



Two Rivers Primary School News

Diary Dates:

Tuesday 9th September
School Photographs

Friday 12th September
Roald Dahl Day

Monday 15th September
B1&3 Ashby Fair

Wednesday 17th September
Stay & Play – Contact
Sue Forest to book a
space

Tuesday 14th October
Parents Evening

Wednesday 15th October
Harvest Festival

Wednesday 15th October
Stay & Play – Contact
Sue Forest to book a
space

Friday 24th October
Inset Day – School
Closed for Children

**Monday 27th October –
Friday 31st October**
Half Term

**You will receive more
information about these
events nearer to the time.**

Friday 5th September 2025: Issue 1

Headteacher's message



Laura Slinn
Headteacher



Marie Povey
Deputy Headteacher

Hello and welcome to Two Rivers Primary School, we are looking forward to a busy and exciting year of learning and development with our wonderful children. This year as a school we are focusing on developing further our practice around communication, we look forward to sharing information with you throughout the year.

You will be pleased to hear that the first day has gone well, the children are beginning to show signs of being used to coming to school, and it has been fantastic to see how smart they all look with their new uniforms on. We are getting to know our new children, and it has been a delight to be back together again.

At the end of each month we will share our newsletter, it includes information from each class about the learning that has taken place, safeguarding information, updates about attendance and other things that we think are important to share. The planned diary dates are on the left of this page, but we will also send out letters, and there is a calendar on our Website, so you can keep an eye on future events.

Just a reminder that Marie Povey, is here on a daily basis, and is available for you to meet her, if you should want to. I am also available to meet, but it sometimes needs an appointment, due to me having the role of SEND lead for our MAT, as well as being Headteacher of Two Rivers Primary, just contact reception if you would like to see me.



Lunch Menus



Please take a look at the delicious school lunch menus available this term.

Week commencing 1st September, 20th September & 20th October

DINE

WITH MIQUILL

	MONDAY AROUND THE World	TUESDAY Italian	WEDNESDAY Roasts	THURSDAY AROUND THE World	FRIDAY Fish & Chips	
WEEK ONE	DINE Main Meal	Beef Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges and Green Salad or Peas	Pasta Bolognese with Garlic Bread and Sweetcorn or Side Salad	Roast Chicken Stuffing & Gravy with Roast Potatoes and Carrots or Broccoli	Chicken Wrap with Wholegrain Rice and Rainbow Slaw	Fish Fingers with Chips and Garden Peas or Baked Beans
	DINE Vegetarian Meal	Jacket Potatoes And Pasta Available daily	Jacket Potatoes And Pasta Available daily	Jacket Potatoes And Pasta Available daily	Jacket Potatoes And Pasta Available daily	Jacket Potatoes And Pasta Available daily
	DINE Jackets or Pasta	Freshly made sandwiches and crudités are also available				
Dessert STOP Sweet choices	Ice Cream	Lemon Drizzle	Chocolate Brownie	Apple Flapjack	Chocolate Chip Cookie	

WEEK COMMENCING:
 28/04, 19/05, 09/06, 30/06,
 21/07, 01/09, 22/09, 20/10

Fresh Bread is available daily with a choice of Yoghurt, Jelly, and Fruit instead of dessert



Week commencing
 8th September
 6th October
 27th October

DINE

WITH MIQUILL

WEEK TWO

	MONDAY <i>Comfort</i>	TUESDAY <i>Italian</i>	WEDNESDAY <i>Roasts</i>	THURSDAY <i>AROUND THE World</i>	FRIDAY <i>Fish & Chips</i>
DINE Main Meal	Sausages & Onion Gravy with Mash and Peas and Carrots	Meat Feast Pizza with Rainbow Slaw and Sweetcorn	Honey Roasted Gammon with Roast Potatoes, Gravy and Cabbage or Broccoli	Chicken Tikka Masala with Wholegrain Rice and Roasted Carrots	Fish Fingers with Chips and Garden Peas or Baked Beans
DINE Vegetarian Meal	Jacket Potatoes And Pasta Available daily	Jacket Potatoes And Pasta Available daily	Jacket Potatoes And Pasta Available daily	Jacket Potatoes And Pasta Available daily	Jacket Potatoes And Pasta Available daily
DINE Jackets or Pasta	Freshly made sandwiches and crudités are also available				
<i>Dessert STOP</i> Sweet choices	Ice Cream	Fresh Fruit Salad	Chocolate Crunch	Syrup Sponge & Custard	Orange Cookie

