



# Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year. We hope you all had a lovely summer break and your children are looking forward to the learning adventures ahead.

As you all know, children having good attendance at school is hugely important and stops children falling behind with their learning. We do track attendance very carefully in school and will work with families to support children's attendance. If attendance becomes a concern, we have certain measures we have to put in place to support this, which may include asking you to provide medical evidence when your child is off school. We understand that this can be hard but as already mentioned, having good attendance helps prevent children missing key learning so that they can continue to make good progress. A reminder that the school day starts at 8:45am so children need to be in class at this time for the morning register. School finishes at 3:15pm.

You will have seen on Dojo today 'Curriculum Overviews' for your child's year group. These show some of the learning taking place this term in their class so that you can see what they will be doing. You will also see on the diary dates that there are coffee afternoons for the next couple of weeks. These will be a time to come and meet your child's class teacher and hear about the year ahead.

Please can we remind everyone to park and drive carefully and sensibly around our school. Pick up and drop off is a busy time with lots of children around. You can park in the 'Rainham Arms' car park and walk into school from there. This will help to avoid congestion around the school. Please also be mindful of our neighbours at this time. Thank you for your continued support with this.

We hope you all have a wonderful weekend and the sun continues to shine.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Robson  
Headteacher

## Weather

It has been very hot this week. Please make sure your child has a water bottle and sun hat in school.

Thank you

## PROUD MOMENT...

It has been lovely to welcome our two new Reception classes this week, who have all settled in well, and are busy learning new routines, making new friends and getting to know their teachers.

**Well done to Hedgehogs and Robins!**

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**Term 1 23-24**

**Week 1**

**Friday 8th September**

## Attendance

**The classes with the best attendance this week are:**

**Hedgehogs (YR)**

**Owls (Y6)**

**Puffins (Y2)**



**WELL DONE!**

## Upcoming Events

- 11.9.23 Reception full time and Owls Coffee Afternoon at 2:30pm
- 12.9.23 Medway Test in school and Kestrels Coffee Afternoon at 2:30pm
- 13.9.23 Medway Test in school and Badgers Coffee Afternoon at 2:30pm
- 14.9.23 Year 5 Astrodome Visit and Hawks Coffee Afternoon at 2:30pm
- 15.9.23 Otters Coffee Afternoon at 2:30pm



**Riverside Primary School Diary Dates 2023 – 2024**

*Summer Break – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July to Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2023  
Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 – Staff Development Days*

<b>Term 1</b>	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Children back to school
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September and Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	New Reception in half days 9:30am —11:30am (Morning) Or 1:15pm -3:15pm (Afternoon)
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Nursery children return
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September and Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	New Reception in until 1:00pm
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Owls Meet the Teacher Coffee Afternoon 2:30pm
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September and Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Medway Tests in school
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Kestrels Meet the Teacher Coffee Afternoon 2:30pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Badgers Meet the Teacher Coffee Afternoon 2:30pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Hawks Meet the Teacher Coffee Afternoon 2:30pm Year 5 Astrodome visit
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Otters Meet the Teacher Coffee Afternoon 2:30pm
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Foxes Meet the Teacher Coffee Afternoon 2:30pm
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Seals Meet the Teacher Coffee Afternoon 2:30pm FoRPS AGM
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Squirrels Meet the Teacher Coffee Afternoon 2:30pm Kingswood Parent Meeting at 5:00pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> September 2023	Puffins Meet the Teacher Coffee Afternoon 2:30pm
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2023	Woodpeckers Meet the Teacher Coffee Afternoon 2:30pm
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Robins Meet the Teacher Coffee Afternoon 2:30pm
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Kingfishers Meet the Teacher Coffee Afternoon 2:30pm
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Hedgehogs Meet the Teacher Coffee Afternoon 2:30pm
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	New Intake FS Tours 1:30pm & 2:00pm
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2023	Time to Talk at 2:00pm
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2023	Year 3 trip to Gurdwara
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Magistrates talk to Year 6
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023</b>	<b>Staff Development Day – School closed to children</b>
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Year 3 Quorn Food Workshop
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Harvest Festival
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October – Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Kingswood Yr 6 Residential Weekend
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Phonics workshop 2:30pm
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	New Intake FS Tours 1:30pm & 2:00pm
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Parents Evening Wednesday 3:30pm-6:30pm Thursday 3:30pm-6:30pm
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Year 3 Quorn Food Workshop
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Last day of term Emotional Wellbeing Support Team workshop – Me and my child understanding resilience 2:00-3:00pm

*Autumn Break – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – Children back to school*

# ATTENDANCE

*Why is it important?*

**100% – 96%  
Excellent**

**95% -90%  
Cause for concern**

**89% and below  
This will have a drastic effect  
on academic achievement**