



The Riverside Reporter



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We value children who:

Strive for
excellence

Make the
right choices

Build
relationships



World Book Day!

Dates for your diary

Fri 27th March – School finishes at **1.15pm prompt**

A word from Mr Daniels

Every child a happy learner

RIVERSIDE'S BIG READ

Over the past two weeks, Riverside has been celebrating all things reading. A huge thank you to Ms Palfrey and Ms Walker who have organised and overseen the Riverside's Big Read events. Over the past two weeks events have included:

- An online story from Michael Rosen;
- Online poetry workshop with Simon Mole;
- Guess the book – book boxes;
- WORLD BOOK DAY;
- Design a book token;
- Guess the secret reader;
- Storytime with a surprise teacher;
- Library artwork project;
- A book swap;
- Author visit – Ben Lyttleton;
- Author visit – Kevin Grall and
- Maidenhead Library visits.



All children (and staff) have loved the Riverside Big Read and we hope that this has ignited a love of reading in your child. Many thanks to all the parents who have accompanied their child to the library. Please remember that regular reading of bedtime stories to your child is the biggest gift that you can give your child!



EID

We know that Eid is a very special time of year for many of our families. Please be reminded that children are only allowed one day of religious observation to be authorised. If Eid falls on Friday and your child is not in, this one day will be authorised as a religious observation. A reminder to all parents that Riverside is hosting its annual **Eid Fair on Thursday 26th March** – we look forward to the community coming together to celebrate this special occasion.

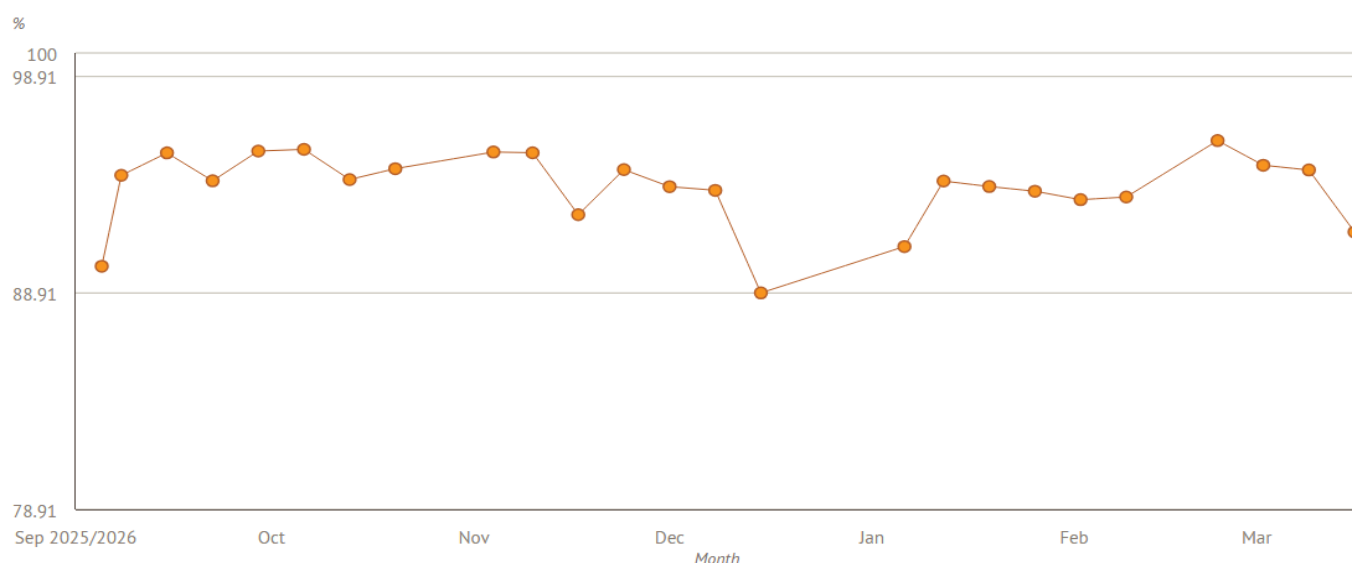
X-FACTOR STARS

Children in Years 3 – 6 can earn a different coloured X-Factor star. To earn these stars, children have to obtain full marks for three consecutive weeks thereby demonstrating that they know all of their multiplication facts. If your child has been awarded one of these stars, please praise them and ensure that they wear their star to school every day.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

As you can see from the graph below, we have had a few really good weeks of most children attending school every day. Well done! Please help your child to keep up this super attendance for the remainder of the term.



Year	% Attendance YTD
Reception	92.4%
Year 1	93.2%
Year 2	94.9%
Year 3	94.3%
Year 4	96.5%
Year 5	95.4%
Year 6	94.5%
Riverside Average	94.5%

We wish all our families celebrating Eid and happy and peaceful celebration.

Richard Daniels

Headteacher

Riverside Primary School & Nursery

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NETBALL TEAM

Well done to the Riverside Netball team as they played the return fixture against Holyport on a bright sunny day, it was such a fast and competitive game and I knew it would be a hard game for us, as did the team. They continued to work hard throughout the game showing their resilience! They have certainly improved since their last match against Holyport as the defence did not give Holyport as many chances in the attack as last game and we certainly got to have a chance at playing more in our own attacking half in this match. The first quarter was 0-0, by half time it was 4-1 to Holyport, in the third quarter the score was 5-1 and by the end of the final quarter, the final score was Holyport 8 and Riverside 2. The team worked really hard and should be pleased with their progress.



