



# Washingwell Primary School

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**Date: Friday 13 February 2026**

## Attendance:

	Mars Nursery	Mars Reception	Jupiter Y1	Venus Y2	Earth Y3	Neptune Y4	Saturn Y5	Mercury Y6
Weekly Attendance %	88.5%	93.7%	99.5%	92.9%	97.3%	98.1%	98.7%	97.9%
Whole School attendance %	96.5%							

## News

### This Weeks Achievers are...

### Achievement for All

School value: Supportive

Theme: Together

**Mars:** Isabella Barker

**Earth:** Leo Corrigan

**Jupiter:** Sofia Batey

**Neptune:** Anna Barnes

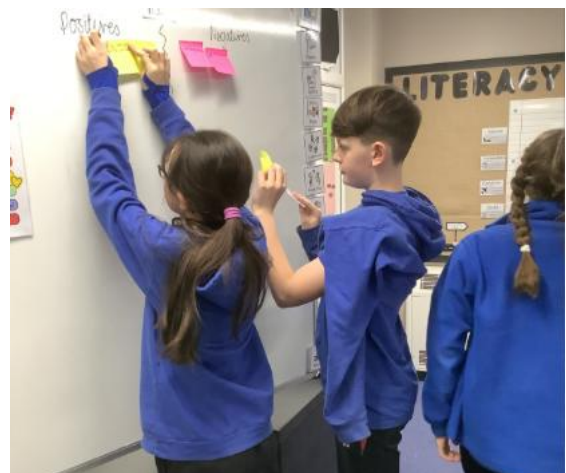
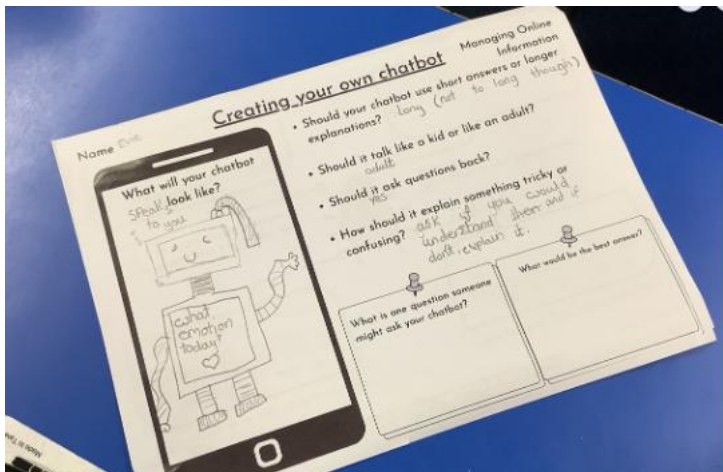
**Venus:** Emily Abbott

**Saturn:** Eleanor Crowther

**Mercury:** Amber Dixon

## Safer Internet Day 2026

On Tuesday, everyone explored how to stay safe online and learned about AI through fun activities and eye-opening discussions on being smart in the digital world!



## Spring Term 2 Clubs

This morning our after-school clubs offer went live on ParentPay. The following clubs will run for five weeks commencing the week of Monday 2 March – Thursday 1 April. All clubs run 3.30 – 4.30pm.

If you wish your child to attend one of these clubs, please ensure you sign up quickly to avoid disappointment.

Club	Year Groups	Day	No. of spaces	No. of sessions	Ran by	Cost per session	Total	
Little Kickers	Y1 & Y2	Tuesday	16	5 sessions	External company	£5.00	£25.00	
Forest School	Y3 -Y6	Tuesday	12	5 sessions	Mrs Hedley Miss Welsh	£3.00	£15.00	
KS1 Art	Y1 & Y2	Wednesday	12	5 sessions	Mrs Lowes	£3.00	£15.00	
KS2 Art	Y3 -Y6	Thursday	12	5 sessions	Miss Jackson	£3.00	£15.00	
Dance Club	Y1 – Y6	Continuation on from Spring 1						

## Wraparound Care

As we wait for the final stages of our transition from Whizz Kids to our new provider, Branches, can we ask that you pick up a registration pack from school if you wish to use our new club once it opens. Without registering, you will not be able to attend.

