



Newsletter



Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome back to the new academic year, we hope you all had an enjoyable summer and it has been fantastic welcoming all the children back this week.

Over the summer, we had lots of work completed in school which included new toilets for years 2,3 and 4, new wall art linked to our learning down our school corridors, a new surface for the Year 1 outdoor area and new lighting down our corridor. The children have loved looking at our new wall art and following our new history timeline up the corridor.

You should have seen the curriculum overviews for your child's class which were posted on Dojo earlier in the week. Over the next couple of weeks, you have the opportunity to come in and meet your child's new class teacher and get some more information about the year.

A reminder that children must be in the correct uniform for school, especially their PE kit. This should be a plain white t-shirt, plain navy or black bottoms and sweatshirt (no hoods or logos). If children do not have a plain navy or black sweatshirt they are able to wear their red school jumper. The children also need welly boots and waterproofs for lunchtime OPAL. OPAL made a massive difference to our lunchtimes last year and the children have thoroughly enjoyed the activities they can access at lunchtime now. We will be putting spare welly boots outside at drop off and pick up next week if you still need to get a pair. A reminder about correct uniform is attached to this letter.

Finally, I wanted to inform you that Mrs Wood, our Home School Support Worker, will be leaving us next Friday. She is progressing her career and continuing to work with families as a Family Solutions Practitioner. We want to say a huge thank you for everything she has done for Riverside and wish her the very best for the future. We are recruiting a new Home School Support Worker and will keep you informed of any updates. In the meantime, please contact your child's class teacher if you have any concerns or worries.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Robson

Headteacher

2025-2026

Term 1

Friday 5th September

Upcoming Events:

**8.9.25 Y6 Teacher meeting
2:45pm**

**9.9.25 Y4 Teacher meeting
2:45pm**

**10.9.25 Y5 Teacher meeting
2:45pm**

**11.9.25 Y3 Teacher meeting
2:45pm**

**12.9.25 Y1 Teacher meeting
2:45pm**

**15.9.25 Y2 Teacher meeting
2:45pm**

**16.9.25 YR Teacher meeting
2:45pm**

**16th and 17th September –
Medway Tests (AM)**

**18th September – Year 6
Kingswood Meeting at 2:30pm**

**24th September – FS tour for
next academic year 1:30pm
and 2pm.**

PROUD MOMENT...

It has been wonderful welcoming our new Reception classes this week who have made a great start and are getting to know their news classes, teachers and new routines.

Well done Hedgehogs and Robins!



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School Uniform

The School Policy is that all children in school should wear school uniform. The uniform consists of:



- Sweatshirt/cardigan or fleece with school logo on or plain sweatshirt/cardigan/jumper in burgundy or red, with no hood or other logo on.
- Plain white collared polo shirt/blouse.
- Plain black or grey trousers/tailored shorts/skirts/pinafore dresses (no logos or stripes).
- Summer dresses may be worn in summer months - either red/white or yellow/white checked.
- A school logo burgundy baseball type cap is available to purchase for summer wear. Other plain caps can also be worn in the summer months.
- PE kit consists of a **plain** white T-shirt (no vests), **plain** black or plain navy-blue shorts, plain plimsolls or trainers. **Plain** black or navy-blue tracksuit (or separate jogging bottoms and sweatshirt) may also be worn during winter months. No hooded tops.
- Wellington boots and waterproof coat and bottoms. This can be an all-in-one puddle suit. To be worn during lunchtimes and other outdoor activities as need. To be kept in school.
- Swimming trunks for boys (shorts not acceptable at pool for health and safety reasons), one-piece swimming costume for girls.
- No jewellery except watches or small stud earrings (no hoop earrings) may be worn in school, which must be removed by children for all physical activities. If earrings cannot be removed by the child, then the child will have to temporarily miss the activity.
- Long hair should be tied back during the school day. Long hair must be tied and secured for PE and swimming.
- **No nail varnish, make-up, hair gel, or hair colours, may not be worn in school.**
- We would recommend that all children have a small book bag and a separate bag for their waterproof clothing.



As well as the above items, children are expected to wear sensible footwear – plain black shoes (no trainers or boots). Shoes must not have heels in excess of 2cm and be shoes with closed toes.



All items of clothing must be clearly marked with the owner's name.

The wearing of school uniform is not an option but an obligation. It is expected that parents and children will honour this agreement and make every effort to uphold the desired standard of dress.

Any parent experiencing problems in purchasing articles of uniform should initially contact the Office, speak to our Home School Support Worker or arrange to meet with the Headteacher. We collect donated uniform to support families in school when needed.

You can order your child's uniform with the school logo on online

at <http://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/riversideprimaryme8>

