



RIVER ACADEMY

Student Bulletin

What's on next week?

Week 1

29 September – 3 October 2025

School timings:

Please be reminded of our school timings below:

Mon, Tues & Thurs		Wed		Fri	
09:10-9:30	Tutor	09:10-09:30	Tutor	09:10-10:05	Lesson 1
09:30-10:30	Lesson 1	09:30-10:30	Lesson 1	10:05-11:00	Lesson 2
10:30-10:50	Break	10:30-10:50	Break	11:00-11:20	Break
10:50-11:50	Lesson 2	10:50-11:50	Lesson 2	11:20-12:15	Lesson 3
11:50-12:50	Lesson 3	11:50-12:40	Lesson 3	12:15-13:05	Lunch
12:50-13:40	Lunch	12:50-13:30	Lunch	13:05-14:00	Lesson 4
13:40-14:35	Lesson 4	EARLY FINISH DUE TO OPEN EVEING		14:00-14:55	Lesson 5
14:35-15:35	Lesson 5			14:55-15:15	Celebration Assembly

Canteen Menu:



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WEEK TWO



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Course	Chicken Korma Rice & Naan Bread Carrots	Macaroni Cheese with Crispy Bacon Garlic Bread Salad	BBQ Chicken with Diced Potatoes and Vegetables	Tex Mex Beef Chilli Rice & Nachos Peas & Sweetcorn	Chip Shop Friday
Vegetarian	Quorn Korma Rice & Naan Bread Carrots	Macaroni Cheese Garlic Bread Salad	Creamy Vegetable Bake Roast Potatoes Broccoli	Quorn & Mixed Bean Chilli Rice & Nachos	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	Pear Crumble Custard	Jam Sponge & Custard	Chocolate Brownie Chocolate Sauce	Pancakes & Syrup	Ring 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.

Year 8 Book Club

Do you love to read and talk about books?

Come along to the Year 8 book club!

Where? 1.24 (Ms Myers' Year 7 classroom)

When? Thursdays from 3.40-4.30

Our first book will be *The Blue Book of Nebo* by Manon Steffan Ros.



Poetry Competition – open to Year 7 and 8!

Are you creative?

Do you love to write?

Do you want to be in with a chance to win some *amazing* prizes (including £250, the chance to have your work published and Apple Airpods)?

If you are interested in entering, get an entry pack from Ms Myers.

All submissions need to be handed in (handwritten) or emailed (typed) to Ms Myers by the 20th of October.



Fourbears Reading Challenge! Year 7 - 9

Choose minimum *FIVE* boxes to complete by *1st December*. Once you have completed this, pop into Fourbears Books to collect your prize!



PRIZE - a free ticket to a private event at Fourbears where we will be decorating Gingerbread Men with free hot chocolate!

If you purchase your books at Fourbears, we will provide a 10% discount



Read a book about a character from a different background	Read " <i>When We Were Lost</i> " by Kevin Wignall	Read your parents favourite book from when they were a teenager	Read " <i>The Martian</i> " (young edition) by Andy Weir
Read " <i>Skulduggery Pleasant</i> " by Derek Landy	Read a book recommended by a teacher	Read " <i>Eragon</i> " by Christopher Paolini	Read a book from a genre you have never read before
Read a book published this year	Read " <i>Murder on a School Night</i> " by Kate Weston	Read a classic book	Read " <i>A Box Full of Murders</i> " by Janice Hallett
Read " <i>Robin Hood</i> " by Robert Muchamore	Read a non-fiction book	Read " <i>Silent Sister</i> " by Megan Davidhizar	Read a book with a colour or food in the title



info@fourbearsbooks.uk



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Taking place this term:

Make sure you are signing up to these amazing **FREE** opportunities!



Description		Y7/Y8?	Date	Time
Climate Change workshop		Y7 ONLY	25/9/25	3.45-4.45pm
Introduction to Latin		Y8 ONLY	29/9/25	3.45-4.45pm
UKMT Group Challenge workshop (working in teams of 4 trying out Group Challenge sessions)		Y8 ONLY	14/10/25	3.45-4.30pm
Community Lecture: Why are there so many new apartments in Reading? Exploring the changing uses of town and city centres in the UK.		EVERYONE- including parents, carers, staff, students, members of our community.	06/11/25	4-5pm
Intro to sports analysis		Y8 ONLY	13/11/25	3.45-4.45pm
Community lecture: Jane Austen: how a Reading girl invented the modern novel		EVERYONE- including parents, carers, staff, students, members of our community.	27/11/25	4-5pm
Brains behind the brawn		Y7 ONLY	04/12/25	3.45-4.45pm

Speak to Miss Angell if you have any questions.

