



Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2025

**Re: Kielder Observatory Family Stargazing Event Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

Dear parent or guardian,

Ashington Academy is pleased to be welcoming back the Kielder Observatory and their inflatable planetarium on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2025**.

**What is the Family Stargazing Event?**

The evening will involve a guided tour of the night sky using telescopes (weather permitting), as well as a visit to the inflatable planetarium. Content on the evening will be delivered by science communicators from the observatory with Ashington Academy staff members also present to assist. We will also be providing warm drinks in the Hub for after your visit to the telescopes. Students are invited to attend with an adult family member/carer.

Please note, if the weather is unsuitable for the telescopes, there will be an interactive talk indoors instead.

**How do I sign up to attend?**

The planetarium has a maximum capacity of 20 people, so the evening will be split into two sessions, **4:30 – 5:30pm** or **5:30 – 6:30pm**. You are invited to choose to attend one of these sessions.

If you would like to attend, please complete the attached reply slip and indicate which session you would like. Please be aware that due to the strict limit on the capacity, attendance to this event will be given on a **first come, first served basis**.

Please return the slip below to **Mr Poots** in **Room 34**.

**If I get a place, what do I need to bring?**

This event requires an outdoor space for the telescope activity and will take place on the school grass field. This requires suitable outdoor footwear, warm clothes and a waterproof coat.

Please return the slip below to **Mr Poots** in **Room 34**.

Yours sincerely,

*R. Poots*

Mr R Poots  
**Second in Science**

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- I would like my child \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the Kielder Observatory visit at Ashington Academy on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2025**.
- They will be accompanied by \_\_\_\_\_
- Please state the relationship to the pupil \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate which session you would like to attend:

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