



RIVERBRIDGE REVIEW

Autumn Term

Week 3

20th September 2024

We have held the first Reception 2025 Open Days of the academic year. It seems quite strange to be planning for the next academic year when we are still at the very start of this one but...needs must! The first meetings were positive and I look forward to these continuing to be successful in the weeks to come.

The children on both bases continue to settle well and they can be proud of how they have started the school year. At KGB, the children in Year 1 are beginning to show more independence, with many of them confidently leaving their parents and carers at the gate each morning and walking across the playground by themselves. We are looking forward to building on this. From Monday 30th September, we would ask all Year 1 parents to say their goodbyes at the gate. We will support the children in starting the school day independently. Should you have any messages to share with your child's class teacher, these can be shared via email with the school office. Mrs Talkington has shared more information in her section below. Thank you in advance for your support here.



**Multi-link cubes and numicon
in Reception**



Join our PTA



**Being independent is one of
Riverbridge's 8 Great Ways to be
our best**

Thank you to all those who attended yesterday's Macmillan Coffee morning. There were 48 parents and carers who came to the KGB staffroom to share a drink and a piece of cake. I know that there was a good amount of money raised for this important charity whilst also having an opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones, too. Thank you to Lyn and Jane our Home School Link Workers for organising this and for all who donated cakes (and money!)

We have held our first Attendance Review of the year and were pleased to see the positive start being made across the school. Lyn and Jane were at this meeting too and play a vital role in both supporting and challenging good attendance. All class teachers will also be monitoring attendance to ensure the best outcomes for the children.

Once again – thank you for your support in this area.

Finally, today is the last day at Riverbridge for Miss Gunn. She joined the school in 2017 and has taught in year groups across Key Stage 2 with different responsibilities along the way. I thank her for everything she has done for the children at Riverbridge. She will be missed and we all wish her well for the future.

Google Classroom is a tool that we use for children to access home learning at home. Each child has an email address and password set by the school to access their online classroom. These Google login details are also used every week during Computing lessons for the children to have access to the Chromebooks and laptops in school. It is vital that the password for your child's email address is not changed at home so they can access learning in class. Please contact the class teacher if you have any problems.

School Council Elections

Year 1 – 6

This year, the election process for the Riverbridge School Council (Years 1-6) will be slightly different in order to give children a more realistic experience of voting. Each class will soon select 5 nominees. Then, in a couple of weeks, each child will have the opportunity to vote for their school councillor in the hall using a ballot paper. We hope that this will teach the children more about the importance of democracy and help prepare them for voting as an adult. If you have any questions about the School Council, please contact Miss Hall via email to the school office.

Special Safari Menu – Thurs 3rd Oct

Reception – Year 6

AIP catering would like to invite the children to try their special Safari menu on Thursday 3rd October – menu attached. Children who usually have a school meal will be able to choose their lunch in the usual way via Scopay or in the classroom on Thursday 3rd October.

Children who usually have a packed lunch and would like to have the Safari menu will need to select their lunch in advance [by clicking here](#). The deadline to complete the form is Wednesday 25th September.

For children in Years 3 - 6 there will be the usual charge of £2.80 unless you have had confirmation with the office that your child is eligible for benefit related Free School Meals. Children in Reception to Year 2 are free as they are funded by the Government through Universal Free School Meals.

Enrichment Clubs

Year 1 - 6

There are a few spaces still remaining in the following clubs, if you are interested in one of those clubs, please email the office over the weekend.

Please refer to the original club letter with information re dates, pick up points and what is needed, this can also be found on our website under the Parent Section or via the following link: [Enrichment Clubs](#).

KGB	PAB
Bollywood	Singing Yr 2 & 3
	Tag Rugby Yr 2 & 3
	Multisports Yr 2 3 & 4
	Hockey Yr 3 4 5 & 6
	Netball Yr 5 & 6
	Boys' Football Yr 5 & 6
	Girls' Football Yr 4, 5 & 6

Illness

Whole School

As the weather changes and illnesses become more prominent, we wanted to reiterate the rules regarding vomiting and diarrhoea – your child must remain absent from school for 48 hours from the last bout of illness. Regarding coughs and colds, if your child is well enough to come to school please bring them, unless they have a temperature. Children with temperatures also need to be absent from school. To report an absence please do so via our online absence form found on our website under the Parents Section or via [the link here](#)

Prospective Reception Children 2025

Nursery

If your child was born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021 you will soon need to apply for a school place for the Reception 2025 intake. Although applications will not open until 4th November we would like to invite you to attend one of the Riverbridge Open Day events where you will be able to view the Knowle Green base. To register for a place at one of our open days please [click here](#)

Please note that attending the nursery at Riverbridge will not give you automatic admission to Reception and applications will still need to be made from 4th November.

