



Two Rivers Primary School News

Diary Dates:

**Thursday 2nd
October: Friends
Association
Meeting -
5.30pm**

**Tuesday 7th
October: Parents
Evening**

**Wednesday 15th
October:
Harvest Festival**

**Friday 24th
October: School
closed - Inset
Day**

**Monday 27th
October - Friday
31st October:
School closed -
Half Term
Holiday**

**Monday 3rd
November:
School re-opens**

**Tuesday 11th
November:
Remembrance
Day**

**Wednesday 3rd,
Thursday 4th &
Friday 5th
December:
Christmas
Production**

**Monday 15th
December: Elf
Day**

**You will receive
more information
about these events**

September 2025 Issue 02

Headteacher's Message

Welcome Back to a New School Year!

We would like to warmly welcome all of our pupils and families back after the summer break. We hope you were able to enjoy some rest, relaxation, and special time together over the holidays. It has been wonderful to see the children returning to school with big smiles, eager to reconnect with their friends and staff, and ready to start another year of learning.

This year promises to be an exciting one, filled with opportunities for every child to develop their skills, confidence, and independence. Our focus remains on ensuring that each pupil is supported to achieve their very best in a safe, nurturing, and stimulating environment. We are proud of the progress our pupils made last year and look forward to building on those achievements together.

What's Ahead This Term

Curriculum and Learning: Each class will be following a carefully designed programme tailored to the needs of our pupils. We will be sharing curriculum information with you shortly, so you know what your child will be exploring this term.

Events and Celebrations: We have a number of exciting events planned, including some family support workshops. Details of these will be shared in advance.

Wellbeing and Support: Supporting our pupils' wellbeing remains at the heart of what we do. Our staff team is always available if you would like to discuss your child's needs or any support your family may require.

Working in Partnership with Families

We value the strong relationships we have with our families and know how important it is to work together to support every child's journey. This year we will continue to:

- Share updates and celebrations through newsletters and our website.

- Invite you to school events and workshops to strengthen the home-school partnership.

- Provide regular opportunities for you to meet with staff and discuss your child's progress.

Practical Information and Reminders

Please ensure that your child's belongings are clearly labelled to help us keep track of items.

If there are any changes to medical needs, transport, or contact details, please inform the school office as soon as possible.

Our first newsletter of the year will include dates for key events, so please take a look.

Please do take a regular look at the Evidence for Learning celebration of work sent home each week. Let us know if you have any questions regarding the app.

We are excited about the year ahead and confident it will be a positive and rewarding one for all of our pupils. Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for being such an important part of our school community. Together, we can make this year a memorable one.

Kind regards
Marie Povey
Deputy Head



EARLY YEARS

We have had a very busy few weeks in Purple, with all of the children settling into their new daily routine and a brand-new setting. They have enjoyed exploring all areas and aspects of the provision, spending lots of time outside, thanks to some nice weather, as well as in the classroom and our sensory room.



The children are beginning to join and engage well with our regular circle time sessions, including our 'Welcome' each morning and our weekly Music Therapy sessions with Carlence.

We have started the year with our 'Ourselves' topic and so far, have been doing lots of activities and songs relating to our bodies. We have found key body parts through 'Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes' and have enjoyed some therapy time with hand massage and the foot spas too. This week, we explored different items of clothing and had fun dressing up with different hats and costumes!





Red 1 and 3

We have had a very busy first few weeks, welcoming lots of new faces into our classes and getting to know everyone. Staff have been working hard to support the children in becoming familiar with our class routines, to help them feel settled and participate in key sessions during the school day, including Good Morning, snack and play times, lunchtime and our teaching and learning sessions.



Our topic for this half term is 'Autumn Explorers'. In Geography, we have explored the seasons, decorating trees to show changes in each season. In Red 3 we explored signs of autumn in a sensory tuff spot.



In English we have been exploring the sensory story 'We're going on a bear hunt'. Red 1 enjoyed exploring sensory objects linked to the story. Red 3 went on a bear hunt around school and role-played the story using sensory props.



Red 1 and Red 3 have enjoyed our musical communication sessions, building their sense of routine and participating in the songs.