More details about each session will be shared in the bulletin.



School Clubs



Tuesday

Girls football - Tuesday 15.35-16.35.

Y8 badminton – 15.35-17.00. This is sign up only and is now full for this term.

Choir- 15.45-16.45 in room 0.62 and all are welcome.

Homework Club- 15.35-16.30 in the LRC.

Wednesday

Basketball – 08.00-08.45 every Wednesday morning and all are welcome.

Thursday

Touch rugby – 15.35-16.30 every Thursday after-school and all are welcome.

Homework Club- 15.35-16.30 in the LRC.

Year 8 Book Club- 15.40-16.30 in room 1.24.

Friday

Reading Rockets basketball - this is Y7 for this term and is fully signed up.

YEAR 8 MUSIC LEADERS APPLY NOW!



Are you passionate about music and ready to take the lead? We are looking for 10 enthusiastic Year 8 students to become Music Leaders.

REQUIREMENTS:

You should possess basic knowledge in one or more of the following areas

- Keyboard
- Singing
- Effective communication
- Leadership abilities

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Coordinate the practice room during keyboard club
- Support Year 7 during keyboard club
- Help organize musical performances as part of the committee

Application: (To be submitted to Mr. Abiola on or before 29/09/2025)

- Write a short paragraph explaining how you meet the requirements

*THIS IS A BRILLIANT OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP LEADERSHIP,
TEAMWORK, AND MUSICAL CONFIDENCE!*



RIVER CHOIR – Tuesday 15.40 – 16.10

Room 0.63 – All abilities of singing and beatboxing welcome

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presents “Christmas Celebration
Evening”

Whether you sing, dance, play an instrument as a soloist or in a group please come and join us in our musical extravaganza. All performances welcome!

Auditions on Thursday 2nd October @ 3.40pm in 0.62

Latin for Beginners

Monday 29th September 3:45pm-4:45pm, Room 1.66

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Silver
Programme

Interested in the history of the English language? Keen to make connections with other languages? Come along and learn about the language and culture of Caecilius and his Roman family in this Latin for Beginners' session!

Sign up required – outside 1.66

Free event!

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2. Metella est matris.



1. Caecilius est pater.



3. Quintus est filius.



5. Grammis est coquus.



4. Clamatus est servus.



6. Cerberus est canis.

Y8 ONLY



The front of Caecilius' house. The spaces on either side of the door were shops he probably owned.

Caecilius

Caecilius lived in Italy during the first century A.D. in the town of Pompeii. The town was situated at the foot of Mount Vesuvius on the coast of the Bay of Naples, and may have had a population of about 10,000. Caecilius was a rich Pompeian banker. When archaeologists excavated his house they discovered his accounts in a strong-box. These documents tell us that he was also an auctioneer, tax-collector, farmer and money-lender.

Speak to Mrs Clarke if you have any questions.

GIRLS FOOTBALL TRAINING

EVERY THURSDAY 1535-1630



BRING FOOTBALL BOOTS AND YOUR PE KIT!

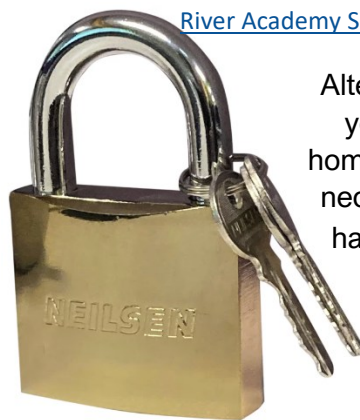
LEAGUE STARTS END OF SEPTEMBER

BOTH Y7 AND Y8 GIRLS WELCOME

Padlocks:

Anyone wanting a padlock for their lockers, please purchase one on Parentpay:

[River Academy Shop \(parentpay.com\)](http://parentpay.com)



Alternatively you can bring your own padlock from home as long as the padlock neck is 5mm—All students have an allocated locker!

TOUCH RUGBY TRAINING EVERY THURSDAY 1535-1630

LEAGUE BEGINS END OF SEPTEMBER

BRING FOOTBALL BOOTS AND PE KIT

ALL WELCOME!



Monthly Maths House Competition

Maths Problem of the Month – September 25

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

At 6 o'clock the Town Hall clock strikes 6 times. It takes 30 seconds from the first chime to the last.

