

RIVINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 18th September 2026

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Attendance

I wanted to take a moment to say a huge thank you to all of you for the brilliant attendance we've seen so far. It really does make such a difference. Attendance is crucial to your child's academic progress. When pupils are in school every day, they don't miss out on learning, they build stronger relationships with their peers and staff, and they develop good routines and habits that set them up for success. We've noticed the positive impact already, and we're determined to keep this momentum going throughout the year. I know that life gets busy and sometimes it's tricky to get everyone out the door on time, but those daily routines really do matter. Every single day counts, and we're grateful for the commitment you're showing to supporting your child's education. There's some important information about attendance that we've shared in the image below. Please do look at it so you've got all the details you need. If you have any questions or concerns about anything related to attendance, or if there are circumstances we should be aware of, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the office. The team there will be more than happy to help and advise you.

ATTENDANCE

WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME

1 I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week.

Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything. Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine. The fine is £160 but if you pay it in 21 days it will be reduced to £80.

£160

2 FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN.

+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160
4 children & 1 parent = £640
Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days

IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE
10 IN 10

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised. The school will consider prosecution.

1 Day = **2** Sessions

3 FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS

+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160
4 children & 2 parents = £1280
Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days

If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...

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2ND TIME

2 parents and 1 child = £320
2 children = 640
3 children = 960
4 children = 1280
No discount for early payment

3RD TIME

A penalty notice fine will not be given. Instead, your case will be taken to court. A magistrate can fine each parent £2500 for each child
1 parent & 4 children = £10,000
2 parents & 4 children = £20,000

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Good Luck Miss Tierney

We're saying goodbye to Miss Tierney today as she begins her maternity leave. We're really excited for her and can't wait to hear the wonderful news when her baby boy arrives. Miss Tierney is a valued member of our team, and we wish her all the very best for this next chapter.



Pupil Leadership

This week, we held our first meeting with our new Head and Deputy boys and girls, and I was genuinely impressed. The ideas and contributions they brought to the table were thoughtful and enthusiastic – it's clear they're going to develop some real leadership skills over the coming months. What struck me most was their first request: mirrors in the Year 5 and 6 toilets. It's a practical suggestion that shows they're already thinking about what matters to our pupils. We'll absolutely explore what we can sort out.

I'm really looking forward to seeing how this group grows and the positive impact they'll have across our school community.



Weekly Attendance Awards

Week commencing 14th September 2026

Reception	93.5%
Y1	92.3%
Y2	95.9%

Y3	94.8%
Y4	98.9%
Y5	90.7%
Y6	96.2%

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Key dates for Autumn term

Date	Event
22 nd September	Individual Photographs
24 th September	Reception Reading Meeting 3pm
29 th September	Prospective Parent Tour 9:30am
30 th September	Flu Vaccines
1 st October	Census Day
6 th October	Y6 SATS Information for parents 9:30am + 3:30pm
21 st October	Rec + Y6 height and weight checks
23 rd October	Culture Day 1
23 rd October	Last day of the half term
2 nd November	Start of Autumn 2
5 th November	Y2 Stay and Learn Session 2:50pm
5 th November	Y5 Museum Trip
12 th November	Prospective Parent Tour 9:30am
13 th November	Children in need day
16 th November	Odd Socks Day
18 th November	Parents Evening
20 th November	Y4 +Y2 Trip to Martin Mere
9 th December	Rec + Y1 Christmas Show 9:15am
10 th December	Y2 + Y3 Christmas Show 9:15am
10 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
11 th December	Culture Day 2 – Visit to Church
15 th December	Nursery Christmas Carols Stay and learn
16 th December	Christmas Dinner Day
18 th December	Last day of term 2pm
4 th January 2027	Start of Spring term



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Well done to all our merit winners this week!

Reception	Amelia for being a kind friend.	Spencer for painting a wonderful self-portrait.	Tommy for listening carefully to the sounds in phonics.
Year 1	Olivia for being such an enthusiastic learner and giving 100% effort in every lesson.	Harley for suggesting some super adjectives to make our sentences more interesting.	Demi for always being thoughtful and having beautiful manners.
Year 2	William for some super explanations about how he has worked things out in Maths.	Evan for always putting his hand up to offer his own ideas.	Finn for always being polite and never forgetting his manners.
Year 3	Keanu for always being ready to learn.	Harper for encouraging others to make the right choices.	Joseph for his excellent participation in lessons.
Year 4	Albie for working hard on his front crawl during our swimming lesson.	Nate for having a brilliant attitude towards his writing.	Daisy for being a shining example of our Rivington Way in everything she does.
Year 5	Charlie M for producing great work while working independently.	Willow for a creative piece of research into Greek pots in our Art lesson.	Charlie U for always being kind and caring to those around him.
Year 6	Angelica for working hard and settling in really well to Y6.	Annabelle for great work in GPS lessons.	Carter for being an excellent role model for others.

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Site Safety Reminder

Using School Pathways

Please use the designated pathways when entering and leaving the school site. Please avoid creating shortcuts across grassed areas and the field, as this can damage the grounds and create muddy or uneven surfaces.

Please also be aware that grassed areas may contain uneven ground, which could present a trip hazard, particularly in wet or poor weather conditions.

Thank you for helping us keep our school environment safe and well maintained.