



What a jam packed half term we have had, full of festive fun! The various Christmas performances have been brilliant and the children really enjoyed taking part in them! This week has been full of Christmas parties! I wish everyone a very happy Christmas and look forward to welcoming the children back in the New year on Monday 5th January!

Mrs Price

Parliament Visit

Georgia (Y4) wrote to our local MP, Sharon Hodgson, with concerns linking to our local community. Sharon was so pleased to read the letter and has invited Georgia to visit her in the Houses of Parliament in January! Sharon will also be visiting RPS in the Spring term. Well done Georgia!

Thank You Mr Todd

After several years at RPS, Mr Todd is leaving to start a new job in January. We thank him for everything he has done during his time at Rickleton.

Good Luck Mr Todd!

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.

Technology Drop In

From 8.30 – 9.30 on Friday 9th January, our computer technician will be on site to support with enabling child safety features on any new electronic devices. We hope to see you there!

Smart Watches

To ensure our children are safe, we are not allowing any child to wear a smart watch in school. Any child who comes in wearing one will be required to take it off during the school day. Thank you

Miss Collins

We are delighted to welcome Miss Collins to the RPS team! She will be our new Rising 3 Nursery teacher.

Class	Attendance
Rainbow	94.6%
Ruby	97.5%
Berry	96.5%
Amber	97.1%
Coral	96.6%
Saffron	95.6%
Honey	97.8%
Emerald	97.7%
Mint	96.5%
Sapphire	96.9%
Teal	96.5%
Lilac	96.6%
Indigo	97.6%
Fuchsia	96.2%
Magenta	96.4%

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Disney Collaborative Learning Week

In November, the term began with a Disney themed learning week. In EYFS, learning was based on the theme of 'Friendship and Loyalty' and exploring the key question: What makes a good friend?



Post Box Topper

Congratulations to Benjamin (Y4) who had the winning design for a knitted post box topper! His topper can be seen and admired in Concord. Well done Benjamin!



Tesco In-Store Vote!

We are delighted that our application to 'Tesco Stronger Starts' has been accepted. We have applied for funding for the installation of a harmony instrument in the EYFS outdoor area.

From Mid-January to March, you can vote for RPS (using the blue tokens) at Chester-Le-Street Tesco store!

Please spread the word!



Spring Key Dates

- 22nd January – KS1 FORPS Movie Night
- 29th January – KS2 FORPS Movie Night
- 6th Feb – Number Day
- 16th and 18th Feb – Parents' Evenings
- 5th March – World Book Day
- Y5 Residential – 31 March – 2nd April 2026

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Come and try our fun, confidence-building swim lessons

Session 1


ADULT & CHILD

 Ages
4 months – 36 months




Session 2

PRE-SCHOOL STAGE 1

 Ages 3 – 4 years
(Not attending school full time)



 **Monday 12th January**
Between 11:30 – 12:30

 **Washington Leisure Centre**

Call 0191 4166642 to book your spot
Limited spaces available – first come, first served!



2nd December 2025

FREE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CAMP

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are delighted to share some exciting news... **Active Future Sunderland's Holiday, Activities and Food (HAF) Programme is back!**

The HAF programme is designed to give children a fantastic experience during the school holidays, offering a mix of **sport, games, creative activities, wellbeing sessions and a nutritious meal each day.**

This programme is **fully funded for eligible children**, and we aim to provide a welcoming, inclusive environment where every young person can build confidence, stay active and have a brilliant time with friends old and new. We also offer paid places for those who aren't eligible.

Our camps will be running on Monday 22nd December 2025, Tuesday 23rd December 2025, Monday 29th December 2025, Tuesday 30th December 2025, Wednesday 31st December 2025 and Friday 2nd January 2026. Places are limited so **don't miss your chance to secure a place.**

We are excited to see the children and deliver another memorable holiday experience with Active Future Sunderland. Your child may recognise us from previous camps, school event days or PE sessions.

To book your place at the correct venue please follow the links:

City Space Fitness, Sunderland Uni: <https://tinyurl.com/3s3a6n3v>
Grindon YPC: <https://tinyurl.com/5f82bfps>
Grange Park Primary School: <https://tinyurl.com/4sa2u7r6>

If you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to get in touch. For more information or support with making your booking please don't hesitate to contact us direct on 07964697411 or afsunderland@activefuture.info

Many thanks
Mark Connell
Area Director

SAFC Flag Bearers

On Saturday 29th November, Alistair, Sebastian and James were lucky enough to be selected to bear the SAFC flag for the Sunderland V Bournemouth match.

Well done boys!

