

Dear River Bank parents and carers

Pupils at River Bank have had an excellent first half term of the year. We would like to pass on our best wishes to the families in our community who have recently celebrated Diwali. We hope that you all have a lovely half term break and we look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday 3rd November. Best wishes, David Sansom

Flu immunisation

You will have received correspondence through the school from the NHS regarding flu immunisation for your child. If you have already completed their online form, thank you. If you haven't, please do so by following the link below before the 3rd November **even** if you don't want your child to have it.

<https://www.riverbankprimary.org/attachments/download.asp?file=3472&type=pdf>

Luton Foodbank

Thank you for your generous contributions to Luton Food Bank. Your donations will really help many families across the town who do not have the food they need. With the rising cost of living, this is becoming more common for many in our local community. Should your family require support from Luton Food Bank, please speak to a member of our Family Team.

EYFS

The children have done a great job settling into the routines at River Bank Primary and taking part in our first topic 'Wonderful Me'. We have really enjoyed sharing our family photos, if you haven't managed to send one in yet please do email it to us using the email info@riverbankprimary.org. Please include your child's name and class. EYFS staff enjoyed welcoming you into the classroom to take part in our phonic workshops, and I am sure you will agree that the children are working hard in class during their phonic lessons. Please continue to hear your child read their reading book and practise their phonic skills using the QR codes every night. Thank you for all of the feedback.

Year 4

Year 4 took part in a Viking workshop on Wednesday 15th October. The children had a great day and particularly enjoyed seeing all of the Viking artefacts, listening to stories of battles and taking part in spear wrestling.

Year 5

Harry Potter Studios

Year 5 had an unforgettable day exploring the world of Harry Potter at the Warner Bros. Studios. From walking through the Great Hall to seeing the Hogwarts Express and even stepping onto Diagon Alley. We had the chance to take a picture flying on a broomstick and even came face to face with some fearsome Death Eaters! Everyone was a credit to the school throughout the day and represented us wonderfully. It was a truly enchanting trip that brought our reading of Harry Potter to life!

St Mary's Church

Year 5 enjoyed a fascinating trip to St Mary's Church in Luton. The children explored the beautiful building and learned how different styles of architecture have been added over the centuries to create the church we see today. They were especially interested in spotting the features that showed which parts were built in different historical periods. Everyone behaved wonderfully and showed great curiosity and respect throughout the visit.

Looking For Helpers

We're looking for enthusiastic parents to join our team in planning fun and social events for families throughout the year — a great way to get involved and come together as a school community. If you are interested, please let the office know and we will be in touch.



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Sporting Events

We have had a number of pupils represent the school at sporting events:

Year 5 & 6 Futsal: Abdul, Adnan, Tanzil, Marwan, Jaabir, Zakaria, Hristo, Mihai, Mobi and Caleb

Year 3 & 4 Rugby: Mihai, Auden, Aahil, Ismail, Adam, Bethany, Kachi and Sami.

Year 3 to 6 Boccia : Abdus, Aizah and Rehan

Year 1 & 2 Multi Skills: Julia, Zeeshan, Loralei, Zayn, Liyana, Reggie, Emma, Arhaam, Umayyah and Dion.

River Bank v William Austin Football : Muhammad U, Muhammad R, Eymen, Sol, Ahyan, Yousuf, Yusuf, Ilyaas, Bilal and Sahim

School Council

The children have elected their class representatives for the school council. The candidates created manifestos and delivered speeches to their classes just like real MPs! The successful candidates were chosen by their peers with class votes. Well done to all the children for taking part. Members of our School Council for 2025/26:

Aizah – Dove, Ali - Badger, Ada - Starling, Kevin – Rowan, Shahadat U – Hare, Dhvani - Fox, Danish – Owl, Baran – Hazel, Leila – Kingfisher, Liyana – Squirrel, Safiyyah – Hedgehog, Amaya – Deer, Zakaria – Sparrow, Azyan – Robin, Raseen – Woodpecker, Alisha A – Ash, Eric O – Mole, Rumaysa – Lark, Malaika – Oak, Zarrish – Willow, Haniya - Elm and Ameera - Otter

Reminder – school meals

Please remember that even if your child brings a packed lunch from home parents must indicate this on their Scopay account with an O code. This ensures that we know that every child will have a meal each lunchtime. If there is no code, it is assumed that parents have overlooked ordering and a lunch will be ordered for their child. Our caterers will charge the school for this lunch, which if the child is in Year 3 – 6 is passed onto the parent.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Attendance

It is a parent's responsibly to ensure that their child attends school regularly and punctually. Children are able to go to their class from 8:30am and must be ready to learn at 8:45am. Should an unforeseeable circumstance arise where a child may be late, parents must bring their child to the school office and sign them in. Should a child be regularly late for school, this could result in a penalty notice being issued by the local authority.

Diary Dates

26th – 31 st October	Half term holiday
Monday 3 rd November	School opens
Thursday 6 th November	Year 1 Wonderdome Experience
Tuesday 11 th November	Year 6 RAF Museum trip – Oak and Elm classes
Tuesday 11 th November	Hare class assembly, parents welcome 8:45 for a prompt 8:50 start
Wednesday 12 th November	EYFS Wardown Park walk (subject to weather)
Wednesday 12 th November	Year 6 RAF Museum trip – Ash and Hazel classes
Thursday 13 th November	EYFS Wardown Park walk (subject to weather)
Tuesday 18 th November	School Council visit to Houses of Parliament
Wednesday 19 th November	Year 3 Celtic Harmony trip
Thursday 20 th November	EYFS Little City Experience
Thursday 20 th November	Year 4 St Albans Cathedral trip – Deer and Otter classes
Tuesday 25 th November	Starling class assembly, parents welcome 8:45 for a prompt 8:50 start
Tuesday 25 th November	Flu Immunisations in school
Tuesday 2 nd December	Hedgehog class assembly, parents welcome 8:45 for a prompt 8:50 start.
Thursday 4 th December	Year 4 St Albans Cathedral trip – Badger and Fox classes

Value of the half term EXCELLENCE