



Two Rivers Primary School News

Diary Dates:

Tuesday 8th September
School Photographs

Monday 21st September
Selected classes - Ashby Fair

Friday 25th September
MacMillan Coffee Morning

Tuesday 6th October
Parents Evening

Friday 9th October
Hello Yellow Day

Friday 16th October
Harvest Festival

Friday 23rd October
Inset Day – No children in school.

Monday 26th October-30th October
Half term

Monday 2nd November-
First day of term – Children return to school.

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

Friday 4th September 2026: 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 creating individualised approaches and enhancing further what we deliver to each child in the classroom, 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.



Lunch Menus



Our catering provider is [Edwards & Ward](https://edwardsandward.co.uk).

If your child requires a special diet due to a diagnosed allergy, intolerance or medical condition, please register with our catering provider by completing a special diets registration form in the link <https://edwardsandward.co.uk/special-diets/>

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

	WEEK ONE	WEEK TWO	WEEK THREE
MONDAY	Rainbow Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) Veg of the Day Banoffee Mousse (V) 	Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) Veg of the Day Cinnamon Swirl (Ve) 	Pizza (v) Veg of the day Cinnamon Swirl (v) 
TUESDAY	Special Event Menu	Penne with Beef Bolognese Veg of the Day Pinwheel Biscuits (Ve)	Homestyle Sausage Roll with Mash & Gravy Veg of the Day Chocolate Snap (Ve)
WEDNESDAY	Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy Veg of the Day Apple Flapjack (Ve)	Roast Chicken & Stuffing Whirl with Roasties & Gravy Veg of the Day Flapjack (Ve)	Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy Veg of the Day Soft Baked Cookies (V)
THURSDAY	Sausage with Mash & Gravy Veg of the Day Rich Pear & Chocolate Sponge (V)	Spaghetti & Mighty Meatballs in Hero Sauce Veg of the Day Golden Apple Cake (V)	Island-Style Chicken & Beans with Rice Veg of the Day Topsy-Turvy Pineapple Cake (V)
FRIDAY	Traditional Battered Fish with Chips Veg of the Day Fruity Jelly (Ve)	Fish Fingers with Chips Veg of the Day Fruity Jelly (Ve)	Fish Fingers with Chips Veg of the Day Fruity Jelly (Ve)
	31/8/26, 21/9/26, 12/10/26, 2/11/26, 23/11/26, 14/12/26, 4/1/27, 25/1/27	7/9/26, 28/9/26, 19/10/26, 9/11/26, 30/11/26, 21/12/26, 11/1/27, 1/2/27	14/9/26, 5/10/26, 26/10/26, 16/11/26, 7/12/26, 28/12/26, 18/1/27, 8/2/27
	Homemade Hero Pasta (Ve), Filled Jacket Potatoes and Sandwiches (including V/Ve options) are also available daily along with freshly baked bread (Ve), salad, fresh fruit, jelly (Ve), yoghurts (V) and drinking water.		

V - Vegetarian Ve - Vegan  - More Sustainable



Medical Diets

Special Diets Registration

At Edwards and Ward, we take great pride in our special diets process and continually strive to make it as simple and inclusive as possible to help us ensure that all children can be fed safely and effectively.

If your child is at primary school and requires a special diet due to a diagnosed allergy, intolerance or medical condition, you will need to register with us.

Even if you have already registered with the school or a previous catering provider, you still need to register with us as your details cannot be shared.

Our special diets registration form can be found on our website along with a full list of FAQs .

edwardsandward.co.uk/special-diets/

If your child has medical dietary requirements and is not registered with us, we may be unable to provide them a school lunch.

If there are any concerns about this, please contact our Special Diets Team for advice.



specialdiets@edwardsandward.co.uk



@EdwardsandWard



Allergy and Special Diets

It is important that the information we keep for your child is up to date.

This term letters will be sent home providing information about non-prescribed emergency medication and to request information regarding your child's allergy and special dietary needs.

We encourage all families to complete this information, even if your child does not have an allergy or special dietary needs.

Please inform the school office if your child's allergy and special dietary needs change during the school year.

