



RIVERSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER

TERM 1 Week 2
Friday 11th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to school this week and to see our classrooms full of happy, enthusiastic learners once again. A very special welcome goes to our new Nursery and Reception children and their families. We are delighted that you have joined our school community and have been incredibly impressed with how well the children have settled into their new surroundings.

Last week, curriculum overviews for this term were shared on Class Dojo. These provide an insight into the exciting learning planned for each year group over the coming weeks. From exploring new topics in history and geography, to developing scientific enquiry skills, becoming confident readers and writers, and tackling new mathematical challenges, there is plenty to look forward to this term. We encourage all parents and carers to take a look at these overviews and speak with your child about what they are learning in school.

We have certainly started the year in style! On Monday, we were visited by the Science Dome, which provided pupils with an immersive learning experience. Year 5 enjoyed an exciting journey through our solar system, learning about the planets, stars and space exploration. Pupils were amazed by what they discovered and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to experience science in such a unique way.

As part of their RE learning on Sikhism, Year 3 also visited the Gurdwara (Sikh temple) in Gravesend this week. During their visit, they learned about Sikh culture, values and traditions and were welcomed warmly by members of the community. The children had the opportunity to try dhal and chapati in the Langar and reported that it was delicious! The visit provided a valuable real-life experience that helped deepen their understanding of a different faith and culture.

As we begin a new school year, I would like to remind everyone of the importance of good attendance. Children need to be in school and ready for registration by 8:45am each day. Our gates open at 8:30am, allowing children plenty of time to arrive, settle and be ready to learn. The gates will close promptly at 8:45am, so please ensure you allow enough time to arrive before this point. Good attendance is vital for children's success. Being in school every day helps pupils make strong academic progress, build positive friendships, develop confidence and ensure they do not miss important learning experiences. We understand that some families may experience challenges with attendance and we are here to help. If you need any support, please contact Mrs Barber, our Home School Support Worker, who will be happy to work alongside you.

Every Friday, we celebrate our HEART Heroes of the Week. These are children who have demonstrated our school values through their actions, attitudes and behaviour throughout the week. Our HEART Heroes visit me for a special hot chocolate treat. It was a pleasure to enjoy hot chocolate with this week's heroes today and hear about the wonderful examples of happiness, empathy, ambition, resilience and teamwork they have shown.

Thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to a fantastic term ahead filled with learning, achievement and memorable experiences for our children.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards
Mrs Robson

REMINDERS...

PE Kit

Please ensure children are wearing the correct PE kit to school. This includes a plain white t-shirt, plain navy or black bottoms and plain navy or black sweatshirt (no hoods). No logos.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 14.9 Year 1 Parent Meeting 2:45pm
- 14.9 Reception in full time
- 15.9 Reception Parent Meeting 2:45pm
- 15.9 and 16.9 - Medway Test in school
- 22.9 FS School Tours 1:30pm and 2pm
- 28.9 Year 6 Residential Parent Meeting 2:30pm
- 30.9 Dental talks for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
- 2.10 2pm OPAL Parent Stay and Play for Year 5 and 6

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BE HERE, BE READY

Every day in school matters.

**GOOD ATTENDANCE
= BRIGHTER FUTURES!**

Every day in school
helps you learn, grow
and achieve.

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Attendance is
the key that
unlocks learning.



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The more you
attend, the more
you achieve.



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Success begins
with showing up.



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Every day in
school is a step
closer to your
dreams.



Attend Today. Achieve Tomorrow.

