



# 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%	99.5%	100%	95.7%	94.7%	92.8%	95.5%	93.8%
Whole School attendance %	96.1%							

## News

It has been a quiet week in school with children working hard to impress their teachers and improve in all areas.

## School Meals

Thank you for your patience and support with our school meals service. We are hoping to resolve the problem on Monday and get back to a full dinner service on Tuesday – fingers crossed!

## Tax Free Childcare

Did you know, you can get up to £2,000 a year for each of your children to help with the costs of childcare, if you're a working parent or in receipt of certain benefits? This goes up to £4,000 a year if they have a disability. To claim this, you'll need set up an online childcare account for your child. For every £8 you pay into this account, the government will pay in £2 to use to pay your provider. You can then use this account to pay for approved childcare, such as childminders, nurseries and after school provision.

To check your eligibility and find out how to get started, follow this link <https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

## This week's achievers are....

### Achievement for All

School Value: Perseverance

Theme: Empowered

**Mars:** Freddie Coulter

**Earth:** Scott Wilson

**Jupiter:** Lexie Marston

**Neptune:** Mia Thompson

**Venus:** Penny Lawson

**Saturn:** Amber Dixon

**Mercury:** Renee Sharp

## 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](http://www.washingwell.org.uk)

### Parking around school ...

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.

**‘Be cool, park SAFELY away from school’**

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## Forthcoming Events and Key Dates

Planned Staff Training and Arranged Class Cover for the week ahead.			
Staff Member	Class	Date	Cover
Miss Tweedy	Earth	Wednesday 29 January – am	Miss Carr
Mr Nicholson	Venus	Thursday 30 January 2025 – pm	Mrs Ellison

### Monday 27 January 2025

Year 3/4 Mini Basketball – 12.30pm - more information to follow

### Monday 3 February 2025

Children’s World Mental Health Week

### Tuesday 11 February 2025

Jupiter Showcase – 9.15am

### Wednesday 12 February 2025

Year 5/6 Mini Hockey at Whickham School– 12.30pm – more information to follow

### Thursday 13 February 2025 **NEW**

Year 3/4 Bikeability in school – consent forms emailed to parents

### Wednesday 19 February 2025

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

### Thursday 20 February 2025

Earth Showcase – 9.15am

### Thursday 20 February 2025

Year 1 Cricket Festival at Gateshead Stadium– 9.30am – more information to follow

### 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

Year 3 Quicksticks Hockey at Whickham school– 12.30pm – more information to follow

### 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

**Tuesday 18 March 2025 NEW**

Class photographs

**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

**Thursday 3 April 2025**

Key Stage 1 Girls Football at Gateshead Stadium -9.30am – 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*