



13th July 2022

10th Edition



Here comes the summer! And the sun is finally here

What a year this has been at Riverside, as always, our children have constantly made us proud, made us smile and filled our classrooms, corridors and playgrounds with energy, enthusiasm for learning and drive to achieve. I could not be a prouder Headteacher!

This year bought our very first round of statutory assessments and our children did AMAZING across the board. We are still waiting for the National picture for EYFS, Phonics and KS1 but you can see from the KS2 SATs results that Riverside children completely smashed it!

Riverside KS2 SATs results July 2022:

Year 6	National average	Riverside Age Related Expectation %
Reading	74%	90%
GPS	72%	91%
Maths	71%	88%
Writing	69%	78%
Reading, Writing, maths combined	59%	73%

We would like to introduce a pale blue t-shirt to our PE uniform next year so this distinguishes PE t-shirts from normal t-shirts. This can be purchased from local supermarkets as and when your child's PE uniform is updated.

Riverside EYFS/Y1 Phonics results June 2022:

	National average	Riverside results
EYFS GLD	TBC	68%
Y1 Phonics	TBC	85%

Riverside KS1 Teacher assessment results 2022:

Year 2	National average	Riverside Age Related Expectation %
Reading	TBC	70%
Maths	TBC	77%
Writing	TBC	61%

As you know Mrs Valand will be leading the day to day running of Riverside in the Autumn term as I take up my Executive Headteacher role across the Birstall Primary schools. I would like to thank you all for your unconditional support throughout my time as the headteacher at Riverside. This has been my biggest and most treasured achievement to date. I absolutely love this school, this community and all of you in it and just cannot thank you enough.

I wish you all a very happy holiday and Riverside will see you back in school on the 31st August!

Mrs Williams



New Staff



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Mrs Bhavsar



I am very excited to become a part of the fantastic school that is Riverside Primary School. My passion for teaching is still as strong as when I first started teaching and knowing that I can be a part of children's educational lives increases my enthusiasm further.

My hobbies include appreciation of art, literature, yoga, cooking and I am also a film buff! I also enjoy teaching PSHE as I feel that the wellbeing and happiness of both children, and adults, is vital. Ultimately, I am looking forward to meeting the children and to work alongside the truly wonderful staff at Riverside.

Have a great summer and see you all in August!

Miss Chauda

From a young age, my hobby of dancing turned into a passion. I have learnt several dance styles and have become a classical Indian trained dancer, performing in venues across the UK. In addition, I have helped backstage at dance shows supporting children and parents.

Aside from dancing, I am quite active and enjoy playing various sports such as cricket and rounders. As a student-teacher in Year 1, I am excited to impart my knowledge and see each learner embark on their boundless education journey.

I look forward to joining Riverside Primary School, meeting my new class, playing an active role in their development, and pursuing my passion into practice.



Miss Armstrong



I am delighted to be taking up a teaching position at Riverside Primary School this August. Riverside is a wonderful school, and I cannot wait to meet the pupils that will form my new class. In my spare time, I enjoy dance, drama and performing and I hope to use these skills to establish a learning environment where every child feels confident to express themselves. I would like to wish all the pupils a lovely summer and I look forward to meeting you all in August.

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Mrs Sadiq

Hello everyone! My name is Mrs Sadiq and I am absolutely delighted to come and teach at Riverside. It is always a real joy when I see happy and energetic pupils in the classroom. I have a great passion to teach a range of subjects by making connections across the curriculum. I am very creative and enjoy conducting experiments, doing pastel drawings and role plays in English lessons. I can't wait to begin teaching in August. Looking forward to see you all!

Mrs Peters

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Meet the SENDCo



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Miss Newton

Well Hello!

Miss Newton here!

I am thrilled to be taking on the role of SENDCo next year at Riverside. Alongside this, I will also be spending my Fridays teaching the wonderful children in year 3 here at



Riverside and filling the SENDCo role at Hallam Fields. My role here for the last 6 years has brought me many laughs, smiles (and tears). I can't think of a better place for me to support pupils and families. Supporting children has always been my passion.

Before I trained in education I worked for a local disabled Children's charity. The fond memories I have of that job still make me smile. I supported families of children with complex health needs and learning disabilities. The passion I developed in this role led to me spend a few years working in a local special school. My role there taught me so much that I have been able to bring to my current position.

Keep your eyes peeled for some 'meet the SENDCo' dates in the Autumn Term. I will ensure I keep a drawer filled of biscuits for anyone popping in for a chat!

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The Foundation Stage cohort have had a superb summer term. We started it with a 'farmtastic' trip to Manor Farm Park, there was so much to see and do we were rushed off our feet and spoilt for choice!

