



RIVER ACADEMY

## Student Bulletin

What's on next week?  
27 April – 1st May 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:



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.



# WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK



W/c Monday 27th April

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Before School		8:30 The Early Bird	8:30 The Early Bird		8:00 5-a-side Football 8:30 The Early Bird
During School			UKMT Maths Challenge!	Break - Kool Keyboards	Year 7 Celebration Assembly
After School	Rowing Club	Champions' Hour Choir Yr7 Axiom Maths Badminton	Electives	Champions' Hour Athletics Club River Young Business Club - invitation only Silver Programme: The History of Board Games	Linguistics Club Reading Rockets



RIVER ACADEMY



Sparx Reader

Sparx Maths

Sparx Science



## Sparx Success!

Sparx Reader: 98.6% 1st out of 1143 schools

Sparx Maths: 98.9% 1st out of 2151 schools

Sparx Science: 99.5%

# Taking place this term:

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



Silver Programme

Description		Y7/Y8?	Date	Time
Visiting Author		Y7 & Y8	21/4/26	3.45-4.30pm
Beneath the Magic: The Dark World of Fairytales		Y7 & Y8	23/4/26	3.45-4.30pm
History of Board Games		Y7	30/4/26	3.45-4.30pm
Portuguese Poetry		Y7 & Y8	5/5/26	3.45-4.30pm
Manjeet Mann & the British Library celebrate National Poetry Day		Y7 & Y8	8/6/26	3.45-4.30pm
World Ocean Day		Y7 & Y8	11/6/26	3.45-4.30pm
Why do we hate wasps?		Y7 & Y8	2/7/26	3.45-4.30pm
Narratives in Video Games		Y7 & Y8	14/7/26	3.45-4.30pm

Speak to Miss Angell if you have any questions.

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

w/c Monday 27th April

FIRST UP!

## RIVER LUNCHTIME

**MONDAY** Zone 2  
**TUESDAY** Zone 3  
**WEDNESDAY** Zone 1  
**THURSDAY** Zone 2  
**FRIDAY** Zone 3



### MASTERS OF RECALL



- Create 10 flashcards to aide your revision
- Hand them to Mrs Billingham in the courtyard
- Get 8+/10? Gain a River Raffle Ticket!

# 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*

## Monthly Maths House Competition

March answer was—Tuesday

### Maths Problem of the Month – April 2026

Answer the question below. Submit your answer to your form tutor or Mrs Strong by the end of **Thursday 30th April**. You can only submit one answer. All correct answers will be awarded 3 merits.

In a farmyard there were three cats: Fluff, Sooty and Tiddles. One day a cat came back with something in its mouth. If it had white paws, it could be Fluff or Sooty. If it had no tail, it was Sooty. If it had caught a mouse, it could be Fluff or Tiddles. The cat which came back had caught a mouse, had black paws and a long tail.

What was it called?

Y7s.



**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.

If you would like to attend - speak to your maths teacher.

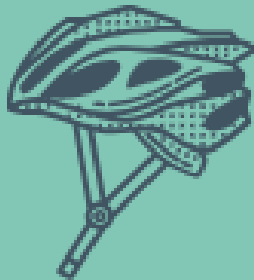
By invitation only.

Room 1.65

Tuesday after school until 4.30pm.

# 3 SIMPLE STEPS FOR BICYCLE SAFETY

Every year thousands of people are injured and hundreds of people are killed while riding bicycles.



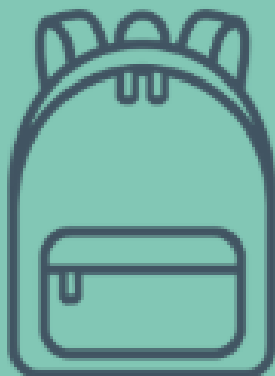
## 01 PROTECT YOUR HEAD

Always wear a helmet.

02

## USE THE PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY TO GAIN ENTRANCE TO THE SCHOOL – NOT THE CAR PARK

It's dangerous riding in the car park, cars might not see you until it's too late



03

## WEAR YOUR BACKPACK ON BOTH SHOULDERS

Keep yourself evenly balanced when you are riding your bike



# 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**





LINGUISTICS CLUB  
1.66 with Mr Fasham  
Friday after school

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

**EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS**  
**AT RIVER ACADEMY**  
**THIS TERM!**

**MONDAY**  
**ROWING CLUB**

**TUESDAY**  
**YEAR 8 BADMINTON**

**FRIDAY**  
**5-A-SIDE FOOTBALL**

**THURSDAY**  
**ATHLETICS CLUB**

**FRIDAY**  
**READING ROCKETS**

**FRIDAY**  
**BASKETBALL CLUB**

**JOIN THE FUN!**



# RIVER CHOIR



at River Academy, Reading



NOW ON  
**TUESDAY!**



AFTER SCHOOL  
3.45PM - 4.30PM

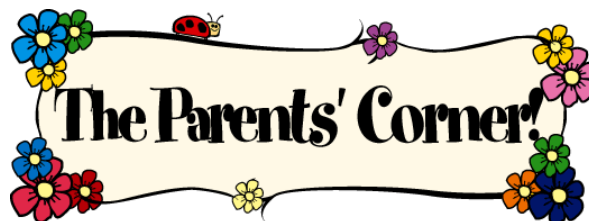


ALL SINGERS AND BEATBOXERS WELCOME!



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](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.



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