



RIVER ACADEMY

## Student Bulletin

### What's on next week?

### Week 2

# 19th–23rd 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:



## RIVER ACADEMY

WEEK THREE



|                            | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday                                      | Thursday   | Friday   |
|----------------------------|---|--|--|--|--|
| <b>Main Course</b>         | Sweet n Sour Chicken Balls<br>Steamed Rice<br>Stir Fry Vegetables | Cheeseburger with Wedges and sweetcorn                   | Chicken Fajita Wrap Salad                      | Beef Lasagne<br>Garlic Bread                     | Chip Shop Friday                               |
| <b>Vegetarian</b>          | Sweet & Sour Quorn<br>Steamed Rice<br>Stir Fry Vegetables         | Spicy Bean Burger in a Bun<br>Potato Wedges<br>Sweetcorn | Vegetable & Bean Fajita wrap Salad             | Roasted Vegetable & Feta Lasagne<br>Garlic Bread | Vegetable & Cheese Bake                        |
| <b>Jackets</b>             | Jacket Potato<br>Cheese/Tuna/Baked Beans/Salad                    | Jacket Potato<br>Cheese/Tuna/Baked Beans/Salad           | Jacket Potato<br>Cheese/Tuna/Baked Beans/Salad | Jacket Potato<br>Cheese/Tuna/Baked Beans/Salad   | Jacket Potato<br>Cheese/Tuna/Baked Beans/Salad |
| <b>Dessert of the Day</b>  | Apple & Cinnamon Crumble<br>Custard                               | Syrup Sponge<br>Custard                                  | Chocolate Brownie<br>Chocolate Sauce           | Chocolate Chip<br>Sponge Custard                 | Ice Cream Pot                                  |
| <b>Dessert Alternative</b> | 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.

# Clubs this term!

## BOYS FOOTBALL TRAINING

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

- Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER @ OAKBANK   | 25 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER @ BOHUNT   |
| 9 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER @ BHF-A      | 4 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER @ BHF       |
| 18 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER @ DENEFIELD | 11 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER @ THEALE   |
| 13 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY @ BHF-B      | 15 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY @ PROSPECT  |
| 27 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY @ BOHUNT     | 22 <sup>ND</sup> JANUARY @ DENEFIELD |
| 3 <sup>RD</sup> FEB @ LITTLE HEATH-A  | 12 <sup>TH</sup> 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!



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.



RIVER ACADEMY

Sparx Reader

Sparx Maths

Sparx Science

**Double, DOUBLE GOLD!**

Sparx Reader: 100% 1st out of 1033 schools  
Sparx Maths: 100% 1st out of 2430 schools  
Sparx Science: 99.5%

Two gold stars are positioned in the center of the banner, overlapping the text.



**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 20<sup>th</sup> January**  
**4-5pm**  
Arrive by 3.45pm



**University of Reading**

# Holocaust Memorial Day

Webinar Event – 3:45-4:45pm, Tuesday 27th January



RIVER ACADEMY

Silver

Programme

## When is Holocaust Memorial Day?

International Holocaust Memorial Day is commemorated on 27 January every year, and this year it falls on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January**.



We're marking  
Holocaust Memorial Day

**#HolocaustMemorialDay**  
**27 January**



HOLOCAUST  
MEMORIAL  
DAY 27/1

**Free event!**

This is a chance to learn more about the **History of the Holocaust** and hear from **conflict survivors!**

Speak to Miss Angell if you have any questions.

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

# Taking place this term:

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



Silver Programme

| Description                                 |  | Y7/Y8?  | Date     | Time        |
|---|--|---|----------|-------------|
| Italian for Beginners                       |  | Y7 ONLY   | 8/1/26   | 3.45-4.30pm |
| Linguistics Olympiad                        |  | Y7 & Y8   | 13/1/26  | 3.45-4.30pm |
| Community Lecture: Victorian Reading        |  | EVERYONE- including parents, carers, staff, students, members of our community. | 20/1/26  | 4-5pm       |
| Holocaust Memorial Day Commemoration        |  | Y7 & Y8   | 27/1/26  | 3.40-4.45pm |
| Classics for All Day (invite only)          |  | Y8 ONLY (invite only)   | 29/1/26  | All Day     |
| How Does Mythology Impact Our Modern World? |  | Y7 & Y8   | 3/2/26   | 3.45-4.30pm |
| Community Lecture: Planetary Defence        |  | EVERYONE- including parents, carers, staff, students, members of our community. | 10/2/26  | 4-5pm       |
| Villains- why do we love them so much?      |  | Y7 ONLY   | 2/3/26   | 3.45-4.30pm |
| Maths Challenge Preparation                 |  | Y7 ONLY   | 19/3/26  | 3.45-4.30pm |
| Science Masterclass: Heart dissections      |  | Y8 ONLY   | 19/3/26  | 3.45-4.30pm |
| What did the Romans do for fun?             |  | Y7 ONLY   | DATE TBC | 3.45-4.30pm |

Speak to Miss Angell if you have any questions.

