



Washingwell Primary School

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Date: Friday 5 December 2025

Attendance:

	Mars Nursery	Mars Reception	Jupiter Y1	Venus Y2	Earth Y3	Neptune Y4	Saturn Y5	Mercury Y6
Weekly Attendance %	83%	98.5%	94.3%	99.1%	98.2%	98.5%	94.4%	96%
Whole School attendance %	96.6%							

News

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

Christmas bauble



If your child would like to bring a bauble in to hang on our school Christmas tree, this can be done anytime this week. Our tree always has a very eclectic feel, with children bringing in a huge range of colourful baubles and decorations.



Monday 8 December Christmas lunch and jumper day

Our Christmas lunch will take place on Monday which, you should have already pre-ordered via ParentPay. We also ask that all children and staff wear their Christmas jumper to get into the festive spirit.

Dress rehearsals

Monday 8 December KS2 & Early Years

Tuesday 9 December KS1

All children should have their costumes in school on these days.

Christmas Performances

Two adults per family will be admitted to this performance. Mrs Hall will be on the entrance to check names. No exceptions will be made so please ensure you follow the guidance to avoid disappointment and refusal of entrance. Those who need to bring younger siblings will be asked to sit near to the entrance so if the child becomes too noisy then they can exit without any disturbance to the performance. Refreshments will be on sale at the afternoon performances and raffle tickets at both.

- Early Years Performance: Tuesday 9 December – 2.15pm
- Key Stage 2 Performance: Wednesday 10 December – 9.30am & 2.15pm
- Key Stage 1 Performance: Thursday 11 December – 9.30am & 2.15pm

Friday 16 December: 1.15pm – Neptune Christmas party

Our party season kicks off with Neptune class.

- If you wish to take your child home for lunch on this day, please email neptune@washingwell.org.uk to let Mr Sayers know.
- All children who are going home should be collected from the main entrance at 12.00pm. They should return to school at 1.00pm, via the main entrance.
- Those children who are staying at school for lunch can bring in their party clothes and get changed after lunch.

Whizz Kids Bookings

Due to staff shortages, we are having to restrict our breakfast club bookings to 20 per session and unfortunately cannot accept Nursery children, due to ratios. When booking breakfast sessions, please ensure that your booking confirmation turns green for each session. If it remains grey then the session is full and we are unable to accept your child into breakfast club. Also, if you are not going to use your place, please ensure you cancel so that others who do need the space, can book on. We really do not want to have to turn children away! Thank you for your continued support with this matter.



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 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.			
Staff Member	Class	Date	Cover

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 UPDATE

Carols around the Christmas tree 2.00pm – Christmas jumpers to be worn

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

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

Monday 16 March 2026

Year 6 to Whickham School – Legally Blonde performance

Wednesday 18 – Friday 20 March 2026

Year 6 Residential to Newby Wiske

Thursday 26 March 2026 NEW

Year 3 & 4 Road Safety training – for four consecutive weeks

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, Mrs Mustard, Mrs Gardner.