



Washingwell Primary School

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Date: Friday 23 January 2026

Attendance:

	Mars Nursery	Mars Reception	Jupiter Y1	Venus Y2	Earth Y3	Neptune Y4	Saturn Y5	Mercury Y6
Weekly Attendance %	92.1%	90.1%	99%	99.1%	96.6%	98.5%	97.3%	88.5%
Whole School attendance %	94.7%							

News

This Weeks Achievers are...

Achievement for All

School value: Ambitious

Theme: Super Scientists

Mars: Carter King

Earth: George Willis

Jupiter: Lula Kristiansen

Neptune: Ezme Arkle

Venus: Ivy McCabe

Saturn: Harrison Rudd

Mercury: Emily Cheng

Sporting events

On Wednesday, some of our Year 5 and 6 pupils had the opportunity to take part in a basketball tournament at **Whickham School**. As always, our children showed respect, team work and determination and were a credit to our school. We saw some wins, some draws, some losses and a variety of children scoring baskets. Well done to all who attended!



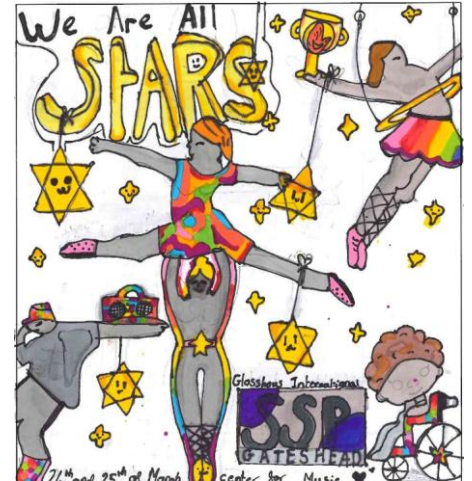
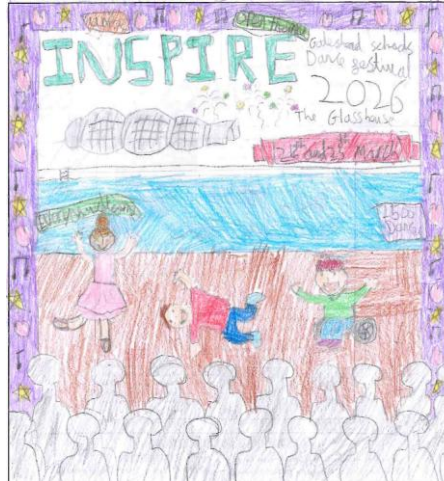
January House Challenge

Our House challenge winners are as follows..

- 1st Atlantis 22
- 2nd Discovery 17
- 3rd Endeavour 16
- 4th Columbia 13

Out of all our 58 entries, we had to choose 3 to enter into the Gateshead School Sports Partnership competition alongside all other schools in Gateshead.

Well done to George (Year1), Erin (Year 4) & Lily (Year 5) whose posters were chosen to represent Washingwell.



Community

Saturday Morning Craft Club: Meet Gemma Koomen

Saturday 14 February 2026 11am – 12pm

Free - [Saturday Morning Craft Club: Meet Gemma Koomen - Gateshead Council](#) - [What's on - Gateshead Council](#)

Meet author and illustrator Gemma Koomen, whose illustrations have brought our children's libraries to life. Find out more about her books and take part in a craft activity. For ages 5+ Free - Pre-booking essential.



Everyone welcome!

FREE All Stars Cricket Festival!

During the February half term, the All Stars Cricket Festival will be held at the Beacon of Light in Sunderland, on Friday 27th February 2026 (9.30am – 12.00pm) and is **FREE** of charge when using the voucher code listed below, saving parents/guardians £50.00! The Festival is aimed at children aged 5-8 years old.

Voucher Code - TNA8L

To register for the Festival, please [CLICK HERE](#) and for any further information or questions, please contact Andrew Mawson andrew.mawson@durhamcricket.co.uk

Reminders

Easy Fundraising

A big thank you to our amazing supporters who raise free funds for us on #easyfundraising.

If you're not signed up yet, please join today and you can raise free donations for Washingwell Community Primary School - Whickham every time you shop online this year. All the big retailers are ready to make a free donation at no extra cost to you.

Please sign up before midnight 29th January and we could win a £500 donation:

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/washingwellcps/2PV07R/c2s/KIKNhASV/C E941/facebook/>

Gateshead West Uniform Scheme



www.facebook.com/gatesheadwestprelovedschooluniform
<https://www.gatesheadwestuniformscheme.org.uk>
contact@GatesheadWestUniformScheme.org.uk
and find us as awusne on Vinted



Packed lunches

Please remember that our school is a nut-free school. We have noticed that some children have been having food in their packed lunches which do contain nuts ie Nutella sandwiches, Bueuno bars, satay chicken and pesto sauces. All these foods contain 'hidden' nuts and therefore should not be brought into school.

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'

Planned Staff Training and Arranged Class Cover for the week ahead.			
Staff Member	Class	Date	Cover
Miss Tweedy	Earth	Monday 26 January 2026 – am	Mrs Dodds
Mrs Erskine	Saturn	– pm	
Mrs Pattison	Mars	Thursday 29 January 2026 -am/pm	Mr Graham

Forthcoming Events and Key Dates

Monday 26 January 2026

Year 3/4 Basketball – 12.30pm Whickham School (invited children informed via email)

Tuesday 27 January 2026

Year 6 transition event Whickham School – Science – 1.15pm

Friday 30 January 2026

Year 4 Forest School – pm

Monday 9 February 2026

Children's World Mental Health Week

Tuesday 10 February 2026

Safer Internet Day: Too good to be true

Wednesday 11 February 2026

Year 5/6 Hockey – 12.30pm Whickham School (team to be decided)

Monday 16 February 2026

Year 6 – Whickham School 1.00pm – Legally Blonde performance

Tuesday 17 February 2026

Year 5/6 – Northumbria Police: Hate Crimes workshop

Wednesday 18 February 2026

Year 5/6 Gateshead School Swimming Gala – 12.30pm Dunston Pool (team to be decided)

Friday 20 February 2026

Year 6 Forest School – pm

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

Year 3/4 Quicksticks Hockey – 12.30pm Whickham School (team to be decided)

Wednesday 4 March 2026

Year 6 Showcase 9.15am – parents invited

Thursday 5 March 2026

World Book Day: Theme Bedtime Stories – more information to follow

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 11 March 2026

Year 2 Football – more information to follow
Parent consultations – 3.30pm – 6.00pm Year 2

Monday 16 March 2026

Year 5 Showcase 9.15am – parents invited

Tuesday 17 March 2026

Year 2 Showcase 9.15am – parents invited

Wednesday 18 – Friday 20 March 2026

Year 6 Residential to Newby Wiske

Thursday 19 March 2026

Year 3 Showcase 9.15am – parents invited

Tuesday 24 March 2026

Year 1 Showcase 9.15am – parents invited

Wednesday 25 March 2026

Year 4 Showcase 9.15am – parents invited

Year 3/4 Sporting Event – 1.15pm Whickham School – more information to follow

Mars Stay 'n' Play' 1.45PM – parents invited

Gateshead Dance Festival – 6pm The Glasshouse

Thursday 26 March 2026

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

Wednesday 1 April 2026

Spring Assembly 9.15am – Parents invited – more information to follow

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.*