

REMINDER FOR FAMILIES

A gentle reminder that from **Monday 20th April**, the after school club will go back to its previous closing time of **5.15pm**. **Breakfast Club** will continue to **open @ 7.45am**.

If you have any questions about our out of school provision, please speak to the office team. With many thanks for your continued support and understanding.





Thursday Flyer

HAPPY

EASTER



Weekly Update

RAPS daycare: Breakfast Club from 7.45-8:45am & After School Club from 3:30pm-5:15pm

Monday 20 April

School re-opens after the break - join us for breakfast from 8.25am

Forest School for NURSERY

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Y3

After school clubs re-start

Tuesday 21 April

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Y4
Swimming for 5W

Wednesday 22 April

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Y1 & Y5

Swimming for 6C

Cricket coaching for Yrs 1&5

Walkwise for 1CW

Thursday 23 April

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Y4 & 6

Learn to ride for Y4

Friday 24 April

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Y2

Swimming for 3B

Swimming for 4Cr

Future Dates for your diary

Mon 4 May - school closed for May Day

A message from our Head Teacher

Dear Richard Avenue Families,

It's that time again when we remind you that school closes today for the Easter holiday and re-opens on **Monday 20th April**. We have enjoyed another busy and wonderful term with class trips and visitors plus lots of lovely work in all classes. Thank you to our superb staff team for all they always do to make every day the best it can be for your children. Everyone has worked so hard to make sure your children have the best possible experience. They are an amazing team and I am fortunate to work alongside them. Finally, it's happy holidays to you all and many, many thanks for your wonderful help and support this term. If you are searching for reading ideas during the break, why not visit **Book Trust**. This is a charitable non-profit making organisation and as part of their site there are some great suggested reading lists - <http://www.booktrust.org.uk/> Have a wonderful holiday with your wonderful children.

With very best wishes,

Claire McKinney.

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

Assembly stars

RAPS assembly stars. Last week we celebrated another of our wonderful school values...

RESILIENCE

N: ADAM R, NAMEER & NUH

R: ASENAT, ERIC, ARIWAN, MAYMOONA, AYESHA & ANTHONI

Y1: ALFIE, ZIV, IDREES, DANIEL, SARAH & ANGEL

Y2: JAMAL, CHMIDI, DANIEL, MIA, EXCEL & RAGHAD

Y3: AYAAN H, SULAYMAN, OGHOSA, ABHINAV, MAIMONA & LITHUM

Y4: SOUMIYA, HANA, AMIYA, MARIAM, AISHA & VALERIE

Y5: NATHAN, ZAYAAN, ISMAIL, COLE, YOUNUS & ZOYA

Y6: FAVOUR, ARIFA, JHARI, STEPHANIE, LAWK & TRACEY

Well done everyone, you are all stars!

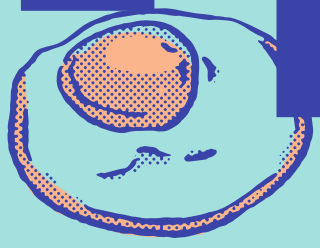
THIS WEEK'S ASSEMBLIES

This week assemblies have been finding out about the Christian story of Easter. Easter is the most holy time in the Christian calendar. Those celebrating remember the death and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. We found out how Christians celebrate around the world and different traditions that take place in different countries. We enjoyed a visit from Youth for Christ's Andy who delivered another exciting assembly with the usual fun games.

Join us for government funded



Breakfast



NO BOOKING

REQUIRED!

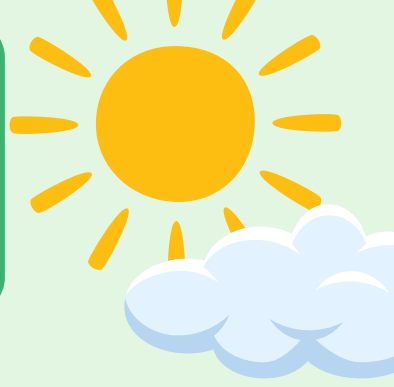
If you would like your child to join us, they must arrive between 8.25 and 8.40am, coming into school via the small gate...children from rec - Y6 welcome!

