

Dear River Bank parents and carers

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your brilliant support this academic year. It has been a challenging year for many of us; but I am proud of how our community has come together to support one another and ensure things stayed as normal as possible for our children. From July 19th and August 16th there will be significant changes to the rules we have all been following. Bubbles will no longer be in place in September and whole classes having to isolate will hopefully be a thing of the past. We will publish more information about this on our website over the summer holiday. This will include information as to whether we will require adults to wear masks when visiting school. The River Bank team and I would like to wish you all a fantastic and safe summer holidays. Best wishes, David Sansom

Change for September

Pupils will wear full uniform on every day, apart from their PE days. The pupils' PE days are listed below:

Day	Year Group to come in PE kit
EYFS	Friday
Year 1	Monday and Wednesday
Year 2	Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 3	Monday and Thursday
Year 4	Monday and Wednesday (letter for swimming will be sent home in September)
Year 5	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 6	Monday and Friday

Start and End of the School Day

As restrictions are relaxed, we are going to change our start and finish times in September. There will be a shorter window to drop children off in the mornings and pick up times will be later for some year groups. We have gone back to this system in order to increase learning time for pupils in school.

	Drop Off	Pick Up Mon-Thurs	Pick Up Friday
EYFS	08:30-08:45	15:15	12:45
Y1 and Y2	08:30-08:45	15:15	12:45
Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6	08:30-08:45	15:30	13:00

One Way System to Continue

We will continue to operate a one way system for parents and pupils coming on and off of our site in September. This system meant the flow of people moving around the site has been easier to manage and is safer for pupils when we are dismissing them at the end of the day. Please continue to follow this system.

EYFS (Reception) Starters

New Reception parents will be invited into school for a short (ten minute) meeting with the class teacher on Thursday 2nd September or Friday 3rd September. Notifications will be sent out early in the summer holidays. The phased start for Reception children will go as follows:

- Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th September 08:30 – 11:30 (no lunch)
- Wednesday 8th September 08:30 – 13:00 (with lunch)
- Thursday 9th and Friday 10th September onwards 08:30 – 15:15 (12:45 collection on Fridays).



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Future Teachers

Maliha Tasnim, Ruby Qayyum and Celia Cobern will be leaving their roles as teaching assistants this summer to embark on teacher training courses. We are grateful for the time they have spent with us and are pleased that they felt inspired to aim for qualified teacher status whilst working in our school. Good luck to all of them!

School Bags

Pupils should bring a small bag so that it fits in their classroom tray. They should not measure more than 35cm x 24 cm (A4 sized). Pupils can purchase River Bank book bags. Big bags will not fit in trays or boxes and create a hazard in our classrooms.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club will continue as usual. Pupils can attend breakfast club by booking in using our online system. Pupils that are not booked in will not be able to attend. Parents must bring their child to the door and hand them over to breakfast club staff.

After School Club

This paid club will run as normal between the end of the day and 16:45 between Monday and Thursday. Pupils will need to be booked in. If a child is not collected from school and they are not booked in; parents will be called and a charge will be made. Parents should call the following number 07506 039537 and ask for their child, who will then be brought down by a member of staff from the library area.

Late Collection

Pupils should be collected on time. Teachers will wait with your child for ten minutes. After that, your child will be taken to the **main hall** where they will wait with a senior teacher until they are collected. They should be collected from the main hall doors off the playground – not from the office. A charge will be made to parents who are more than ten minutes late in accordance with our after school club prices.

Year 2 – Clacton-on-Sea Trip

All of year 2 had a day at the seaside. The children enjoyed a walk along the promenade and pier, but the best parts were playing on the beach and paddling in the sea! Children dug holes, built sandcastles and turned themselves into mermaids. An ice cream finished the day off beautifully.

EYFS – Inflatable Fun Day

Our fun day really did live up to its name! We all enjoyed spending time together bouncing on the different inflatables, laughing out loud during the magic show, getting our face painted and choosing a temporary tattoo! It was lovely to see everyone so happy and enjoying themselves.

Year 4 – Go Ape

We were all very nervous on the way to Go Ape because we didn't know what to expect. When we arrived, we saw lots of treehouses inside the Nets Kingdom. We started the Nets Kingdom a little unsure but after a few goes, we got used to it and it was great fun. Mr Sansom seemed to be enjoying it more than we were! After the nets, we went to the zip lines. We had three different courses, the first one was quite simple (although Miss Anderson did not think so), the second and third were much trickier. We were high up in the trees attached to a cable and had to work our way around the course, climbing across nets and platforms. At the end of each course was a zip wire, this was my favourite part of the course. Stefan (Fox Class).

Classes and Drop Off/Collection Points

In order to make sure our children are safe and being collected by the correct adult, drop off and collection points are detailed in the table below. Pupils will be lined up in random order and let go **one at a time**. We ask that parents do not call their child's name.

Parents will have to watch to see when their child is at the front of the line. If the child or the teacher cannot see the right adult when they reach the front of the line – the child will return to the back of the line. If parents need to speak to the teacher at this time, we ask that you wait until all of the class have been dismissed. If that is not convenient – please call in at the office and leave a message for the teacher to call you back.

All children in **reception**, **year one** and **year two** classes should be dropped off and collected from the external classroom doors.

