



Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have come to the end of another busy and productive term at Riverside, and it is hard to believe that we are now halfway through this school year.

The children have enjoyed a very full and exciting term, embracing lots of new learning adventures in their classrooms. They have also tackled STEM challenges with Lego, K'Nex and Bridge Building, navigated many very wet OPAL lunchtimes (and become extremely quick at putting on puddle suits!) so there has certainly been no shortage of enthusiasm and resilience.

We have also welcomed a number of visitors into school, including members of local support services, to help us learn more about the world around us. The children have loved trying new recipes in Cookery Corner, we have taken part in a police cadet programme and a definite highlight for many was the exciting visit from the Premier League trophy!

Throughout the term, our pupils have continued to demonstrate our Riverside Character values. It has been a pleasure to see so many achievements celebrated this week in our end-of-term assemblies. Congratulations to all of our award winners—we are very proud of you.

On Tuesday, we marked National Safer Internet Day with a special assembly led by our PCSO, who spoke to the children about how to stay safe online. We reminded everyone about being SMART when using the internet:

S – Stay safe: Do not share personal information.

M – Don't meet up: Never meet someone you only know online.

A – Accepting: Do not accept messages or files from people you do not know.

R – Reliable: Not everything online is true.

T – Tell: Tell a trusted adult if something worries you.

Thank you for your continued support in reinforcing these important messages at home.

Please find attached the diary dates for next term and a revised calendar dates for next academic year with the Staff Development Days included. We are looking forward to more exciting learning opportunities next term, including trips, visitors, our Shakespeare Club performance and of course, the school disco! Do check the dates carefully so you don't miss anything.

We hope you all have a wonderful February break with your families and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 23rd February.

Best wishes,

Mrs Robson

2025-2026

Term 3

**Thursday 12th February
2026**

Upcoming Events:

23.2 – Children return to school for Term 4

27.2 – Money Minds Sessions Year 5

3.3 – Author Visit for Key Stage Two

4.3 – Badgers Class Assembly 8:55am

5.3 – World Book Day

6.3 – FORPS Mother's Day Gift Shop

9.3 – Start of Science Week and dress up as a crazy scientist. Science workshops in school.

10.3 – Year 1 / 2 OPAL Parent afternoon

11.3 – Kingfishers Class Assembly 8:55am

12.3 -Year 2 Music Festival in Chatham



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Riverside Primary School Diary Dates 2025 – 2026

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
Friday 27th February 2026	Money Minds 9:00am - 12:00pm – Year 5
Tuesday 3rd March 2026	KS2 Author Visit – Ellie Irvine
Wednesday 4th March 2026	Badgers Class Assembly @ 8:50am
Thursday 5th March 2026	World Book Day – details to follow
Friday 6th March 2026	FoRPS Mother's Day Gift Shop – details to follow
Friday 9th March to Friday 15th March 2026	Science Week Science workshops – dress as a crazy scientist (details to follow)
Tuesday 10th March 2026	Year 1 and 2 OPAL afternoon for parents 2:15pm – 3:15pm
Wednesday 11th March 2026	Kingfishers Class Assembly @ 8:50am Shakespeare Performance – Woodville Halls (parents should arrive at 6:45pm)
Thursday 12th March 2026	Year 2 Music Festival - Chatham
Friday 13th March 2026	FoRPS Spring Disco
Monday 16th March 2026	SEND PE sessions
Tuesday 17th March 2026	Parents Evening – details to follow
Wednesday 18th March 2026	Foxes Class Assembly @ 8:50am Parents Evening – details to follow
Friday 20th March 2026	Red Nose Day – details to follow
Monday 23rd March 2026	Year 5 Road Safety 9:00am-12:00pm Year R Road Safety 1:00pm-3:00pm Rocksteady Assembly to parents 2:00pm – 3:00pm (children taking part only)
Tuesday 24th March 2026	Year 2 trip to Guildhall Museum SAT's Parent Information Meeting 2:30pm-3:30pm
Wednesday 25th March 2026	Squirrels Class Assembly @ 8:50am
Friday 27th March 2026	FS Stay and Read 2:45pm-3:15pm
Monday 30th March 2026	Road Safety talks – Year 2
Thursday 2nd 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

Term 5	
Monday 20th April 2026	Staff Development Day – school closed to children
Tuesday 21st April 2026	Children back to school
Wednesday 22nd April 2026	Class Photographs
Thursday 23rd April 2026	Year 4 trip to Maidstone Museum
Wednesday 29th April 2026	Seals Class Assembly @ 8:50am
Wednesday 6th May 2026	Puffins Class Assembly @ 8:50am
Monday 4th May until Friday 8th May 2026	KS2 SATS week
Tuesday 19th May 2026	Mini Youth Games – Tag Rugby
Wednesday 20th May 2026	Year 6 trip to Imperial War Museum
Friday 22nd May 2026	FoRPS Colour run – details to follow Achievement Assembly and last day of term

Spring Break – Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May 2026

Academic calendar 2026/27 UK

September 2026							
wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
36		1	2	3	4	5	6
37	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
38	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
39	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
40	28	29	30				

October 2026							
wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
40				1	2	3	4
41	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
42	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
43	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
44	26	27	28	29	30	31	

November 2026							
wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
44							1
45	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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47	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
48	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
49	30						

December 2026							
wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
49		1	2	3	4	5	6
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53	28	29	30	31			

January 2027							
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53					1	2	3
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February 2027							
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March 2027							
wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
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12	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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April 2027							
wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
13				1	2	3	4
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16	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
17	26	27	28	29	30		

May 2027							
wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
17						1	2
18	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
19	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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21	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
22	31						

June 2027							
wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
22		1	2	3	4	5	6
23	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
24	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
25	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
26	28	29	30				

July 2027							
wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
26				1	2	3	4
27	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
28	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
29	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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Bank holidays 2026/27 UK

25 December '26	Christmas Day	1 January '27	New Year's Day	3 May '27	Early May Bank Holiday
26 December '26	Boxing Day	26 March '27	Good Friday	31 May '27	Spring Bank Holiday
28 December '26	Substitute day	29 March '27	Easter Monday	30 August '27	August Bank Holiday