



## Message from Mrs Lahive

Happy Friday Riversiders!

*Ancora Imparo - I am still learning*

Yet another exciting week at Riverside...



### Seedlings

Louisa Hesketh visited our two-year-old provision this week from the Early Years LA team. She thought the facility was beautiful and engaging for our youngest members of our Riverside family.

### STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

Things are getting very exciting in the world of STEM – in fact, every day this week a child has come and told me about their wonderful science work. Find out about the Lark class's chocolate melting experiment and what the Brambles discovered when they mixed jelly and calcium... [@RPS Larks](#) [@RPS Brambles](#)

STEM club started this week for some of Riverside's most gifted scientists. They planted herbs ready for our herb garden following this year's theme of GROWTH. They also created bird feeders for the forest garden to encourage birds to become our feathered family members.

Maths was especially active and fun this week from our F2 Otters on their shape hunt to our Bluebells buying and selling their snacks in their fruit stall.

### Computing

Hi Impact visited our Early Years on Thursday. Here are some of our Acorns enjoying using light sources to create flowers & the Otters used the Chatterpix app to add their character voices to the Snow Queen animation.

[@RPS Acorns](#) [@RPS Otters](#)

Miss Jones is organising activities for Safer Internet Day, which is on Feb 8<sup>th</sup>. We will be making sure we share important messages about keeping safe with our children and community on that day so please keep a look out for how you can get involved.

### Trips

The Willows children have been busy out and about this week –having fun finding mermaids' purses at the beach and bowling. They have also found the time to help classes make bird feeders ahead of The Big Birdwatch this weekend. Wonderful Eco Warriors!

### School Council

The School Council met and on the agenda this week was improving playtimes, clubs, Safer Internet Day, our new RESPECT video and following in The Eco Warriors footsteps...trying to make our school more eco-friendly. The School Council will be working closely with the Willows to make our school and environment a place where we are kind to animals and nature. SMALL CHANGES MAKING A BIG DIFFERENCE.

### The Arts and Culture Council

The Arts and Culture Council met today and discussed events that we would like to get involved in over this next year including trips to museums, art galleries, theatres and The Cavern. We are getting so excited about all the wonderful adventures we can start having again as restrictions begin to be lifted. We have put in a bid for our own school minibus-fingers crossed! The Sports reps are writing to the Council to ask them to release the land by the side of our school that is not in use so we can have a decent football pitch. Imagine having our own pitch overlooking the Liverpool skyline!

Thanks to everyone who joined me in Poet's Corner this week. We loved learning 'Peas with Honey' and will take this sticky rhyme to the Key Stage 1 yard next week. Here is our Shakespeare's witches spell which slipped through the net last week... [CLICK HERE](#)

### Food Glorious Food!

A big thank you to NEO Community for the goodies we received this week. Also Gautby Road – Play, Youth @ Community Centre is offering boxes of fresh food and a chance to take part in The Can Cook Family Cook Off .

<https://www.facebook.com/2111732028892129/posts/4935111343220836/?sfnsn=scwspwa>

### Books Are Treasures

Each class is receiving a treasure chest to put in our most precious books. We will share the books during class time and the star of the week can choose one to take home for the weekend.

### Covid Update

I really cannot wait until this section disappears from the newsletter! Unfortunately, this week has seen many of our children and staff test positive for Covid. Sending all our love as always to our Riverside family. The place isn't the same without you. The Local Authority issued this information this week to explain the latest isolation rules. Please see below.

Have a wonderful weekend ...happy bird watching! Mrs Lahive x

## 5 Stars of the week ★★★★★ Our 5 Star celebration

Seedlings	Frankie
Acorns:	Alice
Otters:	Isaac
Conkers:	Lilly
Bluebells:	Emilia & Archie
Adders:	Ella-rose
Larks:	Ben
Ravens:	Stephen
Kingfishers:	Antonio
Brambles:	Ava
Willows:	TJ
Wrens	Aaron

**HOT CHOCOLATE  
FRIDAY**



*...will be next week*



## Attendance

The race for the first Mr. Potato Head party is heating up!



Seedlings:	1 piece	Adders:	12 pieces
Acorns:	1 piece	Larks:	11 pieces
Otters:	10 pieces	Ravens:	12 pieces
Conkers C:	12 pieces	Kingfishers:	8 pieces
Conkers N:	8 pieces	Brambles:	2 pieces
Bluebells E:	5 pieces	Willows:	5 pieces
Bluebells G:	12 pieces	Wrens	4 pieces

Be on time by five to nine!

## Dates for your diary / reminders

**SWIMMING** - For Years 5 & 6 from Monday 31<sup>st</sup> Jan in the afternoon **ALL WEEK**

### P.E. Days

Seedlings, F1 and F2	<u>Conkers</u>	<u>Bluebells</u>	<u>Adders</u>	<u>Larks</u>	<u>Ravens</u>	<u>Kingfishers</u>	<u>Wrens</u>	<u>Brambles</u>	<u>Willows</u>
Fitness Fridays	Mondays	Thursdays	Monday	Tuesday	Monday	Tues & Wed	Thursday	Thursday	Thursday

### Uniform and PE Kit

Please remember that children are only to come into school wearing their PE kit on their PE day. Every other day, pupils should be attending in school uniform.

#### Boys Uniform

White polo top  
Black trousers/shorts  
Royal Blue Jumper  
Black Socks  
Black Shoes/trainers

#### Girls Uniform

White polo top  
Black skirt/trousers  
Royal Blue Jumper/cardigan  
Black Socks/Tights  
Black Shoes/trainers

#### PE Kit

Plain white T-shirt  
Plain black leggings/jogging bottoms  
Plain black shorts in summer  
Black or White trainers/pumps

# Ending self-isolation early through lateral flow testing

Self-isolation can be reduced from 10 to 5 days if you have 2 negative lateral flow tests (on days 5 and 6). This explains the process:

## DAY 0

- Self-isolation starts on day 0. This is the day when you developed symptoms or had a positive lateral flow or positive PCR test.

Days 1-4 continue to self-isolate.

## DAY 5

- Continue to self-isolate and take a lateral flow test at home. You must stay at home whether you receive a positive or negative result.

## DAY 6

- Take another lateral flow test at home 24 hours after the test you took on day 5.

### If you test positive on either day 5 or day 6



- If you receive a positive result on any of the lateral flow tests you must continue to self-isolate.
- You can continue to test daily from day 6, 24 hours apart.
- If you receive two negative tests in a row (24 hours apart) you can end your isolation early, as long as you don't have a high temperature. E.g. if you test negative on day 7 and day 8, you can leave self-isolation on day 8 after the negative result.
- If you test positive on all tests after day 6, you must continue to self-isolate for the full 10 days, with your isolation finishing at 11:59pm on day 10. (Unless you have a high temperature).

### If you test negative on day 5 AND day 6



- If you have taken two tests 24 hours apart that are both negative you can end your self-isolation period early, as long as you don't have a high temperature.

If you leave self-isolation on or after day 6 you are strongly advised to:

- Limit close contact with other people in crowded and indoor spaces.
- Work from home where possible.
- Minimise contact with anyone who is at higher risk of severe illness.
- Wear a face covering (unless exempt) and keep a safe distance from others.
- Regularly wash or sanitise your hands.



Keep Wirral Well