



Washingwell Primary School

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Date: Friday 12 December 2025

Attendance:

| | Mars Nursery | Mars Reception | Jupiter Y1 | Venus Y2 | Earth Y3 | Neptune Y4 | Saturn Y5 | Mercury Y6 |
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| Weekly Attendance % | 89.7% | 96.1% | 94.2% | 99.6% | 93.1% | 96.7% | 90% | 96.9% |
| Whole School attendance % | 95.1% | | | | | | | |

News

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

Christmas parties galore!

Monday 15 December 2025 – Earth Christmas party (pm)

Tuesday 16 December 2025 – Jupiter (am) and Venus Christmas party (pm)

Wednesday 17 December 2025 – Mars (am) and Saturn (pm) Christmas party

Thursday 18 December 2025 – Mercury Christmas party (pm)

- If you wish to take your child home for lunch on this day, please email your class teacher to let them know. (Exception of Mars & Jupiter)
- All children who are going home should be collected from the main entrance at the following times: Key Stage 1 - 11.50am; Key Stage 2 – 12.00pm
- All children should return to school, via the main school office, at 1.00pm
- Those children who are staying at school for lunch can bring in their party clothes and get changed after lunch.

Friday 19 December 2.00pm – Carols around the Christmas tree



Our Carols around the Christmas tree will take place on the afternoon of Friday 19 December. Doors open at 2.00pm when parents can enjoy a cup of tea/coffee whilst waiting for the performance to begin. It will also be your last opportunity to purchase raffle tickets, with the draw being held after the carols.

There is an allocation of **1 adult per family** which you need to sign up to via Google Forms which will be sent out on Monday 15 December.

Due to hall capacity older and younger siblings are unable to attend on this occasion.

Christmas Fayre

Thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas fayre last Friday. We raised £723 which will go towards enrichment activities/equipment for our children.

Whizz Kids before and after school provision

As you are more than aware, staffing our before and after school provision has been a challenge over the past year, with Teaching Assistants stepping up and filling the roles on a temporary basis.

We have been carefully considering how to best support our families given the current challenges we face and after thorough consideration, we are excited to announce that we will be working with a new club that will provide dedicated care and support for our learners, outside of regular school hours.

Branches Out of School Club will be our new provider and will deliver the following under the same costings, timings and terms and conditions as our current offer:

- **Focused Care Approach:** The club will operate solely before and after school hours
- **Bespoke Activities:** Carefully designed to engage and support our learners
- **Play-Centred Experiences:** Prioritising meaningful, enjoyable interactions

We recognise that our Teaching Assistants have been stretched thin, and this new approach will help ensure we can provide high-quality care while supporting our core educational mission.

Myself and Mrs Glover, Parent Governor, will be working closely with Branches to ensure a smooth and seamless transition. We will be sharing more detailed information about this new provision in January, with the opportunity for parents and children to meet the staff as we begin the process of registering the club with Ofsted and firming up all the legal requirements. This can be a lengthy process, but we are hoping that the new club will be fully operational after the Easter holidays, if not sooner. In the meantime, Whizz Kids will continue to operate as normal.

Exciting News!
Coming soon to Washingwell Primary school

- Flexible booking & affordable pricing
- Breakfast, after school & holiday clubs
- Healthy & nutritious breakfast and snacks
- Child led play
- Fully qualified & experienced staff

We are excited to be working in partnership with Washingwell primary school to be able to offer breakfast and after school care. We will be hoping to be open sometime in the new year to continue the breakfast & after school care you and your children have received from Whizz kids. We will bring our playwork experience and a fresh approach to Washingwell's wraparound care. We will be arranging visits to school after Christmas to introduce the team to children and parents. Looking forward to meeting you all then.

Sharon & Charley Evans
Owner/manager & Deputy

Play Learn Grow Together

For more information about us, find us on facebook or check out our website
www.Branchesoutofschool.Co.Uk

Branches Out of School Ltd.
Quality Childcare in the heart of the community

For Sale



We are selling our Boogie Bounce Trampolines which we no longer require. They are in good, working condition and cost £25 per trampoline with a discount if you buy more than one.

They are available for immediate collection on a first come first served basis.

If you are interested, please contact Mrs Gardner.
Thank you

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

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 – 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.