



Washingwell Primary School

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Date: Friday 30 January 2026

Attendance:

	Mars Nursery	Mars Reception	Jupiter Y1	Venus Y2	Earth Y3	Neptune Y4	Saturn Y5	Mercury Y6
Weekly Attendance %	96.5%	94.2%	97.1%	99.1%	93.8%	99.6%	98.1%	93.6%
Whole School attendance %	95.4%							

News

This Weeks Achievers are...

Achievement for All

School value: Together

Theme: Responsibility

Mars: Ava Corrigan

Earth: Penny Lawson

Jupiter: Freddie Coulter

Neptune: Erin Sharpe

Venus: Blake Baxter

Saturn: Charlie Spence

Mercury: Aria Parris

Sporting events



On Monday, six of our Year 4 children took part in a mini-basketball tournament and represented the school brilliantly throughout the day. The team showed excellent teamwork, determination and sportsmanship in every game they played. After a series of strong performances, they reached the final, which was an exciting and very closely contested match. Although they narrowly missed out on first place, finishing second was a fantastic achievement and we are very proud of them!



Key Stage 1 Forest School

As the weather is cold and wet, we would like to ask that going forward, until further notice, children come to school already dressed in their Forest School kit – waterproofs, wellies, hats, scarves, gloves. The reason for this is that as we store the kit outside, it is not always drying properly. Therefore, as of this week, we will be sending all your child's Forest School kit home with them, and will do so each Friday until the weather improves.

School Uniform Provider

Logos Unlimited has moved premises and is now situated on the Team Valley.

Address: Team Valley 320 C Mayoral Way, Team Valley, Gateshead NE11 0RT

<https://logosunlimitedschoolwear.uk/Branches/>

Community SENDIASS



Gateshead Special Educational Needs and Disability Information, Advice and Support Service

We offer free, confidential, impartial support and information to parents, carers, children and young people aged up to 25 regarding special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) in Gateshead.

- Explain SEND processes
- Help you understand your rights regarding SEND
- Offer advice and support during Needs Assessments and EHCP reviews
- Assist with school support, transitions, and resolving disagreements with schools or the local authority
- Support you with SEND appeals and tribunals

How We Can Help:

- Provide guidance on health matters and available healthcare support
- Offer advice about neurodiversity and accessing related services
- Support on other specialist areas such as sensory impairments and mental health
- Signpost to relevant services, support groups and training

CONTACT US

Here to provide advice and support, every step of the way!

info@gatesheadsendiass.org.uk
0115 9597771





Download

The Rainbow Guide app **NOW** via your app store, the **one-stop** guide to SEND services!



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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>
contacts@GatesheadWestUniformScheme.org.uk
and find us as awusne on Vinted



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 Mr Sayers	Earth Neptune	Monday 2 February 2026 – am – pm	Mr Cheel
Mrs Pattison	Mars	Tuesday 3 February -am/pm	Mr Graham
Miss Tweedy Miss Johnson	Earth Mercury	Monday 3 February 2026 – am – pm	Mr Cheel

Forthcoming Events and Key Dates

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.