

### Dates for Your Diary:

Date	Event
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> October inclusive	Mid-term closure
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> November Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Y5/6 Assembly in the Church Hall – 2:00pm Open Day for new starters 9:30-10:30 and 1:30-2:30
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Christmas Fair in the School Grounds and Hall 11:00am-2:00pm
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Christingle in Rivington Church 2:00-3:00
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Production - 1:30pm in the Hall
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS/KS1 Nativity – 6:00pm in the Hall
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS/KS1 Nativity - 1:30pm in the Hall
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Production – 6:00pm in the Hall
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	First sitting: Grandparent’s Tea Party 9:30-11:30am
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Second sitting: Grandparent’s Tea Party 1:00-3:00pm
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Breakfast with Santa
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	School Closes for Christmas
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	School INSET Day – Staff Only
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	School re-opens
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Young Voices

**RIVINGTON FOUNDATION PRIMARY SCHOOL  
SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS  
SEPTEMBER 2022 TO JULY 2023**

***Autumn Term 2022***

School Staff Training Day	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2022
School Staff Training Day	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2022
School re-opens on	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2022
Mid term closure	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2022 inclusive
School re-opens	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2022
Closure after school on	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2022

***Spring Term 2023***

School Staff Training Day	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2023
School re-opens on	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
Mid-term closure	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2023 inclusive
School re-opens on	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2023
Closure after school on	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2023
School Staff Training Day	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023

***Summer Term 2023***

School re-opens on	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2023
May Day	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2023
Mid-term closure	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2023 inclusive
School re-opens on	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2023
Closure after school on	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2023
School Staff Training Day	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2023

Note- The school is closed to pupils on staff training day

**Half-Term** - Wishing you all a lovely break from school and I look forward to seeing you all, safe and sound, on **Monday 31st October 2022.**



**Well done to our Headteacher Half-Term Award Winners – WELL DONE AND CONGRATULATIONS – What an amazing achievement – you'll be getting your sticker bigger than the sun!!**

- ❖ **Reception: Noah E. - for maturing into a wonderful Reception pupil!**
- ❖ **Y1: Mabel H. -**
- ❖ **Y2: Layla J. -**
- ❖ **Y3: Abbie W. – for 'blowing Miss Whitehead's socks off' this half-term. Your hard-work and attitude to learning has really impressed all your teachers – well done!**
- ❖ **Y4: Anya H. – for her fantastic example that you set to others and your amazing concentration in lessons!**
- ❖ **Y5: Alice W. – making a fabulous contribution to all aspects of the Upper Juniors!**
- ❖ **Y6: Harry B. – a mature and sensible attitude – at all times – in your last year at Rivington!**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU! Jack B. (Y2) 09/09, Jessica H. (Y1) 05/09, Hattie T. (Y1) 19/09, Jacob E. (Y1) 04/10, Mabel H. (Y1) 28/10, James P. (Y4) 07/09, Olivia B. (Y3) 19/10, Jacob C. (Y6) 07/09, Aimee-Rose H. (Y6) 27/09, George P. (Y6) 17/10, Roman H. (Y5) 19/10, Evie W. (Y5) 21/10, Jessica F. (Rec.) 16/10, Elise S. (Rec.) 7/10.**



**Parent Governor Nominations:** Please remember to send in the nomination form by **12:00 noon on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November** if you are interested in becoming a parent governor. **Nominations after this time will not be accepted.**



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**PE and earrings:** Please remember that earrings cannot be worn for PE in school, for safety reasons. Please either ask your child to remove them on the morning of your child's PE day or cover the ear with a plaster. If there are any problems with this, please contact your child's teacher.

Well done to our Seven Wonders Award Winners W/B 19.09.2022 – What an amazing achievement!

- ❖ Reception: Elise S – for super sensible Reception behavior and always being ready to learn.
- ❖ Y1: Harriet W. – for amazing actions and acting during English!
- ❖ Y2: Daniel W. – For always trying hard with your work and always being ready to learn.
- ❖ Y3: Daisy H – for always trying her hardest in maths and contributing so well in all lessons.
- ❖ Y4: Ava D. – for your fantastic writing. You are always looking for ways to up-level your work and it shows!
- ❖ Y5: Mae R. – for a fabulous attitude to all your work!
- ❖ Y6: Tallulah – for your super attitude to all your work!

Well done to our Seven Wonders Award Winners W/B 26.09.2022 – what an amazing achievement!

