

# Join us for Breakfast - fast



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

**Daily hot options:**  
**Monday: beans on toast**  
**Tuesday: bacon or quorn sandwich with ketchup**  
**Wednesday: omelette with hash browns**  
**Thursday: bacon or quorn pattie sandwich with ketchup**  
**Friday: omelette with hash browns**

**IF YOU ATTEND EVERYDAY, YOUR NAME WILL BE ENTERED INTO A PRIZE DRAW AT THE END OF THE WEEK WHERE YOU WILL HAVE THE CHANCE TO WIN A £50 VOUCHER!**

**Our new funded breakfast relies on government funding which will be set by the number of children attending school for breakfast everyday NEXT WEEK: Monday 8th - Friday 12th June.**



**NO**



**BOOKING  
NEEDED**



**Please support us and generate funding by bringing your child to enjoy breakfast!**

**They don't have to eat breakfast, just attend and we will receive funding.**

**Children must arrive between 8.25 and 8.40am, coming into school via the small gate...children from rec -Y6 welcome!**





Richard Avenue  
Primary School



[www.richardavenue.co.uk](http://www.richardavenue.co.uk)

# Friday Flyer



Welcome **BACK**  
TO  
**SCHOOL!**

Weekly update

World  
Environment  
Day

Friday 5th June 2026

### Weekly Update

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

#### Monday 8 June

Yrs 5&6 leave for Derwent Hill  
Join us for breakfast from 8.25am  
RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Y4  
World Cup Assembly  
Forest School for reception & ARP  
Tennis Coaching for Y4  
Music workshop for Y1  
Swimming Gala for some of Yrs 5&6

#### Tuesday 9 June

Join us for breakfast from 8.25am  
RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Y3  
Swimming for 50  
New nursery families meeting from 9.15am

#### Wednesday 10 June

Join us for breakfast from 8.25am  
World Cup assembly  
RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Y1 & Y5  
Swimming for 6H  
Cricket at Hetton Lions for some of Yrs 5&6

#### Thursday 11 June

Join us for breakfast from 8.25am  
RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Y6  
RSE meeting for Y6 families from 3.50pm

#### Friday 12 June

Join us for breakfast from 8.25am RAPS  
PE kit to be worn to school by Y2  
Swimming for 3M  
Swimming for 4Go  
Derwent Hill due back to school  
between 4.15-4.30pm. Messages will  
be sent with more exact timings once the  
coach sets off - traffic dependent!

#### Future dates for your diary

##### Thursday 18 June

Morning nursery's assembly for families from 9.05am

##### Friday 26 June

School closed to the children - staff training day - school office will be open

##### Thursday 2 July

Afternoon nursery's assembly for families

## A message from our Head Teacher

Dear Richard Avenue Families, We welcome you back to the second half of the summer term with a full and happy Friday Flyer. It's been great to see the children return to school and hard to believe that there are only a few weeks remaining in this academic year. This week we've already packed in forest school, tennis coaching and a dental workshop in Y4 (although not at the same time!), our wonderful swimming lessons at Silksworth and today, our very first whole school Cultural Day. I know, and that's just a few of this week's highlights. It has been wonderful to see all of our children showing an excellent attitude towards their learning throughout the week. You won't be surprised to hear that we've a very busy few weeks ahead and later in the term, we will be holding our wonderful Sports and Wellbeing Week, special assemblies and much, much more. We know that the children will enjoy this final half term of the academic year and if you do have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact myself or your child's class teacher. Have a lovely weekend families.

With very best wishes,

*Claire McKinney.*

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

## ASSEMBLY STARS

RAPS ASSEMBLY STARS. IN OUR FINAL ASSEMBLY BEFORE HALF TERM, WE CELEBRATED CHILDREN WHO IMPRESSED THEIR TEACHERS BY DISPLAYING OUR VERY IMPORTANT VALUE OF FRIENDSHIP. WELL DONE TO THESE CHILDREN:

**N: SAFIYYA, SAWDAH & NORIZA**

**R: NAISHA, YUNUS, ABDULLAH M, BASTA, ZOYA & DIYANA**

**Y1: JACK KOREDE UMAIZA, ZAH'RA, HUDHAYFAH & ANGEL**

**Y2: SAFOORA, ALEISHA, BELLA, MIA, ISRAA & KINGSLEY**

**Y3: MARYIAH, ISHAQ, ZAHRAA, ATHIDHI, HANNAH & AKSHAD**

**Y4: IBADUR, YVES, DAVINA, EMMANUEL, MARIAM & ETHAN**

**Y5: INAAYA, YUWA, MISSY, ILYAS ZOYA & ALINA**

**Y6: RABIUL, ZUMARAH, FAVOUR, ALESSIA, ANOSHAY & YASIN**

Well done everyone you are all stars!

