Richard Avenue Primary School

www.richardavenue.co.uk

NOVEMBER

Friday Flyer



Weekly update

Friday 6th November 2026

Join us for Break - fast

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

Daily hot options:

Monday: omelette with hash browns

Tuesday: bacon or quorn sandwich with ketchup

Wednesday: omelette with hash browns

Thursday: bacon or quorn sandwich with ketchup

Friday: omelette with hash browns

GOLDEN TICKET

FIND A GOLDEN TICKET ON THE BACK OF YOUR PLATE OR BOWL AND A SPECIAL PRIZE WILL BE YOURS – A NEW PRIZE EACH DAY!

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Our new funded breakfast relies on government funding which will be set by the number of children attending school for breakfast everyday NEXT WEEK between Monday 9th - Friday 13th November.

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!

Weekly Update

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

Monday 9 Nov
Children in Need merchandise on sale today
RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Y1 & Y4
Forest school for Y5

Tuesday 10 Nov
Children in Need merchandise on sale today
RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Y5
Swimming for 4S

Wednesday 11 Nov
Children in Need merchandise on sale today
RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Y3
Additional parent appointments for nursery families
Swimming for 5C

Thursday 12 Nov
Children in Need merchandise on sale today
RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Y6

Friday 13 Nov
Children in Need merchandise on sale today
Children in Need - wear your own clothes, or a yellow outfit, or a spotty outfit and paint your face - if you would like to!
Swimming for 3M
Swimming for 6G

Future date for your diary
THURSDAY 19TH NOVEMBER FROM 9:05–9:20AM: YEAR 4'S ASSEMBLY FOR FAMILIES

A message from our Head Teacher

Dear Richard Avenue Families,

Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term which we know will be a very busy one as it takes us up to Christmas. We hope that you have all enjoyed a restful holiday. As ever, it's a busy newsletter with lots to tell you, and it's November - already! We have enjoyed a full and busy week with lots of lovely work in all classes - although looking at next week, it's going to be even busier! This week we also have welcomed families to our 'meet the teacher' event and have celebrated children's achievements whilst also discussing important next steps and support from home. If you have not been able to make an appointment, please speak to your child's class teacher who will do their best to meet you at an alternative time. With our sincere thanks for your support. On that note, 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

In this week's assemblies we have talked about valuing and embracing our differences as people and how when we work together our differences can make us amazing and unique. We have learned that having a world view and knowing that we are all different and have differing perspectives helps us understand our world. In KS2, we watched a video called "Nobody Stands Nowhere" to help us understand and in KS1 we had the chance to read "Daft Bat". Have a look yourself!



Assembly stars

RAPS assembly stars. Before half term we celebrated children displaying a POSITIVE ATTITUDE

R: Amar and Jenessa

Y1: Halima and Maymoona

Y2: Kaira and Hannah

Y3: Josh and Ilyas

Y4: The Whole of 4S and in 4W Omosojie

Y5: Autymn and Brielle

Y6: Alina and Haniah

WELL DONE EVERYONE, YOU ARE ALL STARS!

Enjoy a book!



THE BEST BOOKS ARE SHARED. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO TAKE A BOOK OR LEAVE ONE FOR OTHERS TO ENJOY...



LOOK OUT FOR OUR NEW BOOK BORROWING SHELVES IN THE MAIN OFFICE FOR ALL OF OUR ADULTS TO SHARE

VR AT RAPS!

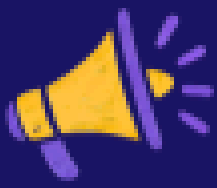


Year 3 stepped into a whole new world during a virtual reality workshop led by Prime VR. Transported high above erupting volcanoes from across the globe, the children got a breathtaking, bird's-eye view of these natural wonders in action! Putting their Geography topic learning into practice, the pupils identified different types of volcanoes and discussed how eruptions shape both the landscape and the lives of local residents.





This ANTI-BULLYING WEEK we will Break the Silence about bullying



BREAK THE SILENCE

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

From

MONDAY 16th to FRIDAY 20th NOVEMBER 2026



If you're worried about bullying and/ or want to be involved in Anti-Bullying Week this year, please contact

Miss Cherrett, Miss McKinney, Miss Walker, Mrs Robson or any of the Richard Avenue team

BREAK THE SILENCE

ANTI-BULLYING ALLIANCE

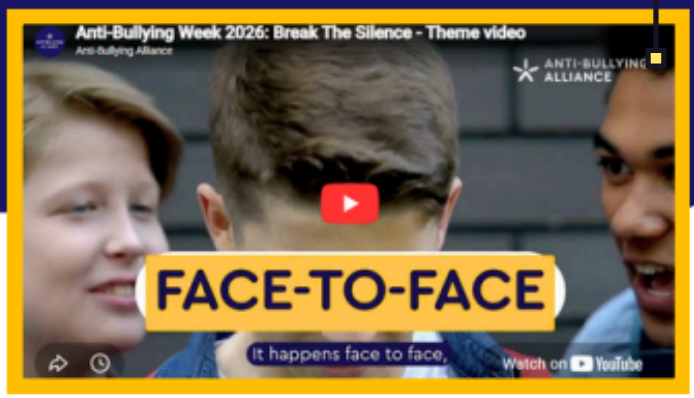
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BREAK THE SILENCE

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2026: BREAK THE SILENCE CALL TO ACTION VIDEO



Millions of children and young people experience bullying every year. Many never tell anyone.