The children were so considerate towards the animals, so daring hunting for dinosaurs and so adventurous in the play areas.

Naturally the most important part
of the day was lunchtime!



Watching the children observe the transformation of their class caterpillars into butterflies was a real treat. It inspired hundreds of butterfly themed crafts from our talented artists and we learnt about symmetry and metamorphosis along the way.



We have experienced so many 'firsts' this term: assemblies, sports day, eating in the big dinner hall to name a few! Not including all the first clubs and home experiences shared on Tapestry. We are so proud of the children for their ability to embrace change and the independence and resilience they have developed this year.

We know they'll go on to do amazing things!



Year One



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The children in Year 1 have been the best ECO warriors we have seen this year! We have been busy learning all about climate change and the planet, we decided to do our very own litter pick around Watermead country park. We worked together in groups to pick up any litter we could see and really looked closely at the nature we have in Birstall. Because we have been learning in science and geography all about the world and plants. We did our very own plant hunt too and ticked off any that we saw.



We have also been lucky to go on an awesome school trip to Brocks Hill where we also put our science knowledge to the test by identifying deciduous and evergreen trees on our nature trail. We thoroughly enjoyed our pond dipping session where we looked closely at what living creatures live in ponds and how to spot them. We got our hands dirty and worked on our team work skills by planning and building dens in groups. The children shown so much determination, enthusiasm and confidence! We are so proud of how much they have achieved this year and cannot wait to see what else they will do next.



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Year Two



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Year 2 have had a fantastic final term.

We have been learning all about 'The Great Fire of London' and they have enjoyed role playing different events as well as creating some brilliant London Skyline pictures using pastels and paint.

The children had to mix their own 'fire tones' as well as carefully sketching the skyline.



They have also enjoyed making their own vehicles. The children had to design and plan which vehicle they would make, making sure the body of the vehicle clearly represented what it was. They then had to decorate their vehicles and add the wheels and axles onto it, making sure each vehicle could move.



In Geography we have been looking at towns, cities and villages and they children once again showed off what they had learnt and designed their own villages outside in chalk. The children were all able to say what features they would in a village!

What an incredible year we have all had and we are all very proud of your commitment to learning.

Finally, No words needed other than...TWYCROSS ZOO!



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Year Three



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This term Year 3's topic has been 'Natural Disasters'. We have looked at a variety of different natural disasters including volcanoes and earthquakes and their effects on humans and the world. In English, we have written an explanation text about how a volcano erupts and all of the different stages it goes through. Within Maths, we have worked on telling the time, shape, fractions and mass and capacity. In our Science lessons we have been focusing on 'rocks, soils and fossils'. We have recently moved onto 'states of matter'.



Music performance

This term, Year 3 showed off their music skills by performing in an assembly to Year 4 children, parents and carers. The children played various songs on the Steel Pan Drums using skills that they have been developing since the Autumn term. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to be able to demonstrate all of their hard work that they have put in over the last couple of terms.

Volcano day

The children took part in a dance workshop around our topic of 'Natural Disasters'. They learnt all about the movements of volcanoes and earthquakes. They built on their knowledge of key facts through dance and role play.



Sports Day

Reykjavik and Cape Town thoroughly enjoyed their Sports Day this year. It was great to see so many parents come in to support their children – as well as taking part in the parent races! The children did you and themselves proud!



We have had a fantastic year. The children have worked exceptionally hard to develop their skills and knowledge in all areas of the curriculum. As their class teachers, we have enjoyed every moment working with them throughout the year. They are all superstars and we will remember them fondly. All the children should be extremely proud of themselves and we wish them the best of luck going into Year 4. We know that they will go on to succeed beyond their own expectations.

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Year Four



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Year 4 have had such a fantastic year and all have worked so hard. This term, we have been writing persuasively about encouraging holiday-makers to choose India as a destination which the children have really been able to get their creative ideas flowing and were very persuasive indeed!

As part of our P.E. lessons, we had a cricket coach deliver some interesting sessions in which the children developed a range of cricket skills.

Children have enjoyed our Music lessons and have been introduced to different instruments: tuned bells and Boom Whackers!

In Science, we have explored classification keys and went on an investigation out to Watermead park where we collected data to create our own local classification key for living things.

Over the year, the children have participated in The Character Award- many skills have been developed including Team work and creative thinking.

4 New Delhi made Burfi Truffles, a traditional Indian treat. This involved weighing ingredients, melting butter, mixing dry and wet liquids to then rolling out mixture in cocoa powder to finish our truffles.



