

Dear River Bank parents and carers

We hope that you all have a wonderful time during the holidays, especially to our families who have or will be celebrating Eid al-Fitr, Holi and Easter. With my best wishes, David Sansom

Cricket Holiday Club at River Bank 07/04/2025 to 10/04/2025

River Bank will be hosting Cricket East for a fun holiday club in the first week of the Easter holidays. Your child can expect to be involved in softball, fun cricket activities, as well as taking part in arts and crafts. This camp would be ideal for children aged between 5-11 years. Use the link to book <https://activeluton.coordinate.cloud/project/65410>

School Council

We had an overwhelming response to our Easter egg competition this year. The judges had a really difficult task of choosing one winner from each year group but were eventually able to choose six winners from each year group and a winner from our staff entry. The Easter egg entries will be on display at St Andrew's Church over Easter. During Ramadhan, the school council ran a successful prayer room that was used by many. School councillors also decided to celebrate the end of Ramadhan and with classroom Eid parties on the last day of term.

Change of PE Day

There are a number of changes to the PE timetable for summer term. Please look closely to see your child's new PE day after the Easter break.

Day	Class to come PE kit	Y4 Swimming
Mon	Sparrow, Robin, Wren, Owl, Dove, Hedgehog, Badger, Sycamore, Rowan, Oak, Ash	
Tues	Kingfisher, Lark, Dove, Starling, Squirrel, Mole, Hare, Hedgehog, Fox, Sycamore, Rowan, Maple,	
Wed	Wren, Woodpecker, Lark, Robin, Sparrow, Hare, Deer, Willow, Hazel, Maple	
Thurs	Bumblebee, Butterfly, Owl, Woodpecker, Kingfisher, Mole, Squirrel, Willow, Hazel, Ash, Oak	Y4 Swimming
Fri	Dragonfly, Ladybird, Starling	

Head Bumps

From next term, after the Easter break, should your child have an accidental bump to the head while in school, as well as your child taking home an accident slip you will also receive a text message. There will be no need for you to contact us if you receive a message, if we feel it necessary to speak to a parent we will contact you.

Early Years Playground

As many of you will be aware, the early years playground is used for learning sessions across the day for all of the reception classes. Staff spend time and effort to prepare these areas and we would appreciate if these areas could be kept tidy during the morning drop off and afternoon collection times. Therefore, please can we ask that once you have collected your child from early years, you wait on the main playground for any siblings or relatives. We appreciate your support and cooperation on this matter.

Visit from an Olympian!

Last week at River Bank we had an incredibly exciting guest- world champion and Olympic gymnastics medalist Beth Tweddle! She came into school to discuss her incredible gymnastic career with the children and to share the importance of having a passion for a sport you love. The children and the staff thoroughly enjoyed her assembly, leaving us all feeling very inspired.

Reading Challenge

This half term, we set a target for the children to read over a million words, and I am thrilled to announce that a wonderful group of them successfully reached this goal! To celebrate their hard work and dedication, we organised a special outing to the cinema to watch "Kensuke's Kingdom.", the film adaptation of the brilliant Michael Morpurgo book. It was a fantastic day filled with laughter, excitement, and, most importantly, a shared love for stories. We are incredibly proud of these young readers and their commitment to developing their literacy skills.

Year 3

Year three recently embarked on their trip to London! River Bank pupils boarded the open-top bus, ready to explore the capital city. We travelled through the iconic streets, we marvelled at renowned landmarks such as the London Eye, Big Ben, Trafalgar Square, Downing Street and the Shard. We crossed over London Bridge and looked at the boats below us on the River Thames, we even had the chance to wave to the friendly police officers stationed outside Scotland Yard. We were really excited when we spotted the Royal Standard flying high at Buckingham Palace.

Year 4

Year 4 had a fantastic time celebrating Holi, the Hindu festival of colours! They explored the story behind the festival and took part in a colourful outdoor activity to represent the occasion. The children loved discovering the meaning of Holi—celebrating good over evil, new beginnings and friendship. It was a wonderful experience filled with laughter and bright colours.

EYFS

All of the reception classes enjoyed watching the eggs hatch and taking care of the chicks. It has really helped the children to deepen their understanding of the life cycle of a chick. The children also enjoyed our learning about the story 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and particularly enjoyed taking part in a tasting session to try some of the foods from the story! Also, we have been busy in class, growing our own beanstalks. The children will be bringing their plants home this week.'

Sporting Events

We have taken part in a lot of sporting events this month. Well done to all the children who have represented River Bank.

Year 5 and 6 boys' football: Abdul, Farabi, Zohaib, Yousuf, Alban, Mahir, Bilal, Eymen.

Sportability: Ayaan, Luca, Harnoorjit, Kai

Year 5 and 6 basketball: Noor, Sonia, Zohaib, Musa, Zayn, Hamza

Year 3 and 4 boys' football: Adnan, Noah, Eymen, Kevin, Bilal, Mazen, Hristo, Kamsi

Year 3 and 4 'let girls play football': Ayla, Anshrah, Anisha, Saara, Inaiya, Ayah, Mishal, Manha.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 2 nd April	Year 1 Whipsnade Zoo trip
Wednesday 2 nd April	Year 2 Working Woodland trip - Owl and Woodpecker class
2 nd April to 4 th April	Y4 Residential trip
Thursday 3 rd April	School Family Eid Celebration Event 15:30 – 16:30pm
Thursday 3 rd April	Year 2 Working Woodland trip – Dove and Starling class
Friday 4 th April	Eid parties – non uniform day
Friday 4 th April	Break up for Easter holiday
Tuesday 22 nd April	Return to school for summer term
Tuesday 29 th April	EYFS Farm visit – further information to follow
Tuesday 29 th April	Robin class assembly, parents welcome, 8:45am for a prompt 8:50am start
Monday 5 th May	Bank Holiday – school closed
Tuesday 6 th May	Woodpecker class assembly, parents welcome, 8:45am for a prompt 8:50am start

April's value of the month is RESPECT