

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

The Spring term is well underway, although we are still very much in the depths of winter! As always, we have had a busy start to the term and it has been a pleasure to welcome our new nursery children and their families to our school and to see them all settling into their new routines. On the subject of nursery, Mrs Speight, a member of our nursery team, will be leaving us at February half-term. We would all like to wish Mrs Speight the best of luck for the future, she will be a big miss to the staff and children.

Mrs Allen, Headteacher

Diary Dates

February:

Friday 6th - NSPCC Number Day

Thursday 12th - R/Y1/Y2 Valentine Disco

Monday 16th - Hedgehog Class Assembly,
2pm School Hall

Friday 20th - Break up for half-term
holiday

March:

Monday 2nd - School/Nursery re-opens

Thursday 5th - World Book Day,
non-uniform

Friday 13th - Chocolate Challenge,
non-uniform Day

Friday 13th - Fox Class Mother's Day
Assembly, 2pm

Friday 27th - Rabbit Class Assembly, 2pm

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Attendance from 8th September 2025

Target - 96%

Class	Attendance %
Fox Class	88.9%
Hedgehog Class	90.9%
Rabbit Class	93.8%
Owl Class	97.5%

Weekly Winners

Please keep an eye out on our ClassDojo School Story, where we will announce our weekly attendance winners every Friday.



School Admissions

If your child's date of birth falls between 01/09/2018 and 31/08/2019 and they attend an infant school, you should have applied for a junior school for them for September 2026. If your child's date of birth falls between 01/09/2021 and 31/08/2022, you should have applied for a reception school place for September 2026. 'National Offer Day' is 16th April 2026, if you applied online you will receive an email confirmation about your child's place. This may take slightly longer if you have applied using a paper application.

If you have not yet applied for a place, you will need to contact the **School Admissions Team** on telephone **0191 520 5553** or email school.admissions@sunderland.gov.uk



NURSERY PLACES AVAILABLE

We will soon be issuing our nursery places for April 2026. If you know of any one who has a child who turns 2 before 31st March 2026 and is looking for a nursery place, please share this with them and ask them to contact the school.

We offer:

- ✓ 30 hour funded places
- ✓ 15 hours funded places
- ✓ Private paying places
- ✓ Flexible sessions to suit your needs
- ✓ Lunch time sessions
- ✓ Extra sessions that can be purchased, dependent on ratios
- ✓ Wraparound care from 7.30am - 5.30pm for our children in nursery 3s (subject to availability)

We always welcome families to come and have a look around and meet the staff.

Thursday 12th February

Please see ParentPay for further information and to book a place.

£3 per child

Valentine
DISCO

We're proud to support the NSPCC's

Number Day 2026

Friday 6 February

This is a non-uniform day and children are welcome to come to school dressed in number related clothing.



BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS
for 3-7 year olds, in the School Hall
MON - FRI



Bright Beginnings

Breakfast Club Opens at 7.30am

(times may change due to demand)

This must be booked via ParentPay by 3.30pm the day before



Afternoon Adventures

After School Club Ends at 5.30pm

(times may change due to demand)

This must be booked via ParentPay by 1pm on the day required

- A caring, stimulating, and inclusive environment
- Bright Beginnings Breakfast Club: healthy snacks to start the day right
- Afternoon Adventures: exciting, engaging activities that promote creativity and fun
- Encouraging healthy eating and lifelong nutrition habits
- Fostering positive attitudes, respect, confidence, and skills beyond the classroom

SPACES ARE LIMITED!
BOOK & PAY FOR A PLACE VIA PARENT PAY

☎ 0191 917 1910 📧 info@ryhopeinfantschool.org.uk

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Dates

School Closed to Pupils for INSET Days



School Closed to Pupils for Bank Holidays



School Closed to Pupils for School Holidays



SEPTEMBER 2025						
19 Days						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

OCTOBER 2025						
18 Days						
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NOVEMBER 2025						
20 Days						
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DECEMBER 2025						
15 Days						
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JANUARY 2026						
20 Days						
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FEBRUARY 2026						
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MARCH 2026						
22 Days						
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APRIL 2026						
11 Days						
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MAY 2026						
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JUNE 2026						
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JULY 2026						
16 Days						
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AUGUST 2026						
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Reporting an absence.



If your child is absent you must contact the school office on 0191 917 1910 before 8.45am and leave a message with your name, your child's full name and the reason for their absence.

As a school, we have a responsibility to follow up absences for all children, including those who attend our nursery provision.



Please do not send any urgent messages via Class Dojo, as the teachers aren't always able to check them throughout the day.



Social Media

Please remember to follow our school social media pages to keep up to date with all the exciting activities and learning that the children have been taking part in.



PRE-LOVED UNIFORMS

We have a range of good quality, pre-loved school uniform and coats in our reception area that have been washed and bagged. Please feel free to take anything you need and leave a small donation, if possible. We would welcome any donations of good quality, pre-loved uniform and school book bags.



Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility! If you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to contact school and speak to one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads, Mrs Allen, Miss Lumsden, or Mrs Scott