



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 %	97.2%	98.3%	98.4%	97.9%	93.8%	99.3%	96%	97.8%
Whole School attendance %	96.9%							

News

Happy New Year!

Welcome back to a very busy and exciting 2025! We have lots to look forward to over the coming months: after school clubs, school visits, showcases, music workshops, residential visits, World Book day, Spring assembly and much, much more. Please take a look at the [Forthcoming Events and Key Dates](#) for event dates to add to your calendar.

This week's achievers are....

Achievement for All

School value: Together

Theme: Kindness

Mars: Oliver Aziz

Earth: Riley Kimber

Jupiter: Ernie Horne

Neptune: Lily Brown

Venus: Sophia Donnison

Saturn: Isaac Mason

Mercury: Max Armstrong

After School Clubs

After school clubs for this term begin week commencing **Monday 13 January 2025**.

Class Overviews Spring Term

Today you should receive your child's class overview for Spring term. These can also be found on our Class Pages on our school website <https://www.washingwell.org.uk/page/?title=Class+Pages&pid=29>

Parking around school ...

As we start the new year, can I remind parent's of the difficulties with parking around school. It has been brought to school's attention that cars are parking on the pavement on Broom Lane, restricting pedestrian access, with many parents and children having to walk on the road. Please be considerate when parking so as to ensure it is safe for both pedestrians and vehicles. Thank you for your co-operation and support in keeping our streets a safe place for all.

Maths Workshops



Our Maths workshops will take place on **Tuesday 14 January 2025**.

Key Stage 2, 9.00 – 9.30am
Early Years & Key Stage 1, 9.45 – 10.15am

Key Stage 2 parents please wait on the yard after drop-off. Once all children have entered, we will invite you into the hall to wait for the workshop to begin.

Early Years and Key Stage 1 parents, please come to the main entrance for 9.40am and you will be shown into the hall to wait for the workshops to begin.

Top Table

To start the new year, we will be introducing Top Table into our lunch hall every Monday. Each class teacher/adult will nominate one child, each week, to have their lunch on Top Table which will be set out with tablecloth, brightly coloured crockery and cutlery and juice. The children will all have their lunch at 12.00 with one teacher acting as a waitress/waiter, serving the children their food. This week it will be Mrs Hall (children should choose their normal lunch option whether that be school dinner or packed lunch). Children can be nominated for a variety of reasons which we discussed as a whole school, on Wednesday, in assembly.

Children who will be on Top Table will be told in our Achievers' Assembly on Fridays, with a note being sent home as to why they have been chosen.

This initiative is linked closely to our school values and also our school New Year Resolutions which the children will be able to talk to you about. It is our way of celebrating the little things that make each child so unique.

Themed Lunch

Thursday 16 January 2024 is census day in school. To celebrate, Orian have designed a themed lunch menu '**Diner Day**' which can be ordered via School Hub.

Menu

Main: American cheeseburger

Veggie: Veggie hotdog

Sides: Corn on the cob, homemade slaw and dusted fries

Dessert: American cookie sandwich



**Allergen options are also available. Please check out School hub for full details.*

Showcases

This term sees the return of our class Showcases which are always popular with children and parents. All showcases will start at 9.15am in the main school hall except for Mars, which will be held in their classroom. Please see below dates for each class:

Mars	Thursday 20 March
Venus	Monday 31 March
Jupiter	Tuesday 11 February
Earth	Thursday 20 February
Neptune	Tuesday 11 March
Saturn	Wednesday 2 April
Mercury	Wednesday 19 March

Raffle Prize

We have an unclaimed prize from our Christmas raffle: pink ticket 716 – 720, John & Sandra. The prize can be collected from the school office. Thank you

Reminders

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

Closing date for all Primary School applications is **Wednesday 15 January 2025**.

Forthcoming Events and Key Dates

Planned Staff Training and Arranged Class Cover for the week ahead.			
Staff Member	Class	Date	Cover
Mrs Mustard	Jupiter	Monday 13 January 2025 – am	Mrs Ellison
Mrs Erskine	Saturn	Monday 13 January 2025 – am	Mr Stephenson
Mr Nicholson	Venus	Wednesday 15 January 2025 - am	Mrs Ellison

Tuesday 14 January 2025

KS2 Maths workshop 9.00am – parents invited
EYFS & KS1 Maths workshop 9.45am – parents invited

Thursday 16 January 2025

Themed lunch Diner Day – order via Schoo Hub

Monday 3 February 2025

Children's World Mental Health Week

Tuesday 11 February 2025

Jupiter Showcase – 9.15am

Wednesday 19 February 2025

Gateshead Schools' Swimming Gala – 12.00pm – invited children only

Thursday 20 February 2025

Earth Showcase – 9.15am

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

Neptune Showcase – 9.15am
Parent consultations – 3.30pm – 6.00pm Year 1 – 6

Wednesday 12 March 2025

Parent consultations – 3.30pm – 6.00pm Nursery & Reception

Wednesday 19 March 2025

Mercury Showcase – 9.15am

Thursday 20 March 2025

Mars Stay & Play – 9.15am

Wednesday 26 March 2025

Spring Assembly 9.15am – more information to follow

Monday 31 March 2025

Venus Showcase – 9.15am

Wednesday 2 April 2025

Saturn Showcase – 9.15am

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*