

Newsletter - June 2025



Dear Parent/Carer

Staffing Update

We have finalised our staffing for next session:

I am sure you will join me in wishing Mrs Hyatt and Mrs Robb well as they leave us to begin their retirement. They have been outstanding in their service to Riverside Primary School over many years and will be greatly missed by the pupils, families and staff. We are very sorry to be saying farewell to Mrs Whitehead, Miss Smith, Miss MacDonald and Miss Carroll. We are wishing them all the very best for their next step at their new schools.

Senior Leadership Team

As headteacher, I will have responsibility for the whole school but particular responsibility for nursery, Gaelic Medium and the Autism Provision. Mrs Laura Quintin, Depute Headteacher, will have responsibility for our children in P1, P2 and P3. Mrs Chrissie Gemmell, DHT, will be job-sharing the role with Mrs Rosie Plewes, DHT, they will take responsibility for our learners in P4, P5, P6 and P7.

New Staff

We would like to welcome Miss Millar as a probationer teacher in August and Miss Lyndsay Smith, who will be covering Ms Thomson's long term absence. We would also like to welcome Mrs Henry and Mrs Meadows back from their maternity leave.

P7 Show and Graduation

The theme of this year's P7 concert was 'Wonderland the Musical' which we performed in early June followed by our graduation ceremony on 13 June. The children were absolutely outstanding and were a credit to Riverside Primary School. Our thanks go to the P7 staff team for all their hard work and commitment and thanks to Mrs Hyatt and Mrs Robb, our inspirational guest speakers. We wish our P7 children all the best and every success at High School! We will miss you!

Outstanding Lunch Money

Can all outstanding lunch money please be paid to the school office **by Monday 23 June 2025**. Thank you.

School Uniform

A reminder that parents should order school uniform directly from our supplier - School Wear Made Easy. For details, please visit our Uniform page on our website <https://www.riversideprimaryschool.co.uk/uniform>. Parents can also buy from Logoxpres in Stirling who also stock our uniform. Please don't forget we have our very own Pre-Loved, Re-Use uniform stock available in school, please ask at reception for access.

Footwear and Clothing Grant/Free School Meals

The application form for footwear and clothing grant/free school meals for year 25/26 will be live on Stirling Council website towards the end of June.

The form and guidance notes can be found on the links below:-

- <https://www.stirling.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/free-school-meals-and-clothing-grant/> (guide page)
- <https://www.stirling.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/free-school-meals-and-clothing-grant/apply-for-free-school-meals-a-clothing-grant-or-both/> (form)

Summer Celebration

Our 'Summer Celebration' will be in school at 10am on Wednesday 25 June. All parents/carers are welcome. We would welcome any kind donations for our Riverside Larder.

End of term arrangements:

School Lunch arrangements - Friday 27 June

- Term ends on Friday 27 June at 1.30pm. If your child is a home lunch they can leave at 12.30 pm and do not have to return to school in the afternoon. Children who require a school lunch will have lunch as normal at 12.30 pm in school, and can be collected by 1.30pm at the latest when school closes.
- Catering Services will only be providing packed lunches on **Friday 27 June**. There will be a choice of sandwich fillings including a vegetarian option and lunches should be ordered and paid for in the usual way.

Term officially ends on Friday 27 June at 1.30pm. We expect all children to attend on the last day of term. We do find on the last day of each term that the office staff spend a huge amount of time making phone calls to follow up absence. If your child is unable to attend through sickness or any other reason please ensure that you contact the school to let us know. This helps us to mark off all children correctly on the system before the end of the school year and prevents us from following up in August.

I wish to inform you of arrangements for Friday 27 June. As per previous year's arrangements, we wish to give our P7 Leavers a fitting end to their primary school career. At 12.20pm they will be clapped out of Riverside P.S. by the whole school. There will be a designated area at the Forrest Road end of the playground for any P7 parents/carers who wish to attend. We would ask any non P7 parents to stand behind the rows of watching children.

P4 - 6 pupils will then be dismissed from the playground by their teachers at the 12.30pm bell. P1 - 3 pupils will return to their buildings and will leave via their usual exits. (School lunch children will be escorted to the lunch hall). In the event of very inclement weather, this event will not take place and all children will leave from their usual exits.

Bus Arrangements for Last Day of Term

The Public Transport Team has advised us of the bus arrangements for Friday 27 June. As the 'school bus' is a registered local service bus, the journey time cannot be altered to suit the early closure. However, the C30 service bus will leave school in Forrest Road at 13:38 and go via Abbey Road, Argyll Avenue and Forth Street to Stirling Bus Station (the bus will sit at Stance 4 in the bus station for 7 minutes), then via Murray Place, Cowane Street, Union Street, Causewayhead Road, Chattan Avenue, Lothian Crescent and finally Easter Cornton Road arriving at app. 14.17. Note that this journey will serve Causewayhead Road instead of Dunster Road.

Please ensure that your child is clear about his/her going home arrangements for Friday 27 June.

Medication held in School

Just to remind you that **all medication held in school must be collected by an adult by 12.30 p.m. on Friday 27 June at the very latest.** Any medication not collected by that time will be disposed of in the appropriate manner.

Dates for your diary - please remember these are always subject to change:

Wednesday 25 June	Summer Celebration - 10 am in school
Friday 27 June	School closes for Summer Holiday (12.30pm if home lunch/1.30pm if school lunch)
Monday 11 August	Autumn Term begins STAFF ONLY - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHILDREN
Tuesday 12 August	Staff Development day - STAFF ONLY - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHILDREN
Wednesday 13 August	Children return to school

Welcome Meetings - Sharing School Improvement Priorities 2025 - 2026

Our Welcome Meetings for each class will take place early next session, these meetings allow you to meet the teacher and share information about home learning, classroom routines etc. If you cannot attend, a family member is welcome to come along in your place. The meetings will be held after school on Tuesday 2nd September. More details of this new format will follow early next session.

Thank you for your continued support this session, we are wishing you all a safe, happy and relaxing summer and look forward to welcoming all our children and the new Primary 1 children back in August.

Mrs Michelle MacPhee
Headteacher

Together may we give our children the roots to grow and the wings to fly