Khairat and Sumeiya got player of the match and most improved player went to Inaaya. Well done to Max, Isha, Aiza, Skyla, Khalifah and Bakhtawar too as the team kept working throughout the match. Thank you to Abdul Rahim for his help with timing and to Isha too.



Year 1 Active 60 Festival

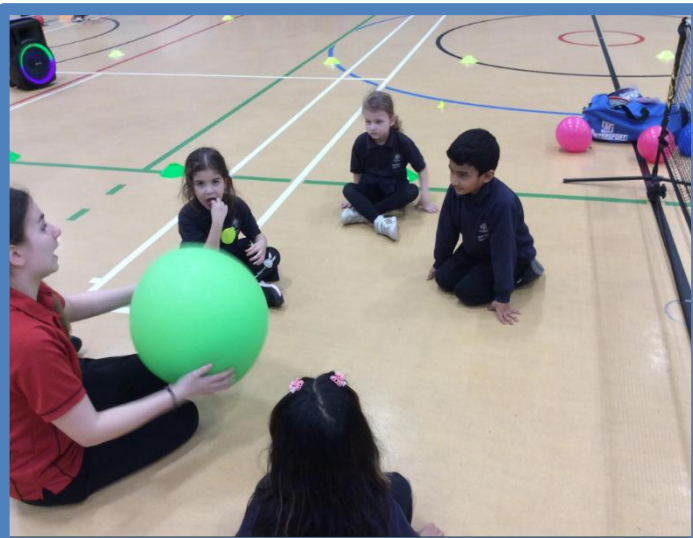
The Year 1 Active 60 festival took place at Braywick Leisure Centre today and both Cherry and Chestnut class were able to go to this event. They were full of excitement on the coach, during, the event and after the event too even though they were a little tired. They were very happy learners and did a range of activities for the whole afternoon ranging from Balance bikes, seated balloon volleyball, football dribbling and shooting skills, archery, dodgeball, tagging each other and a chilled-out zone where they could build structures! They had an amazing time and they even got led by some ex Riverside girls in Year 9 who were young leaders. It was so nice to see them all grown up and confident young ladies.



Here is a flavour of the afternoon and the activities that were participated in. Thank you to Mrs Black, Mr Tillyer, Mrs Ashgar, Miss Iqbal, Mrs Lawrence, Miss Ellis and Miss Porter for their help and support to make this event happen. The children came back to school and talked about their best bits of the afternoon with a well-deserved treat.

Thank you to Year 1 for being such a pleasure to take out.

Mrs Barnes







Presented by

Professor Amanda Kirby
CEO of Do-IT Solutions

International expert in neurodiversity

Understanding Neurodiversity: Practical Support to Help Children & Young People Thrive

**For anyone supporting children and young people
across Bucks and Berkshire**

ONLINE

Thursday 19 March

6.30–7.30pm

[Click here to book](#)

Held during Neurodiversity Celebration Week

- Understanding neurodiversity
- Different ways brains think, learn and experience the world
- Removing barriers, unlocking strengths
- Everyday strategies that make a difference
- Helping young people feel understood
- Local support and connection routes



For queries email: hello@brighterfuturestogether.org.uk

If you're more than 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under 4, you may be entitled to get help to buy healthy food and milk.

If you're eligible, you'll be sent a Healthy Start card with money on it that you can use in some UK shops. We'll add your benefit onto this card every 4 weeks.

You can use your card to buy:

- plain liquid cow's milk
- fresh, frozen, and tinned fruit and vegetables
- fresh, dried, and tinned pulses
- infant formula milk based on cow's milk

You can also use your card to collect:

- Healthy Start vitamins – these support you during pregnancy and breastfeeding
- vitamin drops for babies and young children – these are suitable from birth to 4 years old

You can find more information and details on how to claim

here: <https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/>

Partnerships for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools PINS Project



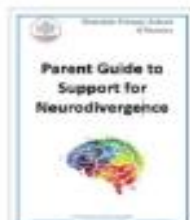
Thank you, to all those parents who have attended the SEND Parent Voices sessions to share your experiences of support for neurodivergence and inclusion at Riverside. The input from these parents has been instrumental in helping us develop our provision and creating the most supportive environment for all our Riverside children.

The project continues, and has provided:

Development of our use of Zones of Regulation to support emotional literacy and self-regulation skills for all children.



A parent booklet setting out our support for all types of neurodivergence



An audit of our school environment to make learning and social spaces more welcoming for all children



If you have any questions about this initiative, would like to be involved in ongoing activities, or to become the school's SEND Parent Voices representative, please do contact Miss Barnard, Assistant Headteacher & SENCo.



Would you like to improve your English?

English Lessons for Parents

(All languages welcome!)

**Monday and Wednesday, 2pm-3pm
Starting April 20th**

At Riverside Primary School

Register at the school office.

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