



River Primary School

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Sports Day

Please ensure you take note of the dates and times for this year's sports days, as this is a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together and celebrate the spirit of sportsmanship. Your presence makes these events even more special, and we look forward to welcoming you into school.

EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 – Monday 9th June 9.15am

Year 3 and 4 – Tuesday 10th June 9.15am

Year 5 and 6 – Tuesday 10th June 1pm

Colour Run Festival

We are excited to announce that we will be hosting our very first **COLOUR RUN FESTIVAL** on Thursday, 19th June. This event will be a great opportunity for children and families to enjoy an afternoon of fun and laughter. Please see the attached flyers for full details.

Entry to the Colour Run Festival will cost £3, which includes a pair of bright coloured sunglasses for each child. These can be purchased via ParentPay, where you will be able to consent to the waiver, which will allow your child to take part. Siblings and family members are also welcome to join in, paying the £3 fee in cash via the office from Tuesday 3rd June. The deadline for entries is Thursday 5th June. **There will be no exceptions to this as we need to order supplies in advance.**

Timings are as follows:

Years 5 and 6 : 1-1.30pm

Years 3 and 4 : 1.40 - 2.10pm

Years R, 1 and 2 : 2.20 - 2.50pm

If you have children in multiple year groups, you will be able to run multiple times.

There will be light refreshments available on the day and the PTFA will be hosting a rainbow raffle. For this, we are asking children to come in Non School uniform on Wednesday 4th June. Children should bring a donation in the colour for the year group. All details can be found on the attached poster. Tickets will be available to purchase from the school office and on the day.

In addition to the entry fee, we would love for the children to collect sponsorship for this event. The funds raised will contribute to our OPAL playtimes, where we aim to purchase some gym bars and benches to further enhance our outdoor play facilities. Sponsorship should be given into the office by Friday 27th June. If your child raises £10 in sponsorship they will receive a colour run wristband. If your child raises £20 or more, they will receive a colour run medal.

On the day of the event, children should come to school wearing a white t-shirt and shorts/joggers/trainers they don't mind getting a bit messy. Children can also wear bright, colourful accessories. We promise it'll be a colourful experience!



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!

OPAL Family Learning

Thank you to all of the family members who joined us for our OPAL play sessions this week! We have thoroughly enjoyed showcasing the exciting developments in our playtimes over the past year, allowing you to witness first-hand the fantastic experiences that our children engage in as part of their everyday play offer. We hope you had as much fun as we did!

However, we were disappointed with the number of family members who we had to remind to put their phones away, as well as those who attended without signing up as requested. As we strive to ensure the safety of all 400 children in our school, we expect you to our follow the set guidelines. Actions that disregard these jeopardise our ability to host future events. As we move forward, we kindly ask that you read all communications from the school and adhere to the deadlines provided – thank you.

Last Day of Term 6

Please note in the diary dates that the last day of term is Friday 18th July and school will be finishing at 2pm. Our after-school provision, Jack in a Box, will be starting from 2pm this day.

We hope you have a wonderful half term break and we look forward to seeing you back in school on Tuesday 3rd June.

Kind regards,

Mrs Victoria Alliston



Diary Dates

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

Friday 23rd May 2025	Last Day of Term 5
Monday 2nd June 2025	Staff Development Day <i>Children do not attend</i>
Tuesday 3rd June 2025	First Day of Term 6 Class Photos
Tuesday 3rd June – Friday 6th June 2025	Arts Week in School
Wednesday 4th June 2025	Non School Uniform Day <i>Colour Donations for the Rainbow Raffle</i>
Thursday 5th June 2025	Year 6 Theatre Trip Year 1 Family Learning at 2.15pm
Friday 6th June 2025	EYFS Pirate Dress Up Day
Monday 9th June 2025	EYFS and KS1 Sports Day <i>9.15am</i>
Tuesday 10th June 2025	KS2 Sports Day <i>Years 3 and 4 – 9.15am</i> <i>Years 5 and 6 – 1pm</i>
Monday 16th – Friday 20th June 2025	Sports Week in School

Thursday 19th June 2025	Colour Run <i>Afternoon timings</i>
Monday 23rd June 2025	Year 4 Beach Trip
Wednesday 25th – Friday 27th June 2025	Year 6 Residential
Friday 27th June 2025	EYFS Beach Trip
Monday 30th June 2025	Year 2 Rockpooling Trip
Tuesday 8th July 2025	Year 6 Performance 1 <i>Starts at 1.45pm</i>
Wednesday 9th July	Year 6 Performance 2 <i>Starts at 4.30pm</i>
Tuesday 15th July 2025	Leaver's Disco 4.30-6.00pm
Friday 18th July 2025	Year 6 Leaver's Assembly to Parents at 1.30pm Last Day of Term 6 <i>School finishes at 2pm</i>
Monday 21st July 2025	Staff Development Day <i>Children do not attend</i>
Tuesday 22nd July 2025	Staff Development Day <i>Children do not attend</i>

Our website calendar is always up to date with what is going on in school.

Academic Dates for 2024 - 2025

Staff Development Days Monday 2 nd June 2025 Monday 21 st July 2025 Tuesday 22 nd July 2025	Term Dates 2024- 2025 <u>Term 5</u> Tuesday 22 nd April 2025 – Friday 23 rd May 2025 <u>Term 6</u> Tuesday 3 rd June 2025 – Friday 18 th July 2025
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Staff Development Days for 2025-2026

Monday 1st September 2025

Friday 19th December 2025

Monday 1st June 2026

Monday 20th July 2026

Tuesday 21st July 2026