



RIVER ACADEMY

Student Bulletin

What's on next week?

HALF TERM!

Return 23rd–27 February 2026

Week 1

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:



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WEEK ONE



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Course	Pasta Bolognaise Garlic Bread Broccoli	Chicken Teriyaki Noodles Mixed Vegetables	Chicken Burger in a Bun Potato Wedges Sweetcorn	Pork Sausage Creamy Mash Carrots Gravy	Chip Shop Friday
Vegetarian	Pasta with a Tomato & Basil Sauce Garlic Bread Broccoli	Quorn & Vegetable Teriyaki Noodles Mixed Vegetables	Vegi Burger in a Bun Potato Wedges Sweetcorn	Quorn Sausage & Mash Carrots Gravy	Cheese & Onion Pastie
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 & Raspberry Crumble Custard	Iced Sponge	Chocolate Brownie Chocolate Sauce	Jam Sponge Custard	Jam 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.



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Upcoming Fixtures

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

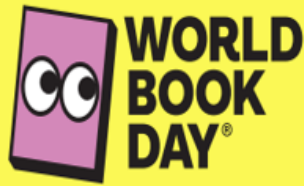
U13 Boys Football		
Date	Opposition	Venue
5 th March	Denefield/Highdown	River
12 th March	Willink/Wren	Willink
19 th March	Little Heath/BHF	Little Heath
26 th March	Prospect/Theale	River
16 th April	Semi's	TBC

U12 Netball		
Date	Opposition	Venue
Thursday 26 th Feb	Highdown and BHF	River
Thursday 5 th March	Prospect, Little Heath, MER	River
Thursday 12 th March	MER, DF and Kendrick	River
Thursday 19 th March	Reading Girls	River
Thursday 26 th March	Finals	TBC

U13 Netball		
Date	Opposition	Venue
Wednesday 25 th February	Reading Girls, Highdown	River
Wednesday 4 th March	Kendrick and Little Heath	River
Wednesday 11 th March	Denefield and Wren	River
Wednesday 18 th March	Prospect and BHF	River



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We're celebrating World Book Day & you're invited!

Keep your eyes peeled for more information about how we will be celebrating World Book Day 2026 and about this year's scholastic book fair!



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.



Sparx
Reader



Sparx
Maths



Sparx
Science

Year 8s took...

TRIPLE GOLD!



Sparx Reader: 100% 1st out of 1059 schools
Sparx Maths: 100% 1st out of 2606 schools
Sparx Science: 99.0%

Monthly Maths House Competition

Answer for January was 42. You start at pages 10 and 11. Turn back TWO pages takes you to pages 6 and 7 (think about how a real book pages turn!).

Maths Problem of the Month – February 2026

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

**A beefburger with onion costs 60p.
The beefburger costs 50p more than
the onion.**

How much is the onion?



MR. MO'S



MORNING CHALLENGE!



When?

Every school morning



Time:

Before **9:05am**



Where?

The Canteen

YOUR CHALLENGE:

1. Come to the canteen **BEFORE 9:05am**
2. Say "**Good Morning, Mr. Mo!**"
3. Share something you did during the **HALF TERM HOLIDAY**



YOUR REWARD:

★ Earn a **MERIT** for taking part!

It could be anything!

-  Did you travel somewhere?
-  Try something new?
-  Read a book?
-  Play sports?
-  Help at home?



I can't wait to hear your stories!

★ Start your morning the positive way — see you there! ★★



BRITISH YOUNG PILOTS - EVENING FLYING CLUB

HOSTED AT RIVER ACADEMY






BRITISH YOUNG PILOTS ARE DELIGHTED TO BE RUNNING AN EVENING FLYING CLUB HOSTED AT RIVER ACADEMY, GIVING STUDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE AVIATION THROUGH A MIX OF THEORY, FLIGHT SIMULATION AND HANDS-ON LEARNING.

THE CLUB IS FULLY RUN BY BRITISH YOUNG PILOTS INSTRUCTORS AND HOSTED ON THE SCHOOL SITE.

