



**RICHARD AVENUE PRIMARY
SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY**



SUMMER FAIR

SATURDAY

18th July between 1-3.30pm

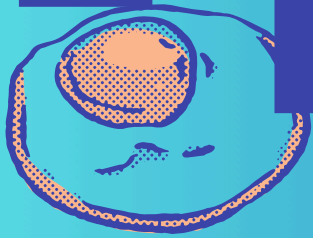
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- **RAFFLES • GAMES • BBQ AND FOOD •**
 - **ICE CREAM • TABLE TOP GAMES •**
 - **AND MORE •**



Thursday Flyer



Join us for Breakfast



NO BOOKING

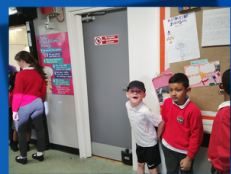
REQUIRED!

**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



Weekly Update

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

Friday 26 June

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

Monday 29 June

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Y1 & Y3
Tennis finals for Y4

Forest School for Y1

Hall Hill Farm visit for reception

Tuesday 30 June

Year 6 transition day
RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Y4
Swimming for 50

Wednesday 1 July

Year 6 transition day
Y3 visit to Segedunum
Swimming for 4Cr
Writing masterclasses with author Adam Bushell
Zones of Regulation with Healthy Heads
Milk Education Unbottled ~ Body Positive for Y5
RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Y5

Thursday 2 July

Year 6 transition day
Writing masterclasses with author Adam Bushell
West Area Event for Y5
Northern Gas workshops for Y4
Afternoon nursery's assembly for families from 2.45pm

Friday 3 July

Swimming for 3M
Swimming for 4Go
Writing masterclasses with author Adam Bushell
Healthy Heads in Y2

A message from our Head Teacher

Dear Richard Avenue Families,

As we move through this important transition period for our oldest children, we are mindful of the mix of emotions this time can bring. Change can feel exciting and uncertain, and we are committed to offering continued support and open conversations for both our children and families. A reminder that most of our Y6 children will spend three full and exciting days at secondary schools next week - Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. *Children will go straight to new schools, although will wear their Richard Avenue school uniform.* We will look forward to seeing everyone back at Richard Avenue on Friday.

As we enter the final few weeks of the term, life continues to be very busy. Please do check the diary dates to stay informed of all the upcoming events and key dates. Our school website diary can sync to your own - the school calendar can be found on the front page of the website.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Claire McKinney.

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

THIS WEEK'S ASSEMBLIES

We have been continuing our learning in our PSHE lessons through our collective worship this week. Our Summer term topic for PSHE is Health and Wellbeing and at the moment we are learning about Keeping Safe. All children in school are further developing their knowledge and understanding of this topic through key questions this week. Children are further developing their knowledge and understanding of this topic through key questions...

Year 1 - What rules are there at school that keep us safe?

Year 2 - Who is responsible for keeping us safe in our lives?

Year 3 - Why is it important for us to follow safety rules from parents and other adults?

Year 4 - How could we manage medicines and household products safely in our homes to help keep younger children safe?

Year 5 - Why is it important that we take responsibility for our own safety?

Year 6 - How can we stay safe online?

We have also enjoyed a visit from the **Youth for Christ** team who led another exciting assembly.

WELCOME

Afternoon nursery's assembly for families on Thursday 2nd July @ 2.45pm. Please come

into school via the main entrance. The assembly will begin shortly after 2.45pm and last for approx. 20 mins.

Afternoon nursery families very welcome!

— HAPPY — Retirement

We are so sorry to let you know that our wonderful Mr John Taylor leaves Richard Avenue at the end of the month, on Tuesday 30th June, after nearly twenty three years of commitment and dedication to our school.

Mr Taylor knows so much about Richard Avenue - we often joke that he should write the RAPS guide book! As you might imagine, given how much Mr Taylor has done over so many years, there are no words to fully express our gratitude to him. Whilst we know the time is right for Mr Taylor to bid us farewell, it will nonetheless be incredibly difficult to say goodbye.

