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Attendance

	Mars Nursery	Mars Reception	Jupiter Y1	Venus Y2	Earth Y3	Neptune Y4	Saturn Y5	Mercury Y6
Weekly Attendance %	96.7%	97.8%	98.9%	95.5%	96.3%	96.7%	94.7%	95.1%
Whole School attendance %	96.4%							

News

This week's achievers are...

Achievement for All

School Value: *Ambitious*

Theme: *Hard working*

Mars: Ivy Armstrong

Earth: Aaron Davidoss

Jupiter: Ollie Aziz

Neptune: Scott Wilson

Venus: Alba Burkinshaw

Saturn: Summer McCarthy

Mercury: Jacob Scott

PE Taster Day



Our first PE taster day of the year saw EYFS and KS1 have a try at the Haka! The haka is a traditional ceremonial dance of the Māori people of New Zealand, used to welcome guests and challenge opponents. The sessions were full of energy and enthusiasm. Check out the comments to see some of our Year 2 girls giving it a go. Thanks to Mr Holden from [Wanna Teach PE](#) for teaching it to us.



While our younger pupils enjoyed the Haka with Mr Holden, our KS2 pupils got to experience American Football. They learned about the importance of quick reactions, some of the key positions in the team, and how to hold and throw the ball correctly. The sessions were great fun! Thanks [Wanna Teach PE](#)



Cross Country

Our Cross Country team had a very exciting afternoon with [Gateshead School Sports Partnership](#) at Watergate Forest Park. Competing against 45 other school teams, they showed fantastic sportsmanship and team spirit, supporting each other throughout. Our debut runners gave it their all, and did it all with a smile on their face. Our veterans smashed out some unbelievable performances, digging deep to push themselves to their limit! From our 12 runners, we won 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 4th, 6th and 8th across 3 of the races - with around 130 children in each race. These outstanding achievements led to the year 5/6 children winning the team competition - a first for our school. As always, we are bursting with pride for their effort and attitude!



World Mental Health Day – Hello Yellow



We can all struggle with how we're feeling, but sometimes things get tough, and it can be difficult to cope. For so many young people, when this happens, they don't get the help they need, when they need it. But together, we can change this.

By wearing yellow this World Mental Health Day, we can show young people that we're with them. Show them that they matter and deserve the support they need, when they need it, no matter what. So, dig out anything yellow – t-shirts, jumpers, socks, caps, hairbands – and wear it to school on **Friday 10 October** to show that we stand together to support positive mental health. Please remember clothes should be suitable for Flex-it Friday activities.

Harvest Assembly

Our Harvest assembly will take place in the school hall **9.15am on Tuesday 21 October**. Our assembly will involve all children as each class will be performing a poem. Parents are invited to attend this assembly but, for health and safety reasons, we can only admit one adult per family.

We will also be collecting donations of food for Gateshead Foodbank. Our School Ambassadors will be on the Key Stage 1 yard from 8.40am on Monday 20 & Tuesday 21 October collecting donations. These donations will then be used as part of our harvest display within school.

You can check which items the Foodbank will accept by visiting <https://gateshead.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>.



HALLOWEEN DISCO

Thursday 23 October 2025

Mars, Jupiter, Venus

Earth, Neptune, Saturn, Mercury

3.30 – 4.30pm

4.45 – 5.45pm

Tickets are £4.00 and include a snack and drink. They will go on sale today and close on Friday 17 October.

Health & Safety

We have noticed an increasing number of children riding around the school yard in the mornings, at school drop-off. Whilst we encourage children to scoot and ride to school, can we ask that they dismount and push their bikes/scooters into school so as to avoid any accidents. Thank you for your support with this.

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 opened 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.

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 ...

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
Mr Phillips	Jupiter	Monday 6 October 2025 - pm	Mr Stack
Miss Tweedy	Earth	Tuesday 7 October 2025 - am	Mr Stack
Mrs Mustard	Venus	Wednesday 8 October 2025 – am/pm	tbc

Tuesday 7 October 2025

Year 6 Tag Rugby – at Winlaton RFC 12.30pm

Wednesday 8 October 2025

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

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

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