

### A message from Mrs Bailey...

As we move into February, there are clear signs that spring is just around the corner. Lighter mornings and longer days always seem to bring a renewed sense of energy, and that has certainly been felt across the school over recent weeks. Learning has been truly incredible in every corner of Rivers.

Classrooms are full of curiosity, thoughtful discussion and purposeful learning, and it has been a real joy to see children so engaged and motivated. Alongside this, we continue to talk a great deal about what *kindness* really means – not just being polite, but showing appreciation, respect and care for one another every day.

One way this is brought to life across the school is through our **special art of appreciation**, a key 'Teach Like a Champion' strategy that helps children recognise and value the contributions of others. Hearing children articulate what they appreciate about their peers and teachers is a powerful reminder of the positive, inclusive culture we are building together.

I would also like to take this opportunity to highlight the importance of attendance. Currently, our attendance is falling short of our target, which means that some children are missing precious days of learning. **Every day in school really does count – not just academically, but socially too – and we kindly ask for your support in ensuring children attend every day unless they are genuinely unwell.**

One particularly lovely moment this month was our storytelling session, where our older children read to our youngest pupils. Reading is fundamental to everything children do in school, and regular reading at home plays a vital role in supporting confidence, comprehension and a lifelong love of books.

Thank you you for your continued kindness and support - it really is a privilege to be the Headteacher of this **AMAZING** school.

### Quote of the Month

"KINDNESS IS THE  
ABILITY AND  
DESIRE TO HAVE A  
POSITIVE IMPACT  
ON OTHERS."

- RAKTIVIST

THIS SCHOOL IS  
**NUT FREE**



**THANK YOU**  
for keeping our school safe!

## Inspire to Aspire



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# Dates for your diary



09.02.2026

Wear Something that  
Makes you Happy

Mental Health Awareness Day

11.02.2026

Y6 RAF Cosford Trip



12.02.2026

Valentines Discos



13.02.2026

Inset Day



16.02.2026 to  
20.02.2026



23.02.2026



02.03.2026

Year 7 National Offer Day



03.03.2026

Year 1 Let's Learn  
Together

9:00am - 9:30am



04.03.2026

Year 2 Let's Learn  
Together

9:00am - 9:30am



# Save the dates...

# NOTICES

## Absence

Please report your child's absence as soon as possible by calling **01922 710 164** or emailing

[postbox@rivers.windsoracademytrust.org.uk](mailto:postbox@rivers.windsoracademytrust.org.uk)

Or

[attendance@rivers.windsoracademytrust.org.uk](mailto:attendance@rivers.windsoracademytrust.org.uk)

## EYFS Outdoor Environment

Please refrain from allowing children to play with the equipment on our EYFS outdoor learning environment. Over the last few weeks lots of resources have been broken during collection time.

Thank you.

## Book Donations

We are ALWAYS looking for donations of books to restock our library. If you have any books you no longer want - we can always find a home for them. Thank you.



## Riverside

Our office is unmanned from 4:00pm. Please call 01922710164 and select option 4 to collect your child.

Thank you!

## Arbor/DOJO

These are both vital platforms to communicate with school. If you have not got access to them please pop to the school office and we will help you to access them.



## Jewellery

For safety reasons, children are not permitted to wear jewellery in school. This includes earrings (one pair of studs only), necklaces, bracelets, and rings.

Thank you for helping us maintain a safe environment for all children.



# January Attendance



## Attendance Update

Whole School Target		97%
January Attendance		93.4%

At Rivers Primary Academy, we know **'EVERY DAY COUNTS'**. Good attendance is essential if your child is to achieve their academic and personal potential.

Penguins	93.71%
Nile	93.58%
Ganges	94.98%
Avon	90.18%
Trent	92.8%
Severn	94.3%
Thames	95.33%
Clyde	96.74%
Foyle	95.48%
Hvita	93.56%
Tiber	90.17%
Fuji	92.94%
Kuma	87.23%
Amazon	94.36%
Tocantins	95.12%

If you would like to discuss Your child's attendance with a member of staff, please contact The office on 01922 710 164 to arrange an appointment.

Equates to number of school days off each year



We are always here to help. Come and talk to us about your child's attendance.

[attendance@rivers.windsoracademytrust.org.uk](mailto:attendance@rivers.windsoracademytrust.org.uk) or [postbox@rivers.windsoracademytrust.org.uk](mailto:postbox@rivers.windsoracademytrust.org.uk)



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### Can my child be in school?



