



RIVER ACADEMY

Student Bulletin

What's on next week?

16 March – 20 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
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

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, þakka þer fyrir, Hvald, ॐ, शुक्रा, 谢谢, ขอบคุณ, Mulțumesc, Спасибо, Obri, Thank you, and Merci. Below the text are illustrations of many diverse hands raised in the air.

Upcoming School Show- The Wizard of Oz

We are delighted to invite you to our upcoming school production of *The Wizard of Oz*, taking place on **Monday 23rd** in the **Main Hall**. Doors will open at **5:30pm**, with the performance beginning promptly at **6:00pm**. Our students have been working incredibly hard, and we look forward to sharing this wonderful show with you. Thank you for your continued support.



RIVER ACADEMY
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!



**RIVER
ACADEMY**

The 12 days of Egg-cellence

Thurs 12th

10 highest
Reader
SRP in March!

10 merits

Fri 13th

1st Tutor Grp
to finish Sparx

Egg Hunt

Mon 16th

Best Invictus
Recital

Badminton

Tues 17th

Tutor Grp with
fewest demerits
in March

Breaktime MUGA

Wed 18th

Best
Line Ups!

Shirt Sleeve Order

Thurs 19th

River Canon
Bronze
Completion

Hot Choc in LRC

Fri 20th

Tutor Grp with
highest average
Science XP

Cookies

Mon 23rd

TutGrp
Highest
Attendance

Benchball

Tues 24th

Yr8 Tutor Grp
with highest
Bacc Score

Movie Lesson

Wed 25th

Greatest
extra-curricular
attendees

All day PE Kit

Thurs 26th

100%
attendance
in March

Easter Eggs

Fri 27th

Tutor Grp
Top Merits
in March

Extended Lunch

EVERY DAY

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



Student Services: Lost Property Announcement

All lost property will be displayed **outside the canteen** from Wednesday next week.

Please take a look and collect anything that is yours!

Anything not collected will be given to charity and/or recycled!



w/c Monday 23th March

FIRST UP!



RIVER LUNCHTIME

MONDAY	Pang/Loddon
TUESDAY	Lambourn/Avon
WEDNESDAY	Thames/Kennet
THURSDAY	Pang/Loddon
FRIDAY	Lambourn/Avon



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



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Sparx Reader

Sparx Maths

Sparx Science



Sparx Reader: 99.2% 2nd out of 1108 schools
Sparx Maths: 100% 1st out of 2596 schools
Sparx Science: 99.7%

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*



ELECTIVE CHOICES — COME AND CHAT!



Students, I'd love to hear about your **elective choices** and, most importantly, **why** you've chosen them!

Please come and find me in the **CANTEEN BEFORE 9:05AM**

to share your thoughts!
Let's reflect on your decisions and talk them through!

BONUS!

You'll earn a **MERIT** for taking the time to do this!



Looking forward to hearing your ideas!



VISIT ME!



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

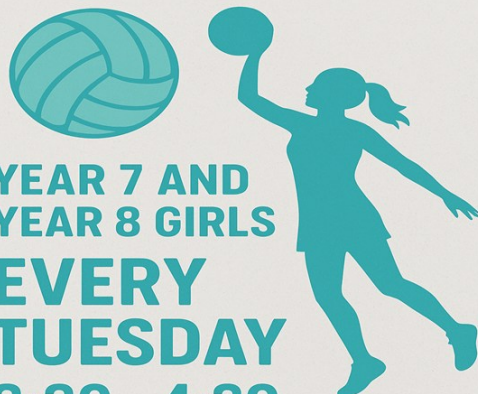
5-A-SIDE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT



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



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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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Please see the link here which provides the latest guidance from UKHSA regarding the recent meningitis outbreak:

[Meningitis B outbreak: what you need to know – UK Health Security Agency](#)



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.



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