



Washingwell Primary School

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Date: Friday 28 November 2025

Attendance:

	Mars Nursery	Mars Reception	Jupiter Y1	Venus Y2	Earth Y3	Neptune Y4	Saturn Y5	Mercury Y6
Weekly Attendance %	89.8%	88.7%	96.2%	96.4%	95.3%	97.4%	93.4%	91%
Whole School attendance %	94%							

News

On the third week 'til Christmas Washingwell brings to you.....

Monday 1 December – Polar Express Day

Your child should have come home with their Polar Express Golden Ticket on Thursday night.

On Monday morning, to board the Polar express, children need to hand their tickets to Mrs Tough and Mrs Hall. Dress code is pyjamas, dressing gowns and slippers, (please ensure your child brings both outdoor shoes and coats for lunch and playtimes). They will then spend the morning doing Christmas activities, go into the dining hall for Polar Express lunch then spend the afternoon watching the movie, Polar Express, whilst having hot chocolate and cookies.



Monday 1 December – Post Box opens

On Monday, we will also open our Christmas post box. Children can post their cards to their friends each morning. At lunch time, our Year 5 children will sort the cards and deliver them to each class. Please ensure you write the child's first and second name as well as class on the front. The post box will be situated in the school hall next to the Christmas tree. Thank you

Monday 1 December – Christmas bauble



If your child would like to bring a bauble in to hang on our school Christmas tree, this can be done anytime from Monday 1 December onwards. Our tree always has a very eclectic feel, with children bringing colourful baubles and decorations. Baubles can be hung on our indoor or outdoor tree.

Friday 5 December - FUNdraisers Christmas Fayre

Our Christmas Fayre will be held in school **3.30pm Friday 5 December**. All children will be collected as normal then assemble on the Key Stage 1 yard to wait for the fayre to open. If your child is attending Whizz Kids then staff will accompany them around the fayre. Please send spending money, in a named envelope, into school with them on Friday.

However, we have had only one volunteer, so if we do not have more volunteers by Monday, the school fayre will have to be cancelled which will be a huge disappointment for the children.



Coming up...

Christmas performances

On Friday 28 November you will receive a link to a Microsoft form, sent as an email via Arbor.

Please follow the link to book your tickets for your child's performance.

There is a separate booking link for each key stage as the performances take place on different days. You should only receive the booking links that are applicable to you / your children.

Due to fire regulations we are only able to offer 2 tickets per family, per performance. For example, if you have 2 children who are both in KS2 you will be allocated 2 tickets for the AM and 2 tickets for the PM, the same with KS1 and EYFS. If you have children in different Key Stages, you will be allocated 2 tickets for each performance for each key stage.

Performances are as follows:

- EYFS Tuesday 9th December at 2.15pm
- KS2 Wednesday 10th December AM 9.30am and PM 2.15pm
- KS1 Thursday 11th December AM 9.30am and PM 2.15pm

Please note, we will not be able to admit anyone who has not signed up, nor will we admit adults above our allocated numbers. If you need to bring a small child who may not sit through the whole performance, please take an end seat so that you are able to exit the hall with minimal disruption. Thank you.

Christmas parties

On the day of your child's Christmas party, you can either take your child home for lunch to get changed or bring their party clothes into school and they can get changed in school. Full details will be on next week's newsletter.

This Week's Achievers are...

Achievement for All

School Value: Together

Theme: Friendly

Mars: Luke Bennett

Earth: Saskia Armstrong

Jupiter: Isla Bailiff

Neptune: Riley Kimber

Venus: Evelyn Bennett

Saturn: Amin Soumbounou

Mercury: Isaac Mason

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.

Pre-loved uniform

When using the blue uniform bin in the school yard, please ensure that you only put in clean, dry SCHOOL UNIFORM that is bagged. We have recently had random, wet clothes put in there which has destroyed what was previously useful uniform. Thanks for your consideration.

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'

Community

JOIN US FOR OUR COMMUNITY
CHRISTMAS FAIR
Saturday 6th December
11am-2pm
Blaydon Youth & Community Centre NE21 5LU

Some of the great things we have on offer include:

- Santa's Grotto
- Xmas Roller Disco*
- Festive Forestry*
- Soft Play/Bouncy castle
- Food & Drinks
- Messy Play
- Face Painting
- ...PLUS MORE!

* activities free of charge
For pre-bookable activities, please scan the QR code

FREE ENTRY

SCAN ME!

AQUA SPLASH SESSIONS AT DUNSTON LEISURE CENTRE!

Upcoming sessions

- **THIS Sunday 30th November 2:15-3:00pm & 3:00-3:45pm**
- Tuesday 23rd December 2:00-2:45pm, 2:45-3:30pm & 3:30-4:15pm
- Sunday 28th December 2:15-3:00pm & 3:00-3:45pm
- Sunday 4th January 2:15-3:00pm & 3:00-3:45pm

Price: Adults £7 & Children £5



Booking required online or at reception.

Must be able to swim one length of main pool (25m). No refunds issued if unable to complete this as per T&Cs.

Forthcoming Events and Key Dates

Planned Staff Training and Arranged Class Cover for the week ahead.

Staff Member	Class	Date	Cover
Mrs Mustard	Venus	Wednesday 3 December 2025	Mrs Dodds

Monday 1 December 2025

Polar Express day

Friday 5 December 2025

School Christmas Fayre – 3.30pm

Monday 8 December 2025

Christmas jumper and Christmas lunch day – more information to follow

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

Spring Term**Monday 5 January 2026**

School re-opens to all pupils 8.40am

Wednesday 7 January 2026

The History Bloke – Year 6 – am

- Year 1 – pm

Wednesday 14 January 2026

Year 6 SATs Parent information session – 5.00pm

Tuesday 27 January 2026

Year 6 transition event Whickham School – Science – 1.15pm

Monday 9 February 2026

Children's World Mental Health Week

Monday 16 February 2026

Year 6 to Whickham School – Legally Blonde performance

Friday 20 February 2026

School closes for half-term holidays – 3.20pm

Monday 2 March 2026

Staff training day – school closed to all pupils

Tuesday 3 March 2026

School re-opens to all pupils 8.40am

Class photos – full school uniform to be worn

Thursday 5 March 2026

World Book Day

Monday 9 March 2026

Parent consultations – 3.30pm – 6.00pm all year groups

Tuesday 10 March 2026

Parent consultations – 3.30pm – 6.00pm all year groups excluding Year 2

Wednesday 12 March 2026

Parent consultations – 3.30pm – 6.00pm Year 2

Wednesday 18 – Friday 20 March 2026

Year 6 Residential to Newby Wiske

Thursday 2 April 2026

School closes for Easter holidays 3.20pm



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