

Weekly Newsletter

Thursday 9th December

Message from Mrs Wright

Another amazing week here at Rivers, where the children have really shone! As it comes to the end of the first term of this academic year, the progress the children have made is phenomenal.

Please keep sending your children to school every day if they are well enough. There are plenty of exciting things happening next week which they will otherwise miss.

Sadly we have said goodbye to Miss Gamwell (our safeguarding officer) this week who has left Rivers for a full time post nearer to home.

Thank you to all of you that came to our performances this week. Due to restrictions, we did need to limit numbers but I am really pleased that some of you were able to attend. The children were amazing!

Thank you for your feedback. We had some lovely feedback from many of you.

'Lovely performance, children were very clear.'

'Performance was great, well done to the teachers.'

'A lovely chance to see my daughter's first performance.'

Attendance



A huge well done to all our golden attenders who today received their golden attendance ticket to next week's glow in the dark dodgeball event! Also a big thank you to you parents and carers for supporting your child and bringing them into school every day. Who can retain their golden attendance for spring term's Nerf Battle?

This Week's Attendance: 91.4%

Golden Class: Kuma

A Week at Rivers

This week we have been super proud of our children both in Nursery and Reception performing their Christmas songs and Christmas Nativity. They have worked incredibly hard over the last few weeks.



KS1 have done a great job with their Nativity performances this week! Year 2 have also enjoyed their African carnival for the theme work. They made some terrific animal masks.



We've had an amazing week in LKS2, from practicing for our Christmas concert to starting our DT projects. In Year 3, we will be creating our very own Santa's sleigh! This week, we explored bridges and worked collaboratively to use lolly sticks to construct a bridge. In Year 4, we're designing and cooking pizzas. This week we analysed existing pizzas and completed a taste test to explore our favourite ingredients.



Rivers Reads



A huge congratulations to our first millionaire reader of the academic year Millie T!

This week's KS2 star readers:

Name	Words Read This Week
Aqram LB	409,915
Hanif LB	224,311
Prabhnoor D	194,089
Ava Rose C	176,669
Millie T	151,553

KS2 class leaderboard:

Class	Words Read This Year
Amazon	5,981,816
Fuji	4,309,968
Tocantin	2,000,256
Foyle	1,180,118
Kuma	1,095,967
Tiber	862,255
Clyde	413,100
Hvita	158,077

Celebrations

Well done to our 'Aspire' Ambassadors' I am Courageous

Avon: Jett W **Trent:** Joshua-Jacob **Severn:** Malik S **Thames:** Elysia M **Clyde:** Sarae D **Foyle:** Uche O **Hvita:** Ayvah D **Tiber:** James D **Fuji:** Mitchell D **Kuma:** Lexie S **Amazon:** Tiguidanke S
Tocantin: Archie H

Hot Chocolate Winners

Avon: Christobel N **Trent:** Elisia H **Severn:** Elsie R **Thames:** Kniko T **Clyde:** Bashir U **Foyle:** Christian N **Tiber:** Eva J **Hvita:** Angel A **Fuji:** Harvey J **Kuma:** Maciej R **Amazon:** Oliver P **Tocantin:** Isaac D

Behaviour badges

BRONZE

Tiber: Ethan

SILVER

Trent: Joseph, Henley, Nicolas, Elisia, Archie and Lucy **Severn:** Delilah, Kian, Jessica and Ryder
Foyle: Ashadieayah, Azari, Denis, Finley and Keaton **Tiber:** Tommy and Lily-Jo **Hvita:** Kye, Alfie, Mia, Heidi and Connor **Tocantin:** Fatoumata, Dylan, Mason, Heathen, Mitchell and Ryan

Safeguarding

Since the start of the pandemic back in March 2020 things have not been easy for anyone. It has meant adapting to uncertainty at speed and saying goodbye to certain routines and structures that help young people navigate their world. Normally the lead up to Christmas would be a fun and exciting time for children and young people and hopefully it still will be. The fears of new variants are however becoming increasingly known and are a worry.

There are some simple ways parents and carers can support children and young people to give them the best chance to stay mentally healthy. These include:

- Talk to your child and ask what they look forward to the most. Find out if there's anything they are worried about or would like to do differently this year
- Plan ahead, some structure to the day will help as will maintaining bedtime routines. Don't forget to have some time to yourselves and time apart
- Get out the house and explore
- Seek help if you need it or just need to talk. The NSPCC is always there

Miss Stone (Designated Safeguarding Lead)

Mrs Moorhouse (Pastoral Lead)

Miss Gamwell (Safeguarding Officer)

Alternatively, you can call the **NSPCC helpline 0808 800 5000**. Children and young people can call **Childline on 0800 1111**.

Diary dates

Friday 10th December	School closed to children (Inset day)
Monday 13th December	Glow in the Dark Dodgeball Attendance Event
Monday 13th December	Pantomime Trip (Reception & KS1)
Tuesday 14th December	LKS2 Christmas Concert
Wednesday 15th December	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper day
Thursday 16th December	UKS2 Christmas Concert
Thursday 16th December	Christmas Class Parties
Friday 17th December	Santa Dash - Prize for every child who enters!
Friday 17th December	Last day of term - school closes at 1.15 pm
Tuesday 4th January	School reopens