



Washingwell Primary School

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Date: Friday 21 November 2025

Attendance:

| | Mars Nursery | Mars Reception | Jupiter Y1 | Venus Y2 | Earth Y3 | Neptune Y4 | Saturn Y5 | Mercury Y6 |
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| Weekly Attendance % | 83.6% | 91.2% | 97.8% | 93.3% | 98.1% | 95.9% | 93.9% | 98.2% |
| Whole School attendance % | 93.1% | | | | | | | |

News

This Weeks Achievers are...

Achievement for All

School value: Respectful

Theme: Excellent Behaviour

Mars: Ava Corrigan

Earth: Emmie Jackson

Jupiter: Seb Woodhams

Neptune: William Aziz

Venus: Reuben Miller

Saturn: Farai Eke Matsika

Mercury: Zara Young

Non-uniform Day

We will be holding a non-uniform day in school on the following days for donations towards the school fayre:

Wednesday 26 November – Mars, Venus, Earth, Neptune, Saturn, Mercury

Thursday 27 November – Jupiter. Please wear PE kit on Wednesday as they are attending Whickham school in the afternoon for a cricket festival.

Donations required: EYFS & KS1 – sweets; KS2 – bottles.

Fundraisers are also keen to receive any pre-loved gifts such as smellies, candles, jewellery etc. for a tombola stall.

Please place all gifts in the trolley on the KS1 yard. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Children in Need



Thank you to everyone for your kind donations for Children in Need. We made **£476.35**. Amazing!

Reminders

Tuck Shop - Spring 2026

The payment is now live on Parentpay for the Spring Term Tuck Shop.

This will start week commencing Monday 12 January 2026 and run through to week commencing Monday 30 March 2026.

The cost of the Tuck Shop is 60p per week for 2 items of the child's choice. The total cost for the Spring term is £6.60 per child.

Please remember that once the payment closes on Wednesday 7 January 2026 we will not be able to add or amend the list so please ensure you that you have paid by then.

Washing machine

We have a fully working washing machine in school which we no longer require. We are happy to offer it to our school community for a small donation to school fund. If you are interested, please let us know.

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.

Admissions to Reception 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

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'



Organised by :
LIGHTING UP
Whickham

With support from
local residents
and businesses

Donations welcome:
Lighting Up
Whickham
Sort code:
60-08-45
Account number:
7336 3650

**Whickham Christmas
Lights Switch-on**

Hosted by
Dame Bella Bluebell
and the cast of
Goldilocks & the 3 Bears
from the Little Theatre

**Church Green
Tuesday
November 25th
3:45 p.m.**

Everyone welcome

We are supporting
SPOOR METHODIST CHURCH
Front Street, Whickham (next to Gibside Hotel)

**Christmas Tree
Festival**

**Thursday 4th, Friday 5th and
Saturday 6th December 2025**

From 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Free Admission

Refreshments Served

All Are Welcome

Come and see our Tree



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 25 November - pm | Miss Hood |
| Mrs Mustard | Venus | Wednesday 26 Novemebr – am/pm | Mrs Dodds |

Monday 24 November 2025

Assessment week in school

Wednesday 26 November 2025 NEW

Non-uniform day – donations for Christmas Fayre (all classes except Jupiter)
Jupiter – Cricket at Whickham school – pm *Consent to follow*

Thursday 27 November 2025 NEW

Non-uniform day – donations for Christmas Fayre **Jupiter class only**

Monday 1 December 2025

Polar Express day – more information to follow

Friday 5 December 2025 NEW

School Christmas Fayre – 3.30pm

Monday 8 December 2025 NEW

Christmas jumper and Christmas lunch day

Tuesday 9 December 2025

EYFS Christmas performance – 2.15pm

Wednesday 10 December 2025

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