So, what can we tell you about Mr Taylor? Not only does Mr Taylor do so much for us all, every single day, but his problem solving abilities and meticulous practical skills mean that no matter the circumstances, Mr Taylor always has a plan. He has built pirate ships and flat packs, re-wired key pieces of equipment, supported the team with car issues and other challenges, and what he has not painted at RAPS is not worth mentioning. We just wonder how many times he has striped and re-waxed the hall floor?! These skills and talents are at the tip of a very large iceberg. There are not many Mr Taylors in the world and we will all miss him lots.

We wish Mr Taylor a wonderful retirement ahead and look forward to hearing about his adventures - which we know Mrs Taylor is already planning, however we are not sure Eric the Dog approves of the travel plans! It's farewell and not goodbye to Mr Taylor with our love and best wishes, always 


**Thank
you**

BASKETBALL

Year 6 were incredibly lucky to work with a coach from the Newcastle Eagles. The coach helped us to develop different dribbling and passing skills. He taught us the BEEF (balance, eyes, elbows, follow through) acronym to support us in making more successful passes. We played a great game at the end, which taught us how important it was to stay alert during basketball. We have some great basketballers in the making!



Year 2 enjoyed a fantastic day at



Miss Scott is my new best friend!



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 very much loved, now traditional high jump event. This summer the England men's team will take part in the 23rd 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

DIARY DATES UNTIL THE END OF TERM...

RAPS DAYCARE: BREAKFAST CLUB FROM 7.45-8:45AM & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB FROM 3:30PM-5:15PM

Monday 6th July

Sports and wellbeing week

RAPS PE kit to be worn by Yrs 5&6

Families please arrive for 1.30pm for the Y5&6 sports afternoon

Forest School for Y1

Tuesday 7th July

RAPS PE kit to be worn by nursery and reception

Families please arrive for 1.30pm for afternoon nursery and reception sports afternoon

Northern Gas workshop for Y2

Sunderland Sings @ the Empire for Y1

Wednesday 8th July

Football activities including parent & staff football matches

Thursday 9th July

RAPS PE kit to be worn by Year 3 and 4

Families please arrive for 1.30pm for the Y3&4 sports afternoon

Friday 10th July

RAPS PE kit to be worn by Yrs 1&2

Families please arrive for 1.30pm for the Y1&2 sports afternoon

Monday 13th July

RAPS PE kit to be worn by morning nursery

Families please arrive for 9am for morning nursery's sports event

Rock band music concert for the whole school

Wednesday 15th July

Leaver's lunch for Y6

End of year reports home to families

Thursday 16th July

Empire visit for Y6 – The Karate Kid

Friday 17th July

Leaver's Day for Y6

Morning nursery's graduation celebration from 9.15am

Reception's graduation celebration from 10.45am

Afternoon nursery's graduation celebration from 2.30pm

Saturday 18th July

Community Fair between 1pm and 3.30pm. There will be face painting, children's games, street food and much, much more. All welcome!

Monday 20th July

Move up morning – children will spend time with their new teacher, in their new classroom

Tuesday 21st July

Y6 leavers' performances for families @ 9.30am and 2.15pm – refreshments available from 9.10am and 2pm