4 Tokyo were invited to join Age UK in celebrating their 70th Birthday. We celebrated in style with different games, cake and squash! The children and Age UK members had such a lovely time and it was fantastic to witness the children being so caring and respectful. Well done Tokyo!



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Year Five



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This term, Year 5 have been exploring the world we live in during our topic 'Life All Around Us'. The children thoroughly enjoyed our English book 'Flotsam' which to their surprise was a picture book! We created some fantastic narratives that we based on the inferences we made from the images in the book.

In Art, we have been looking at Early Islamic art and even had a go at creating our own! Year 5 reflected carefully and made decisions on which colours to use using colour theories.

We recently took a trip to Watermead as part of our Geography topic where we investigated the flow of a river, conducted a litter audit and explored the beautiful place that surrounds our school.

We got our competitive shoes on for Sports Day and competed in 8 exciting events! Year 5 took part in bean bag races, the classic egg and spoon race as well as a fun, challenging obstacle course. It was lovely to see everyone get in the team spirit and try their best with every event.



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Year Six



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Year 6 have had a fantastic final term. They have continued to work incredibly hard in all subjects. They have particularly enjoyed our DT project designing, evaluating and most importantly making and eating our vegetable tacos, which tasted great!



They have had great fun getting creative and reminiscing on their may years at Riverside, whilst writing and practicing their leavers assemblies.

During Science, Year 6 have been learning about light and electricity: Completing investigations, learning about how we actually see light and creating working circuits.

In Art, they have been getting creative using technology and their art sketch some fantastic portraits.



Year 6 have really enjoyed our Monday French lessons with Madame Norman and have grown in confidence, speaking French and being able to write in French too.



Finally, Year 6 got to take part in our Year 6 disco and sports day which was such a fabulous end to an amazing year!

All our Year6's should be so proud of themselves for working so hard, especially after a few tricky years and being a delight to teach. We hope they leave Riverside with some of the best memories and we wish them all the best in their future education!

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Year Six Leavers



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You are leaving Riverside
in '22

We wish you the best in
all you do

Follow that rainbow,
touch that star

We've always known you
will go far!

Be brave, be bold, be
you

May all your hopes and
dreams come true.



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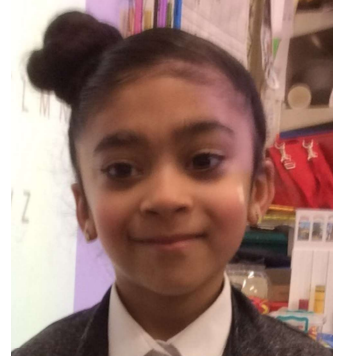
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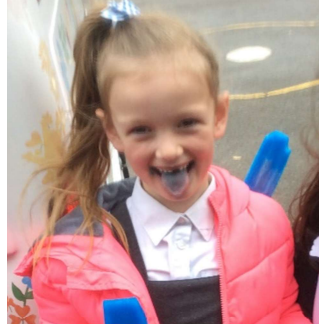
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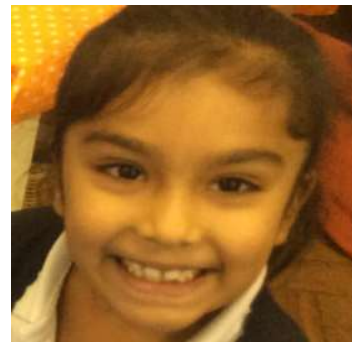
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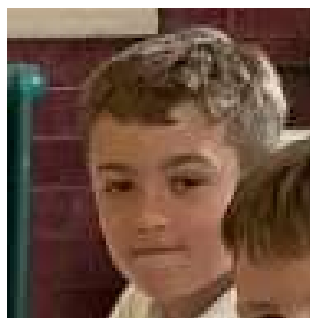
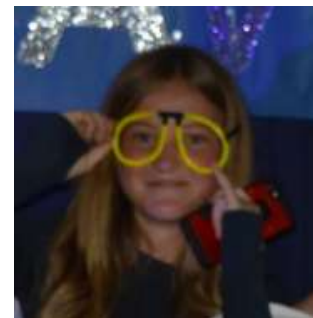
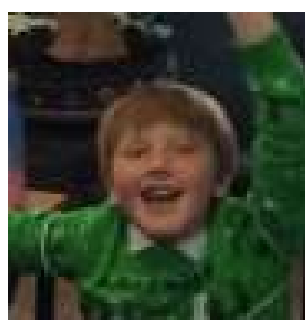
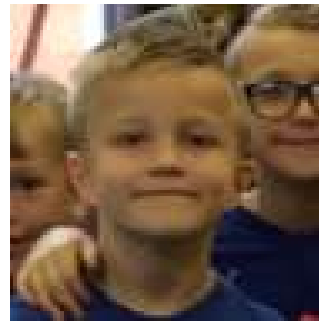
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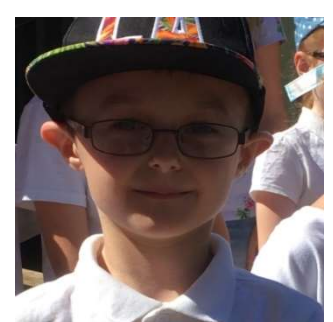
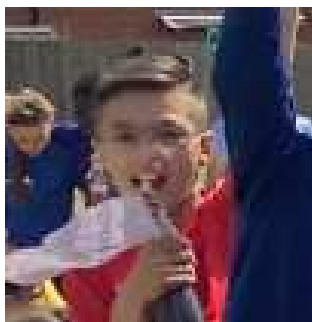
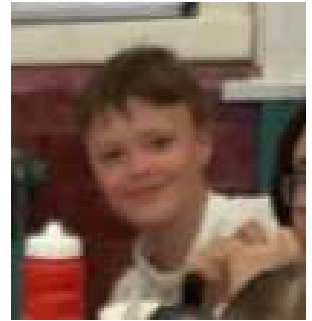
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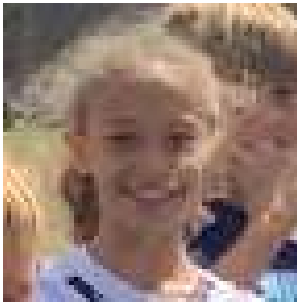
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**How lucky we are to have something that
makes saying goodbye so hard.**

