



RIVER ACADEMY

Student Bulletin

What's on next week?

Week 1

12th – 16th January 2026

School timings:

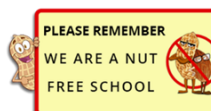
Please be reminded of our school timings below:

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	11:50-12:50	Lesson 3	12:15-13:05	Lunch
12:50-13:40	Lunch	12:50-13:40	Lunch	13:05-14:00	Lesson 4
13:40-14:35	Lesson 4	13:40-14:35	Lesson 4	14:00-14:55	Lesson 5
14:35-15:35	Lesson 5	14:35-15:35	Lesson 5	14:55-15:15	Celebration Assembly
		15:35-16:30	Elective		

Canteen Menu:



WEEK TWO



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Course	Chicken Korma Rice & Naan Bread Carrots	Macaroni Cheese with Crispy Bacon Garlic Bread Salad	Roast Chicken Thigh Roast Potatoes Yorkshire Pudding Broccoli	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.

Monthly Maths House Competition

December answer was 20 (1 baker decorates 1 cake in 5 minutes). Tricky, well done if you got it correct!

January problem:

Maths Problem of the Month – January 2026

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

Jonas looks through a book. In one place he multiplies the page numbers and gets the product 110. He turns back 2 pages and multiplies again. What product does he get then?

★ Mr. Mo's Morning Challenge ★



📖 It's Mastery Showcase Week – which means it's time for

🔥 Mr. Mo's Morning Challenge 🔥

📍 Find me in the canteen before 🕒 09:05

👏 Come over and say good morning

📚 Show me your preparation work

✅ This could include:

- 📝 100% page
- 📖 Notebook
- 📁 Flashcards
- + Any other clear evidence of preparation

🏆 Earn 1–3 merits based on the quality of your work!

👊 Start the day strong – I'm looking forward to seeing your preparation. Good luck!



Clubs this term!

BOYS FOOTBALL TRAINING

Boys Year 7 and 8 football training will be held after-school on the following dates:

- Thursday 27th November
- Tuesday 16th December
- Tuesday 6th January
- Thursday 8th January
- Tuesday 20th January
- Thursday 29th January
- Thursday 5th February
- Thursday 19th February
- Thursday 26th February

It will be held on the Rivermead 3G. Please bring in your PE kit, shin pads and football boots.

Year 7 5-a-side tournament @ JMA is on the 2nd December
 Year 8 5-a-side @ Denefield is on the 27th January

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS!
JOIN THE FUN!

TUESDAY
Netball & Badminton
 Sign Up Now!

WEDNESDAY MORNING
Basketball
 8:00am - 8:45am

FRIDAY MORNING
5-a-Side Football & Reading Rockets
 Sign Up Now!

BOYS FOOTBALL
Speak to Mr Clare!

BASKETBALL CLUB EVERY WEDNESDAY 0800-0845



YEAR 7 FIXTURES	YEAR 8 FIXTURES
18 TH NOVEMBER @ OAKBANK	25 TH NOVEMBER @ BOHUNT
9 TH DECEMBER @ BHF-A	4 TH DECEMBER @ BHF
18 TH DECEMBER @ DENEFIELD	11 TH DECEMBER @ THEALE
13 TH JANUARY @ BHF-B	15 TH JANUARY @ PROSPECT
27 TH JANUARY @ BOHUNT	22 ND JANUARY @ DENEFIELD
3 RD FEB @ LITTLE HEATH-A	12 TH FEB @ LITTLE HEATH

5-A-SIDE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT



EVERY FRIDAY
 0800-0845
 SPORTS HALL

STUDENTS NEED TO WEAR PE KIT TO SCHOOL, BUT BRING THEIR UNIFORM WITH THEM

NETBALL



YEAR 7 AND YEAR 8 GIRLS
EVERY TUESDAY
 3:30 - 4:30
 WITH MISS MOORE

Trials will be next Tuesday from then onwards it is squad training!

Kool Keyboards



*Want to learn the piano?
Come along to Kool
Keyboards where you can
learn your favourite
songs and have expert
advice to help you improve!*



*Open to all years
Thursday break times in 0.62*



**AXIOM
MATHS**

Realise your power.

Unlock your power by joining our weekly maths circles! Immerse yourself in a community of passionate peers, where you'll tackle interesting problems, learn new things and increase your love and confidence in maths.

*Year 7's
By invitation only
Room 1.65
Tuesday after school until
4.30pm*

**Well
Done!**

Certificate of appreciation

This certificate is awarded to

River Academy

For supporting Daisy's Dream with a
Non-School Uniform Day and raising
£772.30

Laura Lewis

Laura Lewis, CEO

Thank You



Daisy's Dream

Can all students please ensure that they turn off their mobiles before putting in the tray



Student Services expectations:

Any borrowed equipment will be an automatic BREAK TIME DETENTION

Any equipment borrowed and not returned will incur a cost.

There will no longer be a secret message in the bulletin. We don't just read the bulletin because we get a **MERIT** we do it because it's the **RIGHT** thing to do. Keep your eyes peeled agents.....





**RIVER
ACADEMY**

Held at: River Academy
7 Richfield Avenue
Reading
RG1 8EQ

Community Lectures

A new series of **FREE** public lectures
Open to all!



Join Dr Dan Renshaw for his second community lecture at River Academy. Dr Renshaw will explore our local Victorian History!

Dr Dan Renshaw
University of Reading

Lecture: *Berkshire in the nineteenth century- challenges and change*

How did the technological and social changes of the nineteenth century impact on the lives of people living in the county of Berkshire? In this talk we'll look at what life was like at the beginning of the century, and what had changed and what had stayed the same by the outbreak of the First World War in 1914, both in expanding industrial centres such as Reading and in the Berkshire countryside.

