



River Primary School

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As Term 4 draws to a close, we had hoped to say with confidence that Spring has arrived. The clocks moving forward at the weekend may have given us lighter evenings but the weather is still keeping us on our toes! Fingers crossed the sun is shining across the Easter break to allow you to make the most of the time.

Easter Raffle

Our Year 6 THRIVE Ambassadors had the important task of picking the winning tickets for our Easter Raffle and our winners received their lovely hampers today! A big round of applause goes to our lucky ticket holders:

455 – Emily and Elouise	465 - Ralph	565 – Mia	540 – Dexter
335 – Lainie	743 - Harrison	492 – Nancy	

Thank you to everyone who participated in the raffle.

Fundraising

A huge thank you for your incredible support in our fundraising efforts this term! We are thrilled to share that our Spring Disco raised an amazing £1400, while our raffle and colouring competition brought in over £350. Your generosity makes a real difference to our school community.

Charity Fundraising

Comic Relief:

Thanks to the incredible support from our children, parents, and staff, we raised a total of £527.38 for Comic Relief. This achievement was made possible through our bake sale and non-school uniform day.

Y6 Sponsored Heart Hike:



Well done ABBA and Gaga classes! This week they completed a sponsored heart walk, covering the impressive distance from River Primary School to the Royal Brompton Heart Hospital in London. Thanks to the hard work and generosity of our amazing Year 6 children and their families, we have raised over £1400 for the British Heart Foundation! Thank you to everyone who contributed with kind donations.

Sports Days

Please take note of the dates below and mark your calendars. We hope you'll be able to join us.

Tesco Tokens

We have been advised that the date for this initiative has been extended. Please continue to help the school by collecting blue tokens during your Tesco shopping trips. This will now end on Sunday 26th April in both the Whitfield store and Deal Tesco Express.



Celebrating our Nurture UK Award

Over the past two years, our school has been working towards achieving the National Nurturing School Award. This journey has been a wonderful opportunity for us to enhance our supportive environment, ensuring every child feels valued and cared for. During the final assessment, we received some incredible feedback:

“There is so much to celebrate here – nurture and wellbeing flow through the school and touches everyone connected with it. Far from being just what happens in the classroom or in the playground, wellbeing is modelled throughout the school. Care for each other, and politeness is integral to the school day, not just because it’s an expectation but because it is seen and feels good.”

“Collaboration is embraced here - nurture is for everyone by everyone. There is a real feeling of working together to gain the best outcomes for all.”

A special thank you goes to Mrs Clarke and Ms Moody, whose leadership and passion have been instrumental in guiding us through this project.

This Term’s THRIVE award winners...

A big congratulations to these children for their hard work and dedication. These awards aren’t just about academic success; they’re a recognition of kindness, resilience, and teamwork. We encourage everyone to keep showing these values in their everyday lives and these children are role models for this.



We look forward to welcoming everyone back, refreshed and ready for the summer terms.

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 April 2026	First Day of Term 5
Tuesday 21st April 2026	Year 1 Forest School
Wednesday 29th April 2026	Year 3 Forest School
Thursday 30th April 2026	Year 2 TTRS Day
Friday 1st May 2026	Year 5 Theme Park Trip Year 2 Forest School
Monday 4th May	Bank Holiday <i>School closed for children</i>
Wednesday 6th May 2026	Zoolab in school for EYFS and KS1
Monday 11th – Thursday 14th May	Year 6 SATS Week
Tuesday 19th May 2026	EYFS Welly Walk
Thursday 21st May 2026	Year 5 Forest School Year 2 to Kearsney Abbey

Friday 22nd May 2026	Last Day of Term 5
Monday 1st June 2026	Staff Development Day <i>School closed for children</i>
Tuesday 2nd June 2026	First Day of Term 6 Class Photos
Monday 22nd June 2026	EYFS and KS1 Sports Day - 1pm
Tuesday 23rd June 2026	Years 3 and 4 Sports Day - 9am Years 5 and 6 Sports Day - 1pm

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