

Dear River Bank parents and carers

Ramadan Mubarak to our families who are observing the holy month. We hope that this is a time of peace and happiness for all of our families.

Today is Mrs Trainor's last day at River Bank Primary School. Mrs Trainor joined the school in 2016 and has carried out many roles at our school, including deputy headteacher and acting headteacher. Some of the other important things that Mrs Trainor has done, and the things we will miss the most, are: leading our singing assemblies, teaching classes, helping children cross the road, serving lunches, leading EYFS celebration assemblies, buying Pritt sticks, arranging events, organising parents' consultations and making hot drinks for the office staff. She has made an amazing contribution to the life of our school and we will miss her incredibly. I am sure you will all join me in wishing her all the best as she becomes a headteacher in Buckinghamshire. Mrs Leech, an experienced leader, will become our new deputy headteacher after Easter.

We must also say thank you and goodbye to Mrs Choudhury, one of our teaching assistants, who is leaving us. Our best wishes go with Mrs Choudhury as she moves on to work outside of education.

Sporting Events

Six of our children attended a Youth Sports Trust Inclusion Impairment festival in Bedford, where they had the opportunity to participate in a variety of Paralympic sports. Amongst the adults supervising the events was a goalball national coach looking out for possible talent for the 2032 Paralympics in Australia! The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and were a credit to the school.

Year 3,4,5 and 6 Hockey Festival: Aafiyah, Akilah, Edwin, Fatima R, Fatima S, Julia, Mohamed, Najib, Rukhsar and Stanislaw.

Sportmobility: Amy, Fayha, Leia, Maya, Musa, Rehan and Sami.

Y5/6 Football Tournament: Esther, Hidayah, Iniolyna, Magdalena, Maryam, Sanjida, Tayyba and Zahra. We cannot let it go unmentioned that we were one of 16 schools taking part in this tournament and we got through to the final, but despite playing some excellent football we lost by one goal.

World Book Day

Our whole school enjoyed celebrating World Book Day when children and staff came to school as revolting children, inspired by Roald Dahl. The children enjoyed various activities during the day which included watching a special edition of the 'Masked Reader', thank you to Mrs Choudhury, Mrs Khanam, Mrs Shaheen and Mrs Turner for being our masked readers. Our 'revolting children' also chose Mr Sansom to be custard pied.

Red Nose Day

Thank you, we raised a fantastic £501 for this charity.

The Circus is Returning!

A lot of our families will remember a few years ago we had the circus come to River Bank. We are very excited to announce that it will be returning again this year, on Thursday 8th June 2023. Look out for further information to be sent out early next term.



Attendance

- Please remember to call in the mornings to let school know your child will not be in, a message can be left by pressing option 1 on the school phone line
- Please call for each day of your child's absence
- Home visits are being carried out routinely by school staff in order to offer support and engage with families
- If you have a change in your contact details, please update the school office as soon as you can
- If you arrive late in the mornings or collect your child early, please remember to sign your child in/out

School Trips

Year 2

Year two took a trip to the Working Woodland Forest in Maulden. We spent the day exploring different woodland habitats, discovering a range of animals in the forest and also did some pond dipping! We were so excited to have found newts, frogs, tadpoles and pond snails.

Thank-you to Someries Infant School for allowing us to use their virtual reality immersive room. The children listened to woodland stories while being immersed in a virtual forest with images and sounds. Year two have also been learning about the Great Fire of London this year and were able to experience the sounds and visual elements of the event as well as see how the fire spread through an interactive map.

Year 3

Year three had an exciting trip to London. Firstly, we went on an open-top bus tour taking in some of our capital's famous landmarks, while listening to the tour guide providing us with interesting facts about what we were seeing. We followed this with a visit to the Science Museum, where we saw exhibits to support topics we have been covering in science. It was a very busy day, but enjoyed by all.

Year 4 residential

Year four had a great time on our residential trip. We were remarkably lucky with the weather with just a few spots of rain on Wednesday and Thursday and a light shower just before we left on Friday. This meant the pupils fully participated in activities ranging from problem solving, laser tag, night line, Jacob's Ladder and the famous LEAP OF FAITH! Children experienced time away from home; learning some independence skills as well as making the most of the two day sleep over with their friends. Our children were excellent for the duration of the trip – recently updated photos of the visit can be seen on our Twitter page.

Year 6

This half term, Year 6 pupils visited the North and South Poles... well, virtually at least. The children used state-of-the-art technology to wander through the polar regions using augmented reality headsets - they loved it! Putting their learning from the past half term into context and allowing them to see the vast environment in motion, including the wildlife that lives there, really helped bring their learning to life.

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 3 rd April	Friday 14 th April – Easter Holiday.
Monday 17 th April	Staff training day, school closed to pupils.
Tuesday 18 th April	Pupils return to school.
Friday 28 th April	Class photographs.
Monday 1 st May	Bank Holiday.
Tuesday 2 nd May	Wren class assembly. Parents welcome 8:45am for a prompt 8:50am start.
Wednesday 3 rd May	Y1, Kingfisher, Robin and Sparrow, trip to Stockwood Discovery Centre.
Thursday 4 th May	Y1, Lark and Wren, trip to Stockwood Discovery Centre.
Monday 8 th May	Bank Holiday (for the coronation of Kings Charles III)
9 th May – 12 th May	Y6 SATs

April's value of the month is RESPECT