



Washingwell Primary School

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Attendance: Spring 2 (half term attendance)

	Mars Nursery	Mars Reception	Jupiter Y1	Venus Y2	Earth Y3	Neptune Y4	Saturn Y5	Mercury Y6
Weekly Attendance %	94.4%	95.5%	96%	94.4%	95.6%	96.7%	97%	94.7%
Whole School attendance %	95%							

News

This Week's Achievers are...

Achievement for All

School value: Respectful

Theme: Thoughtful discussion in RE

Mars: Isabella Dafter

Earth: Isaac Imrie

Jupiter: Lola Greenwell- Bingham

Neptune: James Tucker

Venus: Sebastian McCue

Saturn: Ava Davis

Mercury: Alfie Hields

Spring Assembly

Thank you to all our families and friends who attended our Spring Assembly on Wednesday. As always, the children performed really well with great singing and readings. Our Easter egg competition was a great success - it always amazes us how much time, effort and creativity goes into creating entries.

This year our winners were as follows:

Mars (Nursery) – Benji; Mars (Reception) Archie & Alfie; Jupiter – Freddie & Rowan; Venus – Blake & Ivy; Earth – Nyla & Max T; Neptune – Olive & Grayson; Saturn – Evie & Georgie; Mercury – Zara & Keira.





Our Easter raffle raised **£374.71** which will go towards funding extra-curricular activities and opportunities for all children. Thank you to all who supported by buying tickets and donating on non-uniform day.

Bikeability Year 5

This week our Year 5 children have taken part in Bikeability. Well done to all those who have successfully completed the course.

Bikeability cycle training equips children with vital life skills. Pupils not only learn to cycle, they gain independence, social skills and a sense of wellbeing.

After Bikeability, children are better at responding to risk and report increased confidence. As a result, more children cycle to school which in turn improves mental health and wellbeing. This allows children to get more out of the classroom, improving their attention span and engagement. Healthier habits lead to increased attendance and improved academic results. Bikeability goes beyond a training course; it impacts children's lives.



Out of School Club

There is a hold up with some aspects of the transferring over to Branches for our wrap around provision. Therefore with this in mind, we have decided to do a partial transference after Easter. This means that the provision will still be registered and ran by Washingell meaning that booking and payment will continue in the the same way through, Parent Pay. However, we will have a member of the Branches team working alongside us in the summer term. Morning sessions will continue to be lead by Mrs Johnson and afternoon sessions will be ran by Miss Todd and Chantelle, from Branches. This will be a great opportunity for Chantelle to get to know the children, routines and school environment in preparation for a full transfer for September. We look forward to welcoming Chantelle to the team.

KS1 Forest School

With the weather finally starting to warm up, after the Easter holidays children will no longer need to come into school wearing their Forest School clothing. As of the first week back, please send your child to school wearing their usual Flex-it Friday uniform and their waterproofs and wellies in a bag to remain at school.

Community

Gateshead Council Spring Festivals

Gateshead Council are hosting a series of Spring Festivals. Spring Festivals brings together everything we love about our local communities: laughter, music, food, and the chance to discover the amazing organisations that support our neighbourhoods. Spring Festivals will take place at:

- Saltwell Park - Saturday 28 March, 12noon - 4pm
- Oliver Henderson Park - Saturday, 4 April, 12noon - 4pm
- Barmoor Hub - Saturday 11 April, 11am - 4pm

For more information visit: <https://www.gateshead.gov.uk/article/30055/Gateshead-events>

Money Max

In Gateshead there are millions of pounds of benefits that go unclaimed every year. Gateshead Council can help you boost your income by claiming benefits and other discounts that you might be entitled to. Fill in their simple self-referral form and either the council, Citizens Advice Gateshead or Age UK Gateshead will contact you. They will discuss with you how you can apply for money or discounts that you could be missing out on. It's important to know that not all benefits are out of work benefits. You can still claim certain benefits even when you are in work.

More information can be found here: [Money Max - Gateshead](#)