If you would like to know how you can become allergy aware you can visit the anaphylaxis UK website using the following link;
<https://www.anaphylaxis.org.uk>

anaphylaxis UK

Be Allergy Aware & Save a Life

Anaphylaxis is a serious reaction to allergens such as food, insect stings, medication & latex. The body thinks it's fighting something which shouldn't be there and sends out special chemicals to fight back.

People may experience mild or moderate symptoms including:

- > Itchy skin rash
- > Itchy/tingling mouth
- > Swelling of lips, face or eyes
- > Tummy pain or vomiting

What are the signs of a severe allergic reaction?

- > Hard to swallow / coughing
- > Difficult to breathe / noisy breathing
- > Feeling dizzy, floppy or sleepy

1. An allergic reaction can become serious quickly, so a special adrenaline pen must be used immediately

2. Then call 999 and tell them the person is suffering from anaphylaxis (ana-fil-axis)

Non-prescribed emergency medication in schools.

In line with guidance a non-prescribed adrenaline auto-injector and salbutamol inhaler is held by school.

This medication is to be administered in the event of a medical emergency where;

- o A child's own prescribed medication of this type cannot be administered correctly without delay.

or

- o In an emergency following 999 operator advice, for a child or adult who may not already be prescribed or diagnosed with a condition treated by these medications.



Free School Meals

Even though your child is automatically entitled to a free school meal for their first three years at school or if your child does not wish to take a school meal, we strongly encourage all eligible families to apply for income assessed Free School Meals.

Help us to claim money for the school

Registering for income assessed free school meals could give the school extra money called pupil premium funding. This extra funding enables the school to receive additional income, which directly supports our students through:

- Academic support and targeted interventions
- Enrichment opportunities
- Pastoral care and wellbeing services

Your application can make a significant difference to the support we are able to provide across the school.

Is my child eligible for Free School Meals?

Your child may be able eligible for free school meals if you receive any of the following:

- Universal Credit
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Receive the guarantee element of Pension Credit

How to apply

Applications for Free School Meals for September 2026 are now open.

Follow the link below to complete the application;

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/financial-support-school/free-school-meals/applying-free-school-meals>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.



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



Arbor



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.





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

EYFS



Melanie Brindley

DSL



Amy Newman

DDSL

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)
Mel Brindley (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)**

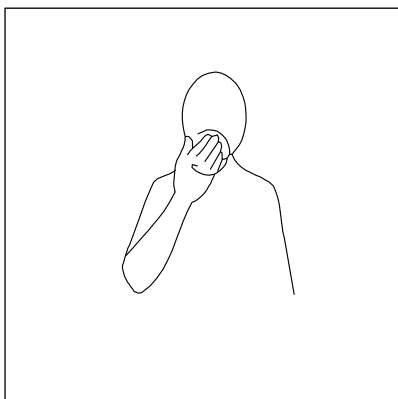
**Senior Leadership Team:
Stephen Bradbury or Fiona
Bradley and Mel Brindley
(EYFS/Primary)**



**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**.





Before and After School Clubs

We are looking forward to welcoming children back to before and after school club.

Look out for letters being sent home to book your space.

Morning Club

We offer a morning club daily from 08:00am. This club is subsidised and includes extracurricular activities, charged at £4 per session. Morning sessions can be booked up to the day before the session required.



Please contact the school office to book a session.

After School Clubs

We offer after-school provision between 15:15-16:15 on a termly basis on the following days;

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

These sessions are subsidised and include extracurricular activities.

Each club is charged at £4 per session.



Wrap-Around Care Club

Our Wrap-Around Care Club runs from 16:15–17:30 on the following days;

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

This club includes relaxation, play, and a snack. This club is not subsidised and is £7 per session.

A letter will come out next week to allow the booking for these sessions to begin.

We request that bookings for afternoon sessions are made in advance using the termly booking form, available from the school office.



School Photos will be conducted on

TUESDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2026

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.





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!

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: 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

Minda Akmal designs 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 shape their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils is prioritised.



DEVICE BOX

The National College



National Online Safety

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