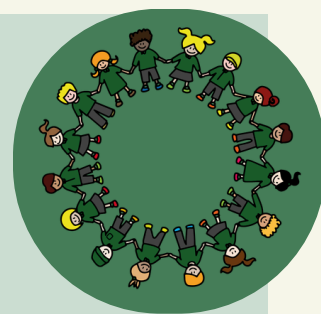




NEWSLETTER

**Summer Term
2026 - Vol 3
WE: 26th June 26**

Sustainability Matters

Sustainability

As temperatures remain high during this week's heatwave, we are taking steps to keep our pupils comfortable and safe while maintaining our commitment to sustainability. By using natural ventilation, keeping blinds closed during the hottest parts of the day and making use of shaded outdoor spaces, we aim to reduce heat in classrooms whilst minimising energy use. Pupils are encouraged to drink plenty of water throughout the day and outdoor activities may be adapted when temperatures are at their highest.

Thank you for supporting us by ensuring children bring a refillable water bottle and come to school prepared for the warm weather.



Parentkind Survey

Please scan the below QR code to complete the Parentkind Survey, by entering you will be entered into a free prize draw for a £200 away-day voucher, so you can enjoy a trip as a family.



In this weeks newsletter;

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LATEST NEWS...

CEO Q&A Session Minutes

Please see the link below for the minutes from the CEO Q&A, please also be advised that the next session will be on Wednesday 30 September at 12:00 and a Teams link will be circulated along with a reminder closer to the time.

<https://www.secat.co.uk/newsletters?action=saved>

Year 6 Chigwell Trip

Year 6 enjoyed an amazing week of activities on their residential trip to Chigwell. Children tried zip lining, archery, fire lighting, climbing, water zorbing and grass sledging, as well as toasting marshmallows round a campfire, making their own pizzas and taking part in a night hike - they even stayed up late to watch the first England game! Each child received a personalised certificate upon their return to school and then went home to sleep for the whole weekend!

Upcoming events:

Sports Day week

As we head into the week commencing Monday 6th, we are looking forward to welcoming everyone for our much-anticipated Sports Days. This is always a highlight of the school calendar, providing an opportunity for children to showcase their teamwork, determination, and sporting skills while having fun and supporting one another.

We encourage all participants to come prepared with appropriate PE kit, a water bottle and plenty of enthusiasm. Families and carers are warmly invited to join us and cheer on the children as they take part in a variety of events and activities.

We look forward to seeing everyone there and celebrating a fantastic day of sport, achievement and community spirit.

Summer Fair

On Wednesday 8th July, we're holding our annual Summer Fair! We'd be so grateful for any donations towards our raffle. If you have any items you'd like to contribute, please drop them off at the school office before the event. We're really looking forward to seeing you all there for what promises to be a wonderful afternoon of fun, community, and celebration. See you on the 8th!

Dance Fund Raiser

On Tuesday 7th July, we are holding a Dance Fundraiser where children can dress up as a dancer or their favourite sports person for the day with a £1 donation. All donations will help raise money for Richmond Dance Academy. Please see the poster below for more details.



KEY NEWS:

WINNERS

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

My Child At School App

MCAS is our main form of communication from school to parent, please remember to keep the app regularly updated and your notifications are switched on. If you are experiencing any issues please let the school office know.

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...

June

- Tues 30th - KS1 Borough Sports

July

- Wed 1st - Cultural Day
- Fri 3rd - Whole school Transition day
- WB 6th - Sports days (details below)
- Tues 7th - Dance Fund Raiser (£1 Each)
- Wed 8th - Summer Fair from 3pm
- WB 13th - Year Group Beach Trips
- Mon 20th - Year 6 Leavers Production 5pm (at the church)
- Mon 20th - Whole school open afternoon
- Tues 21st - SECAT Sports Day
- Thurs 23rd - Pupils finish at 1pm



***** Summer Holiday: 24th July - 2nd September *****

Children return to school Thursday 3rd September

Reminders:



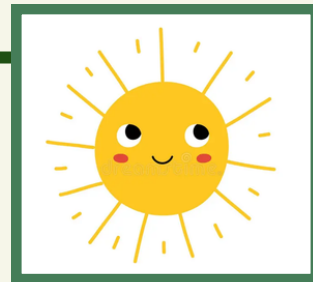
Sports day dates: WB 6th July

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



PE kits

Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school at all times. Earrings and jewellery must be removed before the PE lesson, or before school if your child cannot remove them independently. Please also ensure your child brings a water bottle to school.



Summer Term Weather

Due to the extreme heat weather warning, please ensure children come to school with a named water bottle to stay hydrated. We also recommend sun hats and sunscreen applied before arrival. Regular water breaks and shade will be provided throughout the day to keep everyone safe and comfortable.

RICHMOND AVENUE PRIMARY SCHOOL

DRESS LIKE A *Dancer*

OR

FAVOURITE SPORTS PERSON

★ DAY! ★

7TH JULY

SHOW OFF YOUR MOVES OR
YOUR SPORTING HERO STYLE!

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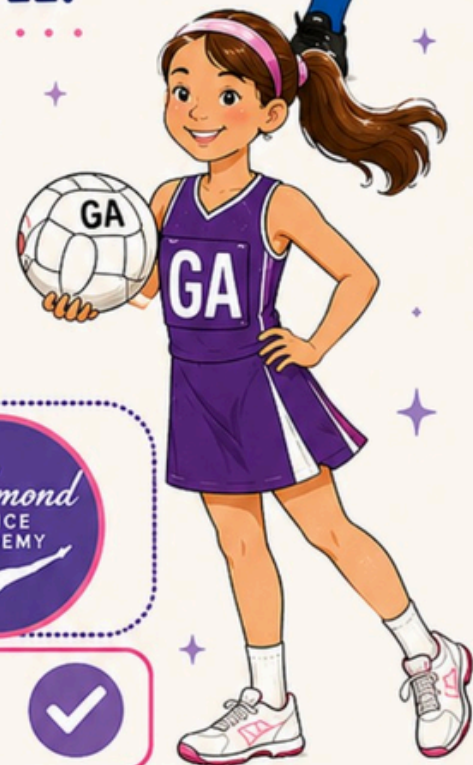
DONATION

ALL DONATIONS WILL HELP RAISE
MONEY FOR
RICHMOND DANCE ACADEMY
FOR THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR.

Richmond
DANCE
ACADEMY

PLEASE REMEMBER:

NO CROP TOPS OR SHORT SHORTS.
OUTFITS MUST BE APPROPRIATE AND
SUITABLE FOR A SCHOOL DAY.





**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.

Southend SEND Information Day

Pre-register now!

www.livewellsouthend.com/SENDLocalOffer

Over 65 stalls • Opportunity for parent carers to connect with services
• 3 information sessions • Network opportunity for professionals



Tuesday 16 June 2026
9.30am to 2.30pm



Southend Civic Centre,
Victoria Avenue, SS2 6ER

