

Dear River Bank parents and carers

As you can see below, our pupils have had a busy month. They have been involved in a number of trips and activities to support their learning and despite this being a short half term, I think everyone is ready for a break!

I am pleased to announce that Mrs Khanom (Woodpecker Class teacher) gave birth to a baby boy two weeks ago and both are doing very well.

I hope that you all have a wonderful holiday and we look forward to seeing all of the children back on Tuesday 14th April.

With my best wishes

David Sansom

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	Kingfisher, Lark, Starling, Woodpecker, Mole, Deer, Badger, Maple, Rowan, Willow, Ash	
Tues	Robin, Sparrow, Woodpecker, Dove, Owl, Squirrel, Hedgehog Mole, Elm, Oak, Hazel	Y4 Swimming
Wed	Lark, Sparrow, Robin, Owl, Hare, Squirrel, Fox, Rowan, Hazel, Oak	
Thurs	Dragonfly, Ladybird, Kingfisher, Starling, Dove, Hare, Hedgehog, Otter, Maple, Willow, Ash, Elm	
Fri	Bumblebee, Butterfly	

EYFS

A big thank you to all of the parents that were able to attend our ELSEC Language Parent Meeting. It was a great event, alongside our speech and language therapist Ruth. This was followed by a lovely stay and play session with the children after the meeting.

It was wonderful to see so many of you attend our stay and play workshops to celebrate Mother's day. The children loved taking part in the activities with you, we hope you all enjoyed the session too.

Some of the children in early years had a trip out to 'Sensory 5', a new sensory centre that has opened in Luton. The behaviour of the children was excellent and this trip helped support the children's communication and social skills. Well done to all of them.

Year 1

Year 1 enjoyed an exciting day out at Whipsnade Zoo, exploring animals from all seven continents. The children were thrilled to see lions, giraffes, chimpanzees, rhinos, tigers, penguins and elephants up close. After a morning of animal adventures, the children shared a picnic lunch with friends. It was a fun packed day!

Book Fair

We're delighted to share that we took £1,962 in sales — our highest total ever. Thanks to your generosity, we've earned £1,177 in Scholastic rewards to spend on new corridor and classroom books, which will directly benefit all our pupils. Your support makes a real difference. Thank you!

Year 3

Year 3 visited the Gurdwara as we were learning about the Sikh religion in RE. It was a thoroughly enjoyable trip and the children learnt a lot from the visit. We were shown the different areas of the Gurdwara and spoke about the 5 K's. The children were excellently behaved and the Gurdwara were very pleased with their knowledge.

Year 5

Year 5 have had a busy and exciting month, taking part in a hands-on STEM workshop through the Go Construct K'NEX Challenge. During this national competition, pupils worked collaboratively to design and build a rocket within a set time, developing their engineering, problem-solving and teamwork skills.

One Million Words

Last week, a group of pupils from KS2 enjoyed a fantastic reward trip to Whipsnade Zoo after being selected at random from those who have read over one million words this year—an amazing achievement! They had a brilliant day exploring the animals and celebrating their hard work. We're proud of all our readers and encourage everyone to keep reading in whatever form they enjoy. Keep it up!

School Council

The School Council raised an incredible £900 from our recent bake sale! Half of this has been donated to Keech Hospice, and the other half will go towards new equipment for our playground. Thank you to everyone who baked, brought and supported — we truly appreciate you.

We also held our first ever community Iftar at River Bank, and what a beautiful evening it was. It was a truly wholesome gathering with our amazing community, and we feel privileged to have shared such a special night with you all. Our community came together to make the evening as wonderful as it was. Thank you to everyone who donated or contributed — every gesture made a difference. We are also delighted to share that we raised £770 for food packs for Gaza on the night. Thank you for your kindness and generosity. River Bank really does have an incredibly giving community.

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 Girls' Football: Alisha, Kaja, Angelica, Zainab, Amy, Alisha, Mahek and Alexandra

Sportability: Zainab, Faizah, Rayan, Muhammad Abdul

Year 3 and 4 Boys' Football: Alex, Martin, Rudraksh, Mihai, Caleb, Kachiside, Abdullah, Sahim

Year 6 Netball Tournament: Zainab, Hayaa, Kaja, Miriam, Alisha and Maryam

This Girl Can Festival: Tasnim, Khadija, Hanna, Ariba, Farisha, Aliyah, Manha and Gabi

Year 3 and 4 Girls' Football: Ameera, Ayla, Alishba, Hafsa, Aysha, Anais, Ammarah and Halima

Early Years Playground

As many of you will know, the Early Years playground is used throughout the day for learning sessions across all Reception classes. Staff spend a great deal of time preparing these areas, and we kindly ask for your help in keeping them tidy during morning drop-off and afternoon collection.

Once you have collected your child from Early Years, please wait on the main playground for any siblings or relatives. This will help us keep the learning spaces ready for the children.

Reminder of Start and End of the Day

Children can arrive in their classes from 8:30am and must be in class ready to start their lessons at 8:45am.

Late Collection Procedure

Children who are not collected on time will be taken to our paid After School Club. Parents arriving late will need to call the number displayed on the office window. A member of the After School Club team will bring your child to the community entrance for collection. A **£4 charge**, in line with our After School Club costs, will be added to your Scopay account.

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Dates for your diary

Friday 27th March

Monday 13th April

Tuesday 14th April

Monday 20th April

Monday 4th May

Tuesday 5th May

Break up for Easter holiday

Staff training day – school closed to pupils

Children return to school

Year 1 Phonics Screening parent meeting 14:45pm

May Bank Holiday – school closed

Fox class assembly. 8:45am for a prompt 8:50am start.



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