



Washingwell Primary School

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Date: Friday 20 February 2026

Attendance: Spring 1 half term attendance

	Mars Nursery	Mars Reception	Jupiter Y1	Venus Y2	Earth Y3	Neptune Y4	Saturn Y5	Mercury Y6
Weekly Attendance %	94.1%	93.9%	98.4%	97.7%	97.5%	98.3%	98.1%	95.7%
Whole School attendance %	96.5%							

News

This Weeks Achievers are...

Achievement for All

School value: Healthy

Theme: Improvement in PE

Mars: Maisie Heartfield

Earth: Zoe Duff

Jupiter: Everleigh Stanley

Neptune: Olive Jones

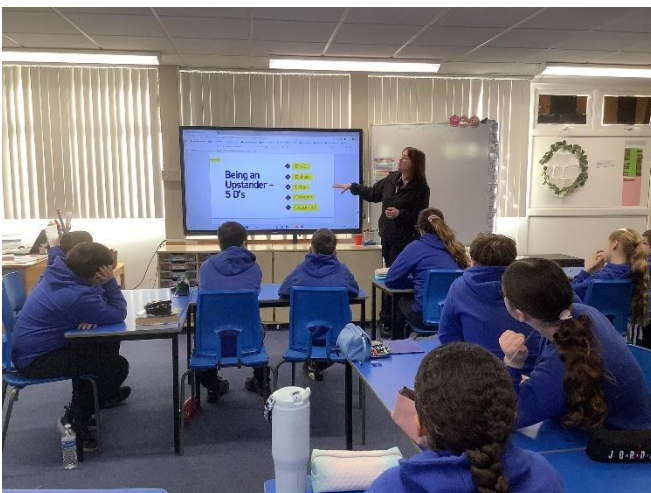
Venus: Sebastian Balmont-Brooks

Saturn: Anaiya Martin

Mercury: Hannah Armstrong

Northumbria Police Visit

On Tuesday, Year 5 & Year 6 were visited by Suzanne from **Northumbria Police** to learn more about Hate Crime. The session was really informative and thought provoking, helping everyone to understand the equality act and how it protects people. There is lots more to unpick in class about this complicated topic. A big thanks to Suzanne for joining us.

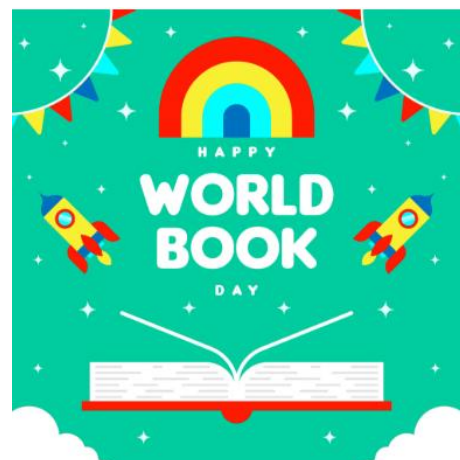


Class Photos

Your child will be having their class photographic taken on **Tuesday 3 March**. Children need to be in full school uniform on this day. For those classes that have PE on this day, please bring PE kits to school in a bag so children can change after having their photograph taken.

World Book Day

We are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 5th March** with a **Bedtime Stories** theme. Children are invited to come to school dressed in their pyjamas or other comfortable nightwear, ready to enjoy a day centred around the joy of reading. During the day, pupils will take part in a range of activities including a class swap, where they will share stories with children from different year groups - a lovely opportunity to build confidence and foster a love of books across the school. Additionally, after last year's huge success, we are delighted to welcome back our popular Mystery Readers, where parents, grandparents and family members surprise classes by sharing a favourite story. Information about volunteering has already been sent, if you are interested, please get in touch with your child's class teacher.



Our school meals service will also be providing a World Book Day menu on the day. Please sign up via the normal method.

