



RIVER ACADEMY

Student Bulletin

What's on next week?

5th - 8th May 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:



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WEEK THREE



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Course	Sweet n Sour Chicken Balls Steamed Rice Stir Fry Vegetables	Cheeseburger with Wedges and sweetcorn	Chicken Fajita Wrap Salad	Beef Lasagne Garlic Bread	Chip Shop Friday
Vegetarian	Sweet & Sour Quorn Steamed Rice Stir Fry Vegetables	Spicy Bean Burger in a Bun Potato Wedges Sweetcorn	Vegetable & Bean Fajita wrap Salad	Roasted Vegetable & Feta Lasagne Garlic Bread	Vegetable & Cheese Bake
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 & Cinnamon Crumble Custard	Syrup Sponge Custard	Chocolate Brownie Chocolate Sauce	Chocolate Chip Sponge Custard	Ice Cream Pot
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.



Sparx
Reader

Sparx
Maths

Sparx
Science

3 weeks on the top spot!

River students have shown true
#determination, holding 1st place across
all of the Sparx platforms, for 3 weeks!

Galician-Portuguese Poetry

5th May – 15h40 – room 1.66



Free event!

Come and discover
one of the hidden
delights of European
poetry – the *cantigas*
of medieval Portugal
and Galicia



WHO IS IT FOR?
Y7 & Y8

Sign up required – outside
1.66

Speak to Mr Fasham if you have
any questions.

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 4th May

FIRST UP!

RIVER LUNCHTIME

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



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

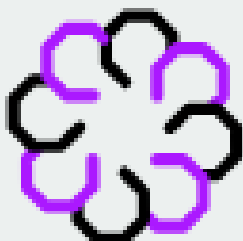
The answer to April was Tiddles

Maths Problem of the Month – May 26

Answer the question below. Submit your answer to your form tutor or Mrs Strong by the end of the **21st May**. You can only submit one answer. All correct answers will be awarded 3 merits.

Alastair weighs 14kg more than Rachel.
Together they weigh 114Kg.

How much does each of them weigh?



AXIOM
MATHS

There will be no axiom maths session on Tue 12/5/26 because it is during the mastery showcase week.

We will run every Tuesday this half term, except for that one.



If your home language is not English, and you need extra help with reading, spelling and grammar, use Linguascope.

The logon and password are:

Logon: river

Password: richfield13579

You can log on and click on the English section and work through the different vocabulary activities.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

W/c Monday 4th May

	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	BANK HOLIDAY			Break - Kool Keyboards	Year 8 Celebration Assembly
After School		Champions' Hour Choir Yr7 Axiom Maths Badminton Silver Programme: Portugese Poetry	Electives	Champions' Hour Athletics Club River Young Business Club - invitation only	Linguistics Club Reading Rockets

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

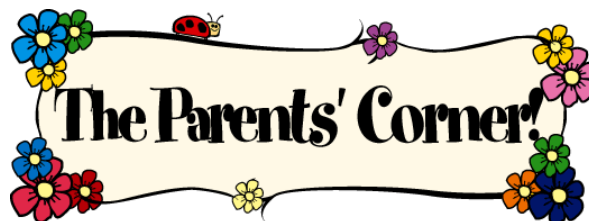


ALL SINGERS AND BEATBOXERS WELCOME!



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.

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