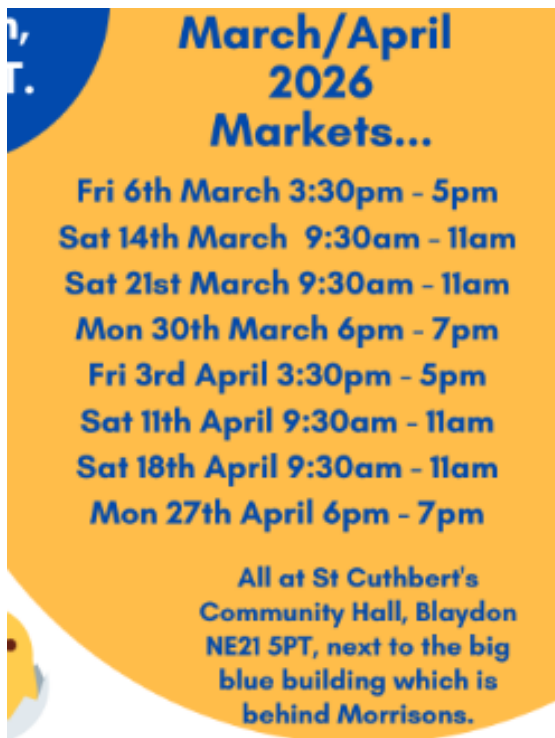


Easter Camps

Three glowing Easter eggs in yellow, blue, and pink are at the top. Below them, the text "EASTER KIDS CAMP" is written in large, glowing blue and yellow letters. Underneath, "8 DAYS" is in large white letters, followed by "7TH-10TH & 13TH-16TH APRIL" in white. A yellow banner at the bottom says "FUN - GAMES - SPORTS - DRAMA - CRAFT!". At the very bottom, there is small text: "FREE ACTIVITIES for Gateshead School children on benefits related FREE SCHOOL MEALS. 10am - 2pm daily at MARLEY HILL COMMUNITY CENTRE. REGISTER NOW USING YOUR E-VOUCHERS AT WWW.HOLIDAYACTIVITIES.COM (search for Nice Swan Kids Camp) PAID SPACES AVAILABLE BY CONTACTING KIDSCAMP@NICESWAN.COM".

The poster has a teal background with colorful Easter eggs at the top. The "DANCECITY" logo is in the top right, with "DANCE FOR THE NORTH EAST" below it. The title "Easter Dance Camp" is in white, followed by "Street and Break, Bollywood, Contemporary and Musical Theatre!". A photo of five children jumping joyfully is in the center. At the bottom, it says "13-17 April 9am-5pm Ages 5-15". On the right, it says "FIND OUT MORE & BOOK YOUR PLACE HERE" with a pink arrow pointing to a QR code. Contact information "0191 261 0505 | dancecity.co.uk" and "Dance City, Temple Street Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE1 4BR" is at the bottom.

Gateshead West Uniform Scheme



**March/April
2026
Markets...**

Fri 6th March 3:30pm - 5pm
Sat 14th March 9:30am - 11am
Sat 21st March 9:30am - 11am
Mon 30th March 6pm - 7pm
Fri 3rd April 3:30pm - 5pm
Sat 11th April 9:30am - 11am
Sat 18th April 9:30am - 11am
Mon 27th April 6pm - 7pm

All at St Cuthbert's
Community Hall, Blaydon
NE21 5PT, next to the big
blue building which is
behind Morrisons.



Previous attachment



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s://www.gatesheadwestuniformscheme.org.uk
contact@GatesheadWestUniformScheme.org.uk
and find us as gwusne on Vinted



Reminders

Clothing

We have an increasing amount of lost property without names, or children who can't find their clothing because it isn't named. Please make sure that any clothing your children bring into school is labelled with their name – especially jumpers, cardigans and hoodies which are taken off and left lying around regularly.

FUNdraisers

Be part of something special! Join *The Parents Lottery* and help us create a thriving school community. Every ticket you buy funds vital projects, from library books to new playground equipment, helping to enrich the lives of our children.

Each £1 ticket also gives you the chance to win £25,000 every Friday along with a selection of other prizes.

The Parents Lottery is a simple yet powerful way for parents, grandparents, friends and neighbours to come together and invest in the future of our children. Your weekly ticket funds essential resources, from stocking the library with the latest titles to providing vital classroom technology and supporting a wide range of extracurricular activities.

We understand that everyone is busy, and finding time to support your school can be challenging. That's why The Parents Lottery makes it so easy to make a real difference. Purchase a ticket online in just a few easy steps and you'll be automatically entered into the draw. Every ticket sold, helps us provide the enriching educational experiences our children deserve. Play *The Parents Lottery* today and help us empower the next generation:

<https://www.theparentslottery.org/school/washingwell-fundraisers1772790710>

Donations of unwanted/pre-loved gifts for the stall for Chase Park Fayre can be dropped at the school office.

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

Forthcoming Events and Key Dates

Monday 20 April 2026

School re-opens for all pupils

Tuesday 21 April 2026

SEND Review Meetings – Invites sent by class teachers

Wednesday 22 April 2026

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Thursday 23 April 2026

Y5/6 Mixed Football League: Round 3 – Invited pupils only

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.