



Acre Rigg Infant School



November Newsletter

INSET Days- 5th January and 20th July 2026

Provision visits

A big thank you to all of the parents, carers and family members who came along to the provision visits. It is lovely to work with you in school. The visits were very successful and we plan to run them throughout the school year.

Parent governor role

School governors provide strategic leadership and accountability in schools. On a regular basis, they meet together with the Head Teacher and make key decisions about the school.

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor. If you are interested in becoming a school governor, please come into school for an application form.

Flooring donation

A big thank you to the parents and carers who offered to help us with flooring for our sensory room. We received a donation of vinyl.

Opening evening- Wednesday 12th November

Please spread the word to family and friends. We are holding an opening evening on Wednesday 12th November 4:15pm - 5:15pm for children due to start school in September 2026. It is a chance to look around our facilities and meet some of our staff before applying for Reception and for new nursery and 2 year old parents/carers. We offer 30 hours for working parents.

Coffee morning

Our parent support advisor Karen Harrison will be holding a coffee morning on Monday 10th November at 9am with SENDEIC. They are a new service helping parents/carers of children with additional needs. Please come along and find out what they can offer.

Year 2 fire brigade visit

Peterlee fire station will be visiting our Year 2 children on 11th November at 2pm to help with their current topic.

Sarah McAllister

Sarah, (Food Teacher) has been working in school, every Tuesday afternoon, since the beginning of September. The children have enjoyed making, and eating, pasta, fruit cocktail, soup. The feedback from staff, and children, has been very positive. After the Christmas holidays, we will be offering some parent and child sessions with Sarah.

After school clubs

After school clubs will run until Thursday 4th December. New clubs will start in January. A letter will be sent before Christmas.

Children in Need

On Friday 14th November, children can come into school wearing non-uniform, uniform or spots. We are collecting donations to send to the charity.

Christmas Concerts

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| Tuesday 9 th December | - | Class 4 at 9.30am |
| | - | Class 5 at 10.15am |
| | - | Class 1 at 1.45pm |
| | - | Class 6 at 2pm |
| | - | Class 3 at 2.30pm |
| Thursday 11 th December | - | Class 2 at 1.40pm |
| | - | Class 7 at 2.10pm |
| | - | Class 8 at 2.40pm |

Christmas Parties

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| Monday 15 th December | - | Classes 1, 4, 5 and 6 |
| Tuesday 16 th December | - | Classes 2, 3, 7 and 8 |

Children can come to school dressed in their party clothes.

Christmas Dinner

Children will have a Christmas dinner on Wednesday 17th December. Children who usually have a packed lunch can have a dinner that day. Please let the office know by Wednesday 3rd December. Thank you.

Miss Miley – Class 4

Congratulations to our Class 4 teacher Miss Miley who got married over half term. She will now be known throughout school as Mrs Chapman.

Website information

<http://www.acrerigg-inf.durham.sch.uk/>

Our website is updated on a regular basis. You will find information about the curriculum, events in school and policies. All newsletters can be found on the website too.

E-Safety message

Supporting Safe and Responsible Online Behaviour

As technology becomes a regular part of children's learning and play, it's important that we work together to help them develop safe and responsible habits online. Even at an early age, children begin forming attitudes and behaviours that will shape their digital wellbeing in the future.

Here are a few key reminders for families:

- **Supervise online activity:** Wherever possible, keep devices in shared family spaces and explore online content together.
- **Encourage open conversations:** Make sure your child knows they can talk to you if they see or hear something that worries them online.
- **Protect personal information:** Remind children not to share details such as their name, school, or photographs without adult supervision.
- **Set clear boundaries:** Agree on appropriate screen time limits and ensure there is a healthy balance between online and offline activities.

By establishing these routines early, we can help children enjoy the benefits of technology while staying safe, confident, and kind online.

Support for parents

As a school, we can offer families practical support. We run a "swap shop". We have new or nearly new uniform for you to choose from. Please email school on acrerigginfants@durhamlearning.net or pop into the office. Miss Garrod and Mrs Simcox will be happy to help you.

We also have access to food bank and other forms of support. Karen Harrison is our Parent Support Advisor. Karen is on the school gate every Monday morning. She can also be contacted on 07775574978.

Events for the next half term:

- Coffee Morning** - **Monday 10th November**
- Open Evening** - **Wednesday 12th November 4.15pm-5.15pm**
- Children in Need** - **Friday 14th November**
- Christmas concerts** - **Tuesday 9th December – Classes 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6**
Thursday 11th December – Classes 2, 7 and 8
- Christmas Jumper Day** - **Friday 12th December**
- Festive Run** - **Friday 12th December**
- Christmas Parties** - **Monday 15th December – Classes 1, 4, 5 and 6**
Tuesday 16th December – Classes 2, 3, 7 and 8
- Christmas Dinner** - **Wednesday 17th December**
- Christmas Holidays** - **Friday 19th December**

Thank you for your ongoing support

Mrs. K. Longstaff

Head Teacher