As we reach the end of another busy half term at RPS, it has been lovely to see how well the children have settled into school life and embraced their learning.
Thank you to all our families who attended parents' evenings. It was a valuable opportunity to celebrate the children's achievements and discuss their next steps. We really appreciate your continued support. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to our Harvest Festival donations. Your generosity will make a real difference to those in our local community. I hope all our families enjoy a restful half-term break and some lovely time together. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting half term at RPS!

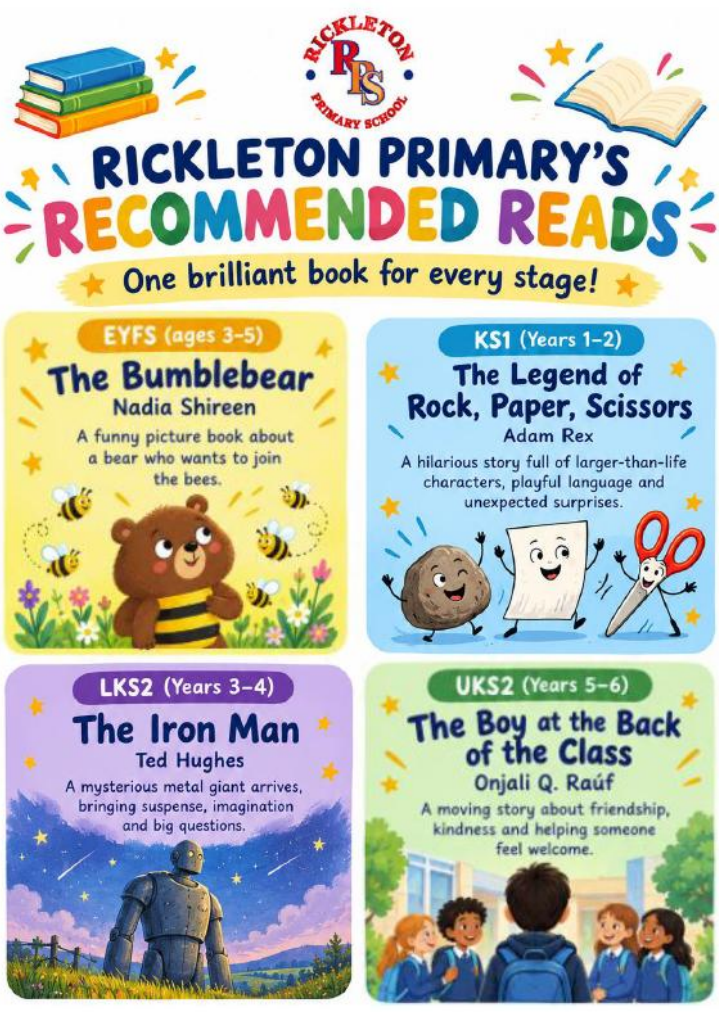
Mrs Price

Congratulation Miss Oliver!

We are delighted that Miss Oliver, who teaches in Y5, is getting married in half term!

When she returns after the break she will be the new Mrs Cox!

We all wish you a wonderful wedding day!



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.

Class	Attendance
Rainbow Nursery	94.6%
Ruby	97.4%
Berry	98.7%
Amber	96.7%
Coral	96%
Saffron	97.1%
Honey	96.6%
Emerald	97.5%
Mint	95.7%
Sapphire	96.7%
Teal	97.1%
Lilac	96.6%
Indigo	95.5%
Fuchsia	97.2%
Magenta	97.9%



Free School Meals are changing

More families are eligible from September 2026

If you're on Universal Credit your child can now get Free School Meals, no matter how much you earn. Helping families save money while children get a healthy meal for free at school.

You should apply now if:

- You receive Universal Credit
- Your child does not currently receive Free School Meals
- Your child attends a Sunderland school

Check your eligibility today visit: www.togetherforchildren.org.uk/free-school-meals

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Raring2Go

The link below is for the Autumn Raring2Go Magazine. It has lots of great information including about events happening in Sunderland

Raring2go! Sunderland

Eco Council Litter Pick

Our Eco Council children have been busy keeping our school grounds clean and tidy using litter picking equipment kindly donated by Keep Washington Tidy. A big thank you for their support!

With Fight Fly-Tipping Fortnight (12th–25th October) this week, why not get involved and organise your own family litter pick?

Litter picking equipment is available to borrow from school. Just speak to Mrs Croydon to arrange this.

Every little bit helps to keep our community clean and green!

Macmillan

Thank you to everyone who supported Macmillan this year. A huge well done to EYFS who made their own cakes to enjoy and raised £295.60!