### When can my child return to school?

<b>Cough, Cold or Sore Throat</b> No need to stay off unless they have a temperature	<b>Head Lice</b> No need to stay off but school should be informed	<b>Hand, Foot &amp; Mouth</b> No need to stay off but school should be informed	<b>High Temperature (38°+)</b> When temperature has returned to normal	<b>Chicken Pox</b> When all spots are crusted over	<b>Diarrhoea &amp; Vomiting</b> 48 hours from last episode
<b>Slapped Cheek</b> No need to stay off but school should be informed	<b>Tonsillitis</b> No need to stay off but school should be informed	<b>Threadworms</b> No need to stay off but school should be informed	<b>Scarlet Fever</b> 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	<b>Ringworm</b> Once treatment has started	<b>Covid-19</b> Three days after a positive test result
<b>Conjunctivitis or Cold Sores</b> No need to stay off but seek advice from a pharmacist			<b>Measles</b> Four days after rash has developed	<b>Ear Infection</b> Remain at home until temperature has returned to normal	<b>Impetigo</b> When lesions are crusted and healed or 48 hours after commencing antibiotics



## Every Day Counts at Rivers!

Being in school **every day** is so important for your child's **learning, friendships, and confidence**. We know mornings can be tricky and sometimes children wake up feeling a little **under the weather**. Often, once they start their day, they **settle in and feel fine**. Please **encourage your child to try school** whenever possible. Our staff are always here to **support your child**, and if they are genuinely too unwell, we will of course **contact you and send them home**.

**Together, we can help every child make the most of their time at Rivers!**

**YOU BELONG HERE!**

**WE MISS YOU WHEN YOU'RE NOT HERE.**

Every day you're here makes our community stronger.  
Your presence matters.

**TOGETHER WE GROW AND LEARN.**

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# Operation Encompass




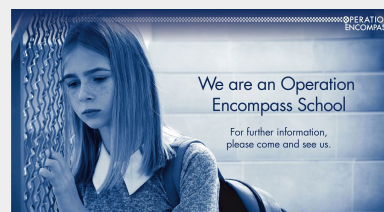
Did you know that we are an Operation Encompass school?

 Operation Encompass aims to reduce the long-term impacts of domestic abuse by providing early intervention and support. 

 When the police attend incidents of domestic violence or abuse where children are directly or indirectly involved, they notify the designated safeguarding lead at the child's school before the start of the next school day.



 Further details can be found here:  
[Walsall Council – Operation Encompass](#)



## How can I speak to my child's teacher?

### Class Dojo

You can message your child's class teacher to ask questions regarding things like homework or learning. Please be mindful responses will not be immediate. **Class Dojo to be used for non-urgent matters only.**

### Telephone Call

You can request a telephone call by emailing [postbox@rivers.windsoracademytrust.org.uk](mailto:postbox@rivers.windsoracademytrust.org.uk).

### Face-to-Face

You can see your child's class teacher at the end of the school day. **Please allow them to safely dismiss all children first.**

You can book a meeting with your child's class teacher by emailing [postbox@rivers.windsoracademytrust.org.uk](mailto:postbox@rivers.windsoracademytrust.org.uk).

### Please remember the following:

Attendance must be reported by calling **01922710164** or by emailing [attendance@rivers.windsoracademytrust.org.uk](mailto:attendance@rivers.windsoracademytrust.org.uk) or [postbox@rivers.windsoracademytrust.org.uk](mailto:postbox@rivers.windsoracademytrust.org.uk).

If you are unhappy and would like to speak to your child's key Stage Leader, please email [postbox@rivers.windsoracademytrust.org.uk](mailto:postbox@rivers.windsoracademytrust.org.uk).

**We are always happy to speak with you.**



# Valentine's Disco

THURSDAY 12TH FEBRUARY  
2026



Nursery and Reception  
3:30-4:15pm  
Bring outfits into school  
Collect from normal collection point



Years 1, 2 and 3  
4:30-5:45pm  
Enter site via Livingstone Road  
Drop off at the main office  
Collection from the Hall  
(Staff will be available to guide you)



Years 4, 5 and 6  
6:00-7:15pm  
Enter site via Livingstone Road  
Drop off at the main office  
Collection from the Hall  
(Staff will be available to guide you)



TICKETS AVAILABLE TO BOOK ON ARBOR





# CHINESE NEW YEAR

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026

## MENU

Chinese Chicken Curry (Halal & Non Halal)  
Sweet and Sour Vegetable Curry (V)