# THIS WEEK'S ASSEMBLIES



In assemblies this week we have been talking about how different faiths encourage us to be stewards of our Earth.

## Today is World Environment Day

during which we have discussed the urgency of taking climate action. With rising temperatures, collapsing ecosystems and disruptive weather extremes, humanity stands at a tipping point. We have reminded ourselves that we are not powerless and by taking responsibility we can and must do more.

World Environment Day



# COME AND SEE SCIENCE

Last half term, our **Science Ambassadors** hosted an exciting '**Come and See Science**' morning for the whole school. The event celebrated **British Science Week** and this year's theme, '**The Big Question**'. Children from KS2 proudly shared their fascinating Science investigations with visitors, presenting the questions they had explored and the discoveries they had made. From '**What makes the best hankie?**' to '**How do boats float?**', pupils demonstrated excellent scientific thinking, creativity and teamwork throughout their investigations.

The morning was a fantastic opportunity for children to showcase their learning and inspire curiosity across the school. Well done to all of the pupils involved for their enthusiasm, confidence and hard work



Huge thanks also to our wonderful science leads **Mrs Mann and Miss Scott**, for all they did to ensure this event was such a great success #weareverylucky!





# DERWENT HILL



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Monday sees a group of Year 5 and 6 children heading off on their residential week to Keswick's Derwent Hill. They will be taking part in a number of outdoor activities including canoeing, walking and gorge scrambling. Parents of those going, please have your child at school for 8:45am on Monday morning. We're really excited for the week and keeping our fingers crossed for fair weather.”

# Save the Dates

We will be holding our annual sport and wellbeing activity week again this year. We will be linking this fantastic week with our sports days. Families are welcome to come along and watch the children take part in events such as javelin, sprint and our much loved high jump event. This summer the England men's team will take part in the 23<sup>rd</sup> FIFA World Cup. In celebration of this, we will be repeating our very successful special football day during sports week meaning we will be again looking for parent participation in a number of parent/staff football matches. Sport and wellbeing week will be taking place the week beginning 6th July, with more details to follow ...

**MONDAY AFTERNOON – 6.7.26: YEARS 5 & 6**

**TUESDAY AFTERNOON – 7.7.26: AFTERNOON NURSERY AND RECEPTION**

**WEDNESDAY – 8.7.26: FOOTBALL ACTIVITIES**

**THURSDAY AFTERNOON – 9.7.26: YEARS 3 & 4**

**FRIDAY AFTERNOON – 10.7.26: YEARS 1 & 2**

**MONDAY MORNING – 13.7.26: MORNING NURSERY**

Homework time. The children are bringing home our annual pupil and parent questionnaires today. Could we please ask that if you have a small amount of time over the weekend, could you complete and return them to school? We are keen to get your thoughts and ideas about our school as we begin to think about next year. Please could you also help your children as they identify the features of our school which are good, and those which need improving. Thank you all very much for your support with this.



**Leavers hoodies.** Our Year 6 children were presented with their wonderful leavers' hoodies this morning. Just to confirm we have agreed with Y6 that they are able to wear the new hoodie in place of their school sweater - in fact, good luck trying to get it off them! The children were so excited and they look perfect. A wonderful keepsake for the children with thanks again to families for your support with ordering and purchase. Really, really appreciated. Please remember to write your child's name on the hoodie tag and keep re-doing this every few weeks. In the warmer weather, hoodies will be of use and on and so there is a risk it could go missing if unnamed.