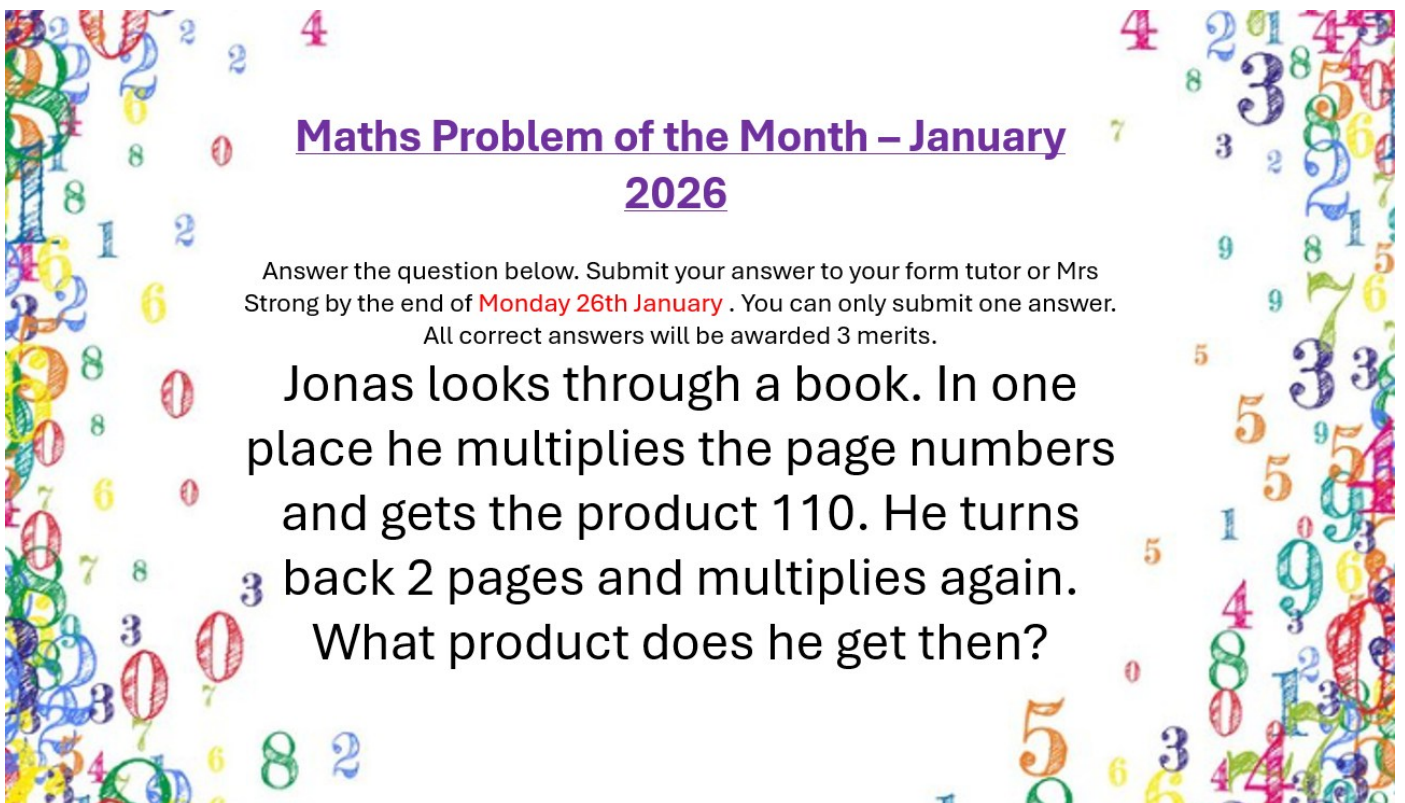
More details about each session will be shared in the bulletin.

## Monthly Maths House Competition

### 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?



## Fixture dates:

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

| U14 Basketball           |              |              |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Date                     | Opposition   | Venue        |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> January | Prospect     | River        |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> January | BHF          | River        |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> January | Denefield    | River        |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb     | Little Heath | Little Heath |

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

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

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

| U13 girls netball         |                         |       |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------|
| Date                      | Opposition              | Venue |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> February | Reading Girls, Highdown | River |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> March     | Kendrick, Little Heath  | River |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> March    | Denefield, Wren         | River |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> March    | Prospect, BHF           | River |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:riverattendance@maidenerleghtrust.org).

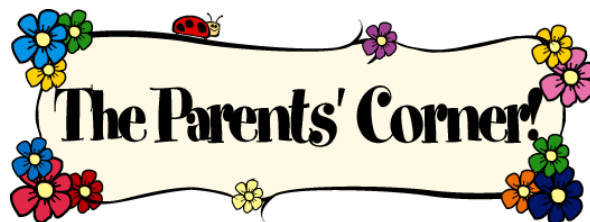
For any attendance-related matters, please contact us at [riverattendance@maidenerleghtrust.org](mailto:riverattendance@maidenerleghtrust.org), rather than [river@maidenerleghtrust.org](mailto:river@maidenerleghtrust.org)

## **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. |