



What a lovely, festive few weeks we have had at Rickleton Primary School! Thank you to all of the staff for working so hard to support the children in their various nativities and concerts. It was brilliant to see so many parents/carers at the House of Destiny. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing what 2025 brings for Rickleton!

Mrs Price

Simply Sport Club

We are delighted to be able to offer child care for the first time over the Christmas holidays to help working parents!

Simply Sport are running a club on Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd January.

To book a place, simply go to www.simplysportltd.co.uk and use the password JAN25RPS

Year 5

Miss Robinson is going on maternity leave and we can't wait to meet her new arrival! We are delighted to welcome Miss Piercy who will be her replacement.

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who supported Children in Need this year. The school raised a brilliant £270.19

Raring to Go!

The link below is to the Winter edition of the Raring to Go magazine – there are lots of fun activities for families to do.

[Raring2go! Sunderland](#)

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Winter HAF

Winter HAF are now taking books from the Christmas holidays. All children in receipt of means tested FSM or those who are vulnerable are entitled to 4 free sessions.

[Holiday Activity and Food \(HAF\) Programme - Together for Children](#)

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	95%
Ruby	96.9%
Berry	92.2%
Amber	96.3%
Coral	95.5%
Saffron	96.8%
Honey	98.4%
Emerald	95.4%
Mint	97.5%
Sapphire	97.2%
Teal	97%
Lilac	97.3%
Indigo	98.2%
Fuchsia	97.3%
Magenta	97.7%

Well done to Mia and Lucas who gave up their spare time to support a really important charity close to their hearts, Washington Mind.

The charity put on a free Christmas event which was available to the service users and their children. Mia dressed up as 'Cindy Lou Who' and Lucas was 'Santa's elf/helper'. They helped the children with their crafts and handed out gifts and helped make any of the children feel comfortable when they were uncertain about their environment.



Protecting the Planet

We're very proud of Isla, one of our Eco council members, who gave up her Saturday morning to speak about climate change at the Climate Action Sunderland event. She spoke just before, and then was able to have a chat with, the North East Regional Mayor, Kim McGinness. Well done Isla.

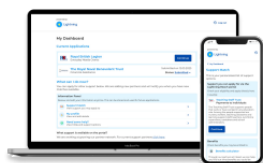


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Lightning Reach is a free online portal that connects you to financial support from various sources, quickly and securely - all in one place.



Connecting you to:

- ✓ Charitable grants
- ✓ Local authority schemes
- ✓ Help with bills
- ✓ Benefits check
- ✓ Other vital support

How does it work?

- 1 Sign up**
Create a secure profile in just 10-15 minutes
- 2 Support Match**
Discover what support you have been matched with
- 3 Apply**
Provide supporting evidence and submit your application(s)

How can this help me?

- Easy to find and apply for support
- Trusted and secure portal
- Minimise form filling & paperwork
- Apply from any device

Some of our support providers

There are over 2,500 organisations offering support, which include:



"I was in debt with my electric and was worried to heat my home in the winter. Now I can heat my home this winter"

Lynn received over £200 towards her energy bills from British Gas Energy Trust

Sunderland City Council

Sign up today
Create your free account and discover support today. Scan the QR code to sign up.

www.lightningreach.org

NHS South Tyneside and Sunderland
NHS Foundation Trust

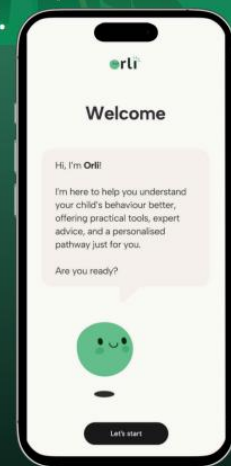


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Well done to our wonderful school choir who recently sang at Durham Cathedral. This was a fantastic opportunity to perform alongside other schools in such an iconic local landmark. Our choir have also performed at the Washington Arts Centre and the House of Destiny. Thank you to Mrs Holt and Miss Forsyth for supporting the choir so well.



Congratulations to Eva who has recently had her official SAFC Academy signing evening during the half term holidays. Hopefully a football star for the future.



Age 13+ (13+)

WhatsApp

A Guide for Parents & Carers

WhatsApp is a free messenger app. It uses the internet to send messages, images, documents, audio or video. The app offers end-to-end encryption, which means that all messages can only be read by the sender and the recipient.

<h3>Privacy</h3> <p>Show your child how to adjust their privacy settings, such as hiding their profile photo, but not status and about info. Get them to either of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> My Contacts available to contacts from their address book only Nobody not available to anyone <p>Talk to them about not sharing their personal details online.</p>	<h3>Messaging</h3> <p>Encourage your child to think about these things before they message:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is it kind? Is it true? Would your parent/guardian approve? Would you say it to their face? Have you asked permission to post photos? Have you used your online messager? You don't have to join lol! 	<h3>Contacts</h3> <p>Make your child understand that they should only connect with friends, family, or trusted individuals.</p> <p>Teach them not to accept messages from unknown contacts.</p> <p>Go over with your child how to add, block and report contacts.</p>
<h3>Group Chats</h3> <p>If a child is added into a Group Chat, it may include people they don't know. This can put them at risk of being contacted by a stranger.</p> <p>Go to Settings -> Privacy -> Groups. Select specific contacts that can add your child into groups.</p> <p>Encourage your child to only join a group with people they know and trust.</p>	<h3>Location</h3> <p>WhatsApp allows users to share their location with others.</p> <p>If this feature is enabled, it could potentially let others track your child's location or discover their home address.</p> <p>Speak to your child about keeping this feature disabled.</p>	<h3>Check</h3> <p>Check in with your child regularly to review their phone settings.</p> <p>Have an open dialogue about their WhatsApp usage and how often they are using the messaging app.</p> <p>Encourage them to share what they're experiencing and periodically check that they are staying safe and happy online.</p>

Encourage your child to come to you if ANYTHING online makes them feel uncomfortable, upset or worried.

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