**WELCOME**

Morning nursery's assembly for families on Thursday 18th June from 9.05am. Please come into school via the main entrance. The assembly will begin shortly after 9am and last for approx. 20 mins. *Morning nursery families very welcome!*



**RICHARD AVENUE PRIMARY  
SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY**



# SUMMER FAIR

**SATURDAY**



**18th July between 1-3.30pm**

- **RAFFLES • GAMES • BBQ AND FOOD •**
  - **ICE CREAM • TABLE TOP GAMES •**
  - **AND MORE •**
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# WE ARE COLLECTING BOTTLE

## TOPS

Centre Management Office  
The Bridges Shopping Centre, Upper Market Square  
Sunderland, Tyne and Wear, SR1 3DR

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www.thebridges-shopping.com

Dear Headteacher / Teacher,

### Help Us Create a Giant Ocean-Themed Bottle Top Mural at the Bridges!

This summer, the Bridges shopping centre is bringing the wonders of the ocean to the city centre with our exciting *Ocean Explorers* event, a family-friendly experience celebrating sea life, discovery and the importance of protecting our oceans.

As part of the event, we're planning something really special... a mural created entirely from recycled bottle tops and we need your help to bring it to life!

bridges

To complete the artwork, we need to collect around **6,000 bottle tops** (including milk bottle tops and soft drinks bottle tops) and we are launching a fun, friendly competition between local schools to help us reach our target.

### How your school can take part

We're asking schools to collect and donate bottle tops over the coming weeks. Schools will need to keep a record of the number of bottle tops collected per class and then bring them to the Bridges for donation (we may be able to arrange collection directly from schools, depending on location and dates).

**The Prize:** The class that collects the most bottle tops will win an exciting experience:

**Tickets to see the pantomime at the Sunderland Empire on Wednesday 16 December at 10.15am**  
(Maximum of 40 students and teachers)

**Key dates:** Final date for accepting bottle tops is **Monday 6 July 2026**.

This is a fantastic opportunity for pupils to get involved in a hands-on environmental project, learn about recycling in a creative way, and contribute to a large public artwork that will be displayed in the heart of Sunderland.

We would love your school to be part of this exciting initiative and help us make a real visual impact this summer. If you would like to take part or need any further information, please contact [joanne.wilkins@bridgessunderland.co.uk](mailto:joanne.wilkins@bridgessunderland.co.uk)

Thank you for your support, we can't wait to see how many bottle tops Sunderland schools can collect!

Kind regards,

**Joanne Wilkins**  
Marketing Manager  
The Bridges Shopping Centre

# Attendance OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to **2S** who are our weekly top attenders.  
Weekly whole school attendance is 96.25 %

CLASS	ATTENDANCE %	CLASS	ATTENDANCE %
NURSERY MORN	94.7	3B	94.0
NURSERY AFT	96.0	3M	98.7
RJ	87.3	4GO	95.5
RS	96.9	4GR	98.6
1CW	99.0	5O	98.9
1W	98.4	5W	93.1
<b>2S</b>	<b>99.6</b>	6C	99.6
2W	94.6	6H	95.2



# Term Dates

## 2026-27



Richard Avenue  
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### TERM DATES 2026/2027

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School Holidays



Bank Holidays



Inset Days

To enable your child to receive the best education we can provide, would parents please book routine dental and doctor appointments outside school hours.  
Please also remember that holidays are not permitted during school term time.



# Back to School

## FEELING THE PINCH?

We've teamed up with Citizens Advice to offer local, confidential support for families at Richard Avenue Primary School.

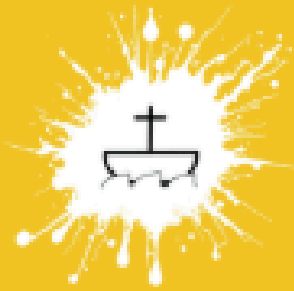
Message us directly at [schoolgates@citizensadviceunderland.co.uk](mailto:schoolgates@citizensadviceunderland.co.uk)



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Sunderland



at St Nic's

# Church for all the family!

with Storytelling, Crafts, Songs,  
Games, Faith, Prayer and Food



St Nicholas Church,  
Dunelm South A690,  
Tunstall, Sunderland SR2 7QY

**Sundays 3pm-5pm**

17<sup>th</sup> May

21<sup>st</sup> June

19<sup>th</sup> July

16<sup>th</sup> August

20<sup>th</sup> September

18<sup>th</sup> October

15<sup>th</sup> November

# 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

## SAFETY ON THE ROAD

Traffic-related incidents are a significant risk for young pedestrians and cyclists, so understanding road safety is crucial for children's wellbeing. While all road users share responsibility for keeping one another safe, this guide offers strategies for empowering young people to navigate the roads confidently and responsibly.

