



Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the first newsletter of this academic year. It has been great to see everyone back in school for our first full week and to see lots of you attending our parent information sessions with the class teachers. The final two sessions are next week.

The focus of this newsletter is on school attendance. You had details of our new attendance app 'Studybugs' this week, which you can use to alert us to your child's absence. It will also offer NHS advice on illness. Please make sure you download the app or register online. This will allow you to report absence earlier rather than phoning in at busy times.

School gates open at 8:30am every morning to allow children to come in early and be ready for the register at 8:45am. There will be a huge focus on attendance in schools nationally this academic year, with lots of changes to policy and procedure. Next week, I will share a letter which outlines some of the new statutory guidance for schools and local authorities around attendance.

We know that poor attendance can affect children's learning and emotional well being. If you are struggling to get your child to school, please speak to Mrs Wood our Home School Support Worker. We are aiming for children to have at least 96% attendance over the academic year. The back of this letter shows you how absences can add up and what percentage that equals over the year. Our new links with Studybugs will also enable us to email letters quickly, alerting you to both falling and improving attendance. We really want to celebrate the successes in attendance and work with families to ensure children have the best possible outcomes.

A quick reminder that children should not be wearing jewellery to school and should only have small, stud earrings. These need to be removed on PE days.

We want to thank you all for your continued support and hope you all have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely
Mrs Robson

PROUD MOMENT

Well done to all the Hedgehogs and Robins this week who have been coming in and having lunch for the first time. They are already showing amazing 'Riverside Attitude' and we are looking forward to seeing them full time next week.



E-mail: riverside-office@rmet.org

01634 623500



Term 1 24-25

Week 2

Friday 13th September

Attendance

The classes with the best attendance this week are:

Kingfishers (Y1)

Eagles (Y6)

Puffins (Y2)



WELL DONE!

Upcoming Events

16.9.24 Y5 Astrodome visit and Year 2 Parent Information session at 2:45pm

17.9.24 Medway Test (AM)

18.9.24 Medway Test (AM) and Y6 Residential meeting at 2:30pm

20.9.24 Reception Parent Information session at 2:45pm



Attendance Percentages

Attendance Percentage	Number of SESSIONS missed (2 sessions is one day)	Equivalent Number of DAYS Missed	Equivalent Number of WEEKS Missed
100%	0	0	0
95%	19	9.5	2
90%	38	19	4
85%	57	28.5	6
80%	76	38	8
75%	95	47.5	9.5
70%	114	57	11.5