They stay silent when they are being bullied, when they see it happening, and sometimes when they feel drawn into it themselves. When silence persists, bullying can grow.

In today's world, bullying can happen in new and more complex ways. It happens face to face, online, and through new technologies. And in a world that can feel more divided and less kind, young people feel the impact.

But we can change that. When people come together, speak openly, and choose kindness, bullying loses its power. Every conversation, every act of support, and every voice raised against bullying makes a difference.

This Anti-Bullying Week, we are encouraging everyone to start the conversation about bullying. We are calling on children and young people to speak up and share their experiences, and on adults to listen, support, and act.

Across schools, communities, and organisations, people will come together to take meaningful action against bullying and create kinder, more supportive environment where all children and young people belong.

Join us this November for Anti-Bullying Week 2026: Break the Silence

BREAK THE SILENCE | ANTI-BULLYING ALLIANCE

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MONDAY 16TH NOVEMBER

Odd Socks Day

ANTI-BULLYING ALLIANCE



WOOHOO... MONDAY 16TH NOVEMBER IS ODD SOCKS DAY!

WHAT IS ODD SOCKS DAY?

Odd Socks Day is part of Anti-Bullying Week!
To celebrate that we are all unique, we ask that children wear odd socks to work, school or wherever you go on Monday 16th November. Andy Day (CBeebies/CBBC) and his band Andy and the Odd Socks are partnering with the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help bring Odd Socks Day to life again this year. Have a listen to the brilliant song they have recorded especially for Anti- Bullying Week, 'Who's Wearing Odd Socks?!'.



WHY IS ODD SOCKS DAY IMPORTANT?

The day sends an important message that we should all be allowed to be ourselves free from bullying and helps us celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a fun and positive way.

MONDAY 16TH NOVEMBER

WHAT DO WE NEED FROM YOU?



BREAK THE SILENCE

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK



Richard Avenue Primary School

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is taken very seriously, we work together as a team to support pupils and ensure they feel safe and are safe.

This is our safeguarding team. If you have any concern, anything at all, please speak to one of us. At Richard Avenue, Safeguarding is our highest priority.

Our Safeguarding Team



Miss McKinney
Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Lavelle
Family Worker & Safeguarding Lead



Miss Walker
Safeguarding Deputy



Mrs Waller
Safeguarding Deputy



Mrs Robson
Safeguarding Deputy, SEND Lead & Wellbeing



Miss Higgins
Safeguarding Deputy



Mrs Forster
Safeguarding Governor

Mr Taylor	/ Premises & Health and Safety
Mr Warkman	/ Off site visits
Mrs Grainger	/ SMSC
Mr Williams	/ Student Council
Miss Cherrett	/ PSHE
Mr Old	/ Wellbeing
Miss Donneky	/ Premises, GDPR & Recruitment
Mr Bolton	/ Online Safety
Mrs Johnson	/ British values

We take safeguarding very seriously. For concerns:
contact@richardavenue.co.uk

Safeguarding & wellbeing

Our school is proud to be part of Operation Encompass, a national initiative that supports children who may have been affected by domestic abuse. This partnership between schools and local police ensures that, when police attend a domestic incident where a child is present or linked, the school is informed before the start of the next school day. This allows us to provide appropriate care, understanding, and support for the child as soon as possible, helping to ensure their emotional wellbeing and ability to learn are prioritised. All information is shared confidentially and handled sensitively by our trained safeguarding staff.



OPERATION ENCOMPASS
In every force. In every school. For every child.

Richard Avenue Primary School

NORTHUMBRIA POLICE



Wedding bells. We are pleased to report that all went to plan and that Mrs Carroll (Miss Higgins) and her new husband celebrated a wonderful wedding day. We wish them well as they begin the next chapter of their lives.

Wintry weather. If we are unlucky enough to see heavy snow this winter, all efforts will be made to keep our school open. In the unlikely event of closure, an announcement will be made in the following places:

1. To your mobile phone (if you are listed on this service; time to call in to speak with Mrs Begum or Mrs Johnson if you're not)
2. On Seesaw
3.On the school's website: richardavenue.co.uk
4.On all local radio stations and on Sunderland County Council's website.

If school is open, please wrap your child up in appropriate clothing sending spare socks or tights and gloves if you can. We always like to play out in the snow but we know how quickly the children get very wet! That's enough of the 'cold weather feel' for now. What is it they say about better to be safe...

Y4's class assembly for parents. Please come into school via the main entrance. The assembly will begin shortly after 9am Thursday 19th November and last for approx. 20 mins. Y4 families very welcome!



A reminder that the deadline for your child's reception school application is 15th January 2027. Please visit: www.sunderland.gov.uk/schools-admissions-primary



Lost Property. We are currently working hard to reunite as many items as possible with their owners. Please help us by ensuring all belongings are clearly labelled so they can be promptly returned to the correct child. Thank you.



