



River Primary School

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Website: www.river.kent.sch.uk

The class pages on our website are regularly updated with all the latest information, so do remember to visit them for insights into what your children have been exploring.

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Remembrance Day 2025

On Tuesday 11th November 2025, we will be taking a moment to honour and remember those who have lost their lives whilst serving our country.

In observance of Remembrance Day, we would like to invite any children who are members of Squirrels, Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Cubs, Beavers, Scouts or any other uniformed service, to attend school wearing their respective service uniforms. This will allow us to celebrate their commitment to service and community.

For those children who are not part of these groups, we request that they wear their school uniform on this day. We also encourage children to wear poppies or official poppy accessories. We appreciate your support in helping to make this Remembrance Day a meaningful occasion for all our children.

Anti-Bullying Week

Next week marks National Anti-Bullying Week, and we are excited to kick things off with Odd Socks Day! We invite all the children to wear their odd socks alongside their uniform. This fun day serves as a celebration of individuality and a reminder of the importance of kindness.

Throughout the week, we'll be exploring the theme of "Power for Good." Our school's Thrive values will be at the forefront of our discussions as we encourage children to think critically and engage thoughtfully. Class debates, empathetic discussions about characters from stories, and reflections on our actions—both personal and those of others—will all play significant roles in our learning across the week. These themes are not just for the classroom; they are vital conversations to continue at home. It would be fantastic if you could carry on the discussions at home about what it means to use our power for good and how we can support one another in being kind. Perhaps you could share personal experiences or even talk about examples of kindness that you've noticed in everyday life.



Children in Need



On Friday 14th November, we will once again be supporting the Children in Need Appeal. To raise money for this great cause we will be filling a giant Pudsey with pennies and we'd like to invite children to wear something yellow or spotty with their school uniform. Also, we're very excited to be holding year group cake sales at playtime, so now is the time to 'get your bake on!' Please send in your cake donations on the morning of Friday 14th November, as well as some pennies and help us to support Children in Need!

Parent Consultations

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our recent Parent Consultations. It was lovely to see so many of you, and we appreciate your engagement and support with your children's education and we hope you found the discussions with teachers helpful and informative.

If you weren't able to book an appointment or perhaps missed your slot for any reason, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the office or speak to your child's class teacher. We're more than happy to arrange a suitable time to meet with you.

Family Christmas Celebrations

If you have a little one in Early Years or Year 1, be sure to book your tickets for their upcoming Christmas celebration using the link emailed out to you. We can't wait to celebrate this merry time of year with all of you!

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 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	Remembrance Day <i>Children can wear 'service' uniform e.g. Cubs/Brownies</i> Year R Phonics Family Learning 2pm
Friday 14th November 2025	Children in Need <i>Pennies/Bake Sale/ Wear something yellow or spotty with your uniform</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>Book using emailed link</i>
Tuesday 9th December 2025	Year 1 Nativity 2.30pm <i>Book using emailed link</i>
Wednesday 10th December 2025	Christmas Disco <i>EYFS/KS1 3.15-4.30pm (come to school in disco clothes)</i> <i>KS2 4.45-6.00pm</i>
Wednesday 17th December 2025	Christmas Dinner Day <i>Wear your Christmas Jumper and Festive Accessories</i>
Thursday 18th December 2025	Last Day of Term 2
Friday 19th December 2025	Staff Development Day
Monday 5th January 2026	Start of Term 3

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
	<u>Term 3</u>

Monday 1st June 2026

Monday 20th July 2026

Tuesday 21st July 2026

5th January 2026 – 13th February 2026

Term 4

23rd February 2026 – 2nd April 2026

Term 5

20th April 2026 – 22nd May 2026

Term 6

2nd June 2026 – 17th 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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