



13th December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance Well done to Mr McLaughlin and Miss Allen's class with their outstanding attendance for this week. School's overall attendance for the week was 92.7% and the year-to-date attendance is 94.7%.

EYFS & KS1

RLM	RSS	1NM	1MS	2AK	2BG
96.1%	95.1%	89.4%	89.7%	92.5%	91.4%

KS2

3CL	3AW	4AL	4KH	5JP	5RA	6EA	6GW
92.5%	90.1%	96.9%	96.3%	90.3%	88.5%	98.5%	89.7%

Christmas performances Thank you to everyone that came along to support our children in their Christmas performances – every single one was fantastic and showcased a lot of confidence and talent across the whole school. Well done everyone!

Orli app This is a new app / website that is available in Sunderland. The app is now live and free for parents to use. The Orli app is designed to help parents supporting their children with anxiety and school avoidance. Parents can access a personalised plan of practical steps (created by clinicians), a 1:1 call with their team or ability to ask questions anonymously via the Orli app and a resource hub of expert advice & support. The link to the website is www.orli.health

Governor Vacancy A reminder that our parent governor election ends next week. All ballot papers must be returned to school **by 9am on 19th December**.

Carols around the Tree Please join us on the last day of term for our annual Carols around the Christmas Tree. Please come along on 20th December to see the children sing some traditional Christmas songs. This will be our final Christmas event before we finish for the school holidays. Parents and carers of children in reception and KS1 should arrive for 9am for a 9:15am start. Families of children in key stage 2 should arrive for 10am for a 10.15am start. As space in the school hall is limited, we ask that a maximum of two family members per child attend. The children would like you to join in with the singing so please warm up your voices before the event!

WCFP The Washington Community Food Project will once again be offering free packed lunches to children accompanied by an adult during the school holidays. Lunches can be collected Tuesday to Friday between 12pm and 3pm (except Christmas Day, Boxing Day & New Years' Day). To do so, please visit Unit 0 (opposite Virgin Money) in the Galleries.



FSM Vouchers Christmas 2024 free school meal vouchers are now available for collection from the school office.

Christmas Dates

Date	Event	Year Group
17.12.24	Reception Christmas Party	Reception
17.12.24	Year 1/2 Christmas Party	Year 1 and 2
17.12.24	Y5 Christmas Trip – Glass Centre (5JP – AM / 5RA – PM)	Year 5
18.12.24	Year 3/4 Christmas Party	Year 3 and 4
18.12.24	Year 5/6 Christmas Party	Year 5 and 6
19.12.24	Christmas lunch & Christmas Jumper	Whole School
19.12.24	Christmas church service (children only) (AM)	Whole School
19.12.24	Y4 Christmas Trip – Newcastle Theatre (PM)	Year 4
20.12.24	Carols Around the Tree: 9.15am - EYFS & KS1 / 10.15am - KS2	Whole School

Easyfundraising Today is our final chance to earn £1 per new supporter – thank you to those who have signed up already. We are asking for your support to help George Washington raise money – this will benefit all children in school, including our Year 6s who are going to France next year. It does not cost you anything to do – simply sign up at easyfundraising.org.uk and select George Washington Primary School as your cause. Then, when you shop online, go to the website you wish to use via the app and shop as normal. The retailer will then donate a percentage of your shop to school. There are thousands of well-known companies signed up. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for more details.

Y6 fundraising Y6 are going to be asking for help throughout the year to help fundraise for their trip to France. Their first venture began at the Christmas Fayre, where they began selling baubles and bookmarks in the designs below. For the last week of term, any non-personalised items have been reduced to only £1.50! If you would like to add a name to the design, they cost £2.50. If you would like to order any of the items below, please either send in money with your child and ask them to find Miss Gray, or send an envelope containing £1.50 with the number of the design you would like to order:



Design: 1



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Streetworx Thank you to everyone who donated to the Streetworx Christmas gift bags – we were able to make 30 gift bags which were collected by the charity earlier this week. An extra thank you to our Y4 elves who helped to decorate and pack the bags!



Year 3 and 4 Performance Thank you to everyone who came to our show and donated towards a gift for Donwell Care Home staff and residents. We raised a whopping £124.73 and we will be buying lots of goodies over the weekend.

Winter HAF The providers of the winter holiday activity and food programme are now taking bookings. All children and young people in receipt of means tested free school meals or who fall within a vulnerable category are entitled to 4 free sessions during the holiday period. Please see the link below for more information and a list of available activities in the Washington area.

<https://www.togetherforchildren.org.uk/article/21867/Holiday-Activity-and-Food-HAF-Programme>

House Points The winning House this term is Hazel! Well done to everyone for their hard work to earn house points. The winning team are invited to come to school in their pyjamas on Monday and will enjoy a movie afternoon with some treats.

R. Knight

Mr R. Knight
Head of School



Forest School Dates - Forest School has finished for this term to allow for Christmas Activities. Please keep an eye on Friday newsletters for when Forest School will resume in the spring term.

PE and Swimming - A timetable for PE and swimming is listed below. On their PE days, children should come into school in PE kit for the full day. School PE kit is a white T-shirt with dark coloured shorts or trousers. Football kits or similar clothing should not be worn.

Year Group	PE Day	Swimming Day
Reception	Wednesday	
Year 1	Monday	
Year 2	Wednesday	
Year 3	No PE this week due to pantomime trip	
Year 4	No PE due to Church visit and trip	Tuesday- 4AL Friday – 4KH
Year 5	No PE this week due to Christmas Visit	NO Swimming due to Christmas activities and Church visit.
Year 6	Monday	



Achievers of the Week & House Points



Year Group	Class	Achievers of the Week
Reception	RLM	Lydia Lowden
	RSS	Ava Wilson
Year 1	1MS	Marshall Macdonald
	1NM	Tommy Irving
Year 2	2AK	Willow Simpson
	2BG	Thea Hall
Year 3	3AW	All of Year 3 for behaviour in the shows and on their Christmas trip
	3CL	
Year 4	4AL	Callan McKinley
	4KH	Darcie-Mae McAllister
Year 5	5RA	All of Year 5 (Pantomime Performance) Special Mention to: Leyla Davies Matthew Morrissey Ellie Egan Emilis Rulevicius
	5JP	
Year 6	6EA	Lydia Duprey
	6GW	Alice Anderson

House

Points



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