



# River Primary School

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## **This Term's Learning ...**

This term, children across the school will be ending this academic year with exciting topics that will broaden their understanding of the world around them. In EYFS, children will be exploring the seaside through a range of beach-themed activities, helping them to develop their curiosity. Year 1 and Year 5 will be exploring Brazil together, discovering its geography, culture and traditions, while also learning about the vibrant celebrations of Brazilian carnivals and the lively rhythms of samba music. Along the coast, Year 2 will investigate coastal environments and their importance to people and wildlife. Year 3 will focus on pioneers, linking their learning to Dover and urban environments as they explore how places and people have shaped communities over time. Year 4 will dive into the fascinating world of oceans, learning about marine habitats and the importance of protecting our planet through environmental awareness and sustainability. Meanwhile, Year 6 will travel virtually to Mexico, learning about its rich culture and traditions while developing their Spanish language skills. We look forward to seeing the children immerse themselves in these engaging topics and sharing their achievements throughout the term.



## **Important Information: Free School Meals Eligibility**



From September 2026, the Government is expanding eligibility so that all children in households receiving Universal Credit will be able to apply for Free School Meals. To help identify families who may be entitled to this support, we are carrying out eligibility checks across the school. We ask that all parents and carers complete the Microsoft Form <https://forms.office.com/e/CYeuDwh61j>, even if you do not believe you are eligible. Completing the form will help us ensure that no child misses out on the support they are entitled to and will also help the school access additional funding that benefits all children.

## **Year 6 Productions**

Year 6 are busily rehearsing their end of year production, 'Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies'. Year 6 families are able to request tickets for 1 production of their choice using this link [Year 6 performance – Fill out form](#)

## **Year 5 Kent Test Registration**

Registration for the Kent Test opens on Monday 1st June and closes on Wednesday 1st July. KCC will not accept late registrations. If you would like your child to take this test you will need to register them at [Register for the Kent Test - Kent County Council](#)

## **Sports Day**

We are really looking forward to welcoming families into school for this year's Sports Days. Please ensure you take note of the dates and times, as there are different times and sessions. It's always a wonderful opportunity for children to enjoy some friendly competition, show their teamwork, and celebrate their achievements.

EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 – Monday 22nd June 1pm

Year 3 and 4 – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 9am

Year 5 and 6 – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1pm

### **Open Afternoon**

We look forward to opening our doors to parents/carers, on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July from 2.30-4.15pm. You will have the opportunity to speak with your child's current teacher about end of year reports, if you wish. In addition, you will also be able to introduce yourselves to your child's new class teacher and ask any questions you may have. Your child's books will also be available for you to look at.

### **Frozen Fridays are Back!**

We are delighted to announce that Frozen Fridays will be returning every Friday throughout this term. This popular PTFA fundraising initiative gives children the opportunity to enjoy a frozen treat at the end of the week while helping to raise valuable funds for our school. All funds raised through Frozen Fridays will contribute towards replacing the timber trail on the school field.

| FROZEN TREATS PRICE LIST                                                            |       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
|  | 50p   |
|  | £1.00 |
|  | £1.00 |
|  | £1.00 |
|  | £1.50 |

### **PSHE/SRE Consultation**

Recently, we emailed all parents and carers regarding our consultation on the school's PSHE and Relationships & Sex Education Policy. Your feedback is important to us. If you have not yet had the opportunity to review the policy and complete the consultation, please do so by Friday 26th June.

### **Tesco Stronger Starts Success**

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Tesco Stronger Starts campaign by placing their blue tokens in our collection point. Whether you contributed one token or one hundred, every vote made a difference!



We are delighted to announce that we were awarded the \*top prize of £1,500\*. This fantastic funding will be used to develop even more creative opportunities in our outdoor learning spaces, providing exciting new experiences for our children to enjoy.

### **Last Day of Term 6**

Please note in the diary dates that the last day of term is Friday 17th July and school will be finishing at 1.45pm for EYFS – Year 5. Year 6 will finish slightly later at 1.55pm, this allows for all staff to dismiss their classes and then create a guard of honour for them to leave. Our after-school provision, Jack in a Box, will be starting from 1.45pm this day.

Kind regards,

**Mrs Victoria Alliston**



### **Diary Dates**

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

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|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| <b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2026</b>  | Year 1 Phonics Check Week                 |
| <b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2026</b>                         | EYFS Forest School                        |
| <b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026</b>                          | Year 3 Dover Trip<br>Year 5 Forest School |
| <b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2026</b> | Sports Week                               |
| <b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2026</b>                          | EYFS and KS1 Sports Day - 1pm             |

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2026</b>                            | Years 3 and 4 Sports Day - 9am<br>Years 5 and 6 Sports Day - 1pm                                                                                             |
| <b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2026</b>                          | Yo! Street Football Workshops in School                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2026</b> | Year 6 Residential                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2026</b>                           | Year 1 Forest School                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2026</b>                             | Year 2 Forest School                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026</b>                            | Year 4 Forest School                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2026</b>                            | Whole School Transition Morning<br>Year 4 Theatre Trip (pm)                                                                                                  |
| <b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2026</b>                              | EYFS Beach Trip                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2026</b>                             | Whole School Transition Morning                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2026</b>                           | Year 2 Rockpooling Trip<br>Year 3 Forest School<br>Year 6 Production 4.30pm<br><i>Please book tickets <a href="#">Year 6 performance – Fill out form</a></i> |
| <b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2026</b>                            | Year 6 Production 1.30pm<br><i>Please book tickets <a href="#">Year 6 performance – Fill out form</a></i>                                                    |
| <b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2026</b>                             | Open Afternoon 2.30pm – 4.15pm                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2026</b>                            | Year 6 Leaver's Disco 4.30 - 6pm                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2026</b>                          | Year 6 Forest School                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2026</b>                           | Year 6 Leaver's Assembly                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026</b>                             | Last Day of Term<br>School finishes at 1.45pm EYFS – Year 5<br>School finishes at 1.55pm Year 6                                                              |

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

#### Academic Dates for 2025-2026

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

#### [Staff Development Days 2026 – 2027](#)

[Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026](#)

[Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2026](#)

[Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2026](#)

[Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2027](#)

[Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2027](#)



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# PTFA Frozen Friday!

Start your weekend off right with a cooling treat and help raise money for a new timber trail at the same time!



Cash only. Prices between 50p and £1.50.



This week's frozen treats are sponsored by:



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