



Washingwell Primary School

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Date: Friday 24 October 2025

Attendance: Autumn term 1 2.9.25 – 24.10.25

	Mars Nursery	Mars Reception	Jupiter Y1	Venus Y2	Earth Y3	Neptune Y4	Saturn Y5	Mercury Y6
Weekly Attendance %	96.1%	97.3%	98.2%	93.8%	95.4%	96.8%	92.6%	95.6%
Whole School attendance %	95.7%							

News

This week's achievers are...

Achievement for All

School value: *Ambitious*

Theme: *Super problem solving*

Mars: Ross MacKinnon

Earth: Zoe Duff

Jupiter: Theo Hooper

Neptune: James Tucker

Venus: Remy Parris

Saturn: Ella Imrie

Mercury: Travis Layton

More Sporting Success!



The sporting success keeps on coming, as on Tuesday, our Y5/6 Girls Football Team were crowned **Gateshead School Sports Partnership** Champions!

Undefeated in 7 matches against the best teams in Gateshead, scoring 18 goals and conceding only 3, their performance was phenomenal. With a real mix of players with different levels of experience and ability, they worked so beautifully as a team,

showing serious determination but with smiles for miles. Mrs Erskine and Mr Cheng couldn't have been prouder of them. Well done girls!



Huge congratulations to our Y6 Tag Rugby Team! Out of over 50 schools, they secured an impressive 3rd place and proudly brought home bronze medals! An incredible achievement and a true testament to their hard work, teamwork, and determination. Well done, team!



WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS

School Photographs

You should have received your child's school photograph on Monday, this week. The return date for orders is **Friday 7 November**. Please return any orders to the school office by then. Thank you

Upcoming community events

Sunday 9th November 2025: Remembrance Day Event. This is always an important event for the village and this year we will have our new rector in place, Father James Scott. School will be represented by our School Ambassadors who will lay a wreath at the Cenotaph.

Tuesday 25th November 2025 @3:30 pm (straight after school): Christmas Tree switch-on (Church Green). Hosted by Dame Bella Bluebell and the pantomime cast of Goldilocks and the 3 Bears from the Little Theatre, Gateshead. Last year's switch-on event was hugely successful.

Whizz Kids terms and Conditions

We have updated our terms and conditions for Whizz Kids. These have been sent out to parents via Arbor. Before booking onto any sessions after half term, you must sign and agree to them. Our terms and conditions can also be viewed on our school website. Please click on the link below. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

<https://www.washingwell.org.uk/page/?title=Washingwell+Whizz+Kids+%28Before+and+After+School+Pro+vision%29&pid=51&action=saved>

When Your Child is Unwell

As we are back into the Autumn term, we are beginning to see the usual seasonal bugs and illnesses making their rounds. We kindly ask all families to be especially mindful of the following school policy around illnesses.

While we understand that mild symptoms can be manageable, we must prioritise the health and safety of all our pupils and staff -particularly those in school who are vulnerable or immunocompromised.

Please remember: if your child has experienced vomiting or diarrhoea, they must remain off school **for a full 48 hours after the last episode**.

Further information on whether your child is too ill to come to school can be found by following this link:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school>

We appreciate your support in keeping Washingwell a safe and healthy environment for everyone.

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.



CHRISTMAS ADVENTURES



**EVERY
WEEKEND
NOV 28 -
DEC 24**

**SNOW TUBING, CHRISTMAS
CRAFTS, ELF HUNT,
MARSHMALLOW TOASTING AND
MORE!**



**FESTIVE FAMILY FUN FOR
AGES 4+!**

BOOKINGS NOW OPEN



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Thorns**

www.whickhamthorns/book-activities@whickhamthorns.co.uk

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
Mr Phillips	Jupiter	Wednesday 5 November 2025 - pm	Miss Hood
Miss Johnson	Mercury	Thursday 6 November 2025 – am/pm	Miss Hood

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

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