WEEK COMMENCING:
 05/05, 26/05, 16/06, 07/07,
 28/07, 08/09, 06/10, 27/10

Fresh Bread is available daily with a choice of Yoghurt, Jelly, and Fruit instead of dessert

MIQUILL

Week commencing
 15th September
 13th October

DINE

WITH MIQUILL

WEEK THREE

	MONDAY <i>Comfort</i>	TUESDAY <i>Italian</i>	WEDNESDAY <i>Roasts</i>	THURSDAY <i>AROUND THE World</i>	FRIDAY <i>Fish & Chips</i>
DINE Main Meal	All Day Breakfast With Hash Browns And Baked Beans	Beef Bolognese with Penne Pasta with Garlic Bread, Sweetcorn and Peppers or Carrots	Roast Chicken Stuffing & Gravy with Roast Potatoes and Cabbage or Courgettes	Honey Chicken with Rice and Leeks or Broccoli	Fish Fingers with Chips and Garden Peas or Baked Beans
DINE Vegetarian Meal	Jacket Potatoes And Pasta Available daily	Jacket Potatoes And Pasta Available daily	Jacket Potatoes And Pasta Available daily	Jacket Potatoes And Pasta Available daily	Jacket Potatoes And Pasta Available daily
DINE Jackets or Pasta	Freshly made sandwiches and crudités are also available				
<i>Dessert STOP</i> Sweet choices	Ice Cream	Vanilla Iced Sponge	Shortbread	Carrot Cake	Rainbow Cookies

WEEK COMMENCING:
 15/05, 02/06, 23/06
 14/07, 15/09, 13/10

Fresh Bread is available daily with a choice of Yoghurt, Jelly, and Fruit instead of dessert

MIQUILL



School Communication

School Apps



Class Dojo: This app will be our primary tool for class communication. Teachers will use Class Dojo to share updates, class activities, and important announcements. It will also allow you to communicate directly with your child's teacher, ensuring you are always in the loop about classroom happenings.



Arbor: Arbor will be used for all payments and office communications. This app will make it easier for you to manage school payments, receive important notices, and stay updated with administrative matters. Arbor is user-friendly and secure, providing a seamless experience for all your school-related transactions.



Evidence for Learning: This app will be dedicated to sharing information about your child's learning progress. Through Evidence for Learning, you will receive regular updates on your child's achievements, areas of focus, and developmental milestones. This will help you stay engaged with your child's educational journey and support their learning at home.

Our Commitment to Improved Communication



We're using Arbor's free Parent Portal and Parent App



We've chosen Arbor to help us manage our school.

Arbor is a simple, smart and cloud-based MIS (Management Information System), which helps us work faster, smarter and more collaboratively as a school. The Parent App and Parent Portal mean we can keep you informed about your child's life at school in a much more accessible way. Log into Arbor to see and update your child's information, get live updates and make payments or bookings on the go!

The Parent Portal works on Google Chrome (computer or laptop) and you can download the Parent App from the App Store or Google Play Store on your phone (Android 5.0; iOS 10.0 and upwards).

How to get started

1. Wait for your welcome email from us telling you Arbor is ready - you won't be able to log in before
2. Click the link in your welcome email to set up your password
3. Go to the App or Google Play Store on your phone and search 'Arbor'
4. Click 'Install' on Android or 'Get' on iPhone then open the App
5. Enter your email, select the school, then enter your password
6. Accept the Terms & Conditions and enter your child's birthday

The Sunnyville School of Magic
W10 5BN, London, GBR

Enter your password

Log In

Forgotten password?

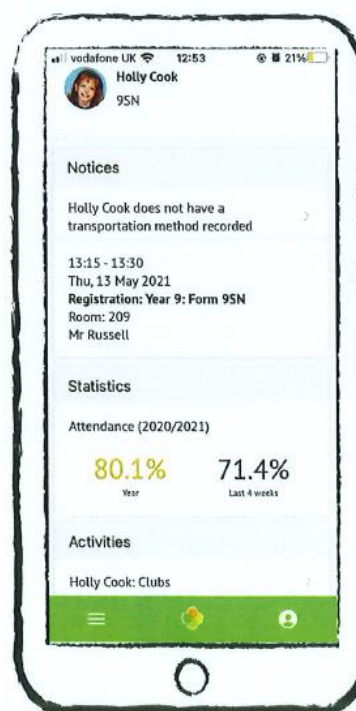
Need help using Arbor?

Contact the school office if you have questions about Arbor, the App or Parent Portal. Tell us the type and model of your phone, e.g. an iPhone SE, and include screenshots or screen recordings.

To safeguard student data in line with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), Arbor only works directly with schools.

