



RIVERSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER

TERM 1 Week 3
Friday 18th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to begin by saying what a fantastic start we have had to the new school year. The children have returned to school full of enthusiasm and have settled quickly into their new classes and routines. It has been wonderful to see classrooms buzzing with learning from the very first day and the children engaging in their new topics.

It has also been lovely to welcome so many parents into school for our Meet the Teacher sessions. We greatly value these opportunities to strengthen the partnership between home and school, and we hope you found the sessions informative and helpful.

We are incredibly fortunate to have our wonderful Cookery Corner space, and it is already being put to great use this term. Year 3 pupils have been busy learning how to fry eggs safely, while our Year 1 children have enjoyed making healthy smoothies. These practical experiences help to develop valuable life skills whilst making learning enjoyable and memorable.

A reminder that next Friday we will be holding our first Macmillan Coffee Morning at Riverside Primary School. This will be a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together while raising money for a fantastic cause. If you are able to donate cakes, biscuits or other baked treats, we would be extremely grateful. Most importantly, it would be lovely to see as many parents and carers as possible joining us in the school hall for a cup of tea, coffee and a chat.

As we begin the school year, we would like to remind parents that, from time to time, disagreements or misunderstandings may occur between children. If your child comes home upset about an incident, please contact the school so that we can investigate and resolve the matter appropriately. We kindly ask that parents do not approach other children or their parents directly. This helps prevent misunderstandings, protects relationships within our school community, and ensures that situations are dealt with fairly and sensitively by staff.

Parking and Driving Around School

Drop-off and pick-up times are understandably busy. We ask all parents and carers to drive and park with care and consideration. Children are crossing roads, riding bikes, and travelling to and from school, so we all need to remain vigilant to keep everyone safe. You can also park in the Rainham Arms pub car park to ease congestion around the school gates. We also ask that you show respect for our local community by parking responsibly and avoiding blocking driveways, garages, or access points for residents. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and helps maintain positive relationships with our neighbours.

At Riverside Primary School, we are committed to working in partnership with our families to ensure that every child has the very best possible experiences and opportunities. Thank you for your ongoing support, kindness, and cooperation as we begin another exciting year together.

With best wishes,
Mrs Robson

REMINDERS...

Appropriate Language

We would like to remind everyone about the importance of using appropriate language in and around the school, particularly during drop-off and pick-up times. Children learn from the adults around them, and we do not expect to hear unacceptable language on the school grounds or in the immediate vicinity. Please help us to maintain a respectful environment for all members of our community.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 24.9 FS School Tours 1:30pm and 2pm
- 25.9 Macmillan Coffee Morning from 8:45am in the hall
- 25.9 European Day of Languages
- 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
- 9.10 Harvest Festival (school only)

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This week we are celebrating...

Victorius - Owls

Monday 14th September

What I write informative paragraphs.

John Vincent

John Vincent was a very well-known boatsman and a seaman. John was born in Birmingham, England when he was born. He was born on 24th of January 1884. At the age of 13, he ran away to become a sailor.

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JOHN VINCENT
Boatsman and able seaman

He became captain of his fishing boats. He served on and was known by his shipmates as 'Sailor Jack'. Almost everyone who came across him would mention his great physical strength. Being an experienced sailor in the Royal Navy, he was a former trawler hand on fishing boats on the North Sea. Shackleton picked Vincent as one of the men for the journey in the James Caird to South Georgia. He was a good choice for his physical strength, but also Shackleton probably wanted him where he could keep an eye on him and also wanted him away from Elephant Island, where morale would be difficult to maintain.

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The journey of the James Caird was particularly difficult for Vincent. He lost his upper lip when it became frozen. The edge of a metal cup and his health deteriorated below that of other men for reasons that did not come clear

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By the time he reached Georgia, he was in a very bad state.

On return to England ~~to~~ after the ~~Ente~~ Expedition, Vincent joined the merchant Navy and was on a ship torpedoed in the Mediterranean Sea.

He seems to have been thought of more kindly in later years than perhaps when he was on the Endurance. Why? Because people didn't know he went on the Endurance and news spread. Sadly, he developed pneumonia at sea and died in the Naval Hospital, Grimsby on Sunday 19th January 1941 at the age of 56. Just five days shy of his fifty-seventh birthday.

Lots of great information here. Fantastic work Victorius.