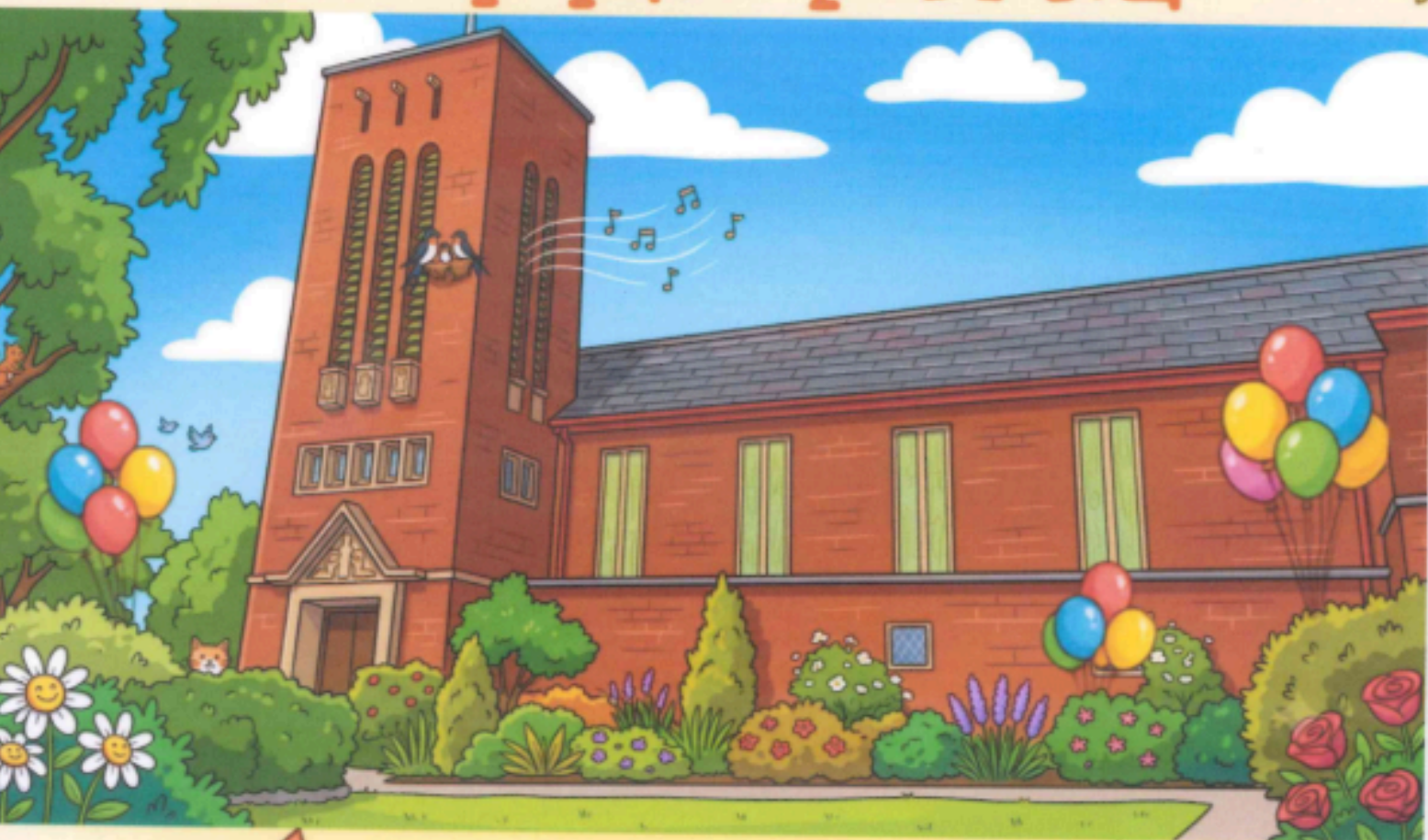
Wednesday 22nd July

Final assemblies

School closes at 1.45pm – both gates will open from 1.35pm



SUMMER FAYRE



SATURDAY 4TH JULY 2PM

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TOMBOLA



CAKES



RAFFLE



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BOTTLE TOMBOLA



REFRESHMENTS



BOOKS



ALL WELCOME!



EVENT

GETTING READY FOR NURSERY AND SCHOOL

A welcoming, practical session helping children get ready for nursery and school through play, building independence, confidence and communication. Parents / carers can also get friendly advice and support.

First hour of each session: nursery (2–3 years)
Second hour of each session: pre-school (3–4 years)



About



Tuesday 30th June, 10.30am-12.30pm

First hour starting nursery

Second hour starting school

Winnibell Family Hub,
Hendon, SR1 2HS



Tuesday 7th July, 9.30-11.30am

First hour starting nursery

Second hour starting school

Rainbow Family Hub,
Washington, NE37 3AE



Thursday 9th July, 1-3pm

First hour starting nursery

Second hour starting school

Coalfield Family Hub,
Hetton, DH5 9NE



Monday 13th July, 9.30-11.30am

First hour starting nursery

Second hour starting school

Thorney Close Family Hub,
Thorney Close, SR3 4JQ



Thursday 16th July, 9.30-11.30am

First hour starting nursery

Second hour starting school

Bunny Hill Family Hub,
Hylton Lane, SR5 4BW



PREDICTED

SCHOOL UNIFORM

SALES 2026

JUNE & JULY 2026



SAINSBURY'S

20% off

Predicted to start on
Wednesday 17th
June 2026

ASDA

20% off

Predicted to start on
Monday 22nd
June 2026

M&S

20% off

Predicted to start on
Tuesday 7th
July 2026

ALDI

£5 Uniform
Bundle

Predicted to start on
Sunday 28th
June 2026

LIDL

£5 Uniform
Bundle

Predicted to start on
Thursday 9th
July 2026

TESCO

25% off

Predicted to start on
Monday 20th
July 2026



Predicted dates only –
offers may change.