SESSION DETAILS

-  LOCATION: RIVER ACADEMY
-  DAY: MONDAYS
-  START DATE: 9TH OF MARCH
-  TIME: 6:00 - 7:15PM - 10 TO 13 YEAR OLDS
7:30 - 8:45PM - 14 TO 17 YEAR OLDS
-  RUNS WEEKLY FOR 10 WEEKS, DURING TERM TIME

WHAT STUDENTS WILL DO

-  WEEKLY EVENING SESSIONS LED BY A BYP INSTRUCTOR
-  HALF THEORY-BASED LEARNING, HALF PRACTICAL FLYING ON FLIGHT SIMULATORS
-  LEARN THE FOUNDATIONS OF AVIATION, NAVIGATION AND FLIGHT
-  A CLEAR PATHWAY FOR STUDENTS INTERESTED IN AVIATION AND PILOT TRAINING
-  OPTIONAL REAL-WORLD FLYING EXPERIENCES ARE AVAILABLE OUTSIDE OF CLUB TIME

[LEARN MORE AND SIGN UP HERE!](#)

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RESPECT

CAVERSHAM AFC UNDER 13'S

Caversham AFC U13's are recruiting

Details

We are Looking for players born between
1/09/12- 31/08/13
(Current Year 8)

Reliable, Hard-working, Team-oriented
Experienced in competitive football
(School or Club)



How to Join



Interested players are invited to our
Wednesday training sessions!
(Every Wednesday @ 6:00pm at
Highdown School)

To book your spot or for more
information, please contact us at:

Cavershamafc2017@outlook.com

Come and join the CAFC Titans Team!

Any positions are welcome!
(Goalkeepers, Attackers, Midfielders and Defenders)



League

East Berks
Football Alliance
(Div 2/3)

Training

Wednesday
6:00 PM
Highdown School

Match Day

Saturday Mornings
Clayfield Copse
RG4 6AA

Are you the missing piece???

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
 18TH NOVEMBER @ OAKBANK
 9TH DECEMBER @ BHF-A
 18TH DECEMBER @ DENEFIELD
 13TH JANUARY @ BHF-B
 27TH JANUARY @ BOHUNT
 3RD FEB @ LITTLE HEATH-A

YEAR 8 FIXTURES
 25TH NOVEMBER @ BOHUNT
 4TH DECEMBER @ BHF
 11TH DECEMBER @ THEALE
 15TH JANUARY @ PROSPECT
 22ND JANUARY @ DENEFIELD
 12TH 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**

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.

Realise your power.

Year 7's

By invitation only

Room 1.65

Tuesday after school until

4.30pm

code: student20

Applicable for 1-Hour & 2-Hour Open Bounce, Tots and SEN Sessions

**20%
OFF**

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www.TheBouncePark.com/Reading





Young Artists' Summer Show

Interested in getting your artwork selected and displayed at the Royal Academy of Arts?

Young Artists' Summer Show 2026 is now open for entries!

This is a **FREE** opportunity for anyone to enter. You can enter this independently or collaborate with your friends! The winner gets a prize!

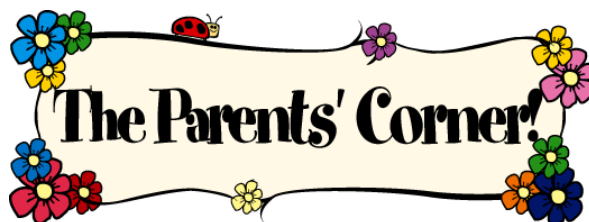
If you are interested or wish to know more about the details, please speak to Miss Chow. You will be given a permission form to sign and guidance sheet for artwork submission.

The deadline for student submission is on the 23th of February, please ensure that you submit your work early before this date so your work can be scanned or photographed before submitting.

If you wish to submit a video, please make sure to upload it to YouTube or Vimeo first. Please be cautious if the music you use is copyrighted.

You must submit **ONE** artwork that is titled, an 80 words artist description or statement in your own words, and the type of materials or mediums you are using. The artwork itself should not exceed 300cm height x 90cm width.

Looking forward to seeing all your lovely artwork!



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@maidenerlegustrust.org.

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



Getting your child to school really matters..... Did you know?.....

If in a school year your child is late every day by.....	Your child would have lost approximately.....	Or they would have missed approximately
5 minutes	3 days from school	20 lessons
10 minutes	7 days from school	41 lessons
15 minutes	10 days from school	55 lessons
20 minutes	14.5 days from school	82 lessons
30 minutes	22 days from school	123 lessons

Absence = Missed opportunity



Getting your child to school really matters..... Did you know?.....

If Your child's attendance during the school year....	Your child would lose approximately.....	Or they would have missed opportunity
<u>Was</u> 95%	9 days from school	50 lessons
<u>Was</u> 90%	19 days from school	100 lessons
Was 85%	29 days from school	150 lessons
Was 80%	38 days from school	200 lessons
Was 75%	48 days from school	250 lessons

Absence = lost opportunity