



Friday Flyer

YOU ARE INVITED TO
KINSHIP PANTO
**SNOW WHITE AND THE POISON
SAUSAGE ROLL**

Friday 6th December
St Aidan's Catholic Academy
Doors: from 5.30pm
Performance: 6pm

FREE, BUT PLEASE BOOK VIA EVENTBRITE
DONATIONS WELCOME!

Starring the wonderful...
**Poppie Nichols-Key (of 4G) and Hannah
Nichols (of 2CW)**

Weekly Update

RAPS daycare: Breakfast Club from 8-8:45am & After School Club from 3:30pm-5:15pm

Monday 2 Dec

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 1 & Y3

Snow Tubing for 2W

Forest School for Y4

Tuesday 3 Dec

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 4

Swimming for Y5B

Snowboarding for 2CW

Wednesday 4 Dec

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 6

Swimming for Y4G

Ukulele for Y2

Thursday 5 Dec

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Y5

Friday 6 Dec

PE kits to be worn by everyone for the

Santa Dash - santa hats welcome too!

Swimming for Y3M

Swimming for Y6C

Clubs end today for the term

Future dates for your diary

See page 9 of the flyer for our Christmas diary

A message from our Head Teacher

Dear Richard Avenue Families,

It's been another busy week as we race towards December. Although it's continued to be cold, this has done nothing to dampen our spirits. Speaking of chilly weather, please do ensure that your child comes to school in a warm and waterproof coat (which is named) so that we can make the most of time outdoors which we know the children thoroughly enjoy. One of this week's highlights was our wonderful Year 4's assembly for families. There was great delight on the faces of Y4's families and friends as they presented this term's wonderful work with HUGE RAPS thanks to everyone who contributed. The children read with confidence, showcased superb PE skills and joyful singing abilities. Everyone was also so respectful and considerate of each other, supporting friends' with kindness. We know the Y4 team loved having you in school, thank you so much, we really value your support. Finally, as we reach the last weekend of November, stay warm and dry. Have a lovely weekend. With very best wishes,

Claire McKinney.

Miss McKinney and all of the staff at Richard Avenue Primary School

THIS WEEK'S ASSEMBLIES

This week we have been thinking about our light, as we have challenged ourselves to shine brightly in all that we do...we also arrived to see a very twinkly and sparkling school on Thursday - the RAPS elves were very busy indeed Wednesday evening, staying late to sprinkle their magic... everywhere... Thank you team RAPS!

Thank you!

Assembly stars

RAPS assembly stars. Last week we celebrated our important RAPS Value... **FRIENDSHIP**

N: Iyaz and Basta

R: Sarah, Pearl, Ziv, Umaiza Mufazzal and Isa

Y1: Omofeola, Alban, Ariel and Piper

Y2: Michael, Usman, Halaria, Layla, Yasir and Ayaan

Y3: Mahera, Logan, Ibrahim, Aarin, Meher and Hana

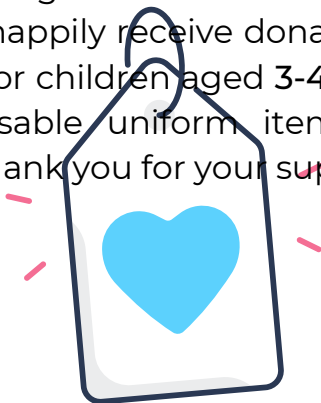
Y4: Urwa Hanifa, William, S Amara, Deep-Inder and Aleema

Y5: Esosa, Zoe and Yahya

Y6: Mazeedah, Devpreet, Ethan

Well done everyone, you are all stars!

Preloved uniform. As you know, we collect preloved school uniform to pass on to other families. If you are having a sort out in the next few weeks we would happily receive donations - in particular trousers for children aged 3-4, 4-5 & 5-6. However all reusable uniform items are welcome. As always, thank you for your support.



