

RIVINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 23rd October 2026

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Happy Half Term!

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have certainly achieved a great deal over the last eight weeks, and I am proud of everything our pupils and staff have accomplished together. Every corner of the school has been busy, and it has been a pleasure to see so much hard work and enthusiasm.

Our pupils have all settled well into their new classes. There has been an incredible amount of learning taking place, and it is wonderful to see them growing in confidence and curiosity. Our staff have worked hard to make sure every child feels welcome, supported and ready to learn. We hope this continues when we return after half term, so that the positive start we have made carries us through the rest of the year.

You should have all received your child's attendance letter for the half term. Please take the time to read over it carefully. It gives you a clear picture of how your child has been getting on, and it is a helpful way to see how attendance links to their progress in school. If anything in the letter raises a question, please do get in touch with the school office.

Half term is a well-earned break for everyone. I hope you all manage to rest, recharge and spend some quality time with your families before we get back into our normal routines.

I look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Monday 2nd November. Thank you for your continued support. It means a great deal to all of us here at Rivington and we are very grateful to have such a caring community behind us.

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Weekly Attendance Awards

Week commencing 28th September 2026

Reception	95.8%	Y4	95%
Y1	94.8%	Y5	93.7%
Y2	95.9%	Y6	94.1%
Y3	99.3%	Whole School	95.6%

Key dates for Autumn term

Date	Event
2 nd November	Start of Autumn 2
5 th November	Y2 Stay and Learn Session 2:50pm
5 th November	Y5 Museum Trip
5 th November	RIVI TOTS – 9 to 10:15am in the Nursery
10 th November	School Meals – Nutrition Day
12 th November	Prospective Parent Tour 9:30am
12 th November	RIVI TOTS – 9 to 10:15am in the Nursery
13 th November	Children in need day
16 th November	Odd Socks Day
18 th November	Parents Evening
19 th November	RIVI TOTS – 9 to 10:15am in the Nursery
20 th November	Y4 +Y2 Trip to Martin Mere
26 th November	RIVI TOTS – 9 to 10:15am in the Nursery
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 9am
16 th December	Christmas Dinner Day (Place your order on school grid now)
18 th December	Last day of term – Close at 2pm
4 th January 2027	Start of Spring term

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Well done to all our merit winners this week!

Reception	Sakura for her hard word work and concentration in phonics lessons.	Irah for showing his super numeral skills.	Olivia for being a kind and thoughtful friend to others.
Year 1	Luca for fantastic explanations in Maths when talking about number bonds.	Amelia for having an amazing week and giving 100% in all her lessons.	Penny for being a good role model at lunchtime and helping others.
Year 2	Ronnie for having a really good attitude towards his learning this week.	Aoife for being more resilient this week and seeing what she can achieve when she is.	Oscar for being a shining example of the Rivington Way in every way possible.
Year 3	Amelia for her beautiful presentation in her writing this week.	Summer-Grace for her hard work and perseverance in maths.	Amine for super concentration and effort in all her lessons.
Year 4	Kyro for writing a great newspaper report about a shark.	Archie for working really hard on his maths assessment.	Niamh for bringing lots of enthusiasm to our classroom!
Year 5	Keliese for working really hard in Maths lessons this week and sharing her ideas with others.	Phoebe for always being such a helpful member of the class and having a great attitude towards her learning.	Leo for being such a hard working member of the class who is an example to others.
Year 6	Nicolas for a sensible and mature attitude in lessons this week.	Archie for working hard to produce and edit a great piece of writing.	Cole for always following the Rivington Way and being a great example for others.

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Y5 trip to Liverpool Museum

A polite reminder to please complete the trip survey and to make the payment via School Spider for our upcoming visit to Liverpool Museum on Thursday 5th November.

Thank you!

Y2 and Y4 Trip to Martin Mere

On 20th November, our Year 2 and Year 4 children will be visiting Martin Mere in Ormskirk to take part in *Generation Wild*, a fantastic free project designed to help children and their families connect with nature. Through the story of Ava, a half-human, half-osprey character, the children will discover the importance of protecting wildlife and caring for the environment. Back at school, they will take part in a series of nature-based activities to encourage them to explore, enjoy and develop a deeper connection with the natural world. Once they have completed ten activities, the children can choose to take the Generation Wild Oath and become a *Guardian of the Wild*, receiving a special badge and certificate to celebrate their achievement. Families can get involved too, with over 50 badges to collect, including fun activities to try at home, such as stargazing and dancing in the rain. Each child will also receive a free family pass to revisit Martin Mere and continue their wild adventures together!

