

Hello everyone!

Our School is always an interesting, often exciting, place to be and to learn! It is our School itself , though,that is providing the excitement at the moment.

Our School was built under Royal Charter in 1566 as the Queen Elizabeth Grammar School for Boys. Chartered by Elizabeth I at the request of Bishop Pilkington of Durham, (with Rivington Church being built at the same time). Bishop Pilkington- born and brought up in Rivington, prior to moving to the North East- recognised the need for education to enable children to succeed in life. Of course, it was for boys only; girls education was something unheard of in a school (maybe a Governess for the privileged few).

Fast forward 451 years....through builds, neglect, rescue, rebuild, fire, rebuild and extensions(1566, 1714, 1881,1905, 1911, 1978, 2005 and looking forward with fingers crossed....) . Through separation from the Grammar School to its present site 1830s, letting girls in (shock!) change to a Primary, then to a 20th Century state school.

Always a small school, always ready to change and adapt to move on into the future.

**We are celebrating the Chartering of our School 451 years ago!
On May 13th in 1566 Queen Elizabeth I granted the Royal Charter for our school to be built.
We salute our School - it's Heritage and History - its roots in the past, its vision looking to the future!**

On July 6th we are holding our Rivibethan Day.

We have been able to do this with the support of a HERITAGE LOTTERY GRANT! This has enabled us to work with the superbly creative team led by Artist Joy Kilpatrick at CreateBolton. Every class has been investigating an aspect of life at the time our school was built.... many amazing and fascinating facts & artefacts have come to light. Our children will be sharing our discoveries with our families, other schools and visitors during the day. There will be music, museum, Tudor games, hobbies and pastimes, Tudor-themed food. Informative and attractive displays ,plus many peasants, paupers and townspeople wearing costume made by Mums and Grandmas with Joy and Mary Rudkin- Artist.

Will keep you posted !

We may be a 'small' school but we have a huge view of the world around us

and how we can play a part in it!

**Rivington School , chartered in 1566 has been around for 451 years!
here's to the next 451!**

As we work towards celebrating our Rivibethan Day it confirms what I have always felt here at Rivington. We all step in and out of history and it is a privilege to be able to do that here.

Our School, so strongly rooted in the past, will continue on and we are part of its journey.

**Being part of the Rivington Family means linking hands across the centuries,
past, present and future.
Heritage and History.**

We said a very reluctant Goodbye this week to our Trainee Teachers Miss Partington and Mr Openshaw- part of our Rivington Family. From their first day they have been part of our team, working always for the benefit of our children with dedication and enthusiasm. We wish them both the best in their teaching careers and send all CONGRATULATIONS to both on securing very well deserved OUTSTANDING gradings!

With lots to do ...until our next hello!

Mrs L J Carter- Clavell