Available everyday: weetabix, cornflakes or rice krispies and toast with butter or butter and jam.

Daily hot options:
Monday: beans on toast
Tuesday: crumpets
Wednesday: omelette with hash browns
Thursday: beans on toast
Friday: omelette with hash browns



NURSERY AT FOREST SCHOOL



VERY HAPPY NURSERY CHILDREN AT
FOREST SCHOOL



THANK YOU RICHARD AVENUE FAMILIES, SPORTS LEADERS AND OUR WONDERFUL MR SPOORS



EASTER EGG HUNT 2026



WE TOOK OURSELVES

FUNNY

**FOR MONEY THIS
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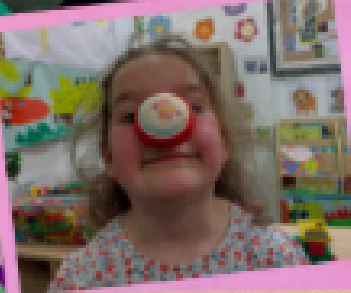
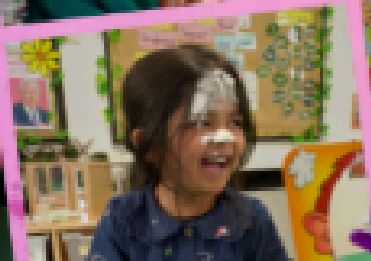
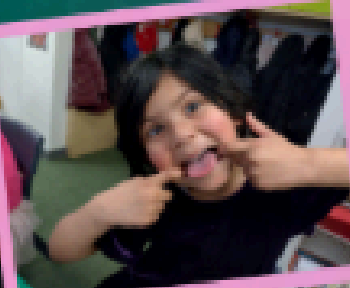
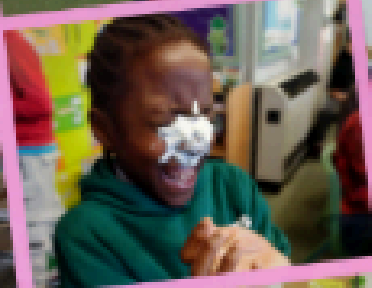


**FOR RED
NOSE DAY
THIS YEAR WE
DECORATED
RED NOSES,
TOOK PART IN
PIE FACE AND
A QUIZ, AND
TOOK THE
FRUIT
PASTILLE
CHALLENGE.**

WE RAISED £479.50!

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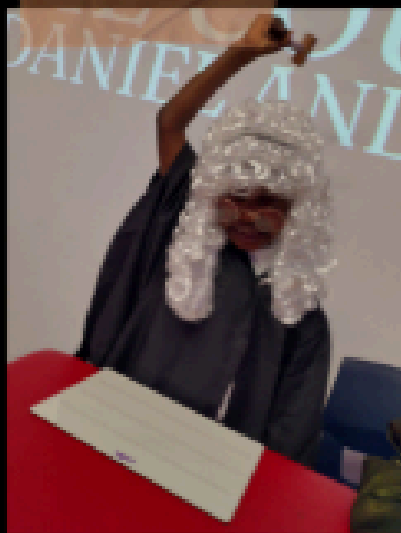
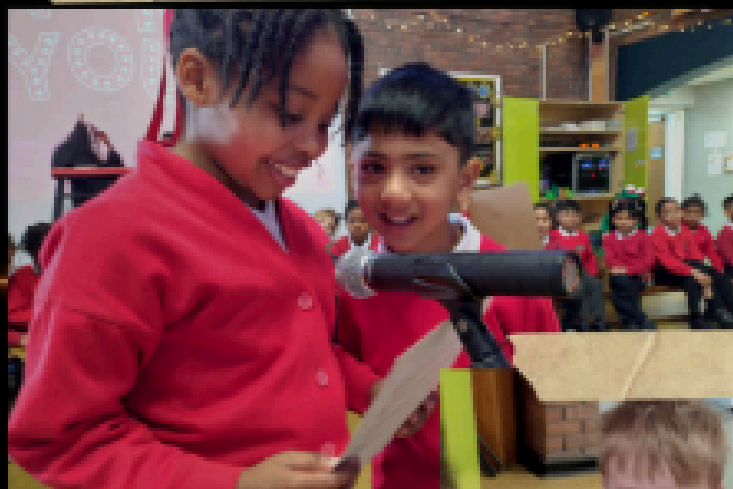
**RED
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YEAR 1 ASSEMBLY

