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Attendance:

	Mars Nursery	Mars Reception	Jupiter Y1	Venus Y2	Earth Y3	Neptune Y4	Saturn Y5	Mercury Y6
Weekly Attendance %	83.6%	97.1%	95.7%	98.7%	97.4%	97.8%	98.5%	96.2%
Whole School attendance %	96%							

News

Welcome back to our summer term. Please check out the key dates section of our newsletter for future events across the summer term.

This Week's Achievers are...

Achievement for All

School value: Empowered

Theme: Showing Potential

Mars: Lennox Armstrong

Earth: Anya McCarthy

Jupiter: Jack Crompton

Neptune: Mia Rimonti

Venus: Thomas Crowther

Saturn: Jenna Urwin-Myers

Mercury: Joey Brown

After School Enrichment Clubs

Summer Term Clubs are now open for booking via Parent Pay. Clubs will run for 10 weeks, starting next week. Payment must be made at the time of booking to secure the place. Bookings will close Monday 27 April 8am.

All clubs run from 3.30- 4.30pm. Please wait on the Key Stage 1 yard and children will be released to you by the adult leading the club.

	KS1	KS2
Tuesday	Gardening - Miss Head	Tennis – external Coach, Blaydon Tennis Club
Wednesday	Athletics - External Coach, Gateshead School Sport Partnership	Forest School – Mrs Hedley, Miss Welsh
Thursday	Art & Craft – Miss Jackson	Art & Craft – Miss Head
Friday	Dance – External Coach, Creative Dance Centre	

Lunchtime Activities

We will also be delivering some free lunchtime clubs for our Key Stage 2 children. All clubs will run 12.10 - 12.40pm with a variety of activities on offer:

	Indoors	Outdoors
Monday	Book Club – Miss Laws	Play Her (Beginners football for girls) Miss Johnson & Mrs Johnson
Tuesday	Mindful Colouring – Mrs Mustard	Rounders – Miss Tweedy
Wednesday	Choir – Mr Phillips	Gardening – Miss Head
Thursday	Homework – Mrs Bridger	Cricket – Mr Sayers
Friday	Drawing Club – Miss Head	Athletics – Mrs Erskine



Year 5/6 Mixed Football League

Last night, our football team were out again representing the school in the last fixture of this year's league, achieving a 1-1 draw against Fellside and finishing 3rd in the league. Congratulations to all players! Their final outing as a team will be in a tournament against other schools who finished mid-table in the other Blaydon District Leagues.

Can you help?

Our children in EYFS and Key Stage 1 love playing with toys at lunchtimes, but as you can imagine, they are easily worn out. Our children would like to ask if you can help with any donations of the following to make lunchtimes more enjoyable:

Dolls & dolls clothes/accessories --- Action figures --- Construction eg Lego, Duplo, wooden blocks --- large vehicles/cars --- outdoor equipment eg skittles, skipping ropes, hoops.

If you have unwanted toys that your children no longer play with, then we would gladly take them to bolster our outdoor toys. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Key Stage 2 Forest School sessions (Summer 1)

Friday 24 April	Saturn
Friday 1 May	Neptune
Friday 8 May	Earth
Friday 22 May	Mercury



North East Festival of Languages



You may have read in our newsletter before the holidays that some of our Key Stage 2 children had their Spanish work entered into the North East Festival of Languages. We are pleased to share that four of our pupils have had their work published! **Congratulations** to Fable Newns, Evie Pentland, Lily Brown and Ella Imrie. You can view the e-books by following this link <https://expressyourselfne.com/2026/04/17/calligrams-ebooks26/>

Class Overviews Summer Term

Today you should receive your child's class overview for Summer term. These can also be found on our Class Pages on our school website <https://www.washingwell.org.uk/page/?title=Class+Pages&pid=29> .

FUNdraisers

Our FUNdraisers will be hosting a tombola stall at Chase Park Fayre on Saturday 7 June, 1.00-4.00pm. We will be holding a non-uniform day in school on **Wednesday 20 May** in exchange for a donation for the stall. Donations can be bric-a-brac, sweets, smellies, candles etc. If you have any unwanted gifts, then please donate on the day.