Have You Talked Pants Yet? Since 2013, Pantosaurus has helped over six million parents to Talk PANTS and help keep children safe. Developed with children, parents, carers and teachers, Talk PANTS is here to help children understand that their body belongs to them, and they should tell a safe adult they trust if anything makes them feel upset or worried. Talk PANTS is here to help children understand that they have a right to say no and if they need to speak out about something, someone will listen. We know that a simple conversation can make a BIG difference, and that's what Talk PANTS is all about. To help you get the conversation started, explore the video and resources



Let's talk PANTS with Pantosaurus!

With the help of our friendly dinosaur Pantosaurus, Talk PANTS is a simple conversation to help keep your child safe from sexual abuse. Click to learn more.

NSPCC

A Book to Help Young Children to Set Boundaries. Being aware of our feelings is a building block for our emotional and social intelligence. In this new book, Christina Furnival offers children a way to sense and shape emotions which can emerge in the important friendships that shape who we are now, and who we will become later on in our lives. The not so Friendly Friend' can be accessed online using the link below. It is just over five minutes long and is a lovely way of explaining to younger children how to set boundaries.



Fitness equipment. The fitness trail and other outdoor equipment must not be used at pick-up time. Please do not take your children to play on it. It must only be used when supervised by the school staff team who have been trained to ensure children use it safely. As always, thank you for your support.



Have you logged into your child's **Seesaw account this week, using the new year group details?** Staff have shared a number of updates. *If you need a new invitation, please contact the class teacher.*



Santa Dash. Once again this year we will be dashing for Santa... The children will be encouraged to bring to school an item for Santa's sleigh as they run around our running track with Santa Claus for company - **items the Foodbank are in need of include toiletries, if you could please include these in donations.** Donations will be carried off in the sleigh (or the car, if the sleigh is unavailable!) to the Sunderland Foodbank. The date for your diary is Friday 6th December. We'll be writing to you about this next week as families are also being invited to run with the children - time to get some miles in over the weekend in preparation!

Keeping children safe in the dark. It has been great to see children with reflective strips on their coats, or brightly coloured coats. At this time of year, visibility is very important. You can add reflective strips to clothing, school bags or bike/scooter helmets. it is also important to have lights on bikes and scooters.

SOS Info

Should my children go to school today?

Please remember that if your child has had diarrhoea or vomiting they must remain off school for 48 hours after they have been ill, as advised by the NHS. For other illnesses if you are uncertain please consult this helpful website:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/diarrhoea-andvomiting/>



Mini Science



On Wednesday 27th November, the children in the EYFS and Key Stage 1 ARP had a visit from Neil from Mini Science, to carry out a practical Science workshop. The children had a fantastic time exploring many different experiments and objects.



Attendance OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to 4S who are our weekly top attenders.

Weekly whole school attendance is 91 %

CLASS	ATTENDANCE %	CLASS	ATTENDANCE %
NURSERY MORN	86.4	3LM	86.3
NURSERY AFT	93.7	3M	95.3
RM	86.8	4G	91.7
RS	77.7	4S	99.3
1P	93.2	5B	91.7
1W	84.5	5W	93.4
2CW	88.7	6C	91.7
2W	97.2	6H	94.7

98% - 100%	Excellent Attendance
95% - 97.9%	Good Attendance
92% - 94.9	Caution (below national)
90% - 91.9%	Cause for concern
Below 89.9%	Persistent Absence - Serious Concern



WhatsApp

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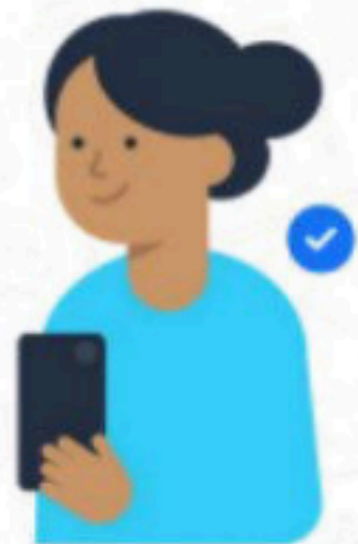
WhatsApp's
minimum age
in the UK

58%

Kids aged 3-17
who use
WhatsApp

37%

Kids under 13
who use
WhatsApp



5 tips to keep kids safe on WhatsApp



1 [Review privacy settings](#) WhatsApp has a range of privacy and security settings to keep users safe. Customise groups, app access, live location and more.



