



Weekly News

Friday 16th January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

We hope you all enjoyed a wonderful holiday season! It has been lovely to welcome the children and our families back. The classrooms have been buzzing with energy and excitement, and it has been a joy to see the children settle back into their routines and learning with such enthusiasm given the cold weather we have had.

This newsletter is only a short one, but we wanted to take a moment to say how happy we are to have everyone back and to wish you all a very happy, healthy and productive start to the new year!

Welcome to New Staff

We would like to welcome Kimberley McVeigh, acting DHT to Riverbrae. Kimberley will be supporting across all departments in the school, however she is the main point of contact for Secondary on a Friday (Angela is still Monday – Thursday). Kimberley was previously Principal Teacher in the flexible learning resource located at Renfrew High. She was also a council lead officer for the delivery of staff training on behaviour, regulation and aspects of ASN.

Karen Taylor joins us in a brand-new role for Riverbrae School – Education Support Manager. Karen will be working closely with Lynne as a member of the senior leadership team on areas such as staffing, the building and matters relating to health and safety. Karen comes to us with a wealth of experience at council level, and from both the primary and secondary sectors.

We have been busy appointing a number of new ASNA colleagues to the school before and after Christmas. This includes Tracy, Sharon, Margazolta and Hollie.

I'm sure you join me in welcoming all of our new members of the Riverbrae team.

Parent Council

The next meeting of the parent council is Friday 16th January at 11.30am.

Winter Weather

As we have been navigating the snow and ice since we returned to school, I would like to thank John, Graham and the Riverbrae staff who helped with gritting this week. Like every other Renfrewshire school, there is a set gritting plan for Riverbrae that is a 1m wide path to the entrances (main entrance and bus bays to dept doors).

Throughout the winter months, please make sure your child comes to school ready to access outdoors. For most of our children and young people this means a winter jacket and appropriate footwear. Many of our children love being outside, and it's important that they are cosy and dry. Of course, we understand that each child has their own needs and preferences when it comes to clothing and some of our children won't wear a heavy jacket. We will do our best to work with you to get it right for your child, so please feel free to message us on learning journals if this is an issue.

Coughs and colds and winter bugs – please make sure to call the office on 0300 300 1372 if your child is absent from school this winter. We also appreciate parents and carers following the NHS guidance around diarrhoea/vomiting which requires children to be kept off school for 48 hours after the last episode. Many of our children are immune-compromised and would be very poorly indeed if they caught a winter bug. Your help to minimise the spread of infection is very much appreciated.

School Events / Dates for Your Diary

Coming up this term we have...

Burns Celebration	23 rd January
Valentines Disco	13 th February
February holiday and in-service	16 th , 17 th , 18 th February
World book day	5 th March
Bingo Night (date TBC)	12 th March
Pupil progress evening	25 th March 4-7pm
Easter celebrations start	30 th March
Easter break	3 rd – 17 th April
School resumes for pupils	Monday 20 th April

With very best wishes to you and your family,

Lynne Hollywood

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Head Teacher