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Attendance

	Mars Nursery	Mars Reception	Jupiter Y1	Venus Y2	Earth Y3	Neptune Y4	Saturn Y5	Mercury Y6
Weekly Attendance %		99%	99%	97.2%	97.3%	97.8%	95.7%	96.4%
Whole School attendance %	97%							

News

Achievers' Assembly

On Friday we have our weekly Achievers' Assembly. A theme is chosen each week which is linked to a particular school value. Teachers decide who should receive the weekly achievers' award linked to that theme, sharing their reasons with the school when certificates are presented in assembly.

Alongside this, we also have Top Table which celebrates individual achievements which are very unique and personal to each child. These are not shared with the whole school but are given to the child to take home and share with parents. If they receive this award, they sit on a special Top Table on a Monday lunchtime and have their meals served to them by a member of staff.

Within this assembly we also recognise a whole range of other achievements and awards, from both in and out of school, such as Multiplication Awards, Spelling Awards, team successes, attendance and much, much more.

If your child receives a medal, certificate, trophy etc for an activity they do out of school, we would love to share this success with the whole school. We always look forward to sharing lots of interesting achievements across the year.



This week's achievers are...

Achievement for All

School Value: Empowered

Theme: A positive start

Mars: Sonny Casey

Earth: Toby Davis

Jupiter: Rory Stott

Neptune: Brooke Parker

Venus: Jack Lazarus

Saturn: Imogen Connor

Mercury: Olly Potter

Homework

Homework has been issued this week to children in Year 1 to Year 6. Please read our Homework Policy which can be found on our school website <https://www.washingwell.org.uk/>

School Crossing Patrol

There will be no School Crossing Patrol on Broom Lane on the afternoon of Monday 15 September 2025.

Local Community



Friends of Watergate Forest Park

Watergate Nature Club

The nature club for children at Watergate Forest Park continues into the Autumn term, with a range of activities to explore the wildlife, plants and trees located in the park, combined with arts and crafts activities.

Sessions are held on the following Sundays, from 10am to 12.30pm

Sunday 21st September

Sunday 26th October

Sunday 30th November

Tickets cost £1 per child and can be booked on the Eventbrite website. The club is aimed at 4-11 year olds, but younger siblings are also welcome free of charge. Children must be accompanied by an adult and dressed warmly for outdoor weather.

Meet at Watergate Café N11 0BG - (behind Emmanuel College, next to the football pitches). The café opens at 10am.

Email for further information -

friendsofwatergateforestpark11@outlook.com

Reminders

Admissions to Reception / Year 7 in September 2026

If your child is due to start Reception or Year 7 in September 2026, the application process enabling you to choose a school for your child will open on Monday 8 September 2025. Logon to complete the online application.

The Year 7 Secondary School Deadline is 31 October 2025.

The Reception Primary School Deadline is 15 January 2026.

Whickham School will be holding open evenings for Year 6 parents. Events will take place on the dates and times below. Please note that there are two separate events on each date which you can sign up for on the Whickham School website.

- Thursday 18 September at 5.00pm and 7.00pm
- Tuesday 23 September at 5.00pm and 7.00pm

Prospective Parents for Nursery/Reception 2026

If you know of parents who have children who will be starting either Reception or Nursery in September 2026, school tours can be arranged via our school website; www.washingwell.org.uk

School forms

The following forms can now be found under **Forms** in our **Parent** section on our school website. Please click on the relevant link to complete.

[Administration of Medication](#)

[Request for Leave of Absence during Term Time](#)

[Medical Appointment](#)

[Reporting Pupil Absence](#)

[Dietary Requirements 2025-2026](#)

[Medical Needs 2025-2026](#)

Parking around school ...

Can I remind you that, for safety reasons, we ask that all parents park on Broom Lane and walk their children down either the pedestrian path at the back of the Aged Miner Cottages which leads directly into our school yard or down Bucks Hill View. Driving down Bucks Hill View during drop-off and pick-up times is extremely dangerous as children and parents are entering and exiting the school premises and the road and pavement is very restricted. Please think about the safety of all and park away from the school. Thank you for your co-operation and support in keeping our streets a safe place for all.

'Be cool, park SAFELY away from school'

Forthcoming Events and Key Dates

Planned Staff Training and Arranged Class Cover for the week ahead.			
Staff Member	Class	Date	Cover
Mrs Mustard	Venus	Tuesday 16 September 2025	Mr Stack

Friday 19 & 26 September 2025

Year 5 Forest School session – pm

Monday 29 September 2025

PE Taster day: KS1 Capoeira, KS2 American Football – children to wear PE kits

Wednesday 24 September 2025

Reception Vision Screening 9.00am – consent forms sent out

Wednesday 1 October 2025

Gateshead Cross Country event KS2 at Watergate Park – pm – team to be chosen after trials

Thursday 2 October 2025

National Poetry Day

Friday 3 October 2025

Y5/6 Girls football at Gateshead Power League 12.30pm – team to be selected

Year 6 Forest School session – pm

Tuesday 7 October 2025

Year 6 Tag Rugby – at Winlaton RFC 12.30pm

Friday 10 October 2025

Year 6 Forest School Session - pm

World Mental Health Day – more information to follow

Monday 13 October 2025

Cycle to School week – House Challenge - more information to follow

Poetry week in school

Tuesday 14 October 2025

Year 6 Transition event, Whickham School – Music 1.15pm

Thursday 16 October 2025

School photographs – individual and family groups
Year 5/6 Sportshall Athletics – 12.30pm – team to be selected

Tuesday 21 October 2025

Harvest Assembly 9.15pm – parents welcome (more information to follow)

Thursday 23 October 2025 NEW

FUNdraisers Halloween Disco – more information to follow

Friday 24 October 2025

School closes for half term

Tuesday 4 November 2025

8.40am – school reopens to all pupils.

Monday 10 November 2025

Anti-bullying week in school & Odd Socks Day – more information to follow
Learn to Ride your bike Course (Year 3 – 6) – more information to follow

Monday 10 November & Tuesday 11 November 2025

Parent consultation evenings 3.00 -6.00pm

Friday 14 November 2025

Children in Need – more information to follow

Tuesday 18 November 2025

Year 6 Transition event, Whickham School – German 1.15pm

Wednesday 19 November 2025

Music Workshop in school - am
SEND review meetings

Monday 24 November 2025

Assessment week in school

Monday 1 December 2025

Polar Express day – more information to follow

Wednesday 10 December 2024

Key Stage 2 Christmas performance – 9.30am and 2.15pm

Thursday 12 December 2025

Early Years & Key Stage 1 Christmas performance – 9.30am and 2.15pm

Friday 12 December 2025

Neptune Christmas party 1.15pm

Monday 15 December 2025

Earth Christmas party 1.15pm

Tuesday 16 December 2025

Jupiter Christmas party 9.15am
Venus Christmas party 1.15pm

Wednesday 17 December 2025

Mars Christmas party 9.15am
Saturn Christmas party 1.15pm

Thursday 18 December 2025

Mercury Christmas party 1.15pm

Friday 19 December 2025

Carols around the Christmas tree 2.00pm – parents invited

School closes for Christmas holidays 3.20pm - No Whizz Kids after school session

Monday 5 January 2026

School re-opens to all pupils 8.40am

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