Thanks to all who attended our "court proceedings" last week! It was lovely that so many of you were there to see the children do so well.

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AT (YEAR) ONE E WITH NATURE

YEAR 1 VISITED BARNES PARK
THIS WEEK TO LOOK AT THE
SEASONAL CHANGES

Eating Disorder Support – Shout 85258. Shout 85258 is a free and confidential text support service for anyone struggling to cope. They have released new guidance on eating disorders, which are recognised as mental health conditions linked to food control as a way of managing emotions. These conditions can affect people of all ages, including children and young people.

Let us know

Let us know when...There has been change of contact details...If you have changed your phone number, please make sure that our school office has the details so that we can update our contact systems. Please also let us know if you have any changes to your address or email details. Thank you.

Changes in medical needs: Has your child been recently diagnosed with anything that school should know about? Are they now asthmatic and require an asthma care plan? Have they developed an allergy and require an allergy care plan? These are changes we should be aware of. If your child requires medication a form must be completed before school can administer anything.

Changes in circumstances: If you feel there has been a change within the family which you think could affect your child and we should be aware of, please also let us know. *Please remember that any information we hold is always kept confidentially.*



A reminder to families with children in nursery, that National Offers Day for Reception September 2026 is Thursday 16th April. The Sunderland School Admissions team will send an email to families who applied for a place online. Letters will also be posted to families who completed a paper form on 16th April.

Do you enjoy SINGING?

Y5's Holly and Grace performed in Youth Choir's Out Loud Showcase last Sunday - and it was amazing! If singing is your happy place, Youth Choir is really keen to add to the number of young people currently singing in the youth choir - it sounds amazing, more info below...

Come Sing with us!

Come to our out loud choir. you'll make new Amazing, kind and funny friends Learn great new songs. EXPRESS yourself with music and eat biskits (for free!) So Come to our loud choir it's AMAZING! Everyone is welcome!

THIS CHOIR BRINGS OUT THE COLOUR IN YOU!

DRAWINGS AND WORDS BY MEMBERS OF OUR YOUTH CHOIR

**YOUTH CHOIR. AGES 7-18. EVERY VOICE WELCOME.
WEDNESDAYS 17:30-19:00. STARTING BACK 29TH APRIL.
17NINETEEN, CHURCH STREET EAST, SR1 2BB**

OUT LOUD!
Together in song

SIGN UP VIA QR CODE

For more info follow Out Loud Voices on social media or email Charlotte at outloudchoirse@gmail.com

SUPPORTING FAMILIES THIS EASTER

As we approach the Easter holidays, we know that school holidays can bring added financial pressure for some families. That's why Sunderland City Council has partnered with **Lightning Reach** - a platform designed to help residents access financial support quickly and easily.

Lightning Reach connects users to over 2,500 support schemes from charities, councils, and organisations across the UK based on your individual circumstances.

On average, it takes just 11 minutes to complete your Lightning Reach profile.

There is a wide variety of support available including:

energy and bills
furniture and white goods
clothing and essentials
home improvements

www.lightningreach.org/sunderlandschools



MORE THAN GRANDPARENTS...



Dear Friends and Supporters of More than Grandparents,

I'm reaching out to invite you to support something truly special.

