



RIVER ACADEMY

Student Bulletin

What's on this week?

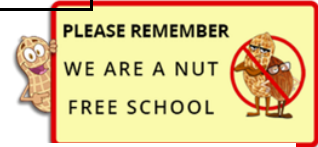
3rd – 7th February 2025

School timings:

Please be reminded of our school timings below:

Mon, Tues & Thurs		Wed		Fri	
09:10-9:35	Tutor	09:10-09:35	Tutor	09:10-09:20	Tutor
09:35-10:35	Lesson 1	09:35-10:35	Lesson 1	09:20-10:15	Lesson 1
10:35-10:55	Break	10:35-10:55	Break	10:15-11:10	Lesson 2
10:55-11:55	Lesson 2	10:55-11:55	Lesson 2	11:10-11:30	Break
11:55-12:55	Lesson 3	11:55-12:55	Lesson 3	11:30-12:25	Lesson 3
12:55-13:35	Lunch	12:55-13:35	Lunch	12:25-13:00	Lunch
13:35-14:35	Lesson 4	13:35-14:35	Lesson 4	13:00-13:55	Lesson 4
14:35-15:35	Lesson 5	14:35-15:35	Lesson 5	13:55-14:50	Lesson 5
		15:35-16:30	Elective	14:50-15:15	Celebration Assembly

Canteen Menu:



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WEEK Two



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Course	Meat Ball Pasta Garlic Bread Carrots	Chicken Tika Masala Basmati Rice Mixed Vegetables	Lasagne Garlic Bread Sweetcorn	Chicken Fajita Wrap Salad	Chip Shop Friday
Vegetarian	<u>Vegi</u> Meat Ball Pasta Garlic Bread Carrots	Vegetable Korma Basmati Rice Mixed Vegetables	<u>Vegi</u> Lasagne Garlic Bread Sweetcorn	Macaroni Cheese Garlic Bread Salad	Vegan Sausage Roll
Jackets	Jacket Potato Cheese/Tuna/Baked Beans/Salad	Jacket Potato Cheese/Tuna/Baked Beans/Salad	Jacket Potato Cheese/Tuna/Baked Beans/Salad	Jacket Potato Cheese/Tuna/Baked Beans/Salad	Jacket Potato Cheese/Tuna/Baked Beans/Salad
Dessert of the Day	Apple Crumble Custard	Syrup Sponge Custard	Chocolate Brownie Chocolate Sauce	Jam Sponge Custard	Donuts
Dessert Alternative	Yogurt, Fresh Cut Fruit, Fruit Pot, Cookie	Yogurt, Fresh Cut Fruit, Fruit Pot, Cookie	Yogurt, Fresh Cut Fruit, Fruit Pot, Cookie	Yogurt, Fresh Cut Fruit, Fruit Pot, Cookie	Yogurt, Fresh Cut Fruit, Fruit Pot, Cookie

Please ask for more information if you have any allergies.

PE updates:

Boys football @ Wren



Our first ever boys football fixture took place last night at the Wren, with the boys making the short journey across Reading in high spirits and looking forward to some long-awaited football. Despite starting well and passing the ball around with good fluency, we conceded the first goal the game from a corner and a well taken header from their captain. Despite going behind, the boys did not let their heads go down and we applied a lot of pressure to the Wren goal. It wasn't until Jayon scored a fantastic free kick from the edge of the box that we scored our first goal. This was swiftly followed up by Feybian's excellent run and clinical finish across goal which went in off the post. Going into the second

half 2- 1 up, we controlled the game well and goals from Nabil and Sean put us in a strong position. Some late pressure from the Wren saw them score a consolation goal from a free kick, but River were too strong for their opponents and came out deserved 4- 2 winners. Some excellent individual performances from Alman, Ezra, Jayon and Sean meant we kicked off our football season with a win, long may it continue!

Girls' netball vs Highdown



Our netball girls had their first and long—awaited taste of netball on Thursday as Highdown made a short trip across the Thames with two netball teams. Our 'A' Team played first and struggled against a taller and well drilled Highdown 'A' Team. Highdown adapted to the pace of the game much faster and this allowed them to move the ball with more efficiency up and down the court. Scarlett was our standout player for the 'A' Team but some tough lessons learned as they lost 5-1. Moving onto the 'B' team who experienced much more success and were victorious against their Highdown 'B' team opponents. Isabelle was fantastic in the Centre position and in the words of Miss Moore, worked so hard she could barely breathe by the end of the game! Jacinth was described as a 'pitbull' in her quest to win the ball back for River and not settle for losing possession. Favour was another of our standout performers and her accurate and precise shooting meant we could capitalise on possession and win the game. It was a great run out for both teams and some valuable experience gained.

