



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 %	96.9%	97.4%	99.3%	96.2%	95.8%	96.4%	94.7%	94.4%
Whole School attendance %	96.3%							

News

This week's achievers are...

Achievement for All

School Value: Respectful

Theme: Being honest

Mars: Hallie Soulsby

Earth: Darcey Allan

Jupiter: Logan Muir

Neptune: Joel Wilkinson

Venus: Kali Bell

Saturn: Robbie Soulsby

Mercury: La Stanley

PE Taster Day

We have a PE taster day in school on Monday 29 September. These taster days are always a great success with children getting to participate in sporting activities they would not normally do during curriculum PE lessons. All children need to wear their **PE kit**.

Mars, Jupiter and Venus will experience **Capoeira** which is an Afro-Brazilian martial art and game that includes elements of dance, acrobatics, music, and spirituality.



Earth, Neptune, Saturn and Mercury will experience **American Football** which is a popular team sport where two teams compete to score points by moving a ball into the other team's end zone. Players can run with the ball or throw it to team mates to move down the field. It's a fun, energetic game that teaches teamwork, strategy, and physical fitness.



Themed Lunch

Our school meals provider will be holding a themed lunch on Thursday 2 October 2025 which is also census day in school. If you would like your child to participate in this, please sign up via Parentpay.

Sporting updates

The Year 4 children of Neptune class had a fantastic afternoon visiting Whickham School for an exciting session of relay races. From the moment they arrived, their behaviour was excellent, listening carefully to instructions and cheering on their team mates with enthusiasm. Each race was filled with energy and determination, as everyone worked together and celebrated each other's efforts. Their sportsmanship and positive attitude made the afternoon both fun and memorable, and they returned to school proud of their achievements and the great team spirit they had shown.



Reminders

Equipment Request

We are looking for the following equipment for school:

- Child size pool cues
- Metal detector

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.

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](#)

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
Miss Tweedy	Earth	Monday 29 September 2025 - pm	Mr Stack
Mrs Pattison	Mars	Thursday 2 October 2025 - am	Mr Stack
Miss Johnson	Mercury	Thursday 2 October 2025 - pm	Mr Stack

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

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

Wednesday 8 October 2025 NEW

Year 5 Multi-sports at Whickham School – 1.15pm

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

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

Year 4 Bikeability – more information to follow

Tuesday 18 November 2025

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

Tuesday 9 Decemebr 2025 NEW

EYFS Christmas performance – 2.15pm

Wednesday 10 December 2024

Key Stage 2 Christmas performance – 9.30am and 2.15pm

Thursday 11 December 2025

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 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