



As the Spring term draws to a close, I reflect on the successes so many of our children have achieved. The Rickleton Rockers danced fantastically at the Sunderland Dance Festival; the Mini Medics won a Sunderland Young Achiever's Award; our girls' football team came runners up in the Chester-Le-Street league; and our table cricket team made the semi-finals in a competition at the Cricket Club, to name just a few! We have welcomed many visitors into school this term, including a local author, a travelling theatre group and many additional sports coaches.

Wishing everyone a Happy Easter!

Mrs Price

### ASDA Cash Pot

Thank you to everyone who supported the ASDA Cash Pot scheme last term.

A fantastic £760 was raised collectively!

### Holiday, Activities and Food Programme – Easter 2025

HAF is open to Sunderland families in receipt of means tested free school meals, with children aged between 4-16 or up to 25 with SEND needs. Each session includes a free healthy meal, enriching and physical activities are available for all ages. [Holiday Activity and Food \(HAF\) Programme - Together for Children](#)

### Polite Parking

A reminder that parents/carers should avoid parking on the yellow lines directly outside of the school gates or blocking driveways in the nearby cul-de-sacs.

Thank you

### 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.

### EYFS Sponsored Read

A brilliant £1700 was raised from the EYFS sponsored read which took place last month.

Thank you to everyone who took part!

Class	Attendance
Rainbow	95.5%
Ruby	97.2%
Berry	95.6%
Amber	96.6%
Coral	96.1%
Saffron	96.7%
Honey	98.5%
Emerald	96.2%
Mint	97.6%
Sapphire	96.8%
Teal	96.6%
Lilac	96.8%
Indigo	98%
Fuchsia	97%
Magenta	97.3%

### Walk for Acceptance

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April, the annual Autism Acceptance walk is taking place at Herrington Park.

[Walk for Acceptance 2025 - North East Autism Society](#)

Spring 2 2025



**FREE dance and sport sessions  
for children aged 8-12 years  
old in Sunderland**

126 Church Street North  
Sunderland  
SR6 0DT

**HEALTHY LUNCH  
INCLUDED**

Children participating  
must be on FREE school  
meals

10am-2pm  
Tuesday 15th April  
Wednesday 16th April  
Wednesday 23rd April  
Thursday 24th April

To book contact  
[clare@northeastdance.com](mailto:clare@northeastdance.com)



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### Durham Cathedral

For this term's Collaborative Learning Week the whole school focussed on the heritage, history and culture of the North East. A main part of their learning was about Durham Cathedral. All children in Years 2 - 6 went to the Cathedral. They had a brilliant time and learnt a lot of its importance and history. What a brilliant opportunity for our children!



# FAREWELL TO COTIA



**A CELEBRATION OF 60  
YEARS SINCE THE CLOSURE  
OF HARRATON COLLIERY**

**Saturday 17th May 2025  
Rickleton Primary School  
10am - 2pm**

Throughout the day visitors can view photographs and artefacts from the mine and enjoy performances from:

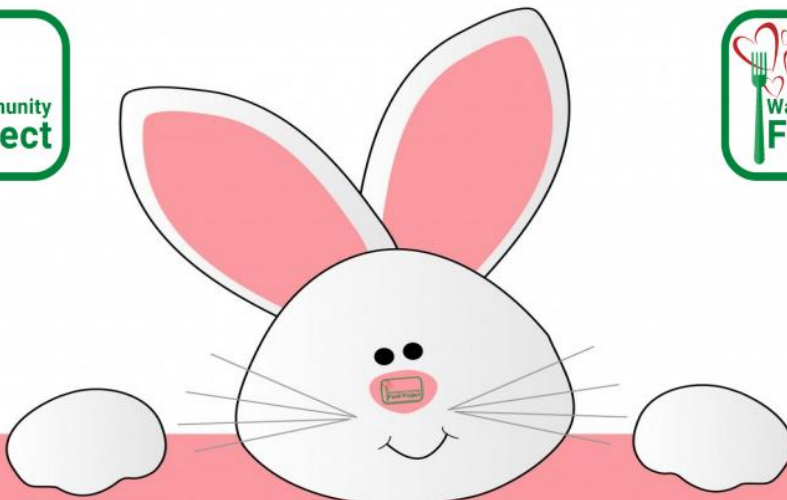
- 10.30am - Northern Roots Folk Band
- 11.30am - Bearpark and Esh Colliery Band
- 12.30pm - Rickleton Primary School Choir

Coffee and cakes are available all day whilst visitors chat and reminisce.

No booking required - doors are open all day.

**Rickleton Primary, Vigo Lane, Rickleton, NE38 9EZ**





WCFP will, once again, be providing free packed lunches for all local school children during the Easter break

**NO REFERRAL IS NECESSARY**

Hop-along to collect yours from Unit O (opposite Virgin Money, in The Galleries) **Tuesday-Friday 12-3pm**

Children must be accompanied by an adult

The food bank will be closed on Good Friday



## Key Summer Dates

- 16<sup>th</sup> June 2.15 - New to Nursery parent talk
- 17<sup>th</sup> June 9.30 – Nursery Ball Skills
- 17<sup>th</sup> June 2.00 – Reception Ball Skills
- 18<sup>th</sup> June 1.30 – KS1 Sports Day
- 19<sup>th</sup> June 1.30 – KS2 Sports Day
- 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2.15 - New to Reception parent meeting
- 25<sup>th</sup> June – RPS transition AM
- 4<sup>th</sup> July 2.00 - FORPS Summer Fair
- 17<sup>th</sup> July 2.00 and 5.00 - Y6 Leavers show
- 17<sup>th</sup> July 9.00 – Reception photo story
- 22<sup>nd</sup> July 9.15 – Y2 Performance
- 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2.00 - Family picnic and Y6 leavers clap

For the end of term leading to Easter, we all made the short walk to the House of Destiny Church next to school. Andrew Kanyangu, Pastor and School Governor, led the service, supported by Y6 pupils who retold the Easter story and led prayers. The highlight, as ever, was the wonderful singing of the Easter songs we have rehearsed this term and the lovely song performed by the school choir. Happy Easter everyone.

