



RIVERSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER

TERM 5 WEEK 2
FRIDAY 1st MAY 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another exciting week both in and out of school. Our Year 1 children visited the Tower of London yesterday and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. They took part in a workshop where they trained to be a knight and they got to see the Crown Jewels! All of the children demonstrated fantastic Riverside Character throughout the day and we are very proud of them.

Seals class also performed their class assembly this week, where they told us all about their learning on the topic of the Romans. They made great news reporters, speaking clearly and obviously enjoying their learning – especially their science experiment linked to the events at Pompeii, where they created their own volcanic eruption! Well done Seals.

Next week, we will be introducing our new 'parking buddies' outside of the school gates, to remind everyone to keep the yellow zig-zag lines clear and to be mindful of safety when choosing where to park. Please remember, the owners of the Rainham Arms pub have kindly agreed that parents can use their car park if needed – this is a very short walk away from school and is a much safer option, as the roads closest to the school are very narrow and busy at drop-off and collection times. Can we also please remind everyone to be considerate of our local neighbours and ensure children are not walking over people's gardens or along walls when arriving at or leaving school.

We hope you enjoy the long Bank Holiday weekend with your families.

Kind regards,
Mrs Robson
Headteacher

REMINDERS...

As the weather starts to warm up, please remember to apply sun cream to children if needed before school. Any sunscreen brought into school must be clearly labelled and children must be able to apply this themselves. Please ensure any other items such as sunhats are also named.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 6.5 – Year 3 trip to Canterbury Museum and Puffins class assembly at 8:55am
- 11.5-14.5 – Year 6 SATs week
- 15.5 – Year 6 STEM project
- 19.5 – Mini Youth Games Tag Rugby
- 20.5 – Year 6 trip to Imperial War Museum and Robins local walk
- 21.5 – Hedgehogs local walk
- 22.5 – ForPS Colour Run and last day of Term 5

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This week we are celebrating...

Lilyana - Otters

LAST DAY IN POMPEII

A devastating eruption occurred when Pompeii was in great danger a volcano was erupting!

At first people just thought it was only one little earthquake. People started to sing the rumble down tumble down great city walls poem to help them stay calm. Just then there

was an objectionable smell and people started to scream when they saw ash clouds!

Thick ash clouds filled the air making it hard to breath. People were suffering trying to get away while danger was coming. Children were scared and they were not safe.

A few survivors got away and others died. A little boy called Tranio cried "we were so scared we didn't



Pompeii being destroyed by lava.

knew what happened." Another villager shouted from a boat "I lost my whole family!" cried a poor man. Just then they saw Mount Vesuvius erupt and saw it was a volcano!

Well done! What a fantastic report on what happened in Pompeii.

Great work!