Red 2

Red 2 have all settled very well! In Red 2 this half term we have started our new topic 'Knowing me' We have enjoyed a variety of multi-sensory stories such as 'Don't put your finger in the jelly, Nelly!' and we have explored a variety of different textures, tastes, smells and sounds.

We have started a variety of interventions and therapies such as rebound, attention autism, play box, TacPac, musical communication and intensive interaction. In PE we have explored the parachute and balancing on benches as well as getting used to the hall with our new flooring!

We have created lots of pieces of art around the ourselves such as abstract self-portraits on the interactive whiteboard and with different mark making techniques. We have also enjoyed exploring our different facial features using mirrors and rhymes such as 'head, shoulders, knees and toes'.





Yellow 1

Welcome back to Yellow 1! We have had a busy start to the term, including our Wow starter, getting to know our new friends and learning all about 'Journeys'.



In English the students have been looking at a story 'Mrs Armitage on Wheels' and talked about the funny things that she adds to her bike. The students have been creating their own ideas for a bike and then practiced their writing skills to create their own sentence.



In our Wow Starter the class did different activities about transport and journeys. Some children created their own train and bus in the hall, packing a suitcase and talking about where their journey would take them. Others did some sensory play, making tracks, ramps, digging with excavators and then made a car wash. If you want to share photos on dojo of where you have been on journeys we would love to see them!

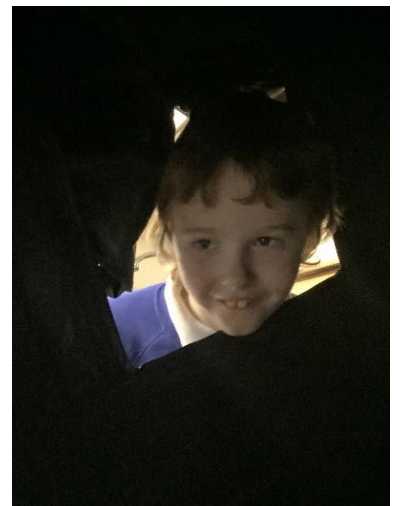
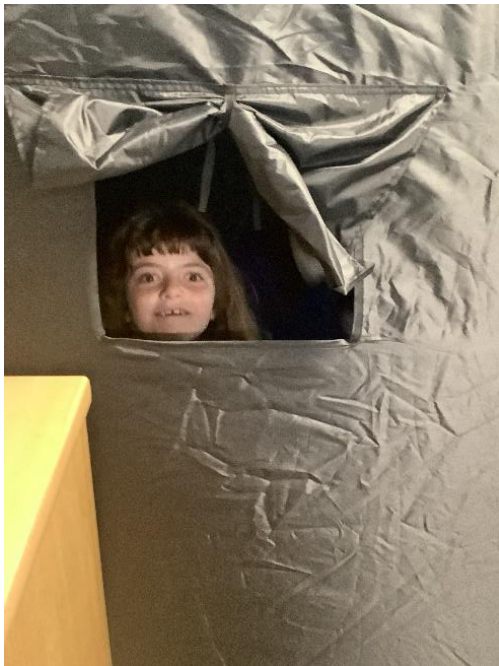


During PE we have been using our listening skills and taking turns, we've played lots of games in the hall and outside.





It has been really lovely getting to know our new Yellow 1 friends, we are looking forward to learning together and having lots of fun!





Yellow 2

This month Yellow 2 have enjoyed exploring our topic 'Trains, Planes and Automobiles'. We have created lots of art work around our topic including colour mixing traffic lights, 3D model vehicles and wheel prints. We have also engaged with our community by taking part in community visits on our school bus. We enjoyed our drive around our local area and our visit to Pooley Park. We will be continuing our Maths work on taking one and will be using songs to support this learning. Some of our favourites are 10 fat sausages and 5 little monkeys.





Yellow 3

Welcome back to Yellow 3 for some children and welcome to Yellow 3 for our new children! We have had a busy start to the autumn term, including our Wow starter, getting to know our new friends and teachers and learning all about our topic 'Journeys'.



