



Newsletter



2025-2026

Term 2 - Friday 19th December

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy and exciting term, we would like to wish all of our families a very happy and restful Christmas break.

We have thoroughly enjoyed all of the recent festive celebrations in school. Our Reception children delighted us all with their Christmas songs, singing with such enthusiasm and gusto. The KS1 Nativity was a wonderful success, with the children speaking clearly and confidently as they retold the Christmas story through a range of songs and actions. Well done also to our Nursery class and The Nest, who enjoyed sharing some lovely festive songs with their parents.

In addition, the children have loved taking part in our Christmas Jumper Day, enjoying a special Christmas lunch, and of course welcoming a visit from Santa. Today, we ended the term beautifully by enjoying carols sung by our Year 6 children outside at the end of the school day.

Thank you for all of your support in attending these events, and for the kind festive wishes, cards and generous gifts that you have given to staff across the school. They have been very much appreciated.

Thank you also for your support this week with parking safely around the school. As a reminder, parents and carers are also welcome to park at the Rainham Arms pub.

It has been wonderful to see all of the end-of-term achievements the children have received this week – well done to everyone.

The school diary dates for next term can be found attached to this newsletter. Please make a note as there are some exciting events including class assemblies, K'Nex and Lego challenges and a visit from the Premier League trophy!

We wish you all a lovely Christmas break spent with family and friends, and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 5th January 2026.

Warmest Christmas wishes,

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Riverside Primary School Diary Dates 2025 – 2026

Christmas Break - Monday 22nd December to Friday 2nd January 2026

Monday 5th January 2026 – Children back to school

Term 3	
Monday 5th January 2026	Children back to school
Wednesday 14 th January 2026	Eagles Class Assembly @ 8:50am Year 5 trip to Leeds Castle
Monday 19 th January 2026	Year 3 K'nex Challenge
Wednesday 21 st January 2026	Year R and Year 6 Height and Weight check Year 5 Bridge Building (Kestrels) Residential Parent Meeting for Year 5 parents ready for Year 6 @ 2:30pm
Thursday 22 nd January 2026	Year 5 Bridge Building (Hawks)
Tuesday 27 th January 2026	Premier League Trophy Visit
Wednesday 28 th January 2026	Kestrels Class Assembly 8:50am
Friday 30 th January 2026	Year 4 Lego Challenge FoRPS Quiz Night 7:00pm to 10:00pm
Wednesday 4 th February 2026	Otters Class Assembly @ 8:50am Table Tennis MYG
Thursday 5 th February 2026	FS Stay and Read 2:45pm-3:15pm
Friday 6 th February 2026	Number day – more details to follow
Tuesday 10 th February 2026	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 12 th February 2026	Achievement Assembly and last day for children
Friday 13 th February 2026	Staff Development Day – school closed to children

February Break: Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February 2026

Monday 23rd February 2026 – Children back to school

Term 4	
Monday 23rd February 2026	Children back to school
Wednesday 4 th March 2026	Badgers Class Assembly @ 8:50am
Thursday 5 th March 2026	World Book Day – parents invited to "share a read session" @ 2:45pm
Friday 6 th March 2026	Mother's Day Gift Shop – details to follow
Week Commencing 9 th March 2026	Science Week
Wednesday 11 th March 2026	Kingfishers Class Assembly @ 8:50am Shakespeare Performance – Woodville Halls
Friday 13 th March 2026	FoRPS Spring Disco – details to follow
Tuesday 17 th March 2026	Parents Evening – details to follow
Wednesday 18 th March 2026	Foxes Class Assembly @ 8:50am Parents Evening – details to follow
Friday 20 th March 2026	Red Nose Day – details to follow
Monday 23 rd March 2026	Year 5 Road Safety 9:00am-12:00pm Year R Road Safety 1:00pm-3:00pm
Tuesday 24 th March 2026	SAT's Parent Information Meeting 2:30pm-3:30pm
Wednesday 25 th March 2026	Squirrels Class Assembly @ 8:50am
Friday 27 th March 2026	FS Stay and Read 2:45pm-3:15pm
Thursday 2 nd April 2026	Achievement Assembly and last day of term

Easter Break – Friday 3rd April 2026 to Friday 17th April 2026

Good Friday – Friday 3rd April 2026

Easter Monday – Monday 6th April 2026

Monday 20th April 2026 – Staff Development Day

Tuesday 21st April 2026 – Children return to school

Dates for OPAL parent sessions to be shared in the new year