



RIVER ACADEMY

## Student Bulletin

What's on next week?

16 March – 20 March 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
<b>Main Course</b>	Pasta Bolognese 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
<b>Vegetarian</b>	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
<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>	Apple & Raspberry Crumble Custard	Iced Sponge	Chocolate Brownie Chocolate Sauce	Jam Sponge Custard	Jam 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.

# PIZZA FRIDAY IS BACK!!!



FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

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## The 12 days of Egg-cellence

<p>Thurs 12<sup>th</sup></p> <p>10 highest Reader SRP in March!</p> <p>10 merits</p>	<p>Fri 13<sup>th</sup></p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Tutor Grp to finish Sparx</p> <p>Egg Hunt</p>	<p>Mon 16<sup>th</sup></p> <p>Best Invictus Recital</p> <p>Badminton</p>	<p>Tues 17<sup>th</sup></p> <p>Tutor Grp with fewest demerits in March</p> <p>Breaktime MUGA</p>
<p>Wed 18<sup>th</sup></p> <p>Best Line Ups!</p> <p>Shirt Sleeve Order</p>	<p>Thurs 19<sup>th</sup></p> <p>River Canon Bronze Completion</p> <p>Hot Choc in LRC</p>	<p>Fri 20<sup>th</sup></p> <p>Tutor Grp with highest average Science XP</p> <p>Cookies</p>	<p>Mon 23<sup>rd</sup></p> <p>TutGrp Highest Attendance</p> <p>Benchball</p>
<p>Tues 24<sup>th</sup></p> <p>Yr8 Tutor Grp with highest Bacc Score</p> <p>Movie Lesson</p>	<p>Wed 25<sup>th</sup></p> <p>Greatest extra-curricular attendees</p> <p>All day PE Kit</p>	<p>Thurs 26<sup>th</sup></p> <p>100% attendance in March</p> <p>Easter Eggs</p>	<p>Fri 27<sup>th</sup></p> <p>Tutor Grp Top Merits in March</p> <p>Extended Lunch</p>

EVERY DAY

Top 3 Merits in the Year Group:  
Queue Jump + bring a friend

## 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?

**LINGUISTICS CLUB**  
1.66 with Mr Fasham  
Friday after school

An informal look at the world of languages and the Linguistics Olympiad

The background features a collage of 'Thank you' phrases in various languages: Paldies, Maururu koe, Teşekkür ederim, Dankon, Kiitos, Ďakujem, Дзякуй, Köszönöm, Faleminderit, பاككا þer fyrir, Hvald, शक्रा, 谢谢, ขอบคุณ, Mulțumesc, Спасибо, Obri, Thank you, and Merci. Below the text are illustrations of many diverse hands raised in the air.



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ANNOUNCES THEIR  
FIRST SCHOOL MUSICAL

# Wizard of OZ



Join us for an enchanting evening  
sure to be worth attending.

**March 23, 2026** | Show starts at 5:30 PM

*River Academy's first-ever musical production!*

# 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 Reader



Sparx Maths



Sparx Science

## TRIPLE GOLD!



Sparx Reader: 99.7% 1st out of 1091 schools

Sparx Maths: 99.7% 1st out of 2634 schools

Sparx Science: 100%

## 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*

# 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



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|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>YEAR 7 FIXTURES</b>                | <b>YEAR 8 FIXTURES</b>               |
| 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

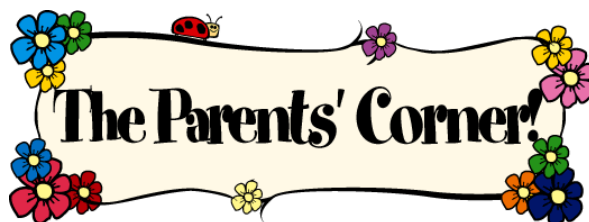
U13 Boys Football		
Date	Opposition	Venue
5 <sup>th</sup> March	Denefield/Highdown	River
12 <sup>th</sup> March	Willink/Wren	Willink
19 <sup>th</sup> March	Little Heath/BHF	Little Heath
26 <sup>th</sup> March	Prospect/Theale	River
16 <sup>th</sup> April	Semi's	TBC

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@maidenerlegustrust.org](mailto:riverattendance@maidenerlegustrust.org).

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



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