### *Sides*

Rice

Vegetable Spring Rolls

Prawn Crackers

### *Dessert*

Ice Cream



# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# ROBLOX

AGE RATING  
PEGI  
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Roblox is one of the most popular video games on the market. By 2020, the game's makers were claiming that more than half of children in the USA play it. As a 'sandbox' title, Roblox offers a huge amount of creative freedom: it lets players create their own gaming experiences with the Roblox Studio to build custom levels and games, which can then be shared with other players online. Roblox fosters creative thinking and enjoys a robust online community of fans.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Roblox encourages players to communicate online (including a group chat facility). This could expose children to risks such as scammers, online predators, harassment, griefers and more. The in-game chat has some filters, but isn't perfect: players can still send harmful messages to others – such as general hostility – while predators can reach out to children directly.

### ONLINE DATERS

These are also called 'ODers' and are quite common in Roblox. An ODER is an individual who joins a game with the intention of finding someone to date online – and eventually meet in person. Such online dating is against the Roblox community guidelines, but this usually doesn't deter ODERs. Some player-built Roblox game worlds have even been designed with online dating specifically in mind.

### PUBLIC SERVERS

Roblox has private or VIP servers which allow people to play exclusively with their friends, but this costs money. Most Roblox players will instead be on public servers that anyone can join. Servers can host games which focus on all kinds of aspects, including direct player interaction. Some games and servers, therefore, will put children more at risk of contact from strangers than others.

### IN-APP PURCHASES

Roblox is actually free to download and play, but bear in mind that there are some hidden costs. Players are encouraged to make purchases in the game, for example, using real money. People can also buy extra Robux (the in-game currency) to spend on cosmetic items in the game, and some private or VIP servers also have a cost.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### SET PARENTAL CONTROLS

Roblox comes with several parental control options, which are explained well on the game's official website. It's essential to enter the correct date of birth for your child, as that allows Roblox to automatically apply the appropriate chat filters. The game also allows parents and carers to set monthly spending restrictions and monitor their child's account.

### DISABLE PRIVATE MESSAGING

Roblox's private messaging function raises the risk of children being contacted by people they may not want to speak with – potentially leading to bullying, harassment, toxicity and scam attempts. The game allows you to disable messages from anyone who hasn't been added as a friend on your child's account.

### PRIVATE SERVERS

If your child has genuine friends who they play Roblox online with, paying for a private or VIP server decreases the risk of contact from strangers. Even then, however, some players could invite other people – who might not necessarily be child friendly – into the private server. If your child is a Roblox fan, it's important to talk with them regularly about who they are playing the game with.

### MONITOR SPENDING

If they don't understand they're using real money, it's easy for children to accidentally spend a sizeable amount in the game. Using parental controls to place limits on their spending will help avoid any nasty financial surprises. Ensuring that you have two-factor authentication on your payment accounts also makes it harder for your child to spend money inadvertently.

### DEALING WITH STRANGERS

At some point in their development, your child will need to learn how to deal with strangers online. Show them how to block and report any users who are upsetting them or asking uncomfortable questions. Talking to them about what's OK to discuss – and what they should never tell a stranger online – will help them understand how to communicate with others safely in the digital world.

### Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.



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Sources: <https://www.theverge.com/2020/7/21/21333431/roblox-over-half-of-us-kids-playing-virtual-parties-fortnite>  
<https://corp.roblox.com/parents/>

# LITTLE PEOPLE , **BIG** DREAMS 2026

We absolutely **LOVE** sharing our children's achievements.

Email your child's achievement and a photo to....

[postbox@rivers.windsoracademytrust.org.uk](mailto:postbox@rivers.windsoracademytrust.org.uk)

It could be absolutely anything from swimming to dancing to football to piano or just simply accomplishing something that they're proud of!

## Who will be next??



Come and join our FREE  
**Rivers Breakfast Club**  
Reception - Year 6



- Monday - Friday
- Doors open at 8:00am
- Last entry at 8:20am
- Enter via the Livingstone Road



Squash



Milk

Book your child's place on Arbor.

\*\*Early drop off available at 7:45am for a £1.50 charge



Toast

A selection  
of cereals



Pancakes



Something new is coming to our breakfast club....

# Rivers Breakfast Club

**HOT BREAKFAST  
FRIDAYYYYYYYY**

*Milk  
Shake*



Every Friday...

**Sausage Baps and Milkshake Bar**

Pork, Halal, Vegetarian





**Please help us to keep our children safe! ⚠️**

Update:

Road safety improvements on Mersey Road will be carried out during the February half-term.

**Thank you for your support!**

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IS BUILT ON  
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