We host Prospect again in two weeks with training again no Tuesday aiming to right some wrongs.



Fixtures next week

Our T1 rugby team travels to the Wren to play some touch rugby. The team has worked very hard in training recently and I am excited to see how they fare next week. We are also hosting MER in a basketball fixture next Thursday. It has been a while since some basketball, and I know the students are looking forward to playing against our rivals within the Trust!



CLUBS ON THIS TERM

TUESDAY

Netball with
Miss Moore

Touch Rugby
with Mr Clare

THURSDAY

Boys football
with Mr Clare

FRIDAY

Badminton with
Mr Dukinfield

KIT

Netball -
trainers, long
socks, shorts,
River PE top

Rugby -
trainers, long
socks, shorts,
River PE Top

KIT

Football boots,
shin pads, long
socks, shorts,
River PE top

KIT

Trainers, long
socks, shorts,
River PE Top

NOTES

All clubs will begin after-school and finish at approximately 430. Students can go home in their PE kit and do not have to get changed back into uniform.



The logo features the text 'Young Artists' Summer Show' in a white, bold, sans-serif font, stacked vertically. This text is centered within a purple circle. A teal, textured, brushstroke-like shape overlaps the left side of the purple circle. The entire graphic is set against a light green background.

Young Artists' Summer Show

2025

Calling all Young Artists!

Do you want the opportunity to exhibit your work in one of the most prestigious art exhibitions?

Young Artists' Summer Show, an online and onsite exhibition at the Royal Academy of Arts featuring work by artists aged 4 - 19.

**The work can be any theme and done in any media.
We will photograph the work and submit for you.**

**Please submit your work to the Art room 2.14
by Monday 3rd March.**

Please speak to Ms U'ren for further details.

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Academy
of Arts

Language Survey

The University of Reading's Centre for Literacy and Multilingualism is undertaking a survey in an effort to map where different languages are spoken in Reading. Why not get involved? Click on the link below to read the article from BBC Berkshire news and find the link for the survey. Many of our River Academy students and their families speak more than one language. Why not share which languages you can speak?

BBC News - Reading's language use investigated in university study - BBC News

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/ce9n2ejxr54o>

Mrs Clarke

Thank you to all the students who took part in our free webinar to hear the testimony of Holocaust survivor Alfred Garwood.

Attached is the information about Alfred and his experiences. You can watch back the event via YouTube: [Holocaust Memorial Day 2025 Event](#)

If your child would like to learn more, we recommend this short Newsround article: [What was the Holocaust? - BBC Newsround](#)

Please see the poster below for the upcoming free event at River Academy

What did the Romans do for fun?

13th February, 3.45-4.45pm, held at River Academy

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Silver

Programme

Based on a seminar taught at the University of Reading, the session starts by looking at how Romans spent their leisure time, before examining ancient evidence for the Romans' love of board games, both archaeological and written, from recent archaeological research conducted by the University's academics.



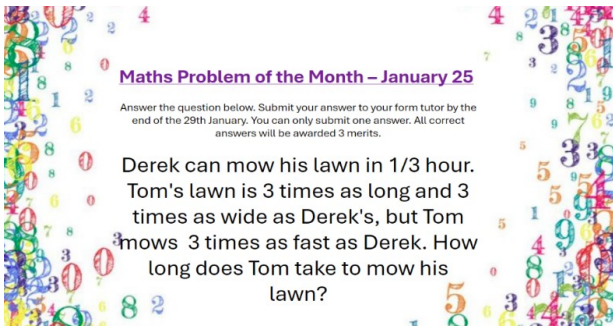
If you love History or Board Games, then this session is not to be missed!

Speak to Miss Angell if you have any questions.

Sign up required – outside 1.21 (Miss Angell's Room)

Free event!

Monthly Maths House Competition - January



Maths Problem of the Month – January 25

Answer the question below. Submit your answer to your form tutor by the end of the 29th January. You can only submit one answer. All correct answers will be awarded 3 merits.