### 1 TAKE PRACTICE JOURNEYS

Making 'practice' journeys with children is a great way to help them stay safe, thereby modelling responsible behaviours and having road safety conversations as they prepare to travel independently. Add hazard perception activities like spotting electric vehicles – which may have a green number plate – and point out how quiet they are. Children learn by watching others; remind them that their peers might not always be the best role models.

### 2 BE BRIGHT, BE SEEN

Visibility is lower during darker winter days, and drivers need to take extra care to look out for pedestrians. Wearing bright and reflective clothing can help make children more visible to drivers near roads. In poor daylight conditions, encourage children to wear light, bright or fluorescent clothing. When it's dark, wear reflective clothing or materials such as a reflective armband or jacket.

### 3 EYES UP

Encourage children to look up and keep their eyes on the road. Teach them to constantly watch for traffic and practise double-checking the road before crossing – looking right, left and then right again.

### 4 LIMIT DISTRACTIONS

Where possible, devices like phones should be kept away from children while out and about near roads. If they're carrying devices, these should be put away until they've reached their destination. Children must also avoid playing with toys or being distracted by friends. If a friend wants to show them something funny on their phone, there'll be time for that once they've safely arrived.

### 5 SLOW DOWN

Discuss the importance of waiting instead of crossing immediately. It can be tricky to judge the speed of traffic and spot obstacles that could cause a trip or a fall. For safety, children must stop and think before they get to the kerb and should always walk – not run – when crossing the road. They should avoid crossing until they're certain they have plenty of time. Even if traffic seems a long way off, it could still be approaching very quickly.

### 6 STOP BEFORE THE KERB

Teach children to stop before reaching the kerb – not right at the edge of it. Halting before they get to the kerb allows them to see if anything's coming, whereas getting too close to traffic is dangerous. If there's no pavement, children should stand back from the road's edge but ensure they can still see approaching traffic.

### 7 CROSS SAFELY

Children should always find a safe spot to cross the road, prioritising zebra crossings or pelican crossings, footbridges and subways. Find a place where they can see traffic coming from both directions. Avoid crossing near junctions, bends in the road, or obstacles that block their view, instead moving to somewhere they can see and be seen. Remind them to use their eyes and ears together when checking the road, as sometimes they can hear traffic before they can see it. Looking and listening while crossing helps them quickly spot traffic, including cyclists and motorcyclists driving between other vehicles.

### 8 PARKED VEHICLES

Crossing between parked vehicles is very dangerous. Teach children to use extra caution if crossing in this way, and, ideally, avoid it altogether. They should use the outside edge of a vehicle as if it were the kerb, waiting and checking for traffic before moving. They should ensure vehicles aren't about to move, by looking for drivers in the vehicles and listening for engines running – but remember that electric vehicles may move off silently. They should always make sure there is a gap between any parked vehicles on the other side, so they can reach the pavement.

### 9 REVERSING VEHICLES

Children must never cross behind a reversing vehicle – it's extremely dangerous. Remind them to look for white reversing lights and listen out for warning sounds. Can they hear the engine sound or a radio playing inside the vehicle?

### 10 WAIT FOR THE BUS TO LEAVE

When getting off a bus, children must wait for it to leave before crossing so they can have a clear view of the road in both directions. This also allows them to see and be seen by other road users. Crossing near large vehicles is particularly dangerous and should be avoided.

## Meet Our Expert

THINK! is a year-round national campaign that aims to encourage safe road behaviours – whether we're driving, cycling, horse riding or walking – with the aim of reducing the number of people killed and injured on the UK's roads each year. Find out more at: <https://www.think.gov.uk/education-resources/>



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# GROBRAIN

The GroBrain Baby Course is for parents of babies pre-birth to 12 months. It focusses on bonding and brain development, and the vital part parents and carers play in 'wiring up' the connections in their baby's brain in the first 1001 critical days of life. The 'in person' Baby Course consists of four sessions, lasting around 2 hours each.

- Bonding and brain development
- Communication and play
- 'Tuning in' to babies' cries and signals
- Stress management for parents




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Sunday 14th June  
2:30-4:30pm

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Ecclesiastes 3:1

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