



# Welcome to Deer Class

## Newsletter Autumn 1 2025

Welcome to Deer Class and the first newsletter of the 2025-26 academic year! We are really looking forward to welcoming you back to school at Riverside to working with you and your child over the next year. After the summer holidays it may feel a little daunting returning to school, but rest assured the Deer Class team will be on hand to settle everyone back and to adjust to their new routines - these transitions can sometimes be a little tricky to begin with but usually settle once everything becomes familiar again. 😊

**Our class staff** - Sarah Brownlie - **Teacher** Monday - Friday (excluding Wednesday afternoon)  
Andrea Hazle - **Teacher** (every Wednesday afternoon)  
Amy - **Teaching Assistant**  
Danielle - **Teaching Assistant**  
Verity - **Teaching Assistant**

If you have any questions or concerns at any time please speak to a member of staff, contact the school office or email Sarah using - [sarah.brownlie@riverside.hants.sch.uk](mailto:sarah.brownlie@riverside.hants.sch.uk)

### Our Topics

During this first half term our topic will be 'Our School'. We will have the opportunity to learn about our school, the people who help us in school and our routines.

### Key Language

Key words that we are focussing on this term are:  
*School, class, Otters, garden, discovery, teacher, friends*

### English

Our English learning will allow us to explore stories with a familiar setting using props and sensory trays. Our focus stories will include:

- *Pete's School Shoes*
- *Peace at Last*
- *Off to the Park*

### Maths

This half term we will be learning about measurement using length. We will have the opportunity to learn about concept words related to length such as long and short and compare different objects by length.

### Important dates



**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> Sept** – Harvest Day  
**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> Oct** – Inset Day  
**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Diwali  
**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Break for Half term  
**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov** – Return to school

*More dates will follow, please check your child's blue home/school link book for letters.*

### Continued Learning

Read other stories with familiar settings to your child such as the swimming pool, park, garden, home etc

Use photos of staff and talk about school.

Describe objects at home, in play or when out and about using words such as long and short.

### PE

Deer Class will have PE in the Hall every  
**Thursday afternoon**



### Useful Links

[Pete The Cat Rocking in my School Shoes | Animated book | Read aloud](#)  
[The First Day | Time For School | CBeebies](#)

### A little reminder:

- With all the children returning to school looking so smart in their uniforms we want to ensure they do not get lost! Remember to pop a name in every item of clothing and footwear.
- A set of named waterproof clothing and shoes will help the children stay snug and dry as we will venture outside in all weathers.
- Spare sets of clothing are useful for any events that require a change of clothing - messy play, art and craft, toileting mishaps.
- A named drinks cup - which your child can recognise.
- If your child only drinks squash, please provide this.
- If your child is in nappies, please ensure there is a supply of nappies and wipes - we will let you know when we are running low.