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

Wednesday 29 April 2026

Visit from Police – vehicles and dogs

Thursday 30 April 2026

Year 3/4 Road Safety Training – am
Rock Steady Assembly – pm

Friday 1 May 2026

Year 4 – Forest School pm

Monday 4 May 2026

Bank Holiday – school closed to children and staff

Wednesday 6 May 2026

Young Carers Assembly – pm

Thursday 7 May 2026

Local elections – School used as polling station but open to all pupils
Year 3/4 Tennis at Whickham School – team to be decided

Friday 8 May 2026

Year 3 – Forest School pm

Monday 11 May – Thursday 14 May 2026

Year 6 SATs – am

Tuesday 12 May 2026

Year 4/5 Football at Whickham School – team to be decided

Friday 15 May- Saturday 16 May 2026

Year 5 Sleepover

Monday 18 May 2026

Year 4 & 6 School Visit – Centre for Life

Tuesday 19 May 2026

Year 5/6 Cricket pm– teams to be decided

Friday 22 May 2026

Year 6 – Forest School pm
Break up for half term

Monday 1 June – Friday 5 June 2026

Year 4 Multiplication Check – *more information to follow*

Tuesday 2 June 2026

Year 4 Girls STEM Project session 1 – Mrs Dodds pm

Wednesday 3 June 2026

Year 3/4 QuadKids at Whickham School – team to be decided
New Starter Welcome Event – 3.30 -5.00pm (children starting school September 2026)

Friday 5 June 2026

Year 6 Forest School Showcase – 1.15pm - *more information to follow*
Year 5 Forest School Showcase – 2.15pm - *more information to follow*

Saturday 6 June 2026

Chase Park Fayre 1.00 - 4.00pm

Monday 8 June – Friday 12 June 2026

Year 1 Phonic Screening - *more information to follow*

Tuesday 9 June 2026

Year 4 Girls STEM Project session 2 – Mrs Dodds pm

Thursday 11 June 2026

Year 5/6 – Northumbria Police Visit – am
Year 5/6 Tennis at Whickham School - *more information to follow*

Friday 12 June 2026

Year 4 Forest School Showcase – 1.15pm - *more information to follow*
Year 3 Forest School Showcase – 2.15pm - *more information to follow*

Monday 15 June – Friday 19 June 2026

Sports Week - *more information to follow*

Monday 15 June

Great Athlete Visit – pm

Wednesday 17 May

Big Sing at Glasshouse – School Choir - *more information to follow*

Thursday 18 June 2026

Sports Day - *more information to follow*

Friday 19 June 2026

Year 5/6 Cricket – teams to be decided

Wednesday 24 June 2026

Year 1 Forest School Showcase – 1.15pm - *more information to follow*

Year 2 Forest School Showcase – 2.15pm - *more information to follow*

Friday 26 June 2026

Gateshead Schools Athletics Festival – Gaeshead Stadium – *trials to choose teams*

Tuesday 30 June & Wednesday 1 July 2026

Transition days – all children move up to their new classes

Year 6 visit their respective secondary schools

Tuesday 30 June 2026

Meet the teacher – parents invited to visit new class and meet teacher

Wednesday 1 July 2026

Year 3/4 Cricket – team to be decided

Tuesday 7 July 2026

Year 6 SATS Results Day

SEND Reviews – end of year reviews with current & new class teacher

Wednesday 8 July 2026

SEND Reviews – end of year reviews with current & new class teacher

Thursday 9 July 2026

SEND Reviews – end of year reviews with current & new class teacher

Friday 10 July 2026

Annual Reports issued

Monday 13 July 2026

Break the Rules Day - *more information to follow*

Tuesday 14 July 2026

Proposed whole school visit – *provisional date*

Wednesday 15 July 2026

Leavers Assembly & BBQ – Year 6 parents and family invited

Thursday 16 July 2026

Award Ceremony 9.15am – *not open to parents*

Friday 17 July 2026

Break up for summer holidays 3.20pm – No Whizz Kids tonight.

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.