

Dear River Bank parents and carers

Pupils at River Bank have had a brilliant half term, with particular praise going to our amazing year six pupils who completed their Key Stage 2 SATs. Ash, Oak and Hazel classes made us so proud with their excellent attitudes and determination to succeed. We know that every single pupil gave their absolute best and we now wait for early July to come at which point we will be able to share their results with them. I hope that you all have a brilliant half term break and look forward to seeing you all on Monday 2nd June. Best wishes, David Sansom

Netball Team's Fantastic Day Out

On Sunday, our year five and year six netball team attended a Woman's Super League netball fixture at the Copper Box in London! They had the fantastic opportunity to watch Loughborough Lightning take on London Pulse. The atmosphere was incredible and there was also an appearance from England women's football captain Mary Earps. The girls thoroughly enjoyed the experience and it provided them with inspiration for their own upcoming fixtures.

Year 5

On Monday year five took part in their sports day carousel. The children performed brilliantly to earn points for their houses. The results of this carousel were: Leah Williamson 1st with 625 points, Jude Bellingham 2nd with 615 points, Lewis Hamilton in 3rd with 585 points and Simone Biles 4th with 575 points. Well done to all of the year fives and a special well done to those representing Leah Williamson!

The year fives took part in K'NEX workshops. During this workshop, the children were tasked with designing a fairground ride and then building it using the K'NEX. The children showed great teamwork, problem solving skills and creativity. They designed some fantastic rides and then had to present them to their classes. The winning design from each class will be entered into a competition with all the other winners from all of the other schools. Fingers crossed one of them can be in the top 3!

EYFS

EYFS children were delighted to meet Dinogirl last week from the travelling Natural History Museum. She delivered a fantastic dinosaur workshop to the children with lots of interesting facts about different dinosaurs. We touched a dinosaur tooth and took part in fun activities which included stomping like a dinosaur and looking for fossils. Well done to all of the reception children for their excellent listening and taking part so enthusiastically.

Schools Games Gold Mark

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2024/25 academic year. The School Games Mark is a government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year. A special thanks to all of our adults who have taken the time to work with our children here at River Bank in many sporting activities - be it at break or lunch time, in PE, after school clubs or taking them to many events outside of school.



Sporting Events

A number of our children have again represented our school at various sporting events. Well done to you all on your determination and commitment.

Year 5 and 6 boys' Cricket: Aarav, Dylan, Yusuf, Rayyan, Amir, Hamza, Bilal and Farabi

Year 1 and 2 Quad Kids Athletics: Hadi, K'Aisa, Natan, Amirah, Mohammad, Ikra, Alex and Alessia

Year 5 and 6 football fixture v Hillborough School: Nathan, Zayn, Muhammed, Hamza, Ibrahim, Sol, Yusuf, Ilyaas and Stanislav

Year 3 and 4 Quad Kids Athletics: Bilal, Eymen, Henry, Kachiside, Jaelle, Angelica, Ameera and Sochi.

Year 3 and 4 cricket tournament: Angelica, Bilal, Aruba, Zakir, Audrey, Musa, Dana and Ismail.

After School Clubs

Next half term our after school clubs will continue apart from Year 5 and 6 Extended Day, this has now finished until the autumn term. Please note that all clubs (apart from our paid for after school club) will finish on the week ending 11th July.

Sports Morning

We are excited to invite parents to enjoy our sports days this year. This year, the children will be participating in a series of fun, athletic competitive races. There will be a designated area where the parents can watch the activities and races from.

Below are the dates and times for each year group's sports day:

Year group	Date	Time
Reception	Wednesday 25 th June	9:00am
Year 1	Monday 30 th June	9:00am
Year 2	Friday 27 th June	9:00am
Year 3	Wednesday 2 nd July	9:00am
Year 4	Thursday 26 th June	9:00am
Year 5	Tuesday 24 th June	9:00am
Year 6	Tuesday 1 st July	9:00am

On the day of your child's sports day, it would be great if your child could wear the colour that represents their house in school. If your child is unsure what house they are in, please ask the class teacher who will be able to inform them.

House colours: **Simone Biles – Blue**, **Jude Bellingham – Yellow**, **Lewis Hamilton – Green**, **Leah Williamson – Red**

End of Year Reports to Parents

This year we are planning to send out end of year reports to parents electronically. If there are any changes to the email address of your child's priority one contact, please let the school office know as soon as possible.

Reminder

Please also remember to park with consideration on neighbouring roads. Managing complaints from neighbours who have had parents park in their driveways and block their exits takes our time away from being able to do the best that we can for your children.

Dates for Your Diary

Friday 23 rd May	Break up for half term
Monday 2 nd June	Return to school Year 4 Multiplication check
Wednesday 4 th June	Year 6 Science workshop
Thursday 5 th June	Year 4 Virtual History visit
Monday 9 th June	KS1 Phonics Screening Check
Tuesday 10 th June	Year 3 Hazard Alley, Hedgehog and Mole classes Maple class assembly, parents welcome, 8:45am for a prompt 8:50am start
Thursday 12 th June	Year 3 Hazard Alley, Hare and Squirrel classes
Friday 13 th June	EYFS Fathers day workshop 8:45 – 9:30am
13 th – 16 th June	Year 6 residential
Monday 16 th June	EYFS Fathers Day workshop 2:15pm Y6 Legoland trip (for those not on residential)
Tuesday 17 th June	Sparrow class assembly, parents welcome, 8:45am for a prompt 8:50am start
Wednesday 18 th June	Year 5 Ancient Greek workshop
Tuesday 24 th June	Year 5 sports morning 9:00am
Wednesday 25 th June	EYFS sports morning 9:00am School disco – further information to follow
Thursday 26 th June	Year 4 sports morning 9:00am Year 2 Beach trip
Friday 27 th June	Year 2 sports morning 9:00am
Monday 30 th June	Year 1 sports morning 9:00am
Tuesday 1 st July	Year 6 sports morning 9:00am
Wednesday 2 nd July	Year 3 Sports day 9:00am