The Riverside Reporter

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We value children who:

Strive for excellence	Make the right choices	Build relationships



Hawthorn Class doing super learning!

Dates for your diary

Mon 19th – Wed 21st Oct – Year 6 residential trip

w/c 19th Oct – Year 4&5 Bikeability

A word from Mr Daniels

Every child a happy learner

CHILDREN'S LEADERSHIP

Children at Riverside play an important role in leading the school. This week our new Head Students were announced. Congratulations to them. The other leadership roles that children have been appointed to are: School Councilors, Music Ambassadors, PE Ambassadors, Librarians, House Captains and Eco-Warriors. If your children has appointed to any of these roles, please congratulate them and make sure that they wear their badge to school every day.



WE LOVE READING

Yesterday, every child in the school took part in the Guinness World Record attempt and dropped everything to read for 10 minutes. It was a pleasure to see every child engrossed in a book. Ms Walker is leading the school's Reading for Pleasure campaign and due to her work on this project, Riverside has been awarded the DfE English Hub Bronze Reading Charter! This is recognition for all that we do at Riverside to foster a love of reading in all our children. Please help us this this by either reading to or listening to your child read at home every day. Our goal this year is to obtain the Silver Reading Charter.

MAIDENHEAD LIBRARY VISITS

This term, each class is having the opportunity to visit Maidenhead Library. On these visits, children are taught the importance of libraries, how they work and they get to listen to a story. Many thanks to all the parents who have accompanied their children on these library visits.



UPDATED SCHOOL WEBSITE

Over the past few months, Ms Porter has been working hard behind the scenes to create a new school website. The new website is now 'live'. Please have a look at the website as it is full of useful information for parents and we think that it looks great!
https://www.riversideprimaryschool.org.uk/

STAFFING UPDATE

Unfortunately, Ms Barnard has handed in her resignation. She will be retiring in December – we wish her a long and happy retirement. This is a massive loss for the school. From January, Ms Palfrey will be taking on the role of SENCo.

This week we also had Ms Colton and Ms Orbulescu leave to school. We thank them for all that they have done at Riverside and wish them all the best in their new roles.

NEW OPAL PLAY EQUIPMENT

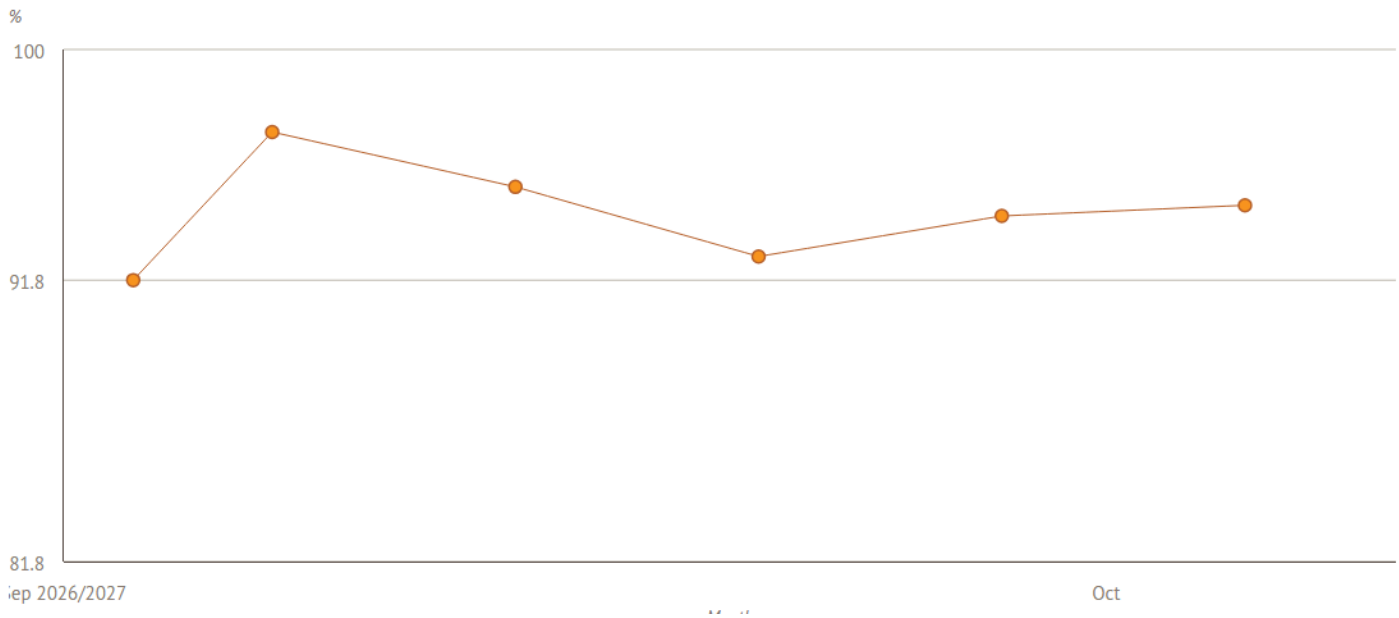
We have installed two new climbing frames on the field for children to use during OPAL play. Our thanks go to Mr James who constructed the climbing frames. We bought this equipment with funds raised at the fairs that we held last year, so thank you for contributing to them. We ask parents not to let their children use these climbing frames after school as they are not supervised at those times.





ATTENDANCE MATTERS

We have had a very strong start to the academic year. The vast majority of children have been at school on a very regular basis. A reminder to parents that term-time holidays will not be authorised and that if you do take your child out of school for a holiday, the local authority will issue you a fixed penalty notice. Our attendance target is 95% this year; as you can see from the table below, we are just below that target.



Year	% Attendance YTD
Reception	94.9%
Year 1	93.5%
Year 2	96.2%
Year 3	92.8%
Year 4	94.6%
Year 5	95.7%
Year 6	95.7%
Riverside Average	**94.4%**

NEWSLETTER ENGAGEMENT

One of our school priorities this year is to improve communication with parents. If you have read this newsletter, please click on the link below and take 30 seconds to complete the survey so that we can see how many parents are reading the newsletters. We would like to know how effective these newsletters are as a means of communication. Thank you.

https://forms.gle/PsHYfzAPKwRDU9d29

Have a lovely weekend.

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