



# 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 %       | 97.7%        | 86.1%          | 98.1%      | 90.8%    | 99.4%    | 100%       | 92.8%     | 93.1%      |
| Whole School attendance % | 94.6%        |                |            |          |          |            |           |            |

## News

### Anti-Bullying Week 2025

Next week, we will be taking part in **Anti-Bullying Week**, with a special **Odd Socks Day on Monday** to celebrate what makes us all unique. This year's theme is '**Power for Good**', encouraging children to think about how they can use their own power to stand up to bullying, both online and offline. We look forward to a positive week of learning, kindness and confidence-building!



### Children in Need

On **Friday 14th November**, we will be supporting **Children in Need** with a **cake and biscuit sale after school and a poster competition**. To help us raise funds and spread some cheer, children and adults are invited to come to school wearing **something yellow, spotty or dotty** for a donation of **£1.00** – this could be a spotty t-shirt, bright yellow socks, or even yellow hair. Whatever you choose must be suitable for Flex-it Friday activities. Further information about the cake sale, which will take place after school on Friday, and poster competition will be provided in your weekly homework email.



### Parent Consultation Meetings

Parent evenings will be held in the following rooms:

**Mrs Pattison : Mars** – please enter via the school main entrance and wait outside of Mars classroom on chairs provided.

**Mr Phillips: Jupiter** - please enter via the school main entrance and wait outside of Jupiter classroom on chairs provided.

**Mrs Mustard: Venus** – please enter via the main entrance and wait outside Venus classroom on the chairs provided.

**Miss Tweedy: Earth** – please enter via the Key Stage 2 door; use the small gate from the Key Stage 1 yard to walk through the car park and follow the path around to the door. Please wait outside of Earth classroom on the chairs provided.

**Mr Sayers: Neptune** - please enter via the Key Stage 2 door; use the small gate from the Key Stage 1 yard to walk through the car park and follow the path around to the door. Please wait outside of Neptune classroom on the chairs provided.

**Mrs Erskine: Saturn** – Family Support Room -please enter via the Key Stage 2 door; use the small gate from the Key Stage 1 yard to walk through the car park and follow the path around to the door. Please wait outside of the room on the chairs provided.

**Miss Johnson: Mercury** - please enter via the Key Stage 2 door; use the small gate from the Key Stage 1 yard to walk through the car park and follow the path around to the door. Please wait in the small area (hub) outside of Mercury classroom on the chairs provided.

- On completion of your meeting with class teachers, you will be given your child's books to look at. Once finished looking at them, please return them to the box outside of the classroom door.
- For Health and Safety reasons, parents are not permitted to go through the hall as Whizz Kids will be operating.
- Children being collected from Whizz Kids will follow the same collection routine as always.
- Please arrive for your appointment 5 minutes before your scheduled time. As you can imagine it is extremely busy and space is at a premium.
- If you are unable to attend for any reason, please inform school as soon as possible. Unfortunately, due to workload of staff, appointments cannot be re-scheduled.

### Key Stage 2 OPAL

At lunchtimes, our Key Stage 2 children can play in our OPAL area which is on the school field. As the weather is changing, going forward, children will need to have wellies and waterproof trousers on if they wish to use this area during the winter months.

### School Crossing Patrol

There will be no school crossing patrol on Broom Lane/Millfield Road on Monday 10 November.

### National School Meals Week: 10 – 14 November 2025

For those pupils who regularly enjoy a hot, nutritious school lunch, the experience is about a lot more than just the meal on the plate. School caterers across the country aim to teach important life skills to students and give them tools and knowledge to grow up strong, healthy and have the energy to learn and thrive in the classroom.



## FUNdraisers

Our FUNdraisers are currently planning our Christmas Fayre which will take place in school on **Friday 5 December, 3.30pm.**

Funds raised from this event will go towards providing transport for our school summer trip which will cost in the region of £1,600.

Therefore, to ensure this event goes ahead, we really need your help. We need the following volunteers.

- Setting up the fayre 1.15- 3.15pm - 6 people
- Manning the stalls – 3.30pm onwards - 12 people

We would love to have face painting this year, as it is always a popular choice, so are particularly looking for two volunteers to do this.

There is also the opportunity for people to host a stall should they wish. If this is something you would be interested in, please contact the FUNdraisers via their Facebook page.

As always, we will be hosting a non-uniform day in school on **Wednesday 26 November** for the following donations for our fayre:

EYFS & Key Stage 1 – chocolate and sweets

Key Stage 2 - bottles

We will also collect donations of any unwanted gifts such as toiletries, candles, gifts sets, nic-nacs etc, for our tombola stall.

Let's hope we can all pull together and make our Christams Fayre happen.

## Reminders

### 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>

### Admissions to Reception / Year 7 in September 2026

If your child is due to start Reception in September 2026, the application process enabling you to choose a school for your child opened on Monday 8 September 2025. Log -on to complete the online application.

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](http://www.washingwell.org.uk)

### Parking around school ...

Please think about the safety of all and park away from the school. Thank you for you 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. |       |                               |           |
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| Staff Member  | Class | Date                          | Cover     |
| Miss Tweedy   | Earth | Tuesday 11 November – am/pm   | Miss Hood |
| Mrs Pattison  | Mars  | Wednesday 12 Novemebr – am/pm | Miss Hood |

### 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 – dress in yellow £1.00 donation, cake sale and poster competition

**Monday 17 November 2025**

Year 4 Bikeability – information sent to parents

**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 – appointments sent out by class teachers

**Monday 24 November 2025**

Assessment week in school

**Wednesday 26 November 2025 NEW**

Non-uniform day – donations for Christmas Fayre

**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

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*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*