2 [Customise contacts](#) Show your child how to report and block unwanted contacts. Then, work with them to add their friends and family. Review and talk about their contacts regularly.



3 [Talk about personal information](#) Make sure your child understands what personal information is. Talk about the importance of keeping that information private on WhatsApp.



4 [Show them where to get support](#) If something goes wrong or they see something worrying on WhatsApp, make sure they know to come to you, and talk about other sources of support.



5 [Check in regularly](#) Once you've done all of the above, check in with them regularly to review settings and how they use WhatsApp.

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City Library Winter Programme

City Library @ Sunderland Museum and
Winter Gardens, Burdon Road SR1 1PP



Festive Colouring Fun

From 30 November

Pick up a colouring sheet from the library desk and get creative by designing your very own festive book cover. Hand your artwork in to receive a prize and the potential of having your design displayed in the library over the festive period.

This is a free, drop in activity

Festive Family Fun!

10.30am - 12.30pm, Saturday 14 December

We want to celebrate Christmas with you! Listen to seasonal songs, join in with a wintery craft, help us design the biggest snow globe EVER... and even get your face painted! Suitable for families. Christmas jumpers and sparkles highly encouraged!

This is a free, drop in event



culturehousesunderland.co.uk/events



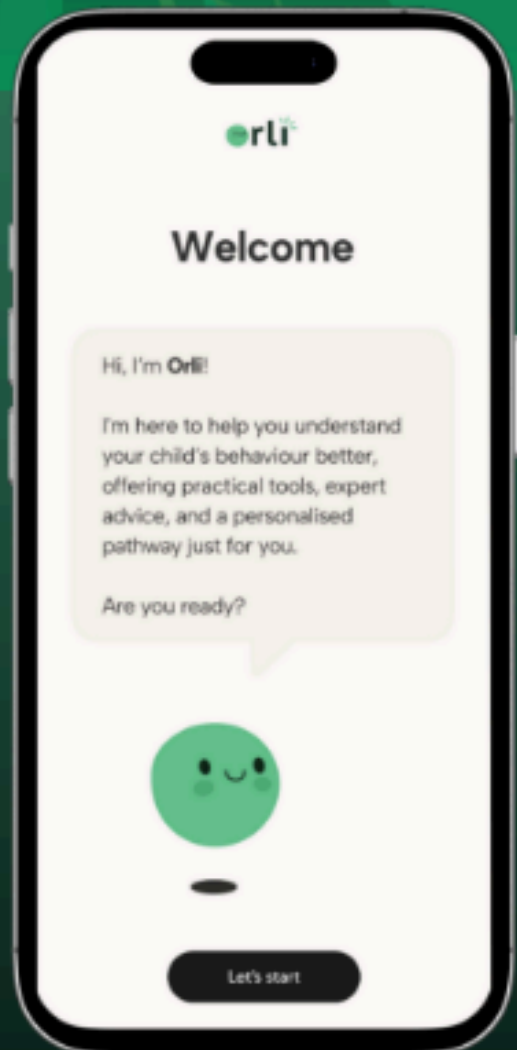
Is your child anxious or avoiding school?

Orli is here to help you find simple steps to support your child.

- 1 Join our webinar, meet our team and find practical strategies.
- 2 Sign up for free & build a personalised plan.
- 3 Get access to our team & tools on the app!

Join our free webinar

9th Dec





Richard Avenue
Primary School

Christmas diary dates 2024



Date	Event
Friday 29th November	16 days of Christmas begins with the turning on of our Christmas tree lights 
Wednesday 11th December	KSI (Yrs 1&2) Christmas performance @ 9.15am and 11am 
Thursday 12th December	EYFS (Nursery & Reception) Christmas performance @ 9.15am and 2.15pm 
Tuesday 17th December	Christmas Day at Richard Avenue
Friday 20th December	KS2 (Yrs 3-6) Carol Service @ 9.15am School closes at 1.45pm 