More Than Grandparents Spring Ball Fundraiser

is a wonderful opportunity to come together for an afternoon of celebration while making a real difference to kinship families across the North East.

Kinship carers are the quiet heroes in our communities – grandparents, aunts, uncles and relatives who step up to raise children when families face difficult circumstances. More Than Grandparents provides vital support to these families, helping them navigate challenges and ensuring they never feel alone.

To continue reaching the families who need us most, we rely on the support of our wider professional community.

Our Spring Ball will be a joyful afternoon filled with connection, community spirit and celebration – and every ticket purchased directly supports the families we serve.

If you're able to join us, we would love to see you there. Your support will help ensure we can continue being a lifeline for kinship families across the region.

Secure your tickets here: <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1WzM2FJW6E/>

If you can't attend, please consider sharing the event with colleagues or networks who may like to support this important cause.

Thank you for helping us champion the incredible families who step up when it matters most.

Warmest wishes,

Mel

Attendance OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to **50** who are our final top attenders of the spring term. Weekly whole school attendance is 92.09 %

CLASS	ATTENDANCE %	CLASS	ATTENDANCE %
NURSERY MORN	91.3	3B	95.1
NURSERY AFT	81.7	3M	93.1
RJ	88.4	4GO	90.6
RS	92.2	4GR	92.4
1CW	94.2	50	96.3
1W	95.7	5W	91.0
2S	92.6	6C	89.2
2W	89.7	6H	93.6

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

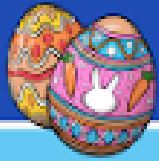
PARENT / CARER SUPPORT

PARENTING SUPPORT LINE

Navigating the role of a parent / carer isn't always easy. From conception to 19 years of age we have advice and support available to help you and your family over the phone.

Please contact us on **0191 5617005** or Email
citywideparentingreferrals@togetherforchildren.org.uk

EASTER HALF TERM



HOUGHTON SPORTS & WELLNESS CENTRE

Tuesday 7th April – Friday 17th April



**BOOK
ONLINE**



YOUR FIRST CHOICE FOR CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY CAMPS



**EXTENDED HOURS
8.30AM – 5.30PM**

**VARIETY OF DIFFERENT
ACTIVITIES**

**CHILDCARE VOUCHERS
ACCEPTED (+GOV TAX FREE)**

BOOK INDIVIDUAL DAYS



**ONLY
£29
PER DAY**



SPORTS

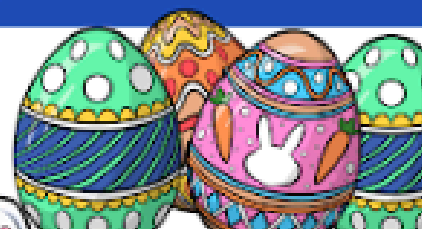
SIBLING DISCOUNT

INFLATABLES

ROLLER SKATING

ARTS & CRAFTS

& LOTS MORE



www.tayplay.net/easter



SUNDERLAND EASTER HOLIDAY HAF ACTIVITIES

Activities: Sport ball games, arts and crafts, and access to a secure outdoor area.

Eligibility: Free for children 5-16 who are eligible for means-tested free school meals.



**TUESDAY 7TH APRIL,
THURSDAY 9TH APRIL,
TUESDAY 14TH APRIL,
THURSDAY 16TH APRIL.**

10:00AM – 2:00PM

BARNWELL ACADEMY, DH4 7RT

**Book
Here**



www.eegu.org

We have a limited number of spaces available for those who would benefit from the social and well-being aspects of the programmes, as well as CoL.

