

It has been a busy but fun half term, with so many wonderful opportunities for our school community to come together. We have enjoyed a range of memorable events, including the RPS Proms, Sports Days and our colourful and energetic Colour Run. Our Year 6 pupils have also had a fantastic end to their primary school journey, with highlights including their residential trip to York, bowling, the Leavers' Service and their brilliant production of *Oliver with a Twist*. We wish all of our Year 6 pupils the very best of luck as they move on to the next stage of their education. Finally, I hope everyone has a fantastic, well-deserved summer break and we look forward to welcoming you back in September. Mrs Price

RPS Goes for Gold!

Once again, RPS is proud to have achieved Gold Award for the School Games Mark! Well done everyone!

School Meal Service

The children shared their feedback on the current lunch menu, discussed topics such as portion sizes, the variety of food available, and their overall dining experience with Ellen from the catering team. The School Council then had the opportunity to look at the proposed menu for the 2026/27 school year and shared their thoughts.

Inset Days

A reminder that school is closed to children on **Tuesday 1st September** and **Wednesday 2nd September** due to staff training.

Simply Sport are running a Sports Club.

Attendance

Attendance and punctuality are so important for a child during their time in school. We do not authorise any term time holidays due to the impact they have. The attendance below is since the start of term.

Colour Run

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's colour run! A fantastic £1300 was raised – amazing!



Class	Attendance
Rising Rainbows	92.8%
Rainbow Nursery	94.7%
Ruby	97.1%
Berry	97.3%
Amber	97.2%
Coral	97.1%
Saffron	95.8%
Honey	96.8%
Emerald	98%
Mint	97.1%
Sapphire	97.2%
Teal	96.5%
Lilac	96.1%
Indigo	96.6%
Fuchsia	96.8%
Magenta	96.9%

Swimming Gala Success

There was great success at the Primary Schools Swimming Gala for some of our children from Year 5 & 6. Rickleton entered two girls' and two boys' teams into the competition against a number of other schools from across Sunderland. And they did not let us down.

Both boys' teams dominated the Freestyle Relay, finishing in 1st AND 2nd place in their final. The girls had a tougher job, with one team finishing only 2 seconds behind an exceptionally strong girls' team from St Mary's. The success continued into the final of the Medley Finals, with the boys taking away 1st and 3rd place. The girl's team put every effort in to their final, coming up short by less than a second this time to be awarded another Silver medal.

Finally, a new race to complete the morning, the Cannon. 4 girls and 4 boys swim in a relay in any order. Our 8 children were immense and it was never in doubt as they romped home by over a length to their nearest rivals.

Each and every one of the team were a pleasure to take and I was exceptionally proud of what they achieved. Very well deserved.

RE and RSE Parent Drop In

At 9.00am on Friday 4th September, we are holding a RE and RSE drop-in for parents.

This gives parents the opportunity to review the curriculum and resources used to teach the children in Religious Education and Relationships, Sex and Health Education lessons.

From September, the DfE have changed what pupils will statutorily be taught in RSE lessons.

We hope to see you there!

Well done Year 6!

We are so proud of our Y6 children who, once again, worked so hard to achieve brilliant SATs results!

	RPS 2026 Expected	RPS 2026 110+ high score
Reading	98%	56%
Writing	88%	36%
SPAG	97%	58%
Maths	92%	42%

EYFS Pirate Day!

EYFS took part in Pirate Explorers Day to launch our new 'Writing at Rickleton' unit. Our adventure began when a bottle washed ashore containing a letter from Captain Blackbeard inviting us to become Pirate Explorers and help him find his missing treasure. Throughout the day, we immersed ourselves in pirate life through a range of exciting experiences including having pirate photographs taken, making pirate hats and eye patches, completing an obstacle course, following treasure hunt clues, listening to pirate stories and creating messages in a bottle.



Y6 Lunch Trip!

As part of preparing our children for adulthood, some of our Y6 pupils went to Fiume Italian restaurant! They were given the opportunity to apply their social and budgeting skills by ordering and enjoying a lovely 2 course lunch!



Y6 Leavers' Treat

Year 6 had a fantastic time bowling on Friday 17th July as their end of primary school treat!



At Rickleton, we love to read! We recommend the following books which the children might want to enjoy reading over the summer holidays!

<u>Key Stage</u>	<u>Book</u>
EYFS	
KSI	
LKS2	
UKS2	

Festival of the Girl

The Port of Tyne recently exhibited at the Festival of the Girl event at Newcastle University, where they ran a "What's Through the Portal?" competition. Visitors to their stand were asked to draw what they thought they would see through the portal of one of their pilot boats. Well done to Violet M who was in the top 10 entries!



Dancing Success for Evie!

Well done to Evie in Y6 who, on 8th July, was at the Sunderland Empire performing in the Dance Schools of Sunderland Festival 2026. On 21st June she had the amazing opportunity to dance on stage at the Royal Ballet and Opera House in London, through Chance to Dance. This was a massive achievement for Evie and we are very

proud of her!



