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Attendance

	Mars Nursery	Mars Reception	Jupiter Y1	Venus Y2	Earth Y3	Neptune Y4	Saturn Y5	Mercury Y6
Weekly Attendance %	97.2%	96.6%	94.4%	94.2%	93.3%	97%	90.8%	95.1%
Whole School attendance %	94.8%							

News

This week's achievers are...

Achievement for All

School Value: Respectful Theme: Excellent Speaking & Listening Skills

Mars: Anya Brandwood

Earth: Sophia Donnison

Jupiter: Ellie Challis

Neptune: Olive Jones

Venus: Seb Horlock

Saturn: Amelia Turnbull

Mercury: Scarlett Jenkins

School Photographs



Your child will have their individual school photograph taken on **Thursday 16 October**. Sibling groups of children within school, will also be taken. If you have younger or older children who do not attend our school, then family photographs can be taken from 8.30am. Please come to the main entrance where you will be directed to the school hall. All children will need to be in full school uniform on this day. If it is your child's PE day – a school polo and sweatshirt should be worn on the top and jogging bottoms/leggings and trainers on the bottom, as all images will be from the waist up.

Sensory Aids

Whilst we recognise that fidget toys may be useful for some children, we ask toys from home are not brought into school. The decision as to whether a child needs a fidget toy in school will be decided by the class teacher and/or SENDCo and will be discussed with the parent first. If fidget toys are deemed as an effective strategy of support then, school will provide the appropriate toys. This is also the case for sensory ear defenders. Thank you in anticipation of your support in this matter.

Cycle to School week

Cycle to School week will commence on **Monday 13 October** through to **Friday 17 October**. During this week, we encourage all children to either ride or scoot to school to gain points for their house. Each morning, our House Captains will be stationed on the Key Stage 1 yard. On arrival at school, go to your relevant House Captain who will give you a sticker and merit point. Over the week, the points will be added up and the winning house announced in assembly on Friday 17 October.

Bikes must be left in the following designated areas:

Early years on the grass outside the entrance gate to the garden area;

Key Stage 1 in the bike shed on the yard;

Key Stage 2 on the grass in between the car park and Reading Den.



I wonder which House will win this month's challenge?

Sporting Success



Huge congratulations to our Y5/6 girls' football team who smashed it at the **Gateshead School Sports Partnership** 6-a-side competition on Friday 3 October – winning ALL of their matches while showing great sportsmanship. We got through to the final which will be held on Tuesday 21 October. Miss Johnson and Mr Cheng were so impressed with the team's skill, determination and teamwork. A big thank you to all those who braved the storms to cheer the girls on – your support means so much!

Mercury had a fantastic afternoon representing Washingwell at the Tag Rugby Tournament held at Winlaton RFC. Our pupils played with incredible determination, self-belief, and respect, showing true team spirit throughout every game.

A special congratulations to Washingwell A, who performed brilliantly and have made it through to the finals on Friday 17 October! Well done, Year 6 & a big thank you to **Gateshead School Sports Partnership** for having us.



Last night saw the first outing for our Y5/6 Mixed Football Team, playing two fixtures at Fellside Primary. The team have gelled really well together since the start of term, under the watchful eye of their coach, Mr Cheng. The first week saw a tight match where they lost 1-0, and then a 1-1 draw with a goal from Harrison. We are looking forward to seeing them progress further, when the fixtures resume in the Spring.



Reminders

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.

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

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
Mrs Pattison	Mars	Monday 13 October 2025 – am/pm	Mrs Bridger
Mrs Mustard	Venus	Tuesday 14 October 2025 – am/pm	Mrs Bridger
Mrs Erskine	Saturn	Tuesday 14 October 2025 - am	Mr Cheel
Miss Tweedy	Earth	Tuesday 14 October 2025 - pm	Mr Cheel
Mr Phillips	Jupiter	Wednesday 15 October 2025 - am	Mrs Robson

Monday 13 October 2025

Cycle to School week – House Challenge
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

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 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 December 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

Year 5/6 Northumbria Police – respectful relationships

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