



RIVER ACADEMY

## Student Bulletin

What's on next week?  
2 March – 6 March 2026  
Week 2

### 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
<b>Main Course</b>	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
<b>Vegetarian</b>	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
<b>Jackets</b>	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
<b>Dessert of the Day</b>	Pear Crumble Custard	Jam Sponge & Custard	Chocolate Brownie Chocolate Sauce	Pancakes & Syrup	Ring Donuts
<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.

## Monthly Maths House Competition

February Maths problem, answer was 5p. If your burger is 50p MORE than your onion and BOTH added together are 60p, then the onion CANNOT be 10p, because 50p MORE than 10p IS 60p, and then added together this would be 70p. That was a tricky one for February. Well done if you got it correct.

### Maths Problem of the Month – March 2026

Answer the question below. Submit your answer to your form tutor or Mrs Strong by the end of **Wednesday 25th March**. You can only submit one answer. All correct answers will be awarded 3 merits.

A snail wanted to climb up a 10m high flagpole. Each day it climbed 2m, but then slid down 1m each night. It started on Monday morning. When did it reach the top?

w/c Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

FIRST UP!



**RIVER**

**LUNCHTIME**

**MONDAY**

**Pang/Loddon**

**TUESDAY**

**Lambourn/Avon**

**WEDNESDAY**

**Thames/Kennet**

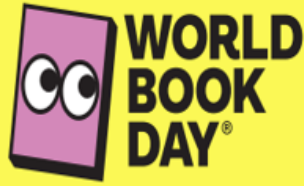
**THURSDAY**

**Pang/Loddon**

**FRIDAY**

**Lambourn/Avon**





# 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.

# THE EARLY BIRD



**#DETERMINATION**

**Tuesday, Wednesday and  
Friday mornings**

**8:30-9:00am  
In the LRC**



# CHAMPION'S HOUR



**#EXCELLENCE**

**Every Tuesday and Thursday  
3:35-4:30pm**

**In the LRC**



**Sparx Learning**



**RIVER  
ACADEMY**



**Sparx  
Reader**

**Sparx  
Maths**

**Sparx  
Science**

## **Sparx Success Continues**

**Sparx Reader: 99.4% 2nd out of 1063 schools**

**Sparx Maths: 100% 1st out of 2607 schools**

**Sparx Science: 99.5%**

## **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*



MAIDEN ERLEGH  
TRUST

# CAREERS FAIR 2026

05 March | 6pm - 8pm

Please visit our website for up to date information  
about exhibitors

[www.maidenerleghtrust.org](http://www.maidenerleghtrust.org)



VENUE

**Maiden Erlegh School**  
Silverdale Road, Earley, RG6 7HS



[www.maidenerleghtrust.org](http://www.maidenerleghtrust.org)



0118 926 2467



[metcareersfair@maidenerleghtrust.org](mailto:metcareersfair@maidenerleghtrust.org)

# 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**



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## Upcoming Fixtures

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

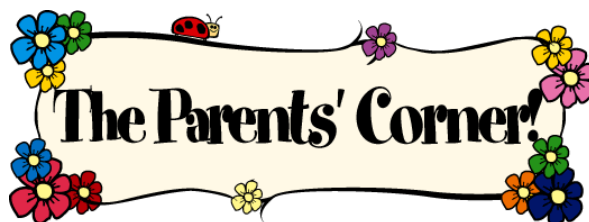
U13 Boys Football		
Date	Opposition	Venue
5 <sup>th</sup> March	Denefield/Highdown	River
12 <sup>th</sup> March	Willink/Wren	Willink
19 <sup>th</sup> March	Little Heath/BHF	Little Heath
26 <sup>th</sup> March	Prospect/Theale	River
16 <sup>th</sup> April	Semi's	TBC

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

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



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## **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@maidenerlegitrust.org](mailto:riverattendance@maidenerlegitrust.org).

For any attendance-related matters, please contact us at [riverattendance@maidenerlegitrust.org](mailto:riverattendance@maidenerlegitrust.org), rather than [river@maidenerlegitrust.org](mailto:river@maidenerlegitrust.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?
<b>Chickenpox</b>	Yes	When spots have crusted
<b>Cold sores</b>	No	Can attend – avoid sharing cups, kissing
<b>Conjunctivitis</b>	Usually no	Unless very unwell
<b>COVID-19</b>	If mild, can go	Stay home if fever or too unwell; if positive, stay home 3 days
<b>Ear infection</b>	Yes, if fever/severe pain	When feeling better
<b>Hand, foot &amp; mouth disease</b>	No, if feeling well	Can attend
<b>Head lice/nits</b>	No	Can attend after treatment starts
<b>Impetigo</b>	Yes	Until sores crusted/healed, or 48 hrs after antibiotics
<b>Measles</b>	Yes	4 days after rash appears
<b>Ringworm</b>	No	Once treatment starts
<b>Scarlet fever</b>	Yes	24 hrs after antibiotics
<b>Slapped cheek (fifth disease)</b>	No	Once rash appears, they're no longer infectious
<b>Sore throat</b>	No, unless fever	Return when fever gone
<b>Threadworms</b>	No	Can attend after treatment
<b>Vomiting/diarrhoea</b>	Yes	Stay home 48 hrs after last episode/ You may bring them back to school once you feel they have fully recovered.



Information for Parents/ Carers

**NHS**

Berkshire Healthcare  
NHS Foundation Trust

# Outbreak of Measles Virus



**There has been 130 confirmed cases of measles in the UK since the beginning of January 2026. The outbreaks are occurring in areas where the number of children not vaccinated against measles is high. If your child has not received two doses of the MMR vaccine, they will be vulnerable should they encounter the Measles Virus.**

**If your child has not had the MMR vaccination, please contact the School Aged Immunisation Team, who can support with them receiving it, alternatively contact your GP Surgery.**

**@ westschoolimms@berkshire.nhs.uk**



**Scan me**



**0300 365 0077 (Mon to Fri 9am – 4pm)**

**Please contact the Service for a BK code when filling out the consent form in scan me**



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