TOP SECRET! Just to let you know that Y6 will receive their leavers' hoodie in the summer term, to mark the beginning of their last term at Richard Avenue - we know you'll not get them out of it once they have it! We will write to you again in the spring to tell you more about our plans...



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COUNSELLING

HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP AND DOMESTIC ABUSE AWARENESS



Recognising concerns, understanding support options and finding a safe path forward

- Friday
- 09:00am - 11:00am
- 07546206538
- alfalaq@alfalaqcounselling.org.uk

Venue:
Richard Avenue Primary School,
Hurstwood Rd,
Sunderland,
SR4 7LQ

ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME

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Sunderland City Council

NOT for children under 16 years old - adult themes and unpredictable/inappropriate interactions

FAMILY WARNING

THE LIFE TOGETHER ONLINE

Know the risks before children join in



WHY FAMILIES SHOULD TAKE CARE



- The game is described as an online world where every character is another real player.
- It advertises text chat and voice chat, allowing direct contact with other players.
- Players can form friendships and romantic relationships, share homes and attend parties.
- The game's own content description mentions implied sexual intimacy and alcohol.
- Gifts and item exchanges can create opportunities for pressure, manipulation or scams.

POTENTIAL RISKS FOR CHILDREN

- Contact from strangers
- Grooming
- Inappropriate conversations
- Pressure to share personal details, photos or images
- Bullying and harassment
- 18+ Exposure to adult themes

HOW TO PROTECT YOUR CHILD



1. Check the latest age guidance and game details before allowing access.
2. Remind children never to share their real name, school, location, phone number, passwords or photos.
3. Supervise online chat and voice interactions.
4. Teach children to block and report users, leave uncomfortable situations and tell a trusted adult.
5. Do not move conversations to another app or arrange to meet anyone from the game.

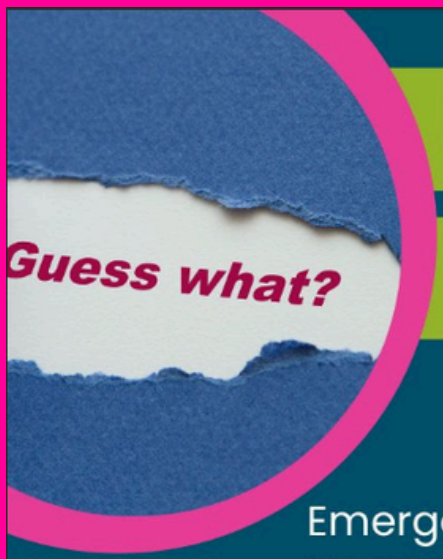
IF SOMETHING FEELS WRONG

Save evidence, block and report the account, and talk calmly with your child.
In the UK, report suspected online child sexual exploitation to CEOP at ceop.police.uk.
If a child is in immediate danger, call 999.

TALK • CHECK • PROTECT

A game is never worth a child's safety.

Based on features and content disclosures advertised for The Life Together Online. These are potential risks of open online interaction, not claims that every player or session is harmful. Check the latest game details and age guidance before use.



DID YOU KNOW

Emergency Care is for life-threatening illnesses or accidents which require immediate treatment.

Urgent Care is for any non-life-threatening illnesses or injury needing urgent attention.

healthwatch Sunderland



DID YOU KNOW

If you need ongoing medication or you have several items on your prescription, you can buy a Pre Payment Certificate.

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Christmas diary dates 2026

Date	Event
Friday 27th November	16 days of Christmas begins with the turning on of the Christmas tree lights
Wednesday 9th December	EYFS (Nursery & Reception) Christmas performance @ 9.15am and 2.15pm
Thursday 10th December	Christmas Day at Richard Avenue
Wednesday 15th December	KS1 (Yrs 1&2) Christmas performance @ 9.15am and 11am
Friday 18th December	KS2 (Yrs 3-6) Carol Service @ 9.15am and 10.45am School closes at 1.45pm





Attendance

OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to 2S who are first weekly top attenders of the new half term. Weekly whole school attendance is 94.5%.

CLASS	ATTENDANCE %	CLASS	ATTENDANCE %
NURSERY MORN	84.0	3B	96.9
NURSERY AFT	92.9	3M	95.6
RCW	96.7	4S	96.9
RS	87.0	4W	90.4
1J	93.4	5C	97.1
1W	89.7	5H	92.9
2S	**98.7**	6G	94.8
2W	97.9	6O	96.8



CELEBRATING 100% ATTENDANCE

Today, 371 families will receive a wonderful Arbor message celebrtating children who have been in school every day this week - and have therefore achieved 100% attendance.

We thank you at home for working with us to ensure children are in school and learning every day, which is where we all want them to be!

TIME TO CHECK YOUR EMAIL!







Sunderland Mind

£100 Cash Raffle Prize

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 28th November

10am - 2pm

Tombola

Lots of Festive Stalls!

Hot Food & Drinks

Raffle

Christmas Choir





Meet Santa!



Sunderland Mind Wellbeing Hub, Church Street East, SR1 2BB