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Riverside School

Summer 2 News



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July 2025



Dear Parents and Carers

We have been really busy in school with trips, visiting other classrooms and finishing our learning for this year.

Diary dates:

End of term:

Tuesday 22nd July—
12.45pm

Autumn 2025:

INSET day on Wednesday 3rd September.

The school office is open.

Pupils start: Thursday 4th September

INSET day on Wednesday 1st October—school is closed to pupils.

We are saying goodbye to a number of staff this summer:

Mrs Emma Holmes

Mrs Julia Spacey

Miss Tiffany Wragg

Miss Liz Slavin

We would like to thank them all for their enormous contribution to the school and wish them all the best as they move on to new careers in schools across the local area.

On 15th July you will have received your child's new class information. Please read it carefully, use your countdown calendars and talk about the changes that are happening in September. Teachers have been visiting children in their current classes. Our new teachers have all been in to visit too.

On 16th & 17th July the Governors are interviewing candidates for the post of Head Teacher at Riverside. During the autumn term, Mrs Josie Payne will be the interim Head Teacher. We hope to let you know at the end of term what will be happening for 2026.

Over the summer holidays there is lots of work happening at the Riverside School site. We hope that you can see the benefits of these projects when you return in September:

New fencing in Key Stage 1

New cupboards and flooring in Otters and Deers

New whiteboard and decoration in Robins

Our summer fayre took over £1800. Thank you to everyone who gave their time freely to support the school community. The money raised will be used to support projects across the school, like Christmas events and play ground development.

Sadly, this is my final newsletter as the Head Teacher of Riverside. The school has grown enormously during the last 15 years from 95 pupils in 2010 to over 150 in 2025. I have had the pleasure of leading amazing staff teams, supporting families and ensuring our pupils have the best start to their school life.

It has been my absolute privilege to serve you all.

Mrs Le Roux

Head teacher



Information

- Please make every effort to attend your child's Annual Review meeting and bring your comments to the meeting.
- All payments to school can be made on line. Please talk to Karen in the Admin Office.
- There is lots of information, dates and news on our school website.
- Admin Office:
02392250138
























Classes for September 2025:

- Ladybirds (Mill Hill Site) - Mrs Amy Little (YR)
- Rabbits—Mrs Kate Walker (Years 1&2)
- Deers—Mrs Sarah Brownlie (Years 1&2)
- Otters—Mrs Anita Bell (Years 1&2)
- Owls—Ms Zoe Morris & Mrs Gemma Dunstan (Years 1&2)
- Foxes— Ms Isobelle Weekes (Year 1&2)
- Caterpillars—Mrs Hannah Armstrong (Year 1, 2 & 3)
- Squirrels—Mrs Anna Hotchkiss (Years 3,4,5)
- Hedgehogs—Mrs Alex Taylor (Years 3,4,5,6)
- Badgers—Mr Steve Ashton (Years 3,4,5,6)
- Robins—Mrs Zeynep Ayhan (Years 3,4,5,6)
- Butterflies—Mrs Monika Mellor & Mrs Oliva Bate (Maternity leave) (Year 3&4)
- Moles—Miss Jess Hawley (Year 3&4)
- Eagles—Mrs Charlotte Cunningham (Year 5&6)
- Woodpeckers—Mr Matt Winterman (Year 5&6)

HAVE YOU NOTICED?

We have food bins right across the school. Since April 2025, all businesses with more than 10 employees have to dispose of all food waste separately. Our cleaning and maintenance team do an amazing job each day to ensure that our food waste is disposed of responsibly.



We have a number of vacancies for September 2025. Check our website for further information or contact our Admin Team for the job description and application form.



We have a vacancy in our cleaning team and on our lunch time supervisory team.

Please contact Carly Restall in our Admin Office for further information.



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- Family Days Out —contact gill.stoll@riverside.hants.sch.uk**
- Wednesday 30th July—9am**
 Staunton Farm
 Tickets can be purchase at the visitor centre on entry
 Additional cost for animal feed
 Bring a packed lunch or purchase from the café.
 Stauton Farm, Middle Park Way, Havant, PO9 5HB
- Monday 4th August 10am**
 Longdown Activity Farm.
 Tickets can be purchased online or on entry
 Bring a packed lunch or purchase food from the café.
 Deerleap Ln, Ashurst, Southampton SO40 7EH
- Wednesday 6th August—11am**
 Hilsea Splash Pool - 11am
 Free entry - bring packed lunch.
 Bring a change or 2 of clothes!
 London Road, Portsmouth, PO2 9RP
- Wednesday 13th August—10am**
 River Hamble Country Park
 Bring packed lunch or purchase from the café.
 Parking £9.50
 Pylands Lane, Bursledon, SO31 1BH
- Wednesday 20th August—10am**
 Sky Park Farm
 Tickets can be purchased on line or at the door.
 Bring packed lunch or purchase from the café.
 Petersfield, GU31 5PT