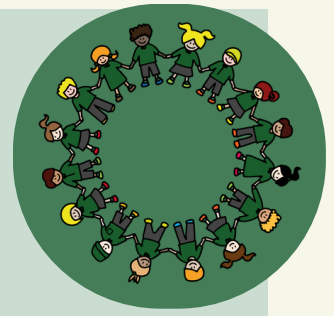




NEWSLETTER

Summer Term
2026 - Vol 4
WE: 10th July 26

Sustainability Matters

Sustainability

Following our recent Ofsted inspection, we are proud to continue building on our commitment to sustainability. Across the school, pupils are taking an active role in caring for our environment through initiatives such as recycling, reducing waste, saving energy and developing our outdoor spaces. We are excited to keep embedding sustainable practices into everyday school life and to inspire our children to become responsible, environmentally conscious citizens for the future.



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.



Empowered by SECAT

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Richmond Avenue Primary & Nursery School



LATEST NEWS...

Sports Days

A huge thank you to everyone who participated. Your enthusiasm, energy and support made it a fantastic success. Whether you joined in, cheered others on, or helped behind the scenes, you made a difference. We loved seeing everyone get involved and can't wait to do it all again. Thanks for making our community such a fun and welcoming place.

School Fair

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported our school fair. Your generosity, enthusiasm and hard work helped make the event a wonderful success. To our volunteers, staff, parents, students and everyone who attended, thank you for giving your time, donating prizes, running stalls and joining in the fun. Your support means so much to our school. We truly appreciate everyone who contributed to making the day so special. We couldn't have done it without you, and we look forward to seeing you again next year.

KS1 Borough Sports

Last week, our Key Stage 1 pupils had a wonderful opportunity to participate in a mini borough sports event, where they took part in a variety of races including sprints, relays and team challenges. Throughout the day, the children demonstrated excellent running technique, coordination and stamina, while also showing outstanding teamwork by supporting their teammates and cheering each other on. Well done to all our KS1 pupils for their fantastic effort and positive attitude!

Upcoming events:

Beach Trips / Park Trips

Next week, Years 1-6 will be heading to the beach for our much-loved annual trip! Children should wear shorts and a t-shirt with closed-back shoes such as trainers (no flip flops or backless shoes). Please apply sun cream before school and send your child with a sun hat, water bottle, bucket and spade that can fit in their own bag.

Reception and Nursery children will be visiting Shoebury Park next week. The same clothing and sun protection requirements apply. Dates are listed below in 'Dates for the diary' section.

Open Afternoon

On Monday 20th July our school will be open at 2.30pm for parents/Carers to come into their child's class and see their lovely work - you are then invited to go to their new classroom to meet with their new teacher. Children are not permitted to leave site until 3pm and unfortunately due to health and safety we cannot allow buggies at this event.



KEY NEWS:

WINNERS

Well done to AP2 & KP4 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.



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Dates for the diary...

PLEASE REMEMBER, WE ARE...



July

- Mon 13th - Reception Park Trip
- Tues 14th - Nursery Park Trip
- Wed 15th - Years 3 & 6 Beach Trip
- Thurs 16th - Years 1 & 2 Beach Trip
- Fri 17th - Years 4 & 5 Beach Trip
- Mon 20th - Year 6 Leavers Production 5.30pm (at the church)
- Mon 20th - Whole school open afternoon 2.30pm
- Tues 21st - SECAT Sports Day
- Thurs 23rd - Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.15am (school middle gates)
- Thurs 23rd - Pupils finish at 1pm

***** Summer Holiday: 24th July - 2nd September *****
Children return to school Thursday 3rd September

Reminders:



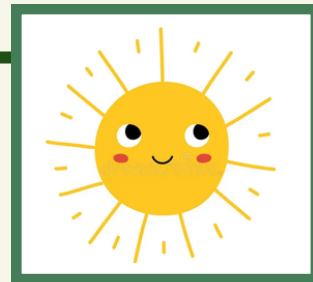
Year 6 Leavers Production -Monday 20th July.

Performance begins at 5.30pm please bring your child to the school middle gates at 5pm. Due to capacity of Shoeburyness Baptist church, each child will receive two tickets.



Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Year 6 leavers assembly will be held on Thursday 23rd July at 9.15am on the school playground. Please see MCAS announcement for further details.



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.



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.