- ❖ Reception: Tobias B. – for your fantastic phonics work!
- ❖ Y1: Amy B. – for trying so hard all the time with all your work – and producing an amazing story!
- ❖ Y2: Matilda S. – for an amazing independent write all about ogres!
- ❖ Y3: Charlie C. – for working so well in English this week and producing some fantastic work!
- ❖ Y4: James J. – for your impressive contributions to our history lessons about the Egyptians!
- ❖ Y5: Riley W. – for 100% effort in all your work!
- ❖ Y6: Charlie D. – for working so well as a team in all aspects of school.
- ❖ Y6: Freya C. – for working so well as a team in all aspects of school.
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**Toast on a Friday:** Toast will be sold for 20p a slice every Friday for the children. We will also be starting a healthy tuck shop after half-term which will run every day apart from Friday. This term, we will use the money raised to put towards the cost of taking the children to watch a pantomime.



**Homework:** This year as we aim to make our homework policy even more consistent across school. Our focus will be on reading, spellings and times tables. Your child's weekly tasks will be sent on a standardised sheet which we will share with you after half-term. Children will continue to have their reading records and banded books which are sent home every week. Please do aim to listen to your child read every night: it really does make a huge difference in terms of their progress, and applies to children of all ages. **WATCH OUT FOR OUR WEEKLY READING CHALLENGES COMING NEXT TERM!**

A Rivington Parent has again made the school aware that they have witnessed recent incidents of **dangerous driving** around school opening and closing times - **these include a minor accident, near misses and incidents of speeding.**

This is a **strong plea** to please take extra care around school which is a **20mph zone** – even at 20 mph there is a three car-length stopping distance and a serious risk of a child being seriously hurt or worse. **Uppermost in our minds is the safety of our pupils.**

**Watching for Wonders!** After half-term we are introducing our 'Watching for Wonders' Book. When any adult in school spots any child doing something 'Wonderful' – based around our school values – our 'Seven Wonders', they may write about it in the 'Watching for Wonders' Book. This will include staff! We will announce the names in the book each week during 'Get Together'.



**Morning Start:** The school gates open for Y1-6 at 8:45am and then the children can go into school from 8:45- 9:00am. 9:00am is still the official start time so the children need to be in school by then. Thank you for your support in ensuring the children are in school on time – it really is so important for so many reasons. Socially, and academically, this helps them to settle into class, ready for the day ahead. By being just 5 minutes late each day actually equates to 3½ days of learning being missed every year. Naturally, and understandably, things do happen and please don't worry about that. However, it is essential that persistent lateness cannot happen and as we have a duty of care for our children from 9:00am it may become a safeguarding issue. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.



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**Holiday Requests** - We really do value your support in not taking holidays in term time. In summary, I am unable to authorise term-time absence unless it is an exceptional circumstance. If you have any questions about this, please just ask. There may well be an exceptional reason why you may need to take your child out of school and all I ask is for you to contact me about it. Should a request need to be made, we have a short form that needs to be completed and returned, so that we have the details in writing – these are available from the school office. **Headteachers have now been instructed not to make allowances for any COVID-related holiday changes any longer**, so this will no longer be accepted. We kindly request that forms are handed in at least **a month** prior to a planned holiday.

**RIVINGTON FOUNDATION PRIMARY OPEN DAYS** – Parents of pre-school children are invited to join us. We will be holding an Open Day on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> 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.



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**Communication, Website, Twitter and Social Media** - Firstly, I would like to thank you for the respect you show in terms of social media. Some schools have a real problem with this, with either comments made publically about the school or other parents/children. I feel fortunate that you are able to come to talk to me, or one of the team, if you have an issue. We really do value our positive relationship with you and urge anyone to come and speak to us if a problem arises, and not try and 'resolve' things via WhatsApp groups or social media - whether this be an open or closed 'group'. This really does not help.

I am certainly not naive enough to think that everything is perfect all of the time, but hopefully most of you will feel that if something has been communicated to us we have sorted it out the best we can. Our Home School Partnership Agreement, which is signed by all parents, pupil and school, includes the following statement: 'Be sensitive to the reputation, respect, privacy of staff, pupils and parents of the school community', so thank you for your wonderful support in adhering to this. Feedback continues to be positive about our email and text message system. Please be assured though, if there was to be a real need to speak to you about anything we would always contact you by telephone. Our website: [www.rivingtonprimary school.co.uk](http://www.rivingtonprimary school.co.uk) is a great place to find out lots of important information and see some great photos. Seesaw is a more spontaneous means of staff sharing photos and information, which can be accessed via the Seesaw or website, using the internet or via our website homepage.