**Wishing you the best of luck at your new
schools.**

Shine bright, superstars!

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Eco Warriors



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The eco warriors of Riverside Primary School continued their hard work in the Summer term. Litter picking is something they have been doing throughout the year now, and even children who are not eco warriors have been joining in to try and help the environment.



They also finished some of the eco warrior posters, that they individually designed and made. These have now been photocopied and placed around the school to raise awareness of some of the problems we are trying to tackle.

The eco warriors have worked incredibly hard this year, regularly giving up their free time to help the school and to help the environment.



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Sports Leaders



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Congratulations to all our successful Sports Leaders this year- who have been a credit to Year 6.

We've kept you up to date with their development and progress throughout the year culminating with them providing invaluable help in preparation for and during this year's Sports days.

We wish our Superstars all the best for the future and hope they go onto pursue a further Sport Leaders Award at their new Secondary Schools.



Thank you and good luck to you all! – Miss Hirsh



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Sports Day



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It has been an amazing Sports Day this year. We were delighted to be able to welcome parents back into school to cheer on the children. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves while showing off a variety of skills that they have learnt throughout the year. The children made flags and banners in preparation for the event and it was good to see the effort and time that went into these. Well done to all the children who took part. It was an amazing effort. Finally, a big thank you to the Sports Leaders from Riverside and the Cedars Academy who helped create and run the events. Well done everyone.



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Office Reminders



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School day

Classroom doors open at 08:30am. Children should be in school and in their classrooms for 08:35am ready to learn. The school gates will be closed shortly after. Anyone arriving after this time will need to sign in via the school office where they will be recorded as late.

26 August 22	Teacher Training Day
29 August 22	Bank Holiday
30 August 22	Teacher Training Day
05 September 22	Open Classrooms – Year group induction 3 - 3.30pm
13 September 22	EYFS Phonics event for parents
14 September 22	Reading event Y2-Y6 – 5pm
27 September 22	Year 1 Phonics event for parents
05 October 22	Y6 residential parents evening – 5pm
11 October 22	Seasonal Flu vaccinations
11 October 22	PARENTS EVENING
12 October 22	PARENTS EVENING
14 October 22	School closes for half term
	October Half term
14 November 22	Open classrooms 8.45-9.15am
17 November 22	Individual/sibling photos
01 December 22	Christmas Decoration morning 9 - 11.30am
12 December 22	Christmas Carol/Nativity events (Yr group dates TBC)
16 December 22	School closes for Christmas
	Christmas holidays
25 January 23	Open classrooms 8.45-9.15am
	February Half term
07 March 23	PARENTS EVENING
08 March 23	PARENTS EVENING
	Easter holidays
01 May 23	Mayday
	May Half term
08 June 23	Class Photos
19 June 23	Open classrooms – 3-3.30pm

Attendance – Summer Term

FS – 94.8%
 Y1 – 94.9%
 Y2 – 95.2%
 Y3 – 94.3%
 Y4 – 95.0%
 Y5 – 94.4%
 Y6 – 94.2%

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