Autumn 2 Key Dates

- Halloween Disco – 4th Nov 2026
- Anti-Bullying Week – 16th – 20th Nov 2026
- Children in Need – 13th Nov 2026
- Fair non-uniform – 20th Nov 2026
- Christmas Fair – 4th Dec 2026 at 2.00
- Ruby Reception Nativity – 14th Dec 2026 at 9.30 - HOD
- Berry Reception Nativity – 15th Dec 2026 at 9.30 - HOD
- Nursery Nativity – 16th Dec 2026 at 9.30 - HOD
- Y1 Nativity – 8th Dec 2026 at 9.30 - HOD
- Y3/4 Christingle – 7th Dec 2026 at 10.00 - HOD
- Y5/6 Carol Service – 17th Dec 2026 at 9.15 - HOD
- KS1 Party – 15th Dec 2026 – afternoon
- EYFS party – 16th Dec 2026 – afternoon
- Y3/4 party – 17th Dec 2026 – afternoon
- Y5 and Y6 'Festive Fun Day' – 18th Dec 2026





At Rickleton, our children complete word problems so that the maths they learn is related to their lives. In every newsletter, we will provide a question linking to the level our Y6 children are working at.
Can you solve the maths problems our Year 6 children do?



A school has **240 pupils**.

15% of the pupils walk to school.

How many pupils walk to school?

UK Health Security Agency

NHS

Should I keep my child off school?



Yes

	Until...
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek

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Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit https://qrco.de/minfec.

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Foodbank Visit

The School Council really enjoyed a trip to the foodbank ahead of the Harvest Festival. They looked at how food is collected and distributed, as well as speaking to the volunteers.







Family Buddy Reading in KS2

Children shared books, read together and enjoyed talking about what they were reading. It was fantastic to see our older and younger readers supporting one another and showing just how much we love reading at Rickleton Primary.







Rainbow Best Start Family Hub half-term timetable

Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October 2026

Family.hubwashington@togetherforchildren.org.uk
Postcode: NE37 3AE Telephone: 0191 561 3995

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Time for Rhyme - drop in (0 - pre-crawlers) 9.30 - 10.15am **Move to Rhyme - drop in** (Crawling- pre-walkers) 10.30-11.15 **Play Space - drop in** (0 - 5 years) 9 - 11.30am, 1 - 3pm **Sensory Room - drop in** (0 - 5 years) 9 - 11.30am, 1 - 3pm **Busy Bodies - drop in** (Walking - 5 years) 1.30 - 2.30pm **Breastfeeding Support – drop in** 1 - 3pm	**Play Space - drop in** (0 - 5 years) 1-3pm **Sensory Room - drop in** (0-25 years with parents/carers) 1-3pm **Boo and play** (0 – 8 years) **Bookable** 10-11.15 **Antenatal Programme** 3.45 - 5.45pm To book call 03000 031552	**Sensory Room - drop in** (0 - 5 years) 9 - 11.30am **Welfare Rights** 9.30 - 11.30am To make an appointment please speak to Family Hub reception **Review & Development Clinic** 10 - 11.30am Please speak to your Health Visitor for an appointment **Boo-nes park Event - bookable (Barnes Park)** 0-5 years 11am – 2pm **Birth Registrations - bookable** Book via Sunderland City Council website **Play Space - drop in** (0 - 5 years) 1 - 3pm	**Stay & Play - drop in** Marlborough Park (Sulgrave flats) (0 - 5 years) 9.15 - 10.15am **Growing Healthy - drop In** (Under 2) 10 - 11.30am **Story Time – Room on the broom** (0- 5 years) 1.30 - 2.15pm **Bread & Butter Thing** 2 - 2.30pm To reserve a bag text 07507237311 **Play Space - drop in** (0 - 5 years) 1 - 3pm **Sensory Room - drop in** (0 - 5 years) 1 - 3pm	**Outdoor Play @ Building blocks Day Centre (NE37 2SS) - drop in** (0-5 years) 9.30 - 10.30am **Play Space - drop in** (0 - 5 years) 9 - 11.30am and 1 - 3pm **Sensory Room - drop in** (0 - 5 years) 9 - 11.30am and 1 - 3pm **Baby Pumpkin Stay and Play-drop in** (0-1 yrs) 1.30-2.30pm **Introduction to Solids - bookable** (around 6 months) 1 - 2pm To book call 0300 0031552

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Call **0191 561 7005** or email **citywideparentingreferrals@togetherforchildren.org.uk**.