



# Washingwell Primary School

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## Attendance:

	Mars Nursery	Mars Reception	Jupiter Y1	Venus Y2	Earth Y3	Neptune Y4	Saturn Y5	Mercury Y6
Weekly Attendance %	96.8%	89.4%	93.8%	97.1%	98.6%	94.5%	97.3%	97.8%
Whole School attendance %	96.2%							

## News

### This Weeks Achievers are...

#### Achievement for All

School value: Ambitious

Theme: Inspirational

**Mars:** Zach Pearce

**Earth:** Freddy Douglas

**Jupiter:** Rory Stott

**Neptune:** Anna Barnes

**Venus:** Reuben Miller

**Saturn:** Summer McCarthy

**Mercury:** Heidi Duff

## Internet Issues

As you are aware, we have had issues with our broadband over the past few days. Virgin Media seem to have fixed the problem and we should be up and running as normal – fingers crossed!. However, we now have an issue with our Facebook site. Whilst Facebook are looking into the issue, it will show up as 'deleted' on your end. Once the issue is resolved, hopefully the account will be reinstated and we should be back online. Thank you for your patience with both matters.

## Parent Consultation Meetings

Parent Consultation meetings will take place over three nights.

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

Parent evenings will be held in the following rooms:

**Mrs Pattison: Mars** – please enter via the school main entrance and wait outside of Mars classroom on chairs provided.

**Mr Phillips: Jupiter** - please enter via the school main entrance and wait outside of Jupiter classroom on chairs provided.

**Mrs Mustard: Venus** – please enter via the main entrance and wait outside Venus classroom on the chairs provided.

**Miss Tweedy: Earth** – please enter via the Key Stage 2 door; use the small gate from the Key Stage 1 yard to walk through the car park and follow the path around to the door. Please wait outside of Earth classroom on the chairs provided.

**Mr Sayers: Neptune** - please enter via the Key Stage 2 door; use the small gate from the Key Stage 1 yard to walk through the car park and follow the path around to the door. Please wait outside of Neptune classroom on the chairs provided.

**Mrs Erskine: Saturn** – Family Support Room - please enter via the Key Stage 2 door; use the small gate from the Key Stage 1 yard to walk through the car park and follow the path around to the door. Please wait outside of the room on the chairs provided.

**Miss Johnson: Mercury** - please enter via the Key Stage 2 door; use the small gate from the Key Stage 1 yard to walk through the car park and follow the path around to the door. Please wait in the small area (hub) outside of Mercury classroom on the chairs provided.

- On completion of your meeting with class teachers, you will be given your child's books to look at. Once finished looking at them, please return them to the box outside of the classroom door.
- For Health and Safety reasons, parents are not permitted to go through the hall as Whizz Kids will be operating.
- Children being collected from Whizz Kids will follow the same collection routine as always.
- Please arrive for your appointment 5 minutes before your scheduled time. As you can imagine it is extremely busy and space is at a premium.
- If you are unable to attend for any reason, please inform school as soon as possible. Unfortunately, due to workload of staff, appointments cannot be re-scheduled.

## FUNdraisers

Our FUNdarisers will be holding an Easter Raffle at our Spring Assembly. In order to buy raffle prizes, we will be holding a **non-uniform day** in school on **Tuesday 24 March** for a donation of **£1.00**. Children can come to school in their choice of clothing; please remember that the clothing must be suitable for what they will be doing in school on that day. The no jewellery rule still applies.

Raffle tickets will be on sale in the Key Stage 1 yard on the following days:

**Monday 30 & Tuesday 31 March 3.00pm -3.30pm.**

Then on the morning of the Spring Assembly, **Wednesday 1 April.**

They will also be hosting a stall at Chase Park Summer Fayre on Saturday 6 June, (more information to follow), and are asking for donations of any unwanted gifts for the stall. If you have anything to donate, please drop them at the school office.



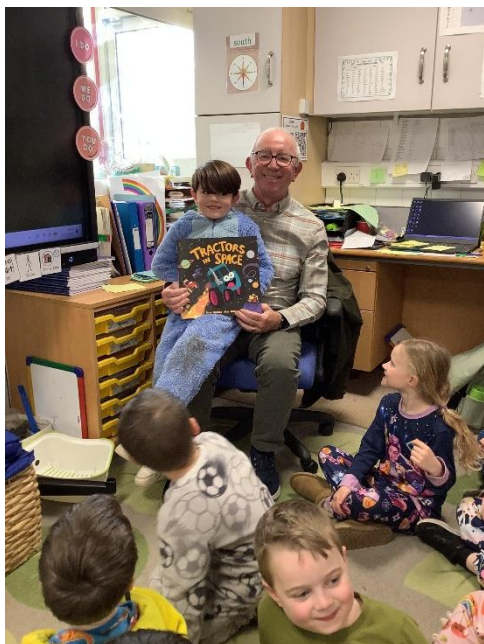
## Sporting events

This week, a group of our Year 4 pupils took part in a Quicksticks hockey competition at Whickham School. The children were lucky to enjoy a beautiful sunny day, which made the event even more special. They showed great teamwork, enthusiasm and determination throughout their matches and it was wonderful to see how much they enjoyed representing the school. One of our teams performed particularly well and progressed all the way to the semi-finals, where they were unlucky not to secure a place in the final. We are incredibly proud of all the children who took part for their fantastic effort and positive attitude. It was a truly enjoyable day for everyone involved.



## World Book Day

Our classes had a wonderful time taking part in class swap reading, designing their own book tokens, and having lots of stories read to them throughout the day. One of the highlights was meeting our long-awaited mystery readers! A huge thank you to all the volunteers who came in to read - the children absolutely loved it and it made the day extra special!



## Reminders

### 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

### 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.

### 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	Tuesday 10 March 2026 - am	Mr Cheel
Mrs Mustard	Venus	Tuesday 10 March 2026 - pm	Mr Cheel
Mr Sayers	Neptune	Tuesday 10 March 2026 – am/pm	Mr Graham

## Forthcoming Events and Key Dates

**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

**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 Change of date**

Year 5 Showcase 9.15am – parents invited

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

**Tuesday 31 March 2026**

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

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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.*