	99.4%	92.4%	96.8%	91.7%	96.3%	97.9%	98.9%
Whole School attendance %	95.8%							

## News

Thank you to everyone who attended our school fayre last night. We raised £757.77. Raffle tickets will continue to be on sale at our Christmas performances with the draw being made at our 'Carols around the Christmas Tree' on the last day of term.

**On the second week 'til Christmas Washingwell brings to you.....**

### Christmas bauble



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



### Monday 9 December Christmas lunch and jumper day

Our Christmas lunch will take place on Monday which, you should have already pre-ordered via School Hub. We also ask that all children and staff wear their Christmas jumper to get into the festive spirit.

### Monday 9 December KS2 Dress rehearsal

All children should have their costumes in school.

### Tuesday 10 December 9.30 & 2.15pm – KS2 Christmas Performance

For each performance, **2 adults per child** will be admitted to each performance. Mrs Hall will be on the entrance to check names. No exceptions will be made so please ensure you follow the guidance to avoid disappointment and refusal of entrance. Those who need to bring younger siblings will be asked to sit near to the entrance so if the child becomes too noisy then they can exit without any disturbance to the performance. Refreshments will be on sale at the afternoon performance and raffle tickets at both.

### Wednesday 11 December Music Workshop

Gateshead Music Service will be in school on Wednesday morning to deliver two music workshops to our children. KS2 will take place at 9.15 and EYFS/KS1 at 10.15. This is always a great event with lots of audience participation so, look out for our Facebook posts to see all the fun!

### Wednesday 11 December EYFS/KS1 Dress rehearsal

All children should have their costumes in school.

### Thursday 12 December - KS1 & EYFS Christmas Performance

For each performance, **2 adults per family** will be admitted to each performance. Mrs Hall will be on the entrance to check names. No exceptions will be made so please ensure you follow the guidance to avoid disappointment and refusal of entrance. Those who need to bring younger siblings will be asked to sit near to the entrance so if the child becomes too noisy then they can exit without any disturbance to the performance. Refreshments will be on sale at the afternoon performance and raffle tickets at both.

### Friday 16 December: 1.15pm – Neptune Christmas party

Our party season kicks off with Neptune class.

- If you wish to take your child home for lunch on this day, please email [neptune@washingwell.org.uk](mailto:neptune@washingwell.org.uk) to let Mr Sayers know.
- All children who are going home should be collected from the main entrance at 12.00pm. They should return to school at 1.00pm, via the main entrance.
- Those children who are staying at school for lunch can bring in their party clothes and get changed after lunch.

## Achievement for All

School value: Empowered

Theme: Out of your comfort zone

**Mars:** Lilian Morrison

**Earth:** Archie Bone

**Jupiter:** Evelyn Bennett

**Neptune:** Robbie Soulsby

**Venus:** Roan Garnish

**Saturn:** Jack Bennett

**Mercury:** Olivia Drinkald

### Job vacancy

#### Lunchtime Play Team Member, 7.5 hours per week, term time only

Required as soon as possible, the Head Teacher and Governors are seeking to appoint a highly motivated, caring, positive and enthusiastic person to join our lunchtime staff team. The successful person will help to care for the children and supervise lunchtime activities.

#### Duties to include:

- To be responsible for securing the safety, welfare and good conduct of children during the midday break period in accordance with the practices and procedures of the school.
- Facilitating play and model a range of activities to the children.
- Supervising children playing outside in all weathers.
- Setting up and preparing play activities and equipment prior to lunchtime and tidying and putting away at the end of the session.
- Assisting in first aid.
- Preparing children for their lunch and supervising children in the dining hall or classrooms.

If you are interested in joining our team then please contact Mrs Gardner for more information. The deadline for expressing an interest is **Friday 13 December**.

### Rag Bag Collection

Thankyou for all those who continue to donate used clothes and textiles to our Rag Bag bin. The latest collection raised £36.30 for school funds.

## 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.

## Reminders

### 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. Over the coming weeks 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.

### 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)

### 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

### 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*