How long will the clock take for 12 chimes?

Home Learning

Year 7: Sparx deadline reminder:

Sparx Maths, Sparx Reader and Sparx Science is set from Friday 19th September (deadline of 26th September) for year 7. Early completion merits (5 for each subject) will be given for compulsory Sparx homework completed by Tuesday mornings and an additional 5 merits will be awarded (per subject) for completing the extra work (XP in Maths etc) by Friday morning. Lots of merits to be earned!

If you do not complete your SparxMaths, SparxReader and SparxScience by Friday morning, you will be expected to remain behind after school on Friday in order to complete these compulsory homeworks.



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Sparx
Learning



This is a **secret** —AT THE END of your lesson next week with *Mx Bowler* say the **secret password** "**Ballon**" to get a **merit** for reading the student bulletin.



Achievements of the Week!

A huge well done to those students who achieved awards last week. They are living the River Values and their determination is inspiring!

Achievements of the Week
Friday 19th September

Attendance

7 Bridge	100%	8 Loddon	97.7%
7 Lambourn	100%	8 Kennet	97.4%

Top Merits

Year 7 Oyinkansola
Year 8 Saanvi M

Merits Leaderboard

	Year 7	Year 8
Thames	Charlie S	Saanvi
Kennet	Emmanuel	Alyssa J
Pang	Alakai	Theo
Loddon	Oyinkansola	Ethan T
Lambourn	Sofia	Rosalind
Avon	Elizabeth	Aneeqa
Bridge	Harrison	

Subject Roll of Honour

	Year 7	Year 8
Maths	William	Aryan G
English	Ariya	Saanvi M
Science	Milan	Feybian
History	Holmes	Adrianna
Geography	Archie	Alyssa J
RPE	Abdul	Natalie
Art	Thalia	Saanvi M
French	Vipul	Natalie
PE	Alicia	Kameron
Digital Literacy	Yaqub	Greyson

Values Awards

	Year 7	Year 8
Community	Akshith	Henry
Empathy	Edvard	Saad
Respect	Alakai	Shakira
Excellence	Elizabeth	Alyssa J
Determination	Aleema	Pranayaa

**WorkHardPlayHard*



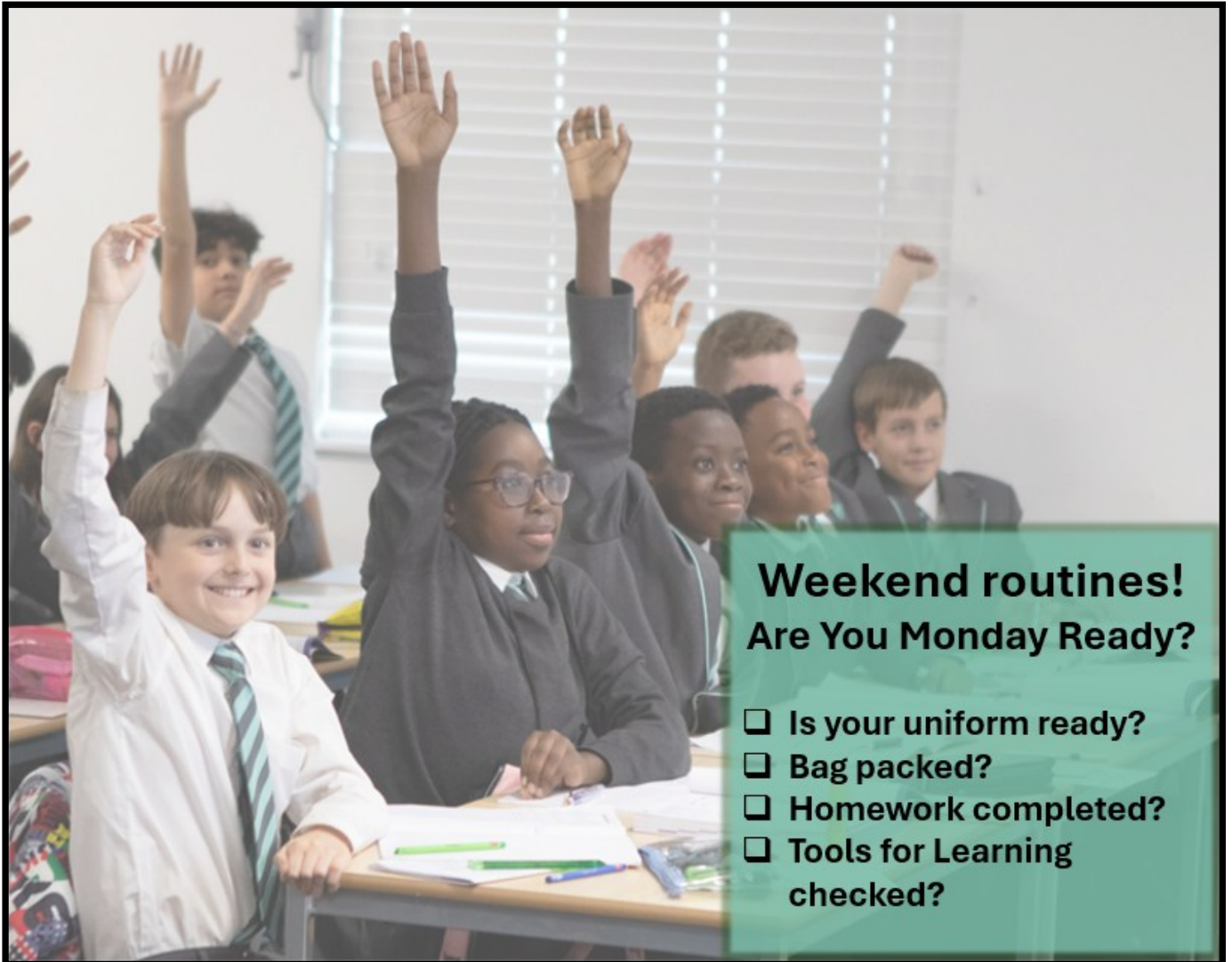
As well as that, our Year 8 students started the year as they mean to go on, with a top 3 spot for both Sparx Reader and Sparx Maths. Their first week of Sparx Science was phenomenal too! When we say 'top 3' we mean nation-, if not world-wide! What an achievement!