Some tips to try:

1. Ensure your username is the email address you use for Arbor. Ask us to **check the email address** linked to your account.
2. **Reset your password** from the login page, or ask us to do this.
3. If the login email was sent to you more than 96 hours ago, the **password link will have expired**. Ask us to send it again.
4. Ask the school office to check that your email address has not been used twice - e.g. on another guardian or child's profile.
5. **Enter the birthday** of one of your children to log in.
6. Only relatives who are **Primary Guardians** of a child can access the Arbor App. Ask us to check you can access Arbor.





Free School Meals

Please help us to claim more money for the school

Even though your child is automatically entitled to a free school meal for their first three years at school, registering for income assessed free school meals could give the school extra money called pupil premium. We receive an extra £300 (Reception year) and £1345 (KS1 & KS2) pupil premium for each child registered for income assessed free school meals. Over the last year we have used pupil premium for enhancing the provision of communication strategies, play and developing self – help skills - all of these are vital skills for your children in Early Years, please support us by registering your details on the form overleaf.

So that we continue to receive this vital additional funding, please help us by completing the application form which can be found on the website (address at the bottom of the page) for all your children at the school if you receive any of the following benefits -

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

Your child may also get free school meals if you get any of these benefits and your child is both:

- younger than the [compulsory age for starting school](#)
- in full-time education

Website address to claim: <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Educational-awards-benefits/FreeSchoolMeals/Apply-Online.aspx>



Morning Drop Off and After School Collection

This is a very busy part of the day for the school and we ask for your cooperation in the process to help us ensure that all children arrive safely at school.

Important Health and Safety information:

Morning Drop off:

- We ask that children who are brought to school by parents/carers arrive at school no earlier than 9.10am. At this time, you can drive on to site and park in a numbered bay.
- We ask that you drop off your child at the designated front entrance where they will be met by staff and taken to their classroom.
- Registration closes at 9:30am.
- Children who arrive on LA transport will be wait in their bus or taxi until 9:00am and will be collected by staff from their transport.
- We will wait for LA vehicles to move off site, before parent cars are allowed onsite – this is to manage the traffic on the car park safely.

After School Collection:

- Children will be brought to the buses at 3.00pm, by class staff.
- Parents/Carers are asked not to arrive before 3.10pm due to heavy traffic congestion, arriving at 3:10pm will mean, you are able to drive on site and park in a numbered bay. Once you have been seen we will call your child to come to be handed over to you. This may take a little time but is a safe way for the children to depart from school.
- Parents who walk on to site, we ask to wait at the designated spot with a member of staff from the senior team – who will radio staff for your child. This is to reduce congestion.
- Children who are collected by LA transport will wait in class with a member of staff and will be escorted out to their transport by school staff.



SAFEGUARDING AND CHILD PROTECTION

Our school is committed to the highest standards in protecting and safeguarding the children entrusted to our care.

Our school will support all children by:

- **Promoting a caring, safe, and positive environment**
- **Encouraging self-esteem and self-assertiveness**
- **Effectively tackling bullying and harassment**

We recognise that some children may be the victims of neglect, physical, sexual or emotional abuse. Staff working with children are well placed to identify such abuse.

At our school, in order to protect our children, we aim to:

- **Create an atmosphere where all our children feel secure, valued, and listened to**
- **Recognise signs and symptoms of abuse**
- **Respond quickly, appropriately, and effectively to cases of suspected abuse**

If you have a concern that a child is being harmed, is at risk of harm, or you receive a disclosure (intentionally or unintentionally), you must contact one of the following staff members as quickly as possible:

PRIMARY SCHOOL



Richard Bryan

DSL



Marie Povey

DDSL



Laura Slinn

Headteacher



Alison Taylor

DSL



Amy Newman

DDSL

EYFS

If your concern is regarding the Headteacher please contact the Chair of Governor

Everyone working with our children, their parents and carers should be aware that their role is to:

- **Listen** and carefully note any observations which could indicate abuse.
- Not attempt to investigate once the initial concern is raised.
- **Refer** to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) immediately.
- Contact the Deputy DDSL (or member of Senior Leadership Team) if the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is not available.
- **Remember** disclosures of abuse or harm from children may be made at any time.

If anything worries you or concerns you, report it straight away.