## Northumbria Police Visit

Northumbria Police's Prevention Through Education Team will be visiting our school on Tuesday 17th February 2026 to deliver sessions to Year 5 & Year 6 on Hate Crime.

The session looks at what hate crime is and why a person may commit a crime of this nature, protected characteristics, the impact hate crime has on individuals and a community, as well as giving advice on how to seek help and support.

For information about hate crime, how to get support and how to report it visit:

[Hate crime | Crimestoppers](#) and [Discrimination, hate crime and equality | Childline](#)

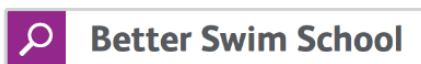
## Community

**TAKE THE PLUNGE INTO WEEKLY LESSONS**

**50% OFF INITIAL PAYMENT**

Give your child the gift of confidence and safety in and around the water with Better Swim School.

Join weekly lessons with Better Swim School and get 50% off your first payment with code SCHOOL50.



Terms and conditions apply. Offer open to new customers only for school children aged between 4 - 12 years. Offer ends on 07/08/2026. Full terms at [better.org.uk/offer-terms](https://better.org.uk/offer-terms). Better is a registered trademark and trading name of GLL (Greenwich Leisure Limited), a charitable social enterprise and registered society under the Co-operative & Community Benefit & Societies Act 2014 registration no. 27793R. Registered office: Middlegate House, The Royal Arsenal, London, SE18 6SX. Inland Revenue Charity no. XR43398.



**BETTER**



Branches  
Out of School

# FEBRUARY HOLIDAY CLUB

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb -  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026  
8:30AM - 4:30PM

St Anne's Church Hall  
Half Fields Road,  
Winlaton, NE21 5RW

**BOOK NOW**

ONLY  
**£25**  
PER DAY

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# SEND LEGO CLUB

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February  
4:00-5:00pm  
Chowdene Family Hub

Children under 12 with additional needs - come along  
and join a LEGO building session!  
Parents, carers and siblings welcome.

Contact: [familyhubs@gateshead.gov.uk](mailto:familyhubs@gateshead.gov.uk)  
Phone: 0191 433 5052

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HUBS**

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Council

### Reminders

#### School Meals Service: Themed Days

Gateshead school meals will be hosting two themed days in February.

Tuesday 17 February – Pancake Day

Wednesday 18 February – Chinese New Year

If you would like your child to join in with these days, please book via the normal process.

#### Gateshead West Uniform Scheme



[www.facebook.com/gatesheadwestprelovedschooluniform](https://www.facebook.com/gatesheadwestprelovedschooluniform)  
<https://www.gatesheadwestuniformscheme.org.uk>  
[contacts.gatesheadwestuniformscheme.org.uk](https://contacts.gatesheadwestuniformscheme.org.uk)  
and find us as awusne on Vinted



**2026  
Jan/Feb Markets...**

- Fri 2nd Jan 3:30pm to 5pm.
- Sat 10th Jan 9:30am to 11am.
- Sat 17th Jan 9:30am to 11am.
- Mon 26th Jan 6pm to 7pm.
- Fri 6th Feb 3:30pm to 5pm.
- Sat 14th Feb 9:30am to 11am.
- Sat 21st Feb 9:30am to 11am.
- Mon 23rd Feb 6pm to 7pm.

#### 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

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

#### 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](http://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
Mrs Erskine	Saturn	Monday 16 February – am/pm	Mrs Dodds
Mrs Pattison	Mars	Tuesday 17 February – am/pm	Mr Graham
Mr Phillips	Jupiter	Wednesday 18 February – am/pm	Mr Graham
Mrs Pattison	Mars	Thursday 19 February - am	Mr Graham
Miss Johnson	Mercury	Thursday 19 February - pm	Mr Cheel

### *Forthcoming Events and Key Dates*

#### **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

#### **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

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*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.*