



RIVERSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER

TERM 6 Week 5
Friday 3rd July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another busy and exciting week at school, with lots of opportunities for children to celebrate their achievements and prepare for the year ahead.

The week began with some of our Year 6 children taking part in the final race day for their Young Eco Engineers project. After months of hard work, creativity and teamwork, the children raced the go-karts they had designed and built themselves. We are incredibly proud to share that both of our teams won the 'Best Theme' award, and we were also presented with the 'Smartest Team' award. These achievements are a testament to the dedication, resilience and collaboration shown by the children throughout the project. A huge well done to all of the Year 6 children involved, the staff who supported them and especially Matt, our engineer, who has worked alongside the children each week to develop their engineering skills and bring their ideas to life.

This week has also been an important time of transition across the school. Our Year 6 children have all visited their new secondary schools, while every child in school has had the opportunity to spend time in their new classroom and meet their teacher for next year. We were also delighted to welcome our new Reception children into school for two transition mornings. It was lovely to see the buzz and excitement around the school as children began to look ahead to the next stage of their journey.

Another exciting highlight this week was the announcement of the winners of our new school values character competition. From September, our new school values will be:

Happiness
Empathy
Ambition
Resilience
Teamwork

Together, these values spell HEART. Over the past few weeks, children have been designing characters for our brand new 'HEART Squad'. We were thrilled to announce that the winning designs came from Alfred, Charlie, Mabel, Poppy and Antonio. Their original artwork has now been transformed into a set of cartoon characters that will help promote and celebrate our values across the school. From September, we will be looking for HEART Heroes every day—children who demonstrate Happiness, Empathy, Ambition, Resilience and Teamwork in their actions and attitudes. We are excited to see these values become an even greater part of our school community. Attached to this newsletter is a poster introducing our new HEART Squad characters so that families can begin to get to know them too. Next week, we are welcoming a specialist company into school to help us create sculptures of our new HEART Squad characters. We cannot wait to see them take shape and become a visible part of our school environment.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards
Mrs Robson

REMINDERS...

Summer Fete

We hope to see many of you at our Summer Fete tomorrow, which will be open from 11.00am–2.00pm and can be accessed via the playground entrance. We are looking forward to a wonderful community event and hope the weather is kind to us.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 4.7 – Summer Fete 11am – 2pm
- WB 6.7 – Sculpture making of our values characters all week.
- 6.7 – Year 3 and 6 Road Safety Sessions
- 6.7 – Rocksteady Performance to parents (PM)
- 7.7 – Athletics Mini Youth Games
- 10.7 – Reception class trip to Kent Life
- 10.7 Nursery Stay and Read sessions
- 13.7 – Rabbits reports go home
- 13.7 – Y6 at Rainham Mark Anvil Carnival

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Our HEART Squad

Happiness



Hester Honeybee

We smile often,
enjoy our learning
and share our
positive energy with
others.

Empathy



Ernest Eagle

We show respect for
people's feelings and
use our hearts to care
for each other.

Ambition



Alba Ant

We aim high and
work hard to reach
our goals.

Resilience



Remi Rabbit

We say 'I can't do it yet'
and we don't give up
when things get tricky.

Teamwork



Toby Toad

We work together,
share our strengths
and help each other.