



## Attendance

In this newsletter, I want to discuss something crucial to our pupils' success: attendance and punctuality. School is far more than just academic learning; it's an enriching environment where children develop essential social and life skills. Consistent attendance is fundamental to helping our pupils achieve their full potential and realise their aspirations.

Every moment of learning matters. Did you know that just 10 minutes of lateness each day equates to 33 hours of lost learning per year? Even a few minutes of tardiness can disrupt not only an individual pupil's learning but impact the entire class's educational experience.

To support smooth mornings, we advise parents to establish good evening and morning routines. Prepare as much as possible the night before to avoid hectic mornings. Please note our school gates close at 8.50 am. Pupils arriving between 8.50 am and 9.00 am will be marked as late, and those arriving after 9.00 am will be marked as unauthorised late.

For late arrivals, any pupil must be taken to the Main Office and signed in by a parent.

If your child is absent, please contact the school absence line to inform us of the reason.

These procedures are critical for child safety and accurate attendance tracking.

We actively monitor attendance and will contact parents if attendance falls below our expected levels. Our goal is to work collaboratively with families, understanding any challenges and providing support to improve attendance.

Parents should be aware of their legal responsibility to ensure their child receives a full-time education. Schools are required to report termly attendance percentages to the Local Authority. Unauthorised absences can result in fixed penalty notices (fines), including for holidays taken during term time.

## Attendance Rewards

We're committed to supporting every pupil's educational journey and believe that regular attendance is a key component of their success. As a school, we run a number of initiatives to support attendance.

This year, we are continuing with Staffordshire County Councils 'Little Hero' campaign where we are encouraging children to be—

H—Here

E—Every Day

R—Ready

O—On time

We will also be celebrating children who have full attendance each term with certificates and badges. Alongside this, we have our non uniform days for classes when they achieve 10 days of full class attendance.

Lastly, there is the attendance reward trip where your child could attend a trip for free just by coming to school every day!

## Dates for your Diary

**Golden Ticket Lunch**  
**Thursday 2nd October**  
(Letter to follow)

**Harvest Festival**  
**Monday 6th October**  
Years 1,2,3:- 9.15am  
Years 4,5,6:- 2.30pm

**Year 6 Trip**  
**Bletchley Park**  
**Wednesday 8th October**

**Year 3 Trip**  
**Conkers**  
**Thursday 16th October**

**Last day of Term**  
**Friday 24th October**

**Start of Term**  
**Monday 3rd November**

**SEND Parents Evening**  
**Wednesday 5th & Thursday**  
**6th November**





## Late Collection of Children

Please be aware that if you are going to be late collecting your child then please inform the office. If your child has not been collected by 3.45pm then they will be placed into the care of the after school provision and this will come with an emergency child care fee of £10.

## OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning)

We are in need of lots of OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) resources as our resource sheds have emptied over last year. If you have any of the items on the resource list attached then please bring them to the school office. We do ask that all equipment is clean and is in a condition that is safe enough to be used by children. Thank you so much to the parents who have already donated.

## WELLIES—Year 1 to Year 6

Please also remember that as part of OPAL, to access the school field in all weather conditions, the children will need to keep a pair of wellies in school. Please ensure their wellies are named and then children have a year group welly shed where they will be stored.

## PE Kits

Please ensure that your child has a PE kit in school. Children do PE or physical activity twice a week so the PE kits should be kept in school all week. We will send PE kits home every half term however, if you wish to wash them more frequently then please ask your child to bring it home on a Friday and return it on a Monday.

## Facebook

Visit our school Facebook page for regular photos and updates. Our Facebook page is 'Riverview Primary and Nursery School'.

## Parent Governor

Can we draw your attention to an important opportunity for parent involvement. We are currently seeking parent governors to join our school's governing body. This is a chance for parents to play a key role in supporting and shaping the strategic direction of River View Primary & Nursery School. If you're interested in making a difference and contributing to your child's educational community, we encourage you to get in touch with the Mrs Buckingham for more information.

## Dates for your Diary

**Class Photographs  
(Single & Siblings)**

**Tuesday 11th November**

**Year 4 Trip**

**Faith Trail**

**Wednesday 12th November**

**Parents Evening**

**Wednesday 12th &**

**Thursday 13th November**

**Children In Need**

**Friday 21st November**

**Non-Uniform**

**Friday 28th November**