A polite reminder to all parents and carers to please complete the trip survey on School Spider.

Thank you!

Site Safety Reminder

Wet Leaves and Slippery Surfaces

As the weather changes, please take extra care around the school site. Wet leaves, muddy areas and damp pathways can become slippery underfoot. Please use designated pathways and encourage children to walk carefully.

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HOLIDAY DATES 2027-2028

AUTUMN TERM:

Thursday 2nd September **2027**

HALF TERM:

Close evening of Thursday 21st October
Re-open morning of Monday 1st November

CHRISTMAS:

Close evening of Friday 17th December @ 2pm

SPRING TERM:

Re-open morning of Wednesday 5th January **2028**

HALF TERM:

Close evening of Friday 18th February
Re-open morning of Monday 28th February

SPRING HOLIDAY:

Close evening of Thursday 6th April
Re-open morning of Monday 24th April

EASTER:

Good Friday 14th April
Easter Monday 17th April

MAY DAY

BANK HOLIDAY:

Monday 1st May

HALF-TERM:

Close evening of Friday 26th May
Re-open morning of Monday 5th June

Close evening of Friday 19th July **2028** @ 2pm

INSET DAYS

Wednesday 1st September 2027

Friday 22nd October 2027

Tuesday 4th January 2028

Friday 7th April 2028

Thursday 20th July 2028

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Rivi Tots
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**Every Thursday
9am - 10:15am
In the School Hall**

A place for parents, babies and children
under 5 to play, chat and come together.

£1 per session

No need to book, just turn up
and join in with the fun!

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**Tennis St North
Dentons Green
WA10 6LF**

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Rivington Primary School

Early Years

Open Evening

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Wednesday 11th November 4pm – 5pm

 Please book a place



Come and visit our **Early Years** setting and see our wonderful learning environments in action.

Meet our **friendly, experienced team**, explore our indoor and outdoor areas and find out how we provide a **safe, nurturing and stimulating environment** where children are supported to develop, learn and grow.

We work in **partnership** with families and our **local community** to give every child the very best start on their learning journey.

To book a place, please contact the school on **01744 678493**

or email **rivingtonp@sthelens.org.uk**

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FRIENDS AUTUMN NEWSLETTER



Friends - Play for Disabled Children
Email: info@friendsplay.org.uk
Website: www.friendsplay.org.uk
Registered Charity Number: 1167995



Well, what a summer that was! ☀

We've had so much fun making memories, trying new things, exploring new places and, most importantly, spending time together with our wonderful Friends families. From big adventures to those lovely little moments that make you smile, there's been plenty to celebrate! And somehow, here we are, with autumn well underway and Christmas just around the corner!

🌲 We've got lots more to look forward to, and we can't wait to share some festive magic with you all. So grab a cuppa, get comfy and enjoy a little look back at what we've been up to. We

hope it brings back some happy memories!

Lots of love, Paula, Mel and Emma xxx 🍷

Sunshine, smiles & special memories! ☀

What a summer we've had! From seaside fun and magical woodland adventures to thrilling rides, messy activities and plenty of laughter, we've certainly packed a lot in! It's been lovely seeing our children trying new things, growing in confidence, making friends and simply enjoying being themselves. Whether it was a big family day out or a little moment of happiness, every smile made it special. Here's a look back at some of the wonderful memories we've made together!

Who are we?

Friends - Play for Disabled Children is a registered charity supporting families in St Helens and the surrounding areas.
Our charity number is 1167995.
Tel: Paula Jones - 07806 924774
Tel: Melanie Battye - 07562 869613
Email: info@friendsplay.org.uk

Join Our Friends Family

Membership is required to attend our activities and trips.

Do you have a child or young person with SEND and live in St Helens or the surrounding areas?