Our parents also have a Facebook page that you can request to join – here we share lots of information and send out quick messages:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/513723072082778>

**ParentPay** Thank you to the new parents who have activated their accounts. If you haven't yet got round to it, please try and do it as soon as possible. We use ParentPay to email and text parents as well as the payment method for all things in school, uniform, milk, OSC, dinners, music lessons etc. Please remember to add your mobile number to your account so that text messages can be received.

**Reward Systems:** Most of you will be familiar with our reward system in school, and that children are able to receive a Headteacher's Rivington Remarkable or Seven Wonders. In EYFS the children have the 'rainbow' which is rewarded with a rainbow sticker and the children also collect points in their bronze, gold and silver Wow! cards. We have used Dojo's in the rest of the classes for a while now. Each class has created their own reasons for being awarded a Dojo, for example: ✓ School Values ✓ helping others ✓ being on task ✓ participating well ✓ kindness ✓ teamwork ✓ Working hard ✓ Maths ✓ English. These can be given out by any member of staff



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**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/>

**Harvest** – Thank you for all your donations which have now been delivered to Living Waters Storehouse in Chorley. Please visit their Facebook page – they often put out pleas for items which they are short of. With the holidays coming up and Christmas looming – any help we can offer will be a blessing. <https://www.facebook.com/LWStorehouse>

**Diana Awards Anti-Bullying Ambassador Training** - On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October pupils from our 5 and 6 members went to the Diana Awards Anti-bullying Ambassador training at St Joseph's with children from fourteen local schools. It was a very busy day with activities to help them to be ambassadors. Our children were brilliant at sharing their ideas with everyone and they were so enthusiastic. The children are passionate about what to do next and have great plans in place for the year – particularly Anti-Bullying Day!



**Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal:** After half term there will be poppies for sale at break time by the Year 6 children along with snap bands for £1, wrist bands £1, reflective poppies and button hole ties both 50p. For poppies we ask for a minimum donation of 20p. Thank you for your support with this.

**Small Schools Football Tournament–** Well done to the children in Y5/6 who took part in the small school's football tournament on Wednesday at Westway. Unfortunately, we lost in the dying seconds of the bronze medal match. The children worked and played incredibly hard as a team and were a real credit to our school. Thank you parents for supporting and to Mr. Winstanley for training and organizing the team with Mrs Cliffe and thank you to Mrs. Cliffe and Miss Shore who helped at the event. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/513723072082778/permalink/5423833614405008/>



### **Christmas!**

I know it is still a while yet, but I always like to give you notice about our Christmas plans:

- **Christingle: Friday 2nd December at 2pm in church**
- **PTFA Christmas Fair: Saturday 26th November from 11am-2pm**
- **Infant Nativity: Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm and Thursday 8th December at 2pm.**
- **Grandparents Tea Party: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 9:30am and second sitting at 1:30pm**
- **Breakfast with Santa: 7:30am and 8:30 am Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December**
- **Christmas Sing-a-long: Friday 16th December at 2:45pm**

We also have a panto, Christmas dinner, parties, etc. too, but all of these will be in the school day. It will be here before we know it. More details to follow about all of these!







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**Medicines in School** - If medicine needs to be taken under exceptional circumstances, then we are happy to administer this if there has been a written agreement made with parents and the appropriate form from the office completed. This is primarily for prescribed medication. However, again in exceptional circumstances and following the previously mentioned procedures, we will also give Calpol, etc. if there is a real need. Please note that this is not routine. In order to administer this we require that it is provided in the form of a sealed sachet that has the exact amount in and is labelled with the child's name by the chemist. These are readily available from chemists.

**First Aid** The vast majority of our staff are first aid trained and we have members of staff assigned outside to first aid at breaktimes and lunch. This means that instead of coming straight to the office the children are looked at straight away and basic first aid may be administered, eg. cleaning a graze, putting a plaster on, etc. All the staff do a fantastic job if the children are sent in to be looked at. Accident forms are sent home if we feel necessary, and always following a bumped head, but may not be completed if the injury is deemed very minor and has caused your child no distress. In addition, we ask children who have had a bump to the head to wear a band on their arm in order to ensure that all adults are aware of the incident and keep an eye on them.

**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.

**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 on Fridays – orders taken on Thursdays.** Please could you also ensure that your child does not bring any food into school that CONTAINS NUTS as we do have a child and staff member with a nut allergy in school. Thank you for your cooperation.