In English the students have been looking at a story called 'Mrs Armitage on Wheels' and we have talked about the funny things that she adds to her bike. The students have also been practising their skills to create their own sentences using Who and Doing What?

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We did really well getting changed for our first PE lesson in the hall. We had fun playing some circle games and pretending to be buses, trains and planes as we moved around the hall.

We love getting arty in Yellow 3 and have explored paint, glitter, glue and making collages. We also really enjoyed our musical communication lesson with lots of singing, dancing and bubbles.

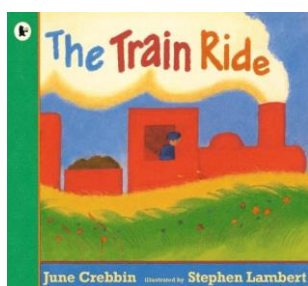


It has been a really lovely start to the school year and getting to know our new Yellow 3 friends. We are looking forward to learning together and having lots of fun!



Yellow 4

Yellow 4 have settled well into the routines of class and had lots of fun when learning all about our topic of Journeys. On our wow starter day, we went on a bus ride around Tamworth looking for different features. We really enjoyed this and behaved really well. We also enjoyed taking part in our Attention Autism activity where we explored mark making using toy cars in paint. In Science we have been learning about forces before we move onto magnets and have loved looking at objects that we push and pull around the playground. We have also loved exploring the story *The Train Ride*.

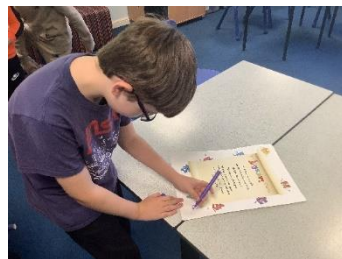




Blue 1

What a lovely September we have had from getting to know each other, to Autumn fun and the beginning of our Egyptian topic.

Jigsaw



We love Jigsaw in Blue 1 and have started our new focus 'Being Me in my World'. The children all agreed and signed the Jigsaw charter. We agree to listen to each other, share ideas, take turns and be respectful. We will share more of our wonderful Jigsaw activities over the year.



Walk like an Egyptian

We had so much fun on our Egyptian Wow starter day. We made Pyramids big and small, created our own masks, found artefacts in sand and made each other into mummies using toilet rolls. Each time 'Walk like an Egyptian' came on we jumped to our feet and walked like Egyptians down the corridor. We can't wait to learn more about ancient Egypt this half term.



LET'S PLAY DODGEBALL!

We have loved our Dodgeball focus so far this term! We have practiced our ball control skills, target skills and team work. We are also learning the rules of a Dodgeball and trying to aim for the shoulders down. Our lessons are so much fun but VERY loud with cheering and laughing!



Blue 2



It has been a lovely start to our new Blue 2 class with lots of new children and they all seem to be settling in well. We have enjoyed visits on the bus to Pooley Park as part of our community visits. Children are all enjoying spending time back in the forest school area also. We are working on our communication at magic breakfast choosing what we want using our words, PEC's or PODD and some of the children like to go and choose what we want for our dinner from the kitchen at lunch time. We have been working hard on our mark making, numbers, shapes, colours, reading and having fun with our new friends.



Blue 3

Welcome Back

A huge welcome back to children in blue 3 what an exciting year ahead we have.

Egyptian day wow starter:

We have made some lovely Egyptian crafts and we dressed each other up as a mummy



English

We have started with the story of 'The Enormous Crocodile'

We have had lots of fun listening to the story, acting out the story and making props for the story.

We have drawn our own crocodiles and labelled with lots of describing words.

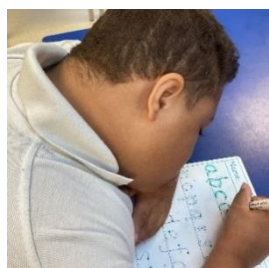
We went outside and drew an Enormous crocodile who then swallowed all the children.