Year	Class	Teacher	Drop Off	Pick Up
3	Hare	Mr Seeley/Mrs Ali	To be dropped off at the bottom of the staircase next to Kingfisher class. A member of staff will supervise this area. Pupils to go upstairs to their classrooms where their teachers will greet them.	From the main hall doors (left) from the playground
3	Squirrel	Mrs Sowinska		From the main hall doors (right) from the playground
3	Hedgehog	Mrs Bailey and Mrs Betts		From the main hall doors (left) from the playground
4	Badger	Ms Lewis		From Nurture Class (on the corner on the car park side)
4	Fox	Mrs Stewart		From the double doors on the playground next to Kingfisher class
4	Otter	Mrs Lee		From the double doors on the playground next to Kingfisher class
5	Willow	Mrs Chowdhury	To be dropped off at the bottom of the staircase at the front of the school next to the car park to the right of the school office. A member of staff will supervise this area. Pupils to go upstairs to their classrooms where their teachers will greet them.	From the Sports Hall doors on the Bath Road side.
5	Sycamore	Mr Boardman		From the Sports Hall doors on the Bath Road side.
5	Maple	Mrs Sheikh		From the rear of the community entrance (playground side)
5	Rowan	Mr Cresswell		From the rear of the community entrance (playground side)
6	Elm	Miss Lass		From the stair case by the car park – the same stairs the pupils go up.
6	Hazel	Miss Ball		From the stair case by the car park – the same stairs the pupils go up.
6	Oak	Miss Amos		From the Bath Road side of the community entrance
6	Ash	Miss Anderson and Mrs Perzanowska		From the Bath Road side of the community entrance

Year 6 – Crime Scene Investigations

We had a CSI specialist visit us to show us the job of being a detective. We talked about crime, justice, investigation and lots of other interesting facts. We got to put our knowledge to use by doing activities such as finger printing, swab testing and searching. We also had to use our detective knowledge to examine a crime scene and create a hypothesis on what happened. We had a lot of fun gaining knowledge about the career of a crime fighter. Danial (Elm Class)

Year 1 – Mead Open Farm

Alisha: I loved going to the farm. My favourite part was petting the bunnies and feeding the animals.

Zara B : I had a fantastic time at the farm. It was the first time ever I got to see a pony in real life.

Zayn: My favourite part was feeding all the animals, especially the goats because it licked my hand! It was so ticklish.

Sports Day

The children have been competing in a sporting carousel to earn points for their house team. The children performed brilliantly and had lots of fun. The winning house in EYFS, Year 2, year 3 and year 4 was Mo Farah. The winning house in years 1 and 5 was Ellie Simmonds. The winning house in year 6 was Usain Bolt. The overall winner was Mo Farah! Huge thanks to Mr Boardman and his team of sports leaders for arranging and running these events.

Term dates 2021-2022

SEPTEMBER 2021					
Monday		6	13	20	27
Tuesday		7	14	21	28
Wednesday	1	8	15	22	29
Thursday	2	9	16	23	30
Friday	3	10	17	24	
Saturday	4	11	18	25	
Sunday	5	12	19	26	

OCTOBER 2021					
Monday		4	11	18	25
Tuesday		5	12	19	26
Wednesday		6	13	20	27
Thursday		7	14	21	28
Friday	1	8	15	22	29
Saturday	2	9	16	23	30
Sunday	3	10	17	24	31

NOVEMBER 2021					
Monday	1	8	15	22	29
Tuesday	2	9	16	23	30
Wednesday	3	10	17	24	
Thursday	4	11	18	25	
Friday	5	12	19	26	
Saturday	6	13	20	27	
Sunday	7	14	21	28	

DECEMBER 2021					
Monday		6	13	20	27
Tuesday		7	14	21	28
Wednesday	1	8	15	22	29
Thursday	2	9	16	23	30
Friday	3	10	17	24	31
Saturday	4	11	18	25	
Sunday	5	12	19	26	

JANUARY 2022					
Monday	31	3	10	17	24
Tuesday		4	11	18	25
Wednesday		5	12	19	26
Thursday		6	13	20	27
Friday		7	14	21	28
Saturday	1	8	15	22	29
Sunday	2	9	16	23	30

FEBRUARY 2022					
Monday		7	14	21	28
Tuesday	1	8	15	22	
Wednesday	2	9	16	23	
Thursday	3	10	17	24	
Friday	4	11	18	25	
Saturday	5	12	19	26	
Sunday	6	13	20	27	

MARCH 2022					
Monday		7	14	21	28
Tuesday	1	8	15	22	29
Wednesday	2	9	16	23	30
Thursday	3	10	17	24	31
Friday	4	11	18	25	
Saturday	5	12	19	26	
Sunday	6	13	20	28	

APRIL 2022					
Monday		4	11	18	25
Tuesday		5	12	19	26
Wednesday		6	13	20	27
Thursday		7	14	21	28
Friday	1	8	15	22	29
Saturday	2	9	16	23	30
Sunday	3	10	17	24	

MAY 2022					
Monday	30	2	9	16	23
Tuesday	31	3	10	17	24
Wednesday		4	11	18	25
Thursday		5	12	19	26
Friday		6	13	20	27
Saturday		7	14	21	28
Sunday	1	8	15	22	29

JUNE 2022					
Monday		6	13	20	27
Tuesday		7	14	21	28
Wednesday	1	8	15	22	29
Thursday	2	9	16	23	30
Friday	3	10	17	24	
Saturday	4	11	18	25	
Sunday	5	12	19	26	

JULY 2022					
Monday		4	11	18	25
Tuesday		5	12	19	26
Wednesday		6	13	20	27
Thursday		7	14	21	28
Friday	1	8	15	22	29
Saturday	2	9	16	23	30
Sunday	3	10	17	24	31

AUGUST 2022					
Monday	1	8	15	22	29
Tuesday	2	9	16	23	30
Wednesday	3	10	17	24	31
Thursday	4	11	18	25	
Friday	5	12	19	26	
Saturday	6	13	20	27	
Sunday	7	14	21	28	

☐ School Holidays

■ Bank Holidays

■ Training days (School closed to children)