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98% Completion Rates

Sparx Reader:	97.3%	2 nd out of 922 schools
Sparx Maths:	98.3%	3 rd out of 2073 schools
Sparx Science:	98.4%	





Weekend routines! Are You Monday Ready?

- Is your uniform ready?
- Bag packed?
- Homework completed?
- Tools for Learning checked?

Sit like a **STAR** ★



Sit up tall



Track the speaker



Ask and answer questions



Respect those around you



Manners and Oracy At River Academy

STEPS

Polite and Respectful

- S Sir / Miss
- T Thank you
- E Excuse me
- P Please
- S Smile

SHAPE

Confident and Clear

- S Sentences
- H Hands
- A Articulate
- P Projection
- E Eyes

ABCQ

Formal and Extended

- A Add
- B Build
- C Contest
- Q Question

“It only takes one voice, at the right pitch,
to start an avalanche.”

Dianna Hardy



INTRODUCING

Mrs Ceesay Cover supervisor Attendance and Behaviour support

If you need to report an absence, please do so daily **by 8am** via the **Class Charts App**.

Add attached pictures here please.

If you are unable to log the absence on Class Charts, please send an email to:

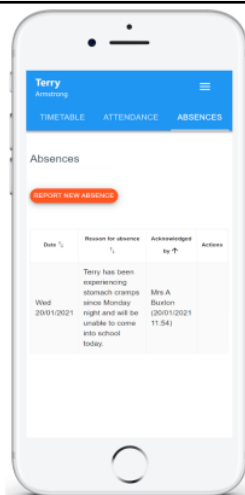
riverattendance@maidenerlegtrust.org



If your school has decided to allow parents to report absences, you will see the **Absences** tab when viewing pupils from that school.

Selecting this tab will display a list of **absences that you have reported**, once you have reported them. This includes **when** the absence took place, the **reason** for the absence and who **acknowledged** your absence report.

To report an absence, click on the **Report new absence** button.



Next, enter the details of the reported absence into the **form** provided.

You can also include up to 5 **files** in your absence report as **supporting evidence**. To do this, click on the **Attach supporting evidence** button and select the files of your choice.

Click on the **Submit** button to send your pupil's absence report to their school. The absence can be **edited** and **deleted** until it has been **acknowledged** by a teacher.

Date of absence
26/01/2021

Reason for absence
Terry missed the bus today.

Please report your child's absences as soon as possible

Attachments

+ ATTACH SUPPORTING EVIDENCE

You can upload a maximum of 5 attachments, each up to 250mb in size.

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