The Crocodile ate all the children in Blue 3

Letters



Numbers





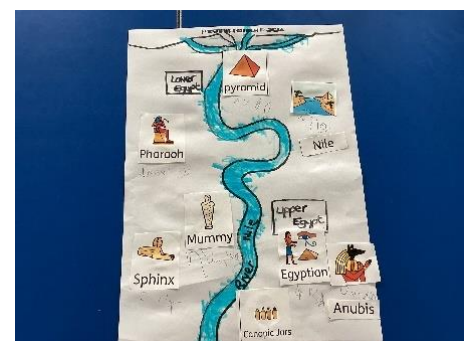
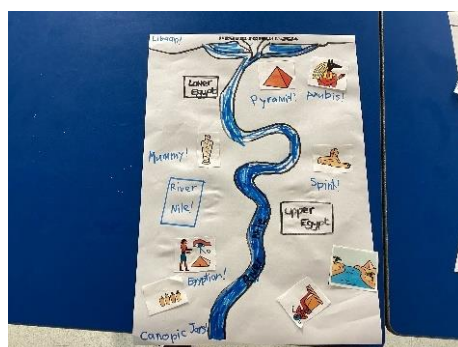
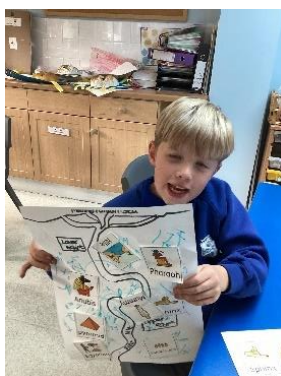
Outdoor learning

Taking part in a nature trail for Autumn Objects



Geography

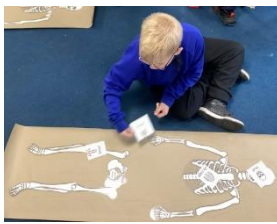
We have found where Egypt is located on a world map and then on our own map of Egypt we added artefacts and places.





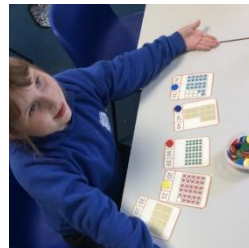
Blue 4

We have had a busy first few weeks getting to know our new friends and learning our new routine



In our science lessons we have started to learn about the human body. In the first lesson we put together the skeleton and labelled the different bones.

In maths we have been using and applying our number and pattern skills, in games and on the computers.



We had our WOW starter day for our Ancient Egyptian topic, we spent the day making Egyptian headdresses and collars. In the afternoon we had lots of fun wrapping each other up as Mummies.

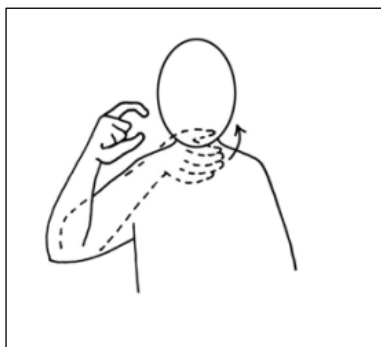


In our forest school session, we have had great fun exploring, the swing was great fun and very popular.





Sign of the Week



Coffee

Finger spell C then to drink

You can see how to do the sign here:

<https://www.youtube.com/@makatoncharity>

Whole Class Attendance

Group	% Attend
PURPLE	90.85%
RED 1	94.16%
RED 2	94.92%
RED 3	97.22%
YELLOW 1	95.94%
YELLOW 2	97.44%
YELLOW 3	89.53%
YELLOW 4	97.95%
BLUE 1	95.51%
BLUE 2	95.9%
BLUE 3	92.09%
BLUE 4	95.42%

Congratulations to:



Yellow 4



You have the best
Attendance for the Month





Safe and Well News with Richard and Sue

As the new school year gets underway, we would like to introduce ourselves and let our new parents and carers know what help we can offer them. This is also a reminder to our existing families.

Our names are:

Richard Bryan – Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

Sue Forest – Family Liaison Worker

We work together in the Family Support Team here at Two Rivers Primary to keep your children safe and to offer you our support in any way that we can.

