



# Washingwell Primary School

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## Newsletter Number: 3

## Date: Friday 19 September 2025

### Attendance

	Mars Nursery	Mars Reception	Jupiter Y1	Venus Y2	Earth Y3	Neptune Y4	Saturn Y5	Mercury Y6
Weekly Attendance %	100%	100%	100%	95.8%	99.1%	95.9%	92.8%	96.9%
Whole School attendance %	96.7%							

### News

This week's achievers are...

#### Achievement for All

School Value: Ambitious

Theme: Out of your comfort zone

**Mars:** Alfie Gill

**Earth:** Leo Corrigan

**Jupiter:** Josh O'Boyle

**Neptune:** Phoebe Burkinshaw

**Venus:** Thomas Crowther

**Saturn:** Georgie Jackson

**Mercury:** Archie Garnish

#### School Website

Our school website hosts a wealth of information which you may find useful:

**About Us:** This tells you how to contact school and who is who in school.

**Key Information:** In this section you will find a host of information relating to admissions, policy, achievement, SEND, Ofsted, Equality, Vision and Values and much more.

**News & Events:** Here you will find all our weekly newsletters and a school calendar which has key dates on.

**Parents:** This section hosts information relating to term dates, uniform, school meals and class pages where you will find termly overviews of learning and end of year expectations. The Forms section can also be accessed here.

**Curriculum:** This shows you our vision for different subject areas, yearly overviews and skills progression so you can understand what your child is learning about, in each subject, in each year group.

# Washingwell FUNdraisers



*- Putting the 'fun' in to fundraising -*

Registered Charity Number: 1166523

Our FUNdraisers are a group of dedicated parents and grandparents who work hard behind the scenes to help the school in raising vital funds to support the enrichment activities we offer in school. They are currently already organising events, the Halloween disco being one of them, and are always on the look-out for more volunteers.

Support doesn't always mean giving up a lot of time as we recognise people have busy lives with many commitments. It could be collecting something on behalf of the group, wrapping gifts, selling raffle tickets, setting up for events, serving tea & coffee at an event ... the list is vast and varied and there is definitely something for everyone.

If you are interested in becoming involved then please drop into the school and let us know. Thank you



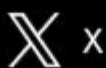
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£63 million Raised



2.5 million Users



190,000 Causes

## Equipment Request

We are looking for the following equipment for school:

- Child size pool cues
- Metal detector

## Reminders

### Whizz Kids

A polite reminder that Whizz Kids closes at 5.45pm. Children collected after this time will be charged in line with our terms and conditions.

## 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.

- 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](http://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 Pattison	Mars	Wednesday 24 September 2025 -pm	Miss Protheroe
Mrs Mustard	Venus	Thursday 25 September 2025 -am	Miss Protheroe

## Wednesday 24 September 2025 **NEW**

Reception Vision Screening 9.00am – consent forms sent out

Flu Immunisation 1.00pm – consent required

## Friday 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 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

**Monday 17 November 2025 NEW**

Year 4 Bikeability – more information to follow

**Tuesday 18 November 2025 NEW**

Year 5/6 Northumbria Police – respectful relationships  
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 11 December 2025** *Date correction*

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

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*A reminder that we are a Safeguarding School and in line with our policies and procedures, we have a duty to pass on any concerns to Children's Services.*

*Designated Safeguard Lead: Mrs Hall. Deputy Safeguard Lead: Mrs Tough; Mrs Erskine*