



# 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 %	100%	97.8%	96.8%	93.5%	97.2%	96.3%	97.9%	90.1%
Whole School attendance %	96%							

## News

Please could you send your child into school with a named carrier bag so they can take home their exercise books from last year. There will be no homework issued over the Christmas holidays so this week will be the last week for homework.

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

**Christmas parties galore!**

*Monday 16 December 2024 – Earth Christmas party (pm)*

*Tuesday 17 December 2024 – Jupiter (am) and Venus Christmas party (pm)*

*Wednesday 18 December 2024 – Mars (am) and Saturn (pm) Christmas party*

*Thursday 19 December 2024 – Mercury Christmas party (pm)*

- If you wish to take your child home for lunch on this day, please email your class teacher to let them know. (Exception of Mars & Jupiter)
- All children who are going home should be collected from the main entrance at the following times:  
Key Stage 1 - 11.50am; Key Stage 2 – 12.00pm
- All children should return to school, via the main school office, at 1.00pm
- Those children who are staying at school for lunch can bring in their party clothes and get changed after lunch.

**Friday 20 December 2.00pm – Carols around the Christmas tree**



Our Carols around the Christmas tree will take place on the afternoon of Friday 20 December. Doors open at 2.00pm when parents can enjoy a cup of tea/coffee whilst waiting for the performance to begin. It will also be your last opportunity to purchase raffle tickets, with the draw being held after the carols. There is an allocation of 1 adult per family which you need to sign up to via Operoo. Older and younger siblings will be allowed entrance with an accompanying adult. These must be added onto sign-up sheet.

Due to hall capacity and fire regulations we can only admit those who are named on the sheet so, if there is a change of attendee, please inform the school office. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

## Reminders

### Whizz Kids Booking

A reminder that our last Whizz Kids session will be Friday 20 December 7.30 -8.40am. There will be no evening session.

### 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.

### 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 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*