Amongst the things that we can help you with are:

- Accessing support from Children's Services/other agencies
- Liaising with other agencies that already support your child
- Supporting you own wellbeing
- Attending meetings and appointments about your child
- Supporting Charity/ Housing applications
- Accessing food and hygiene banks
- Liaising with Local Authority transport if needed
- Completing/providing supporting information for DLA applications
- Managing your child's attendance
- Providing information about community activities
- Advising if your child has difficulties with behaviour
- Advising if your child has difficulties with sleep
- Providing pre-loved school uniform

Please do not hesitate to contact us either by calling or using the Dojo if there is anything else that you think we might be able to help you with. If we can't help you ourselves then will we find out who can!

We have already had some enquiries about Vehicle Safety this term so here is some information about keeping your child safe in the car which has been provided by Staffordshire Children's Disability Occupational Therapy Service.

There is a link on Dojo from Occupational Therapy which some of you may be interested in.



Vehicle Safety

Children with little awareness of danger and may need additional car seat restraints or specialist car seats to keep them safe while travelling in a vehicle.

This leaflet provides advice on how you can help keep your child safe in vehicles. Children with little awareness of danger and may need additional car seat restraints or specialist car seats to keep them safe while travelling in a vehicle.

As a service we can signpost to but are unable to undertake car safety assessments or fund car seats.

General considerations:

- It is legal requirement for all passengers to wear passenger restraints.
- When a child has an additional restraint the carer and passengers in the vehicle should be aware of how to unfasten it in the event of an emergency.
- Always ensure that car seats are correctly fitted in line with the manufacturer's instructions.

Examples of Possible Solutions:

- Harness used in conjunction with the vehicle seat belt. Some harnesses are specifically designed for children with challenging behaviour.
- The Unisafety Easy Travel Magnet Harness is worn like a waistcoat and has a special magnetic key used by the parent or carer.
- Specialist car seats with a 5-point harness can be purchased and suit children up to about twelve years of age.

Examples of suppliers - these are **not recommendations** however and other suppliers can be found.



Specialist Car Seats:

- In-Car Safety Centre: information and advice available as well as suitable products.

Harnesses:

- **Crelling** - offer a sale or return facility to allow a 14 day trial period. If the harness is not returned they will invoice for the goods. If the harness is returned there is a charge for postage and packing.
- Windmill Special Needs – Unisafety Easy Travel Magnet Harness.
- Buckle Boss – Buckle cover.

Driver safety screens:

- Driver Shields – For driver safety



Mood Bears at Two Rivers Primary



We're excited to share that *Mood Bears*—now part of the TOMY family—are helping us nurture emotional wellbeing in our school community. These beautifully designed bears each represent a different mood or emotion, offering comfort, connection, and care to children and adults alike.

At Two Rivers, we believe in supporting emotional literacy from an early age. Mood Bears are more than just cuddly companions—they're a powerful tool to help children express how they feel, build empathy, and understand the emotions of others.

With the support of both our **School Mental Health Team** and the **Mental Health Support Team**, we're using Mood Bears to encourage open conversations about mental health in a safe and supportive way. Whether it's a Happy Bear, Sad Bear, or Calm Bear, each one plays a role in helping children feel seen, heard, and understood.

Together, we're building a more emotionally aware and caring environment—one bear hug at a time 🧸❤️

 Learn more about the Mood Bears movement at www.moodbears.co.uk

MYHAPPYMINDS



It's great to hear that Two Rivers is embracing the MyHappyMinds wellbeing programme for both pupils and staff—it's such a positive step toward nurturing mental health and emotional resilience across the whole school community.

Keep an eye out for the parent app info coming your way soon—whether it's in a letter home or popping up on Class Dojo. It'll be a brilliant way for families to stay connected and support the wellbeing journey from home too ❤️

School council and myhappyminds heros are in the process of being voted for results will be out next newsletter.



Friends Association



Come along and support

Two Rivers Friends Association

The next meeting will be on

Thursday 2nd October 2025

5.30pm

at

Two Rivers High School

Everyone welcome.

We would love to hear your fundraising ideas!

All the funds raised provide essential resources for our children