WEAR HERE 4 THE HOLIDAYS

HAF Sunderland Summer

ELIGIBLE CHILDREN CAN BOOK 16 SESSIONS DURING SUMMER

- Free activities for 4-16 yrs (25 yrs with SEND) eligible for benefit related free school meals, in vulnerable or low income households affected by the cost of living
- Variety of activities including sports and culture
- creative arts and entertainment.
- Free healthy meals and nutritional education.

Scan the QR code to go straight to our programme on the EEQU website – see what's on to register and book



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Sunderland Mental Health Support Service

Five ways to well-being drop in session

We are hosting a 2-hour drop-in workshop for parents/carers and children of primary and secondary school age to help support and improve well-being.



We will look at each of the five ways to well-being, participate in activities and support you with being able to implement these into your life to boost your wellbeing.

We are hosting sessions in the Building Blocks Day Centre CIC, Concord; you do not need to attend all.

Date 28th July Date 31st July Date 4th August
Time 1-3pm Time 11-1pm Time 1-3 pm

Date 7th August Date 11th August Date 14th/21st August
Time 11-1pm Time 9.30 – 12 Time 9.30 – 12

Date 18th August
Time 1-3



Government and Joe Wicks encourage families to keep children active this summer

Families across the country are being encouraged to help children stay active over the summer holidays, with Joe Wicks' animated fitness series, Activate, backed by government. Nine in ten (88%) of parents* worry their children will get too much sustained 'inactive' time during the summer, and less than a fifth (18%) think their children will achieve 60 minutes of physical activity every day during the summer holidays

Activate provides free five-minute episodes, making it fun and easy for children to build movement into their day at home, on holiday, or on the go

This drive follows updated [UK Chief Medical Officers' Physical Activity Guidelines](#), which set out activity levels for health

Activate episodes can be found on the BBC iPlayer - [Activate with Joe Wicks - BBC iPlayer](#) and a campaign resource centre here: [Activate with Joe Wicks | Campaigns | Campaign Resource Centre](#)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Time for Rhyme (0 - pre crawlers) 9.30 - 10.15am Move to Rhyme (Crawling to pre-walking) 10.30 - 11.15am Play Space - Drop in (0 - 5 years) 9 - 11.30am 1 - 3pm Sensory Room - Drop in (0 - 5 years) 9 - 11.30am 1 - 3pm	Play Space - Drop in (0 - 5 years) 9 - 11.30am 1 - 3pm Sensory Room - Drop in (0-25 years with parents/carers) 9 - 11.30am 1 - 3pm Family Fun Stay & Play (0 - 8 years) 10 - 11am Community Café - Drop in 10 - 11am School Ready Programme 28th July - 1st September (6 weeks) Bookable 1.00 - 2.30pm Antenatal Programme 3.45 - 5.45pm To book call 03000 031552	Play Space & Sensory Room Drop in (0 - 5 years) 9 - 11.30am & 1 - 3pm Outdoor Play Family Fun Usworth Park (0 - 8 Years) 10 - 11am Exc 12th & 26th August SEND Stay & Play (Parent led) (0 - 4 years) 10 - 11.30am Exc 12th August Summer Fayre 12th August 10 - 12pm Review & Development Clinic 10 - 11.30am Summer Fest Princess Anne Park 26th August - 12 - 4pm Play Matters 5 week Programme - Bookable 5th - 2nd Sept 1.30 - 2.30pm Baby Messy/Sensory Play (0 - 12 months) 1.45 - 2.30pm Exc 12th & 26th August Birth Registrations - Bookable	Sensory Room - Drop in (0 - 5 years) 9 - 11.30am & 1 - 3pm Stay & Play - Drop in Marlborough Park (Sulgrave flats) (0 - 8 years) 9.15 - 10.15am Growing Healthy - Drop In 10 - 11.30am Bread & Butter Thing 2 - 2.30pm To reserve a bag text 07507237311 Play Space - Drop in (0 - 5 years) 9 - 11.30am 1 - 3pm Story Time 1.30 - 2.15pm Gro Brain for Dads Bookable (Expecting a baby or with babies 0 - 12 months) 3.30 - 5.30pm	Play Space - Drop in (0 - 5 years) 9 - 11.30am 1 - 3pm Sensory Room - Drop in (0 - 5 years) 9 - 11.30am 1 - 3pm Outdoor Play @ Building Blocks 9.30 - 10.30am Exc 28th Aug & 2nd Sept Baby Stay & Play (0 - pre walkers) 1.30 - 2.30pm Exc 28th August Introduction to Solids 1 - 2pm To book call 0300 0031552

Social media

Please check www.linksforlifesunderland.co.uk/familyhubs
 Follow Sunderland Family Hubs on Facebook and Instagram.



Saturdays @ Rainbow Family Hub:

- Stay & Play 10 - 11am - Every week
- Dad's and Little'uns - 1st August- 10 - 11.30am