



River Primary School

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Lost Property

Currently, our lost property is overflowing with unclaimed items, and we would love to reunite these lost items with their rightful owners.

Over 90% of the clothing currently in lost property is unfortunately not labelled. This makes it increasingly difficult for us to return items to their owners. To help us in this endeavour, we kindly ask that you ensure your child's belongings are labelled with their name.



This Term's THRIVE Award Winners...



These children have been noticed by their class-based adults as consistently demonstrating our THRIVE values—an inspiring embodiment of teamwork, health, responsibility, integrity, valuing everyone and empathy.

Well done to each of these outstanding role models!

Reception 2026 Intake Tours

We want to remind you about our upcoming school tours. If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2026, we'd love for you to book onto one of our tours. We would greatly appreciate it if you could share this message with friends and family who might also have children nearing school age. As always, we genuinely look forward to showcasing all the incredible things happening at our school.

Monday 17th November 11am

Wednesday 19th November 1.30pm

Tuesday 2nd December 4pm

Thursday 4th December 11am

Christmas Celebrations

It may feel a little early to mention the big C word, but we know that families like to have as much notice as possible for upcoming events around this time. With the festive season just around the corner, please ensure you make a note of the dates below in your diary.



Year 6 Secondary School Applications

As we approach the end of the term, a gentle reminder for those with children currently in Year 6. As your child gets ready to take the next big step into secondary school, don't forget to use the link below to make your school selections. The application window closes on 31st October:

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/secondary-school-places#tab-1>

SEND Parent Coffee Afternoon

Our next SEND parent coffee afternoon is scheduled for 5th November at 2pm. It's a wonderful opportunity for parents to come together, share experiences, and connect with one another. If you're navigating the intricacies of SEND, this informal gathering can be a great way to find support with others in similar situations. We'll also have members of our staff team available to chat and answer any questions you may have.

If you'd like to join us, please sign up using this link <https://forms.office.com/e/93DZuXtwri>

Preparing for Wet Weather



Please remember that our children are outdoors in all weathers. So, it is very important that your children have wellies and waterproof clothing to ensure they stay as dry and warm as possible. A pair of spare socks in their pe bags in case of leaky boots or very big puddles is recommended and it may be useful to have a spare set of clothes for emergencies that they can keep in their lockers. As you know, our children have a huge range of zones to access all year, but as we move into Term 2 the rules 'No Coat, No Play' and 'No Wellies, No Field' come into action. The mud kitchen will also become muddier and so if this is a space your child enjoys, please ensure they have the right clothing to protect their uniform.

Transition Books

We understand that some children can find it a bit tricky to transition back to the school after a half term break. To help support these conversations at home, our transition booklets are available on our website.

[River Primary School - Transition Booklets](#)

We hope you have a lovely half-term enjoying quality time with family and friends. We look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 27th October, refreshed and ready to tackle Term 2.

Kind regards,

Mrs Victoria Alliston



Diary Dates

Please make sure you take note of the Staff Development days for the year and term dates.

Monday 20th – Friday 24th October 2025	Half Term
Friday 31st October 2025	Year R Fairytale Dress Up Day
Tuesday 4th and Thursday 6th November 2025	Parent Consultations <i>Please book using the emailed link</i>
Wednesday 5th November 2025	SEND Parent Coffee Afternoon <i>2pm</i>
Monday 10th – Friday 14th November 2025	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 10th November 2025	Odd Sock Day <i>Children to wear odd socks with their uniform.</i> Year 6 Lantern Workshop in School
Tuesday 11th November 2025	Year R Phonics Family Learning <i>2pm</i>
Friday 14th November 2025	Children in Need <i>Details to Follow</i>

Thursday 20th November 2025	Network Rail Assembly in School
Friday 21st November 2025	Year 4 Maidstone Trip
Wednesday 3rd December 2025	Christmas Music Concert <i>Details to Follow</i>
Monday 8th December 2025	Year R Christmas Celebration 2.30pm <i>Details to Follow</i>
Tuesday 9th December 2025	Year 1 Nativity 2.30pm <i>Details to Follow</i>
Wednesday 10th December 2025	Christmas Disco <i>Details to Follow</i>
Friday 19th December 2025	Staff Development Day

Our website calendar is always up to date with what is going on in school. [River Primary School - Calendar](#)

Academic Dates for 2025-2026

Staff Development Days	Term Dates 2025-2026
Monday 1 st September 2025	<u>Term 1</u> 2 nd September 2025 – 17 th October 2025
Friday 19 th December 2025	<u>Term 2</u> 27 th October 2025 – 18 th December 2025
Monday 1 st June 2026	<u>Term 3</u> 5 th January 2026 – 13 th February 2026
Monday 20 th July 2026	<u>Term 4</u> 23 rd February 2026 – 2 nd April 2026
Tuesday 21 st July 2026	<u>Term 5</u> 20 th April 2026 – 22 nd May 2026
	<u>Term 6</u> 2 nd June 2026 – 17 th July 2026



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IS YOUR CHILD DUE TO START SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2026?

MONDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2025
11.00AM

WEDNESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2025
1.30PM

TUESDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2025
4.00PM

THURSDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2025
11.00AM

Please contact the school office to book a place on a tour:
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