Derek can mow his lawn in $\frac{1}{3}$ hour. Tom's lawn is 3 times as long and 3 times as wide as Derek's, but Tom mows 3 times as fast as Derek. How long does Tom take to mow his lawn?

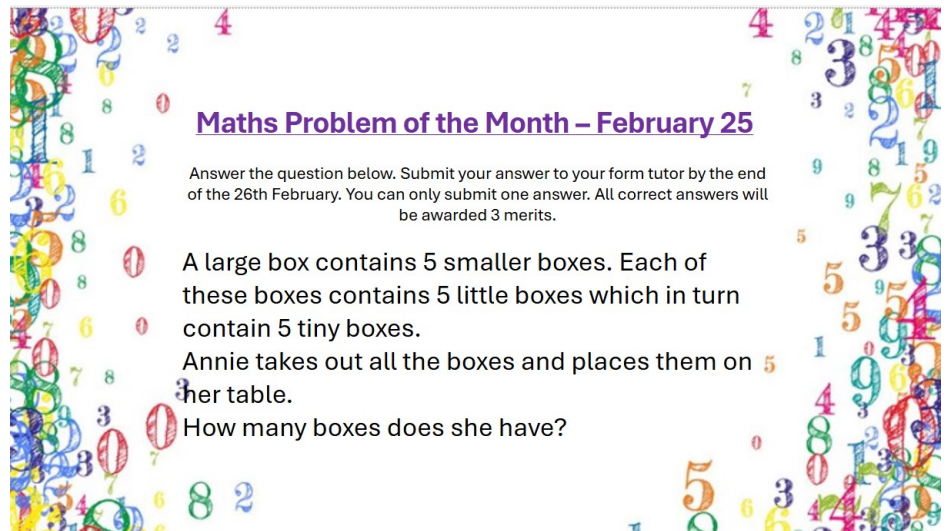
January Maths Problem of the Month:

The answer was 1 hour or 60 minutes. Tom's lawn is $3 \times 3 (=9)$ times larger in terms of space to mow (the area). But Tom mows $3 \times$ faster (so divide by 3), which gives you 3×30 minutes = 60 minutes. Drawing a square as a lawn might have helped with this problem.

17 students got this correct and have been awarded 3 merits each.

February Maths Problem of the Month:

Answers by 26th February please.



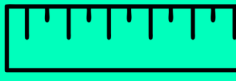
Maths Problem of the Month – February 25

Answer the question below. Submit your answer to your form tutor by the end of the 26th February. You can only submit one answer. All correct answers will be awarded 3 merits.

A large box contains 5 smaller boxes. Each of these boxes contains 5 little boxes which in turn contain 5 tiny boxes. Annie takes out all the boxes and places them on her table. How many boxes does she have?

MATHLETES

At River Academy

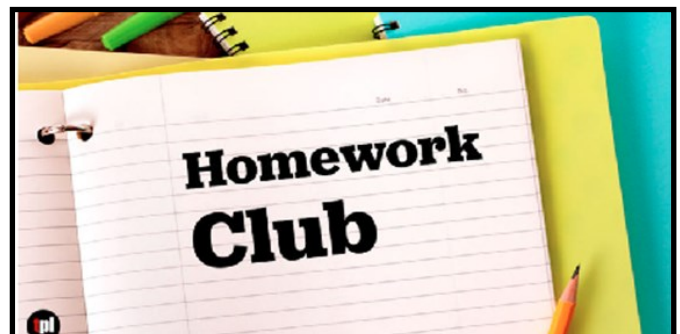


Mathletes Competition – Last Friday, we held our first Mathletes event in River. Six students, each representing their tutor group, took turns answering math questions from Mrs. Strong, our Maths Lead. After several challenging rounds, Alyssa from 7 Kennet emerged as the winner. Well done to our Maths genius!





LGBTQ+ Assembly – This Wednesday, Miss Moore led an assembly on LGBTQ+. Students learned about its history and the importance of respecting diversity.



Homework club will run on Tuesday and Thursdays in the LRC from 3:35-4:30. It is a voluntary, supervised, drop-in session each time. Students need to let their parents know in advance that they will be staying and a register will be kept for students to sign in and out. Students need to bring booklets and equipment needed for them to complete their homework independently with adult support available. We look forward to seeing you there!

We have LOTS of bits in lost property!!

Lost your blazer?

Cant find your tie?

Walked home in one shoe?!

Come and look in our Lost Property Box in Reception before or after school