World Book Day Celebration Lunch

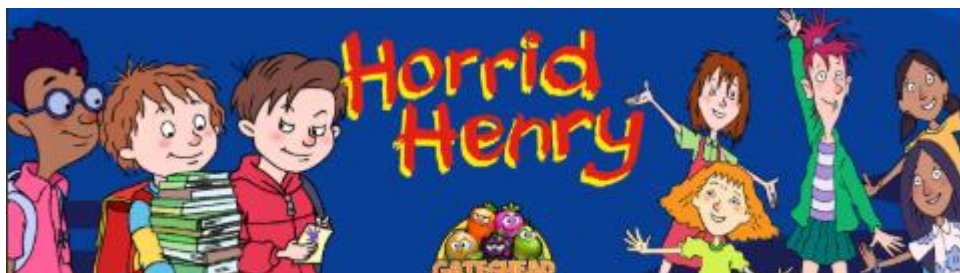
Horrid Henry's Crispy Chicken Burger with lettuce & mayo

Moody Margaret's Miserable Morsels Veggie Burger

Perfect Pete's Virtuous Medley: mixed salad, veggie sticks, peppers or veg medley

Greasy Greta's Special Spuds: homemade garlic wedges

The Purple Hand Gang's Secret Naughty Pud: Double chocolate chip muffin



Parent Consultation Meetings

Parent Consultation meetings will take place over three nights. Appointments can be booked via Arbor and are now live.

Monday 9 March	3.30pm - 6.00pm	All classes
Tuesday 10 March	3.30pm - 6.00pm	All classes except Venus
Wednesday 11 March	3.30pm - 6.00pm	Venus

School Meals

Gateshead Meals Service will be increasing the price of school lunches as of Wednesday 1 April 2026 to:

- Pupil Meal £3.10
- Nursery Meal £2.45

Community

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FEBRUARY HOLIDAY CLUB

Monday 23rd Feb -
Friday 27th Feb 2026
8:30AM - 4:30PM

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

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Gateshead Libraries

100 Years Celebration Day

North East
Council
Kim McGuinness
North East
Mayor

Gateshead Central Library
Saturday 7 March • 9am-4pm

Join us to celebrate 100 years of Gateshead Central Library with a special day of events and activities.

Maker Place activities	10am - 3.30pm
Exploring Your Family History	10am - 4pm
Photomontage Workshop with Tommy Anderson	10am - 1pm
Family Storytelling with Chris Adriaanse*	10.30am - 1.30am
What's Behind the Door? Library tours*	10.30am and 2pm
How to Care for your Family Collections*	11am - 12pm
Book Illustration Workshop with Josie Brookes	1pm - 4pm
Meet Author Peter James*	2pm - 3pm
GemArts Heritage Detectives Workshop	10am - 12pm

All events free apart from Peter James (small charge) and those marked with * are pre-bookable in advance.

Discover more at Gateshead Libraries

Rise North East: The Children's Society

We're inviting parents and carers to join us for a short, friendly session designed to help you understand the Zones of Regulation your child learns with RISE. We'll talk through what the zones are, the key ideas children explore in sessions, and simple ways parents and carers can use the approach at home.

Whether your child has already taken part, is currently attending, or will join the programme soon, this webinar offers a clear, practical introduction to support you and your child.

Join [here](#).

RISE The Children's Society

Zones of Regulation Webinar

Helping you understand the Zones of Regulation your child learns with RISE, whether they've attended, are attending, or will attend.

Wednesday 4th March 2026

9.30am-10:15am

We will discuss:

- What the zones are.
- Key topics taught to children.
- How to embed at home

Reminders

Gateshead West Uniform Scheme



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<https://www.gatesheadwestuniformscheme.org.uk>
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**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.

Whizz Kids booking system

A polite reminder that all children need to be booked into breakfast club in advance. Recently we have had an increasing number of children turn up when parents have believed them to be booked in but they aren't. When booking breakfast club, we have a limit of 20 spaces. If you book, you must ensure the date turns green. If it does not it means you are not booked in and that there are no spaces available. To avoid any future confusion, please check your booking has been accepted and don't just assume it has gone through. This ensures we can meet the needs of all our children safely and do not go over our limit. Thank you in anticipation of your support with this matter.

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/>

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
Mr Phillips	Jupiter	Wednesday 4 March 2026 – am/pm	Mr Graham

Forthcoming Events and Key Dates

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

Wednesday 4 March 2026

Year 6 Showcase 9.15am – parents invited

Thursday 5 March 2026

World Book Day: Theme Bedtime Stories – wear your pyjamas to school!

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

Tuesday 31 March 2026 NEW

Year 1 & 2 School visit to Locomotion Museum

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.*