

Dear River Bank parents and carers

Thank you to all parents that attended our Eid celebration before the holidays. It was lovely to see so many of our families in our school community coming together to celebrate and at the same time raising funds for our Mental Health and Wellbeing hub, we raised an amazing £908.00. Thank you.

We are really looking forward to welcoming new families to the school next week as our September 2025 reception children join us for stay and play sessions.

As the weather is warming up, we really encourage all pupils to bring in a water bottle. A sturdy, reusable bottle is advised as we look to reduce the amount of single use plastics in our school. On particularly hot days, we advise pupils have sun cream applied before school and bring a suitable hat to wear for PE sessions and playtimes.

At the end of this week, we will be carrying out our annual consultation with parents on River Bank's PSHE curriculum, which includes features of relationships and health education. There have been no changes this year. Please follow the links in the email you receive to give us your views.

Best wishes, David Sansom

Year 6 SATs

Our Year Six pupils will be completing their SATs from Monday 12th May to Thursday 15th May. Please ensure full attendance in this week. We would like the children to arrive each day at 08:00am to have a 'SATS breakfast' before the start of the day. Siblings will be able to attend our breakfast club on those days, which is free of charge.

EYFS

EYFS were delighted to have Animal Edge Farm visit River Bank. The visit linked with our book 'What the Ladybird Heard' by Julia Donaldson. The children had the opportunity to learn about a range of farm animals and had the opportunity to stroke some hens, guinea pigs and a rabbit. The children were able to feed the goats and brush a pony. All of the children showed excellent listening skills and gentle consideration towards the animals. Well done reception children.

Year 1

Year One had a fantastic day out at Whipsnade Zoo! The children were thrilled to see lots of different animals from Europe, Asia and Africa, with the penguin colony being a particular highlight. One of the most exciting moments was spotting the lion cubs, who were just three months old! The weather was excellent, so the children enjoyed their picnic lunch outside with their friends. It was a memorable day for everyone!

Year 4

41 Year Four children had an amazing time on their residential trip to Overstrand Hall in Cromer, from adventurous activities to evening campfires, the children showed great teamwork, resilience and enthusiasm. Staff were proud of their positive attitudes and how well they represented the school. It was a fantastic opportunity to build confidence, try new things and make lasting memories. A big thank you to all staff and parents for their support in making this experience such a success.

Sporting Events

The following children represented our school at these sporting events. Well done to all.

- Y5/6 Football match – Nathan, Alexander, Muhammad, Alban, Hamza, Ibrahim, Yusuf, Ilyaas, Sol and Zayn.
- Y5/6 Football match – Fatima, Lily, Noor, Suraiya, Alessia, Amira, Inaya and Alisha
- Y3/4 Multi Sports Festival – Adelle, Adiyana, Anshrah, Ruben, Maisha, Sebastian, Refa and Umar



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Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 1st May

Monday 5th May

Wednesday 6th May

Wednesday 6th May

Monday 12th May

Tuesday 20th May

Tuesday 20th May

Wednesday 21st May

Wednesday 21st May

Y6 Residential parent meeting 8:45am

Bank Holiday – school closed

Woodpecker class assembly, parents welcome, 8:45am for a prompt 8:50am start

Y1 phonics screening check parent meeting 14:45

KS2 SATs week

Hedgehog class assembly, parents welcome, 8:45am for a prompt 8:50am start

Y1 Wardown Museum trip for Sparrow and Kingfisher classes

Y1 Wardown Museum trip for Lark, Robin and Wren classes

NO EXTENDED DAY AND NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Next Academic Year Term Dates.

Below are the term dates for the next academic year. Please remember that the school does not authorise any leave of absence during term time. Parents can receive a penalty notice from the local authority for taking their child out of school during term time and could also lose their place at the school.

River Bank Primary School 2025/26

SEPTEMBER 2025					
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	
	6	13	20	27	
Sunday	7	14	21	28	

OCTOBER 2025					
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	

NOVEMBER 2025					
Monday		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

DECEMBER 2025					
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	

JANUARY 2026					
Monday		5	12	19	26
Tuesday		6	13	20	27
Wednesday		7	14	21	28
Thursday	1	8	15	22	29
Friday	2	9	16	23	30
Saturday	3	10	17	24	31
Sunday	4	11	18	25	

FEBRUARY 2026					
Monday		2	9	16	23
Tuesday		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	

MARCH 2026					
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

APRIL 2026					
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	

MAY 2026					
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

JUNE 2026					
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	

JULY 2026					
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	

AUGUST 2026					
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

School Holiday

Training days (school closed to children)

Bank Holiday

May's values of the half term are RESPECT and EQUALITY