

RIVERSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER

TERM 1 Week 7
Thursday 15th October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the first term of this academic year, we can certainly say it has been a very busy one! The children have embraced lots of new learning adventures and it has been wonderful to see them engaging so enthusiastically with our new HEART values.

The children have really enjoyed getting to know our HEART characters and using them to help understand what each value means in their everyday lives. I have particularly enjoyed sharing a weekly hot chocolate with our HEART Heroes of the Week and celebrating the fantastic ways they demonstrate our school values!

We have packed so much into this term, with lots of exciting new learning, fun science experiments, cooking activities and trips to new places. We have also welcomed visits from the magistrates, embarked on an Arctic adventure and even travelled into space in the astrodome! It has been wonderful to see the children's curiosity, enthusiasm and excitement as they explored these new experiences. We are already looking forward to all the new learning adventures that next term will bring.

Year 6 PGL Adventure

This week, our Year 6 children enjoyed a fantastic visit to PGL! They challenged themselves, stepped outside their comfort zones and supported one another throughout their adventures. From abseiling and rock climbing to taking on the giant swing, the children threw themselves into a range of exciting activities and showed amazing teamwork, courage and determination. We are incredibly proud of the way they encouraged one another and demonstrated such wonderful team spirit!

Please take a moment to check the diary dates attached to this letter, as we have lots to look forward to next term, including parents' evening and a whole host of exciting Christmas activities. We will share more details about these events as we get closer to the time.

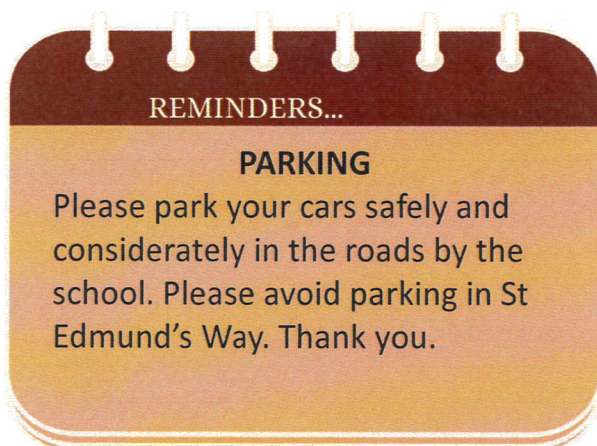
As we reach the end of a busy and rewarding first term, I would like to thank you for your continued support. I hope you all have a wonderful half-term break, enjoy some special time together with your families and return feeling refreshed and ready for another exciting term.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 2nd November.

Wishing you all a lovely half-term break!

Warm wishes,

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Riverside Primary School Diary Dates 2026 – 2027

Autumn Break - Monday 19th October to Friday 30th October 2026
Applications for Secondary school places closes on 30th October 2026

Term 2	
Monday 2 nd November 2026	Children return to school
Monday 2 nd November to 6 th November 2026	Book week – book fayre in the hall after school all week
Tuesday 3 rd November 2026	Year 1 and 2 library visits
Friday 6 th November 2026	Flu Vaccinations – Year R to Year 6
Tuesday 10 th November 2026	MYG - Basketball
Wednesday 11 th November to Thursday 12 th November 2026	Parents Evening – 3:30pm-6:30pm
Thursday 12 th November 2026	FS School Tours @ 1:30pm and 2:00pm
Friday 13 th November 2026	Children in Need – wear stripes or spots to school
Monday 16 th November until Friday 20 th November 2026	Anti-bullying week
Tuesday 17 th November 2026	EWST workshop for parents - Friendships and Me @ 2:00pm
Friday 20 th November 2026	Owls class assembly 8:50am
Monday 23 rd November 2026	Individual photographs
Thursday 26 th November 2026	Riverside Connects 8:45am
Friday 27 th November 2026	FS Stay and Read 2:45pm to 3:15pm Hawks class assembly 8:50am Chocolate Tag Day
Tuesday 1 st December 2026	Year 6 Rochester Carol Festival
Thursday 3 rd December 2026	FS School Tour @ 4:30pm
Friday 4 th December 2026	FoRPS Christmas Fair – 3:00pm to 4.30pm
Wednesday 9 th December 2026	Reception Christmas songs @ 2:15pm
Thursday 10 th December 2026	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Lunch
Friday 11 th December 2026	Rabbits Christmas songs (AM and PM in class) – times to be confirmed
Monday 14 th December 2026	Rocksteady Concert for parents – time to be confirmed
Tuesday 15 th December 2026 and Wednesday 16 th December 2026	KS1 Nativity @ 2:00pm
Thursday 17 th December 2026	Stories with Santa
Friday 18 th December 2026	Christmas carols around the tree KS2 @ 2:00pm to 2:45pm Last day of term

Christmas Break - Monday 21st December 2026 to Friday 1st January 2027
Staff Development Day 4th January 2027
Children return to school – Tuesday 5th January 2027

Term 3	
Monday 4th January 2027	Staff Development Day – school closed to children
Tuesday 5 th January 2027	Children return to school
Wednesday 13 th January 2027	Fire safety talks
Friday 15 th January 2027	Eagles class assembly 8:50am
Wednesday 20 th January 2027	Year 3 Quorn workshop
Friday 22 nd January 2027	Puffins class assembly 8:50am
Friday 29 th January 2027	Kestrels class assembly 8:50am FoRPS quiz – times tbc
Friday 5 th February 2027	Otters class assembly 8:50am FS Stay and Read 2:45pm to 3:15pm
Tuesday 9 th February 2027	Safer Internet day and Riverside Connects online safety workshop
Friday 12 th February 2027	Last day of term

February Break: Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February 2027
Monday 22nd February 2027 – Children back to school