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EASTER HOLIDAY COURSES

7-17 APRIL

FOUNDATION OF LIGHT
THE WORLD AT YOUR FEET

EASTER HOLIDAY COURSES
FOOTBALL
7-9 APRIL / 13-15 APRIL

EASTER HOLIDAY COURSES
TRAIN LIKE A PRO
10 APRIL

EASTER HOLIDAY COURSES
1.1 COACHING
12/14, 15 APRIL

EASTER HOLIDAY COURSES
TODDLER TALES
7 APRIL / 14 APRIL

EASTER HOLIDAY COURSES
MINI BAKERS
8 APRIL / 15 APRIL

EASTER HOLIDAY COURSES
JUNIOR BAKERS
9 APRIL / 16 APRIL

EASTER HOLIDAY COURSES
BEAUTY AT THE BEACON
8 APRIL / 15 APRIL

EASTER HOLIDAY COURSES
HOLIDAY CLUB
7-9 APRIL / 13-15 APRIL

EASTER HOLIDAY COURSES
SEND FOOTBALL
9, 16, 17 APRIL

WEEK ONE

Tues 7-Thurs 9 April
3 Day Football | Beacon of Light |
9.30am-3pm | £50

Tues 7-Thurs 9 April
3 Day Football | Wellfield School |
9.30am-3pm | £45

Tues 7-Thurs 9 April
3 Day Football | Beamish Football
Centre | 9.30am-3pm | £45

Tues 7-Thurs 9 April
3 Day Holiday Club | Beacon of Light
9.30am-3pm | £45

Tues 7 April
Toddler Tales | Beacon of Light |
10am-12pm | £5

Wed 8 April
Mini Bakers | Beacon of Light |

WEEK TWO

Mon 13-Wed 15 April
3 Day Football | Beacon of Light |
9.30am-3pm | £50

Mon 13-Wed 15 April
3 Day Football | Beamish Football
Centre | 9.30am-3pm | £45

Mon 13-Wed 15 April
3 Day Football | Seaham High School |
9.30am-3pm | £45

Mon 13-Wed 15 April
3 Day Holiday Club | Beacon of Light |
9.30am-3pm | £45

Tues 14 April
Toddler Tales | Beacon of Light |
10am-12pm | £5

Wed 15 April
Mini Bakers | Beacon of Light |

FOUNDATION OF LIGHT EASTER HAF PROGRAMME

Dear Parent/Carer,

I'd like to bring your attention to some free half term activities provided by the Foundation of Light taking place over the Easter Holiday Programme

Tuesday 7th April / Wednesday 8th April

- **Football Holiday Course 09:30am-3pm**
- **Holiday Club 09:30am-3pm**

Monday 13th April / Tuesday 14th April

- **Football Holiday Course 09:30am-3pm**
- **Holiday Club 09:30am-3pm**

Children who attend will receive 4.5 hours per day of activities, as well as a hot meal. Meal choices will be sent via the EEUQ system upon booking

Sessions are free for children and young people who:

- Live in Sunderland
- Are in school years 1-6
- Are eligible for means-tested free school meals during term time.
- Are in a family struggling with the cost of living.

To book your free place, please follow the QR code below or link attached

Holiday Club - [Foundation of Light Holiday Club with Foundation of Light - Eequ](#)

Football (Younger) - [Foundation of Light Football Camp \(5 - 12 yrs\) with Foundation of Light - Eequ](#)



Please note:

By signing this form, you are accepting that Together for Children will use you/your child's data to measure how our services are doing and share your data with the Department of Education

Thank you and we look forward to welcoming your child along

Jack Gray
Football Programmes Manager
Foundation of Light



Support when it really matters


Blossom is a free and confidential advice line for families supported by Love, Amelia.


Available Monday to Friday 9am-5pm, Blossom connects you with trained advisers to help you navigate life's challenges.

- Help with understanding benefit entitlement
- Support with housing and money management, including budgeting and non-specialist debt advice
- Guidance on employment and discrimination issues
- Advice on family, relationships, and consumer matters
- Introductory immigration support

The advisers will work with you to find the best solutions for your needs, offering tailored advice and guidance to help you feel in control.

You don't have to face challenges alone. Get in touch for help to find a way forward

 Freephone - 0808 281 31 41

 Email - blossom@societymatterscic.com

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