**If you wish to report a concern, please speak to
Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs)
Richard Bryan (Primary School)
Alison Taylor (EYFS)**



**If any of the above DSLs are not available, please report your
concerns to the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads
(DDSLs) or a member of the Senior Leadership Team**



**Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Leads (DDSLs):
Marie Povey or Laura Slinn
(Primary)
Amy Newman (EYFS)**

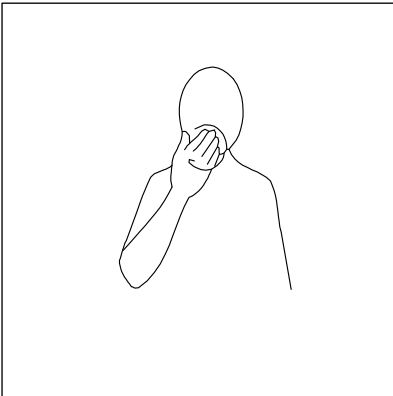
**Senior Leadership Team:
Stephen Bradbury or
Michelle Roberts
(EYFS/Primary)**



**If you are unable to speak to any of the above, please ring
the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) or
Staffordshire Children's Advice and Support Team
on 0300 111 8007**



Sign of the week



School

Our sign of the week is School – Make small circular movements in front of face.

You can see how to do the sign here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yP_uVRtRDfo

Welcome Back

Welcome back to school everyone

Each month we will share information about each class's attendance, please make sure that if your child is unwell and you need to keep them at home, that you call the school office and let us know. If we don't hear from you, we will be calling to find out how everybody is. Our school phone number is **01827 426123**.





School Photos will be conducted on

Tuesday 9th September 2025

Please ensure full uniform is worn and children are neat and tidy.

Parents will receive free proofs of every image and the option to make a purchase.





Stay and Play

Stay and Play!



Who?

For children with additional needs
under the age of 5 years old
(siblings welcome)

Wednesdays 1.30 - 2.30
17th Sept 15th Oct 19th Nov

Where?

Two Rivers Nursery/EYFS
Silver Link Road, Tamworth B77 2HJ
Telephone: 426123

Please call us to book a place
An opportunity to chat to professionals, meet
other families and make new friends!

***Please note:**
parents/carers remain responsible for their children during the stay and play session



Top Tips for...

MANAGING SCREEN TIME

According to the latest stats, people aged between 8 and 17 spend four hours on digital devices during an average day. Obviously, a new year is ideal for fresh starts and renewed efforts – so lots of families are trying to cut down their combined screen time right now, creating more moments to connect with each other and relying less on gadgets to have fun. Our top tips on reducing screen time are for everyone, so you can get your whole family involved in turning over a new leaf this year!

BUY MILK

GET OUT AND ABOUT

If the weather's decent, spend some time in the garden or go for a walk. Even a stroll to the local shop would do the main thing is getting some fresh air and a break from your screen.

TRY A TIMED TRIAL

When you're taking a screen break to do a different activity or a chore, turn it into a game by setting yourself a timer. Can you complete your task before the alarm goes off?

GO DIGITAL DETOX

Challenge yourself and your family to take time off from screens, finding other things to do. You could start off with half a day, then build up to a full day or even an entire weekend.

LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Let your family see you successfully managing your own screen time. You'll be showing them the way, and it might stop some of those grumbles when you do want to go online.

AGREE TECH-FREE ZONES

Nominate some spots at home where devices aren't allowed. Anywhere your family gathers together, like at the table or in the living room, could become a 'no phone zone'.

HOLD A SCREEN TIME AMNESTY

As a family, agree specific windows when it's OK to use devices. This should help everyone to balance time on phones or gaming with enjoying quality moments together.

BE MINDFUL OF TIME

Stay aware of how long you've been on your device for. Controlling how much time you spend in potentially stressful areas of the internet – like social media platforms – can also boost your wellbeing.

'PARK' PHONES OVERNIGHT

Set up an overnight charging station for everyone's devices – preferably away from bedrooms. That means less temptation for late-night scrolling.

SWITCH ON DND

Research shows that micro-distractions like message alerts and push notifications can chip away at our concentration levels. Put devices on 'do not disturb' until you're less busy.

TAKE A FAMILY TECH BREAK

Set aside certain times when the whole family puts their gadgets away and enjoys an activity together: playing a board game, going for a walk or just having a chat.

SOCIALISE WITHOUT SCREENS

When you're with friends, try not to automatically involve phones, TVs or other tech. Having company can be loads more fun if your attention isn't being split.

WIND DOWN PROPERLY

Try staying off phones, consoles, tablets and so on just before you go to sleep. Reading or just getting comfy in bed for a while can give you a much more restful night.

Meet Our Expert

Maria Howard chairs and delivers the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support to education organisations and local authorities – empowering school leaders and staff with the knowledge and tools to change their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils best performance is prioritised.



DEVICE BOX



National Online Safety

#WakeUpWednesday

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