



Queen Elizabeth II
1926-2022

At Rivington, we are deeply saddened by the passing of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. Our thoughts and condolences are with The King and The Royal Family at this time. Her Majesty devoted her life to public service and made an immeasurable contribution to the lives of many.

May Her Majesty Rest in Peace, and Rise in Glory.

The Queen's dedication to public service has been an inspiration to children and adults alike over the past 70 years. She will be hugely missed by the nation, including all those in the world of education where many people will have fond memories of Jubilee and other royal events during her reign. Through her dignity and unswerving sense of duty the Queen has set an extraordinary example to us all, and she has been a reassuring presence through many turbulent times.

The school will enter a period of mourning for ten days. There will be very few changes to school life during this national period of mourning. However, it is right and proper for School to show leadership for the local community in such times. The staff meetings will be cancelled on Monday as a small mark of respect, and to allow for private thought. Furthermore, a book of condolence will be placed on a decorative table in the playground for any member of the school, or local community, to pay respects... which in turn will provide a source of Primary Historical Evidence as to how the local community responded. The laying of the book will be the first, and last thing we do each day until the funeral. An online [Book of Condolence](#) for those who wish to leave messages is available on the [royal.uk](#) website.

This week the children will have further opportunities to reflect personally and express their own thoughts, in an appropriate way.

'The official date of the State Funeral – Monday 19th September - will be a bank holiday. Schools are not expected to remain open on the bank holiday as it should be treated as any normal bank holiday.' Therefore, **School will be closed on Monday 19th September 2022 in order for all to pay their respects.**



'Living Life to its Fullest
,Making a difference Along the
Way'



I've done my duties
Paddington, please
take me to my
husband



Warm Welcome – We would like to welcome Samara and her family to Rivington this week. She has settled in really well, helped along by lovely friends.

Reception and Nursery Class 2022 – Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Orgill and Mrs. Shaw have had a very enjoyable week meeting our new children and their parents. Thank you to our new families for helping the children to settle in so well your children are delightful.

Medical and Dietary Information – Please can all parents/carers keep school updated of any changes to your child's medical or dietary record. Thank you.

Data Collection Sheets - Data collection forms will be sent this week. Please return these to school as soon as possible to ensure all our records are up to date, especially any new or existing medical conditions. If your child requires an inhaler or any other medication in school, please ensure it is clearly labelled and in date. Please also include an email address and at least 2 people who should be contacted in the case of emergency. Thank you for your cooperation.

School Photographs - Tempest Photography will be in school on Wednesday 28th September. If you have siblings who do not attend this school and want a photograph with your child, please come to school for 8:30am.

Dropping Off and Picking Up from School - The road outside school is obviously very busy at the start and end of the day. In the interest of the safety of the children and all pedestrians, please avoid parking on the Church driveway and under no circumstances park on the zig zag lines or the pavement. I appeal to all parents to show consideration to our neighbours by avoiding blocking their

RIVINGTON FOUNDATION PRIMARY OPEN DAYS – Parents of pre-school children are invited to join us. We will be holding an Open Day on Friday 7th October and Tuesday 15th November 9:30am – 10:30am and 1:30pm – 2:30pm for parents of pre-school children. Please come along to look around school. We look forward to seeing you! You can confirm attendance via telephone 01204 696951.

High School Open Days – Parents of pupils in Years 6 or Year 5 may wish to attend open evenings being held in our local high schools. Please visit their websites for more information.

- Holy Cross – Thursday 13th September, 6:00pm to 8:00pm
- St Michaels C of E Academy – Thursday 15th September, 5:30pm to 8:00pm
- Parklands High School – Thursday 22nd September 5:00pm to 8:00pm
- Albany Thursday 29th September, click on the link to book <https://www.albanyacademy.co.uk/open-eve>
- Rivington and Blackrod High School – Thursday 15th September 5:00pm-8:00pm
- St Joseph's Catholic High School, Horwich – Tuesday 20th September 5:00pm-7:00pm
- Cannon Slade School – Wednesday 28th September – 5:30pm-8:30pm
- Bolton School - Tuesday 22 November, 11.00am-12.30pm and Wednesday 30 November, 11.00am-12.30pm.

School Admissions - Primary and Secondary applications can be made online and you should clearly state 3 preferences for your child. If you are applying to a church school there is a supplementary form which needs to be completed.

SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS - The closing date for Secondary School Admissions is **Monday 31st October 2022**

PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS - The closing date for Primary School Admissions is **Sunday 15th January 2023**. Supplementary forms need to be returned to school. For information about our admissions criteria please visit the school website. To apply for your child's place online please click on the link below:

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/>

MacMillan Coffee Morning – We will be holding a coffee morning on Friday 30th September after our Harvest celebration in Church (10:30) in support of Macmillan Cancer Research. Parents/carers and members of our school community are very welcome to attend. It will be lovely to get together after what seems like a very long time to have a cup of tea, cake and a chat in aid of a charity very close to our hearts. Please come along, it will be lovely to see you there.

Free School Meals/ Pupil Premium - All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 automatically qualify for Universal Free School meals. However, children in the infants and the juniors may qualify for free school meals because you are in receipt of certain benefits, in which case you need to register your eligibility. If you are eligible your child could qualify for Pupil Premium funding from the Government which will come into school to improve pupil attainment or provide additional opportunities. If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

PE Kits – Please can we remind you to label all uniform and PE kits and make sure children have PE kits in school.

Water Bottles- Children can bring a water bottle into school so they have access to a drink in class throughout the day. Please ensure their name is on their bottle and that they only fill their bottles with natural water. Thank you for your support.

Harvest Celebration – Friday 30th September 9:30am in Rivington Church - We will be holding our annual harvest celebration in church and we would like to invite parents/carers to attend. Each class will perform a short harvest presentation. We would be very grateful for any donations of non-perishable items on the day to support Living Waters Food Bank.

Reminder: Fruit ONLY Snacks/NUT ALLERGY - As we are a healthy school and we are educating and promoting healthy lifestyles to our children, fruit and vegetable only snacks are allowed for break times from September. Toast will also be available at 20p per slice. Please could you also ensure that your child does not bring any food into school that CONTAINS NUTS as we do have a child with a nut allergy in school. Thank you for your cooperation.