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Attendance

	Mars Nursery	Mars Reception	Jupiter Y1	Venus Y2	Earth Y3	Neptune Y4	Saturn Y5	Mercury Y6
Weekly Attendance %	92.3%	93.1%	97.9%	92%	92.4%	95.9%	90.4%	98.2%
Whole School attendance %	94.3%							

News

This week's achievers are...

Achievement for All

School value: *Healthy*

Theme: *Self-motivation*

Mars: Olivia Wilkinson

Earth: George Willis

Jupiter: George Barnes

Neptune: Nathaniel Ward

Venus: Ernie Horne

Saturn: Evie Pentland

Mercury: Frankie Cunningham

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.

Please sign up for this event via Parentpay.

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/>.

Cycle to School week – House Challenge Results

Thank you to everyone who took part in this month's House Challenge The results are as follows...

1 st - Endeavour	92 points
2 nd – Discovery	85 points
3 rd – Columbia	74 points
4 th - Atlantis	56 points



Reminders

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.

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 Mustard	Venus	Monday 20 October 2025 – am Tuesday 21 October 2025 – am/pm	Mrs Bridger
Mr Sayers	Neptune	Monday 20 October 2025 – pm	Mrs Bridger
Miss Tweedy	Earth	Wednesday 22 October 2025 – am/pm	Mrs Bridger
Mr Phillips	Jupiter	Wednesday 22 October 2025 – am/pm	Miss Bigall

Tuesday 14 October 2025

Year 6 Transition event, Wickham School – Music 1.15pm

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 NEW

EYFS & KS1 – visit to St Mary’s Church - more information to follow

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