



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 %	86.9%	94.2%	99.5%	100%	97.4%	96.3%	97.9%	96.1%
Whole School attendance %	96.1%							

News

This Week's Achievers are...

Achievement for All

School value: Respectful

Theme: Wearing uniform with pride

Mars: Erin Hanvey

Earth: Darcey Allan

Jupiter: Oscar Robson

Neptune: Parker Evans

Venus: Blake Baxter

Saturn: Josh Anderson

Mercury: Brody Hudson

School Uniform

This week's achievement awards were focused on 'wearing your uniform with pride' and how it links to all our school values. We specifically chose this as we felt that a lot of children are not wearing the correct uniform, and needed reminding as to the importance of this.

With this mind, I would like to remind all parents of our school uniform policy which can be found on our school website via this link <https://www.washingwell.org.uk/policies> and clarify a few issues which are a common occurrence.

For children in Nursery and Reception our school uniform consists of:

- Navy/black jogging bottoms / leggings
- Royal blue t-shirt with logo
- Royal blue hoodie with logo
- Black/Navy Trainers
- Blue school book bag without strap.

This uniform has been chosen for its practical use as our youngest children spend a considerable amount of time outdoors. Please can I ask that this uniform is adhered to so all children can access all aspects of the Early Years curriculum safely.

For children in Years 1 – 6 our school uniform consists of:

Boys	Girls
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Grey or black trousers/shorts- Royal blue school sweatshirt with logo- White polo shirt- Black shoes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Grey or black skirt, trousers/shorts or pinafore- Royal blue school sweatshirt or cardigan with logo- White polo shirt- Blue and white checked summer dresses- Flat black shoes with closed toes and straps / flat black boots for winter
KS1 – Blue school book bag without strap.	
KS2 – Blue school book bag with strap or blue school ruck sack.	
During winter months children may wear wellingtons or boots to school but these must be stored in a bag and indoor shoes must be worn whilst inside the building.	

PE Kit / Flex It Friday's

- Navy/black jogging bottoms / leggings/shorts
- Royal blue t-shirt with logo
- Royal blue hoodie with logo
- Trainers

Please note the following:

PE Shorts – must be plain black or navy blue. **NO logos or patterns.**

- they should reach just above the knee.
- trainers should not have studs on the bottom (ie all weather football trainers)

School uniform – cycling shorts and leggings should only be worn on PE days.

If your child comes to school in the incorrect uniform, we will contact you to request you bring the correct uniform in.

Another celebration



Last week, we shared news of some of our pupils being published in the North East Festival of Languages publication. This week, we are thrilled to share that one of our Year 5 pupils was selected to be published in the National Celebration from the Association for Language Learning. **Congratulations** Summer, we are very proud of you! Click on the following link to see Summer's work.

https://read.bookcreator.com/5S1C2SwE7fQVuIscBfF0igGECsh2/_ghK4KmrRJ6VLEIfDxEyQw/4hNliw13RxuvUNHemQ7QNw

iRock Assembly

Yesterday, iRock came into school to give an assembly and tell us all about their music lessons. We sang songs, played games and some lucky children even got to play some musical instruments for a whole-school performance of "We Will Rock You".

If your son and daughter would like to join a band and learn a musical instrument, we hope to be building some bands and offering music lessons from September. Flyers sent home yesterday and an email explain how you can sign up.



Community

Pre-loved Uniform Market Dates



GATESHEAD WEST UNIFORM SCHEME

Who are we?
We are a registered charity, operating in Gateshead West since 2021.
We provide good-quality preloved and brand new school uniforms to our community from our site in Blaydon (NE21 5PT)
We operate on a pay-what-you-feel basis.

Proof of eligibility drop in sessions to help with paperwork to claim brand new uniform, on 9/5 and 20/6 alongside our usual Saturday markets.

May/June 2026 Markets... ALL AT BLAYDON

- Friday 1st May 3:30pm - 5pm
- Saturday 9th May 9:30am - 11am
- Saturday 16th May 9:30am - 11am
- Monday 25th May 6pm - 7pm
- Friday 5th June 3:30pm - 5pm
- Saturday 13th June 9:30am - 11am
- Saturday 20th June 9:30am - 11am
- Monday 29th June 6pm - 7pm

Enter via THE BACK DOOR of St Cuthbert's Community Hall, Blaydon NE21 5PT, next to the big blue building which is behind Morrisons.

Please check our Facebook page for any changes to market days, including additional summer markets.

www.facebook.com/gatesheadwestprelovedschooluniform
<https://www.gatesheadwestuniformscheme.org.uk>
contact@GatesheadWestUniformScheme.org.uk




Dance City CAT

Here at Dance City CAT we are on the lookout for young dancers to join us now!

Dance City's Centre for Advanced Training (CAT) is part of the Department for Education's Music and Dance Scheme, offering **Contemporary and Street Dance training to young people aged 10-16 across the North East.**


We offer a range of **youth groups for students in KS2** and are holding **open auditions for September 2026 entry** to the programme.

For more information, have a look at our website [Centre for Advanced Training \(CAT\) - Dance City](https://www.dancecitytrainingacademy.co.uk) or find us on Instagram @dancecitytrainingacademy.



JOIN OUR CAT YOUTH GROUP FOR CHILDREN IN KS2 CHOOSE FROM 3 SITES

- MIDDLESBROUGH YOUTH MIDDLESBROUGH - ABINGDON PRIMARY TUESDAY 4-5:30PM
- CONTEMPORARY YOUTH DANCE CITY WEDNESDAY 4-5PM
- STREET YOUTH DANCE CITY SUNDAY 10-11AM



SCAN THE QR CODE OR EMAIL CAT@DANCECITY.CO.UK TO BOOK



OPEN AUDITION DATES

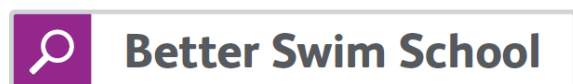
- CONTEMPORARY SUN 24 MAY | SAT 13 JUNE
- STREET SUN 14 JUNE
- DANCE CITY TEMPLE STREET NE1 4BR



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Swimming

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. 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.



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.

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.

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
Miss Johnson	Mercury	Wednesday 6 May - pm	Mr Graham

Forthcoming Events and Key Dates

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 UPDATE

Year 4– Forest School pm

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 June

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.