

23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025

Dear Riverside families,

I hope you are all well.

This half-term has absolutely flown by but, as they say, time flies when you're having fun! We are acutely aware that our pupils' school days should indeed be filled with fun, knowing full well that we learn most effectively when we are absorbed in activities that excite, stretch and challenge us. This is precisely what we aim to do, balancing the importance of tapping into your child's personal interests alongside taking them out of their comfort zones and hopefully, widening their worlds.

Amongst many highlights, we followed our Spring Term Secondary Showcase, "Dare to Dream", performed by pupils in our Orange and Yellow pathways, with our "Dare to Dream" Immersive Experience for Secondary-aged pupils in our Blue Active and Blue Sensory pathways. If you were able to share this experience with your child this week, I really hope you enjoyed it. Whilst it is hard to capture the true sense and magic of the experience, we have created a photo montage which we hope you will enjoy [HERE](#).

Whilst on the subject of the Arts, you will have received a flyer about our Family Project and if you would like to express your interest, please follow the following link: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScHEdXyj2RNpR6Bakbx1o1mcvA9Nn\\_YRculLc8hfGpYg0j7w/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScHEdXyj2RNpR6Bakbx1o1mcvA9Nn_YRculLc8hfGpYg0j7w/viewform)



As we move into the final half-term of the year, we know that some of you will be thinking ahead to September, particularly if your child is at a transition stage. If they are transferring to a different site, you will have received a letter advising you of the arrangements to ensure the transition is as smooth as possible. If your child is not transitioning this year but may be in the near future, I thought I'd reiterate the fact that as one school on four sites, we are fortunate to be able to place children based on their specific needs. All decisions around site placement are determined by a number of different factors, including their age, learning style, cognitive level, communication preferences, curriculum pathway, sensory needs and peer group. Alongside these highly individualised considerations, there are a number of site-specific and environmental considerations, such as classroom sizes, outdoor spaces, specialist facilities and age ranges. Our commitment will always be to provide your child with what they need, when and where they need it, all under one Riverside umbrella.

As we look forward to next half-term, we are busy planning a number of events across all sites, phases and pathways, including sports days, leavers' celebrations, transition events and Summer prom, amongst many others. Further details, as they apply to you and your child, will follow soon.

That just leaves me to thank you for your support and partnership as always and to wish you all a happy and healthy half term.

With very best wishes,



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