We would love to welcome you — register now friendsplay.org.uk/registration

www.friendsplay.org.uk

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A summer of adventures

🏖️ Beach Party at Tunza

Who needs the seaside when you can bring the beach to Tunza? We had a fabulous time with traditional Punch & Judy entertainment from Face2Face, seaside games, music and plenty of summer smiles!

🧚‍♀️ A little Fairy Forest magic

There was magic in the air as our families explored Lumb Brook Valley, hunted for fairy doors, built dens and enjoyed some wonderful outdoor adventures together!

🎢 Thrills and smiles at Drayton Manor

From the excitement of Thomas Land to thrilling rides and meeting favourite characters, our Drayton Manor trip was packed with fun and happy faces!

And that was just a little taste of our summer adventures — we've been busy making memories!

Our summer supporters

A massive thank you to everyone who helped make our summer so special! 💖

Our lovely supporters:

💖 HSBC fund matching – £500

💖 Community Lottery – £141

💖 Easyfundraising – £34.62

And a big thank you for Summer HAF funding and support from the Duchy of Lancaster and Hays Travel.

We couldn't do it without you! 💖

www.friendsplay.org.uk



Little ways to make a big difference 💖

🛒 Give as you Live

Raise free donations every time you shop online.

🎰 Community Lottery

Just £1 per week supports Friends and other local good causes.



Looking ahead to Christmas



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! 🧑🏻

Can you believe we're talking about Christmas already?! After such a fantastic summer, we're getting ready for even more fun, laughter and magical memories with our Friends families!

We've got some lovely festive adventures to look forward to, and we can't wait to share them with you. Keep an eye on your emails and our Facebook pages for all the exciting details and booking information.

Here's to a wonderful festive season together!



Festive updates

Christmas plans and booking details will be shared with registered Friends families as they are confirmed.

Please keep checking your email and our Facebook pages so you don't miss the festive fun!

Regular Weekly Activities

Join us every week during term time!



Monday – LEGO Club



Tuesday – Funky Friends Dance



Wednesday & Sunday – Aerial Hoops

These sessions help children build confidence, develop coordination, make friends and, most importantly, have fun in a relaxed and understanding environment.

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More summer fun!



Outdoor adventures

Fresh air, fun and freedom.
From exploring Delamere Forest to getting muddy at the Puddle Project, our families enjoyed plenty of outdoor adventures! There was lots of exploring, discovering nature, making friends and enjoying the great outdoors together.



Exploring new places

Making memories together
Our families enjoyed some fantastic trips to Conwy Castle and Windermere! From discovering historic places to taking in beautiful scenery, these adventures gave everyone the chance to explore somewhere different and make lovely memories.



Fantastic family days out

Fun, laughter and excitement
Greenwood Family Park was another brilliant summer adventure! With exciting attractions, outdoor play and plenty to discover, our families enjoyed a wonderful day together, filled with smiles, laughter and lots of fun.



Trying something new

New experiences, big smiles
From Simply Cycling to sensory adventures at Sensory Hive and Spaceworld, there was something for everyone! These activities gave our children opportunities to try new things, build confidence and enjoy experiences in their own way.



Thank You

Thank you to all our wonderful families, volunteers, activity providers and supporters for making this summer so special! Here's to many more adventures, happy memories and a little Christmas magic! 

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Nutrition Day

**Tuesday
10/11/2026**

**Meatball or Chicken Tomato Pasta
(with hidden veg)**

Cheese & Tomato Pasta

Vegetable Selection

Pineapple Cake/ Muffin



**ST HELENS
BOROUGH COUNCIL**



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Tunza's CHRISTMAS MARKETS WEEKENDER

Shop Local Support Small Businesses This Christmas

GIFTS
CRAFTS
TREATS
AND MUCH MORE!

Saturday 28th November
Sunday 29th November

The Tunza Centre, St Helens
11am till 3pm

Visit Santa in his new, amazing grotto
(small charge to see Santa, gift included)

FREE ENTRY ALL WEEKEND!

KIDS' GROTTO MEET SANTA!

- Christmas stalls
- Tombola
- Raffles
- Hot Drinks & Food.

A GREAT DAY OUT FOR ALL THE FAMILY!

ENTERTAINMENT PROVIDED BY
LOCAL SCHOOLS AND ST HELENS CONCERT BAND!