



It has been another busy but lovely half term, filled with enthusiasm and achievement. A highlight was a week exploring the local rivers of the North East, where pupils engaged in a range of creative and cross-curricular activities. We also greatly valued the opportunity to welcome parents and carers for parents' evenings, strengthening our partnership in supporting every child. We ended the term on a high with the Year 5 residential to Ford Castle, where the children will enjoy a range of exciting outdoor activities. Thank you for your continued support, and have a restful break. Mrs Price

### Maths Champions Provider

We are delighted that Rickleton has been awarded the achievement of 'Maths Champion Provider' in recognition of the school's commitment to improving maths outcomes!

### Eduspot App

A reminder to parents that we are replacing the separate School Money and text messaging system with an App called 'Eduspot'. Parents should ensure they download this App as soon as possible.

### HAF

Details about the Sunderland Holiday Activities and Food Programme can be found via the following link:  
[Holiday Activities and Food \(HAF\) Programme - Together for Children](#)

### Mrs Reay

We are sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Reay who is leaving RPS. She has been a great support to the children and we wish her all the best!

### Inset Day

A polite reminder to parents that **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June** is a staff training day. Simply Sport will be offering a club that day.

### 2026-2027 Inset Dates

Next academic year, there will be staff inset dates on:

- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026
- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2026
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2026
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2027
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2027

### 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
Rising Rainbows	91.7%
Rainbow Nursery	95.5%
Ruby	96.9%
Berry	97.3%
Amber	97.2%
Coral	96.9%
Saffron	95.7%
Honey	97.2%
Emerald	98.1%
Mint	97.1%
Sapphire	96.7%
Teal	96.7%
Lilac	96.6%
Indigo	97.1%
Fuchsia	96.5%
Magenta	96.6%



# EYFS OPEN MORNING

SATURDAY 20TH JUNE 2026  
9.00AM - 10.30AM



We are delighted to be opening our EYFS doors to showcase our Outstanding EYFS provision!



- Outstanding in all areas (June 2025)
- 15 and 30 hour Nursery places from Sept 2026
- Flexible Nursery hours
- Breakfast and after school provision

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## Rickleton Rockers

A huge WELL DONE to the Rickleton Rockers who performed at Kepier Academy in the Sunderland School Dance Festival 2026!



## Beamish Museum

Year 2 had a fantastic and memorable trip to Beamish Museum, where the children stepped back in time to experience life in the past. The day was filled with exciting activities that brought history to life and supported their learning in a fun and engaging way.

One of the highlights of the trip was going down into the mine. The children learned about what it was like to work underground many years ago, discovering how miners stayed safe and the important role coal mining played in local communities. It was a unique and fascinating experience that the children will not forget!

The children represented the school beautifully with their excellent behaviour, curiosity, and positive attitudes. We are very proud of them all!





Dear Parent/Carer

We are sure many of you are aware of the recent incidents involving young people causing anti-social behaviour in the Houghton and Washington areas. We understand that these would have caused alarm and distress to the local community and to anyone who was present and witnessed these incidents.

Northumbria Police and Sunderland City Council have carried out a joint operation this week, during which a number of proactive actions have been taken to prevent and reduce anti-social behaviour in these areas.

We want young people to enjoy the outdoors and we respect their freedom. However, we do not want a repeat of the disorder that has occurred or for local communities to be impacted by this behaviour.

As a parent could you please check where your children are and provide them with the following safety advice for when they are out and about in the community:

- 1) Do not become a spectator in any fights or anti-social behaviour, move away and report it to the police. When crowds gather it makes it harder for offenders to be identified from CCTV and mobile phone footage.
- 2) Look after your friends. Stick together and discourage them from getting involved in any fights or disputes that might get out of hand. Walk away if you have to and if you are worried report it to an adult.
- 3) If you suspect someone is carrying a weapon discretely, report it to the police by dialling 999. This is not being a 'grass'. This could save someone's life.

As we come into the warmer weather, we would like everyone to be able to enjoy our public spaces, safely and respectfully. We will continue to take robust action against individuals who commit anti-social behaviour and criminal activity in the City. This includes:

- Police home visits to parents/carers
- Acceptable Behaviour Agreements
- Community Protection Warnings / Community Protection Notices
  
- Court Orders
- Criminal proceedings

If you are worried about your child or someone else involved in anti-social behaviour and would like further information on support services available, please find here: <https://www.togetherforchildren.org.uk/YQS> or contact the Early Help Advice & Assessment Team (EHAAT) by email [EHAAT@togetherforchildren.org.uk](mailto:EHAAT@togetherforchildren.org.uk) or calling 0191 561 4084.

Yours faithfully,

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Victoria Patterson, Locality Hub Manager (Washington)  
[Victoria.Patterson@sunderland.gov.uk](mailto:Victoria.Patterson@sunderland.gov.uk)

### FORPS Funding

Since September, FORPS have funded over £6600 worth of resources and contributions to school trips! We can't thank them enough for all they do to raise funds for the children!

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

### Rickleton Recommended Reads

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



### Swimming Success!

Congratulations to Josh who holds the swimming titles of County Champion for the 50m and 200m backstroke!



## THE WASHINGTON AND CHESTER LE STREET TEACHER TRAINING ALLIANCE

Rickleton Primary School, Vigo Lane, Washington, Tyne and Wear NE38 9EZ Tel: 0191 4155050

Head teacher: Mrs. J Prior

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