

Be Kind, Be Safe, Be Responsible,
Enjoy Learning

NEWSLETTER

Summer Term
2026 - Vol 2
WE: 15th May 26

Sustainability Matters



Sustainability

At Richmond we are on a mission to look after our planet!

From recycling in the classroom to conserving energy, our students are learning how small changes can make a big difference.

Do you want to help? encourage your child to bring in a reusable water bottle everyday and chat at home about how you can reduce waste together. Lets work together to keep our school - and our world - green!

Please complete the survey via the link below to share your views on the upcoming changes to Free School Meal entitlement.

Free School Meals Survey -
Changes to Entitlement



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Richmond Avenue Primary & Nursery School



LATEST NEWS...

SATS

We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 pupils who have completed their SATs this week with determination, resilience and a positive attitude.

Throughout the week, our Year 6s demonstrated maturity, focus and excellent effort. They arrived each morning ready for their breakfast and to do their best, supported each other brilliantly and showed just how much they have grown during their time at Richmond Avenue.

We know that SATs can feel like a big challenge, but every single child approached the tests with confidence and gave it their all. We couldn't be prouder of how they conducted themselves this week.

Now it's time to enjoy the rest of Year 6! We have lots of exciting activities and events planned for the coming weeks as we celebrate their final term at primary school.

Well done Year 6 - you were absolutely fantastic!

Upcoming events:

History Week

The whole school will be participating in History Week from Monday 19th May, with pupils enjoying engaging activities and hands-on historical experiences. On Friday 22nd May, 2:00pm to 3:00pm please join us for a special activity session with your child. Please enter through the middle gate where you will be signed in. We ask that children remain on site until at least 3pm after completing their activity. Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate pushchairs or younger siblings due to capacity restrictions.

Call of the Wild Trip

Year 1 will be visiting Call of the Wild on Tuesday 2nd June and Year 2 will be visiting on Thursday 4th June. Please ensure children wear full school uniform and comfortable trainers. If the weather is sunny, please apply sun cream before school and provide a hat.

KEY NEWS:

WINNERS

Well done to Grasshoppers & LH4 for having the highest class attendance this week, keep up the effort of coming to school every day!

School Dinners

An updated menu will be live from June, please ensure you have booked your child's meal at least 24 hours in advance on the MCAS app. You can book up to 3 weeks in advance

ATTENDANCE

Being in school, on time, every day matters. For children to learn and thrive to reach their potential, they need to be in school. Our gates are open **daily from 8.35am - 8.45am**, please ensure your child enters the school between these times so that they can get to class on time and engage in the important start of day activities and learning. - Keep an eye out for the next Superhero visit too! Thank you.



Dates for the diary...

PLEASE REMEMBER, WE ARE...

May

- WB 18th History Week
- Friday 22nd - Challenge Day (Parents welcome to attend 2-3pm)



***** Half Term 25th–29th May *****

Children return to school Monday 1st June

June

- WB 1st - Year 4 Times Tables Checks
- Tues 2nd - Year 1 Call of the Wild Trip
- WB 8th - Phonics Screening Checks
- Wed 3rd - Year 3 Trip to Watt Tyler Park
- Thurs 4th - Year 2 Call of the Wild Trip
- Tues 9th - KS2 Borough Sports
- Wed 10th - Pupil Challenge Day
- 16th–19th - Year 6 Chigwell Residential Trip
- Fri 19th - Fathers Day Sale (£2 per gift)
- Tues 23rd - Year 5 Food & Farming Trip
- Tues 30th - KS1 Borough Sports

Reminders:



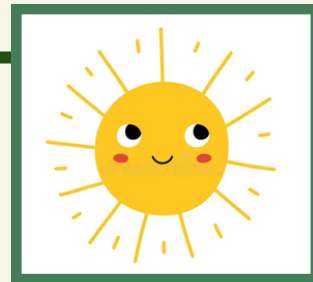
Sports day dates: WB 6th July

Nursery: Wed 8th - 9.30am
Reception: Tues 7th - 9.30am
Year 1: Mon 6th - 11am
Year 2: Mon 6th - 9.30am
Year 3: Wed 8th - 11am
Year 4: Tues 7th - 11am
Year 5: Thurs 9th - 9.30am
Year 6: Mon 6th - 2pm



Curling

Some children in KS2 were lucky to participate in a curling event at Great Wakering Primary School. They joined in with enthusiasm, teamwork and excitement, having a great time playing against a new school. Well done to all of them.



Summer Term Weather

As the weather becomes warmer this term, please ensure that your child comes to school prepared. Children should bring a hat, sun cream, and a water bottle each day. Thank you for your support in helping us keep everyone safe and comfortable during the warmer weather.



**Funded &
private
sessions
available**

RICHMOND AVENUE NURSERY

**Nursery Places Available for September
2026**

We have funded and private sessions available for 2, 3 and 4 year olds.

Come and Visit Us!

Join our Stay and Play sessions to meet our teachers and tour our wonderful nursery:

Wednesday 20th May | 3:45pm - 4:15pm

Thursday 18th June | 3:45pm - 4:15pm

How to Apply:

Email: admin@richmond.secat.co.uk

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to our nursery family!

Phone: 01702 292197





DROP ZONE BREAKFAST CLUB MENU

Cereals, Milk
Toast, Crumpets, Bagels, Butter, Jam
Fruit
Water

DROP ZONE AFTER SCHOOL CLUB MENU

Wraps, Pitta Bread, Mini Bread Rolls, Bagels
Toasted Sandwiches with fillings - Baked Beans,
Cheese, Ham
Make your own Pizza
Baked Beans on Toast
Sandwiches
Ham, Cheese, Dairy Lea Cheese Triangles
Cucumber, Peppers, Fruit
Frubes, Raisins, Malt Loaves, Tea Cakes
Water, Milk

****Gluten free bread, non-dairy spread, non-dairy milk available****



Gluten



Milk



Egg



WHEAT



DAIRY



Soybean



Important changes to Free School Meals from September 2026



Good News for Families!

From September 2026, all households receiving Universal Credit will be eligible for free school meals in England, removing the current £7,400 income cap. Over 500,000 More Pupils Eligible and can save families up to £495 per child per year on school lunches

What's Changing?

New Eligibility Rules

Any household receiving Universal Credit will qualify for free school meals, regardless of income level. All reception, year 1 and year 2 pupils are eligible for free meals regardless of household income. No application is required for these year groups.

Do You Need to Apply?

YES! Although you're ultimately responsible for checking eligibility, your LA can carry out checks via the DfE's eligibility checking system. Even if you receive Universal Credit, you must still submit an application through Southend-on-Sea Council to receive free school meals for your child.

YOU CAN APPLY NOW

How to Apply

Parents or guardians should apply through their local council or visit <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals> to start your application.

- You will typically need your National Insurance Number and details of any qualifying benefits.
- Even if eligibility is automatic (e.g., Universal Credit recipients from September 2026), families must still submit an application to receive the benefit.

If circumstances change, such as a change in income or benefits, parents should update the school or council to ensure continued eligibility.

Transitional Protection Ending

The protections will remain in place until the end of the 2025/26 school year. From September 2026, only Universal Credit recipients will qualify.

Need Help?

Please contact the school office at office@richmond.secat.co.uk if you have any questions.