♥ **SAVE
ANOTHER
££**

Attendance OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to **6C** who are our weekly top attenders with
Weekly whole school attendance is 94.3%

CLASS	ATTENDANCE %	CLASS	ATTENDANCE %
NURSERY MORN	93.4	3B	99.5
NURSERY AFT	90.0	3M	99.0
RJ	89.1	4GO	98.0
RS	90.2	4GR	95.6
1CW	97.2	5O	97.6
1W	96.4	5W	94.0
2S	97.3	6C	99.6
2W	98.3	6H	94.2



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about NINTENDO SWITCH 2

Nintendo launched its Switch 2 games console in early June 2025 – its first new console in eight years. While it builds on the original's success by remaining compatible with certain existing games, it also adds powerful hardware and new features like GameChat and a USB-C camera. As more children look to upgrade, it's important to understand how this new console might affect their play and safety.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EASIER TO ACCESS MATURE CONTENT

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CENSORED

Despite Nintendo's reputation for family-friendly titles, mature games like *Cyberpunk 2077* and *Hitman* have been released onto the platform. With the Switch 2's improved performance, developers will be able to port even more mature-rated games. These may appeal to children due to their popularity, but they contain content that is highly unsuitable for young audiences.

IN-APP & GAME STORE PURCHASES

The Nintendo eShop enables purchases with just a few taps. If payment details are saved and PIN protection is disabled, children may unknowingly make costly purchases – including game add-ons, cosmetic items or entire new releases – without parental approval.

UNRESTRICTED ONLINE PLAY IN SOME GAMES

While GameChat is one feature, Switch 2 also connects to the broader Nintendo Switch Online service. Many free-to-play titles like *Fortnite* or *Splatoon 4* allow voice or text chat with strangers unless chat settings are adjusted, meaning children could encounter inappropriate language or unwanted contact.

GAMECHAT & REAL-TIME VOICE COMMUNICATION

GameChat enables live chatting with up to 12 people, even across different games, with optional video and screen-sharing. Though children under 16 are restricted to chatting only with approved friends, the sheer interactivity could raise privacy concerns or create pressure to remain online longer.

CAMERA COMPATIBILITY & PRIVACY CONCERNS

The optional USB-C camera supports video calling and facial overlays in games; however, this also raises the risk of cyberbullying or the unwanted sharing of personal images. The camera can be disabled, removed or covered, and parental controls are essential to manage how and when it is used.

POWERFUL PULL OF FAMILIAR CHARACTERS

Nintendo's mascot, Mario – along with *Pikachu*, *Donkey Kong* and others – remains hugely appealing to younger audiences, especially after the success of the recent film, *'The Super Mario Bros. Movie'* (2023). These beloved icons are central to Nintendo's branding and often feature in merchandising, adverts and in-game promotions, creating strong emotional attachments in children and a sense of urgency to keep up with their peers.

Advice for Parents & Educators

CHECK RATINGS & USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Every Switch and Switch 2 game comes with a PEGI age rating. Before buying one, ensure the content matches your child's age. Use the Nintendo Parental Controls app to monitor gameplay, set screen-time limits and manage friend requests.

REMOVE OR RESTRICT PAYMENT METHODS

Avoid accidental spending by unlinking credit cards from the device. Instead, consider adding funds via prepaid eShop cards or requiring a PIN for purchases. Some banking apps can also be set to approve transactions manually.

REVIEW FRIEND LISTS AND CHAT PERMISSIONS

Child profiles are restricted to chatting with approved friends only, but it's good practice to regularly check their friend list and communication settings. Use the Parental Controls app to switch off voice or video chat if necessary.

ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Teach children how to block, report and capture any behaviour or content that makes them uncomfortable. The console's built-in tools allow them to create screenshots and video clips, which can aid in reporting any issues. Keeping an open dialogue helps children feel supported and safe.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Games Editor of Daily Star and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for five years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published on sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.



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