



Washingwell Primary School

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Date: Friday 19 December 2025

Attendance: Autumn 2

	Mars Nursery	Mars Reception	Jupiter Y1	Venus Y2	Earth Y3	Neptune Y4	Saturn Y5	Mercury Y6
Weekly Attendance %	89.3%	90.9%	95.3%	96.6%	94.4%	95.9%	92%	95.4%
Whole School attendance %	94.3%							

News

This Weeks Achievers are...

Achievement for All

School value: Empowered

Theme: Excellent Music Skills

Mars: Ava Armstrong

Earth: Arthur McCabe

Jupiter: Lilian Morrison

Neptune: Elizabeth Glover

Venus: Estella Porter

Saturn: Lily Brown

Mercury: Sienna Sharp

Christmas has arrived!

We have all made it to the end of a very long and busy term filled with lots of hard work, friendship and fun.

On behalf of all the staff, I would like to say a huge thank you for your kind words and gifts this Christmas – they really do mean a lot.

Can I take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Enjoy every moment of your time together.

Whizz Kids re-opens 7.30am Monday 5 January 2026 and for all other children, school re-opens at 8.40am.



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

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 Wickham School – Legally Blonde performance

Wednesday 18 – Friday 20 March 2026

Year 6 Residential to Newby Wiske

Thursday 26 March 2026

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.