Free termly academic lectures for the school and wider community

No need to register - everyone welcome!

The chance to meet academics and ask questions!



Tuesday 20th January
4-5pm
Arrive by 3.45pm



University of Reading

Introduction to the Linguistics Olympiad

Tues 13th Jan/after school/Room 1-66

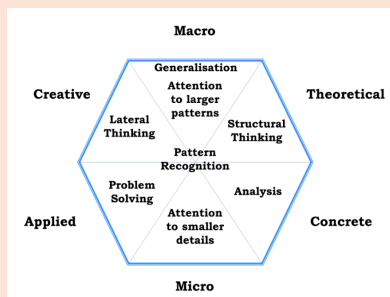
RIVER ACADEMY

Silver

Programme

A taster session for the Linguistics Olympiad – a brilliant language analysis competition between schools which develops all of the skills shown on the right. Zero knowledge of any language required!

Free event!



**WHO IS IT FOR?
Y7 & Y8**



Sign up required – outside
1-66



Speak to Mr Fasham if you have any questions.

Fixture dates:

U12 Basketball		
Date	Opposition	Venue
13 th January	BHF-B	River
27 th January	Bohunt	Bohunt
3 rd Feb	Little Heath-A	Little Heath

U14 Basketball		
Date	Opposition	Venue
15 th January	Prospect	River
20 th January	BHF	River
22 nd January	Denefield	River
12 th Feb	Little Heath	Little Heath

U12 Boys Football		
Date	Opposition	Venue
3 rd March	Denefield/Highdown	Denefield
10 th March	Wren/Willink	Wren
17 th March	BHF/Little Heath	River
24 th March	Prospect/Theale	Prospect
14 th April	Finals/TBC	TBC

U13 Boys Football		
Date	Opposition	Venue
5 th March	Denefield/Highdown	River
12 th March	Willink/Wren	Willink
19 th March	Little Heath/BHF	Little Heath
26 th March	Prospect/Theale	River
16 th April	Semi's	TBC

U12 girls netball		
Date	Opposition	Venue
26 th February	BHF and Highdown	River
5 th March	Prospect and Little Heath	River
12 th March	MER and Kendrick	River
19 th March	Reading Girls	River
26 th March	Finals	TBC

U13 girls netball		
Date	Opposition	Venue
25 th February	Reading Girls, Highdown	River
4 th March	Kendrick, Little Heath	River
11 th March	Denefield, Wren	River
18 th March	Prospect, BHF	River
25 th March	Finals	TBC

Year 7 and 8 Athletics		
Tuesday 9th June	GIRLS MATCH 1	4.15 - 5.45 pm
Thursday 11th June	BOYS MATCH 1	4.15 - 5.45 pm
Tuesday 16th June	GIRLS MATCH 2	4.15 - 5.45 pm
Thursday 18th June	BOYS MATCH 2	4.15 - 5.45 pm
Tuesday 23rd June	GIRLS MATCH 3	4.15 - 5.45 pm
Thursday 25th June	BOYS MATCH 3	4.15 - 5.45 pm
Tuesday 30th June	GIRLS & BOYS FINAL (all Teams)	2.00 - 6.00 pm



REPORTING ABSENCES

If you need to report an absence, please do so **daily by 8:00 a.m.** via the **Class Charts App**.

If you are unable to log the absence on Class Charts, please send an email to riverattendance@maidenerleghtrust.org.

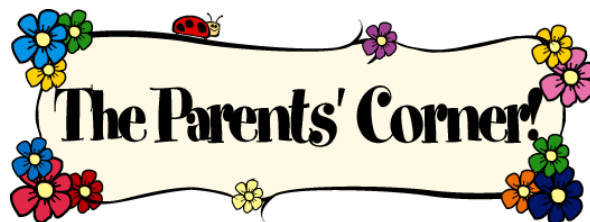
For any attendance-related matters, please contact us at riverattendance@maidenerleghtrust.org, rather than river@maidenerleghtrust.org

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

If you need to book a medical appointment for your child, please try to arrange it **outside of school hours** whenever possible. If this isn't possible, aim to book appointments **early in the morning** or **towards the end of the school day**. This helps ensure students miss as few lessons as possible.

If your child is unwell, please refer to the **NHS guidance** when deciding whether to keep them at home: [Is my child too ill for school? – NHS](#)

If your child has an appointment during the school day, please bring them to school before or after the appointment -even if it is just for one period. Every single period counts, as each lesson missed is valuable learning time lost.



Common Illnesses and What to Do

Condition	Should They Stay Home?	When Can They Go Back?
Chickenpox	Yes	When spots have crusted
Cold sores	No	Can attend – avoid sharing cups, kissing
Conjunctivitis	Usually no	Unless very unwell
COVID-19	If mild, can go	Stay home if fever or too unwell; if positive, stay home 3 days
Ear infection	Yes, if fever/severe pain	When feeling better
Hand, foot & mouth disease	No, if feeling well	Can attend
Head lice/nits	No	Can attend after treatment starts
Impetigo	Yes	Until sores crusted/healed, or 48 hrs after antibiotics
Measles	Yes	4 days after rash appears
Ringworm	No	Once treatment starts
Scarlet fever	Yes	24 hrs after antibiotics
Slapped cheek (fifth disease)	No	Once rash appears, they're no longer infectious
Sore throat	No, unless fever	Return when fever gone
Threadworms	No	Can attend after treatment
Vomiting/diarrhoea	Yes	Stay home 48 hrs after last episode/ You may bring them back to school once you feel they have fully recovered.