European Day of Languages – Thurs 26th Sept

Whole School

Next Thursday, Riverbridge will be marking European Day of Languages. The children will be taking part in a range of activities based upon the languages spoken and different cultures across Europe. We are lucky at Riverbridge to have such cultural diversity amongst the children and the staff and would like to invite

those children who speak a European language at home to bring in a story to share, photos or a traditional costume from their country. (Please no food though).

Girls' Football Trials

Year 5 & 6

If your child is in Year 5 or 6 and would like to try out for the girls' football team this year, there will be a set of trials coming up in the following weeks. The trials for Year 5 girls will be on Wednesday 25th September and 2nd of October. The trials for Year 6 girls will be on Tuesday 24th September and 1st October. These are their PE days so they don't need to bring a kit to change into except for football boots, shin pads and socks.

Secondary School 2025

Year 6

If your child was born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014 you will need to apply for a secondary school place by 31st October 2024. You will need to apply online and via <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/secondary/apply> We would suggest that you do apply as soon as possible rather than leaving this to the deadline day in case of any technical difficulties. If you have any questions regarding this please email the office.

Developing Independence

Year 1

We have been really impressed with how the Year 1 children have started the new term. Many of you have been asking when the Year 1 children will need to be dropped at the main gate in the mornings. From Monday 30th October we are asking that all Year 1 children are dropped at the gate. There will be members of staff in the playground to support this. If you have a message for the teacher, this can be given to any staff member on the gate who will pass it on. Over the course of the next week please encourage your child to put their bike or scooter away by themselves if they have one.

Outside Achievements

Whole School

Congratulations to Isobel S (1R) who performed beautifully in her first ballet show at the Rhoda McGaw theatre in Woking.

Vacancies

Whole School

Riverbridge Primary School is recruiting:

We are looking to appoint an Office Assistant with a 'can do' attitude who are passionate about making a difference, to join our friendly, committed, hardworking team. For more information please see:

<https://www.eteach.com/careers/riverbridgeprimary/job/school-office-assistant-1440381>

We are looking to appoint an enthusiastic and creative Teaching Assistant who is passionate about making a difference, to join our friendly, committed, hardworking team

<https://www.eteach.com/careers/riverbridgeprimary/job/teaching-assistant-1441588>

We are looking to recruit an Early Years Teaching Assistant with a Level 3 Childcare qualification to work in our Nursery. The candidate must be someone who is passionate about making a difference, to join our friendly, committed, hardworking team <https://www.eteach.com/careers/riverbridgeprimary/job/teaching-assistant-1441598>

Saxon Primary School is recruiting:

We are looking to recruit a Higher-Level Teaching Assistant with a passion for creating lifelong learners, committed to inclusion and equality and has a high expectation of themselves and every child. Working Hours: 3 days (days to be determined), 18.75 hours per week, 8.15am to 3.30pm. 1 hour unpaid break. 39 weeks a year (term time plus one week). This role is a fixed term position until 31st August 2025. For more information on these roles please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/higher-level-teaching-assistant-1442564>

Darley Dene Primary School is recruiting:

Are you ambitious and keen to make a difference?

We are seeking to appoint a highly enthusiastic, proactive, flexible and reliable individual for the role of Teaching Assistant. For more information please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1440532>

PTA

Whole School

Riverbridge PTA is our school's fundraising community.
Everyone's welcome to get involved.



PTA
FRIENDS OF RIVERBRIDGE

Get involved: PTA Committee elections

We'll be holding our AGM on 14th November, where we will be setting our fundraising target for this year and talking about plans for the coming months. We'll also have nibbles and wine – and we'd love to see as many of you there as possible!

The most important part of the AGM will be electing our committee members for this school year.

Committee roles can be undertaken by more than one person, or can be combined. We're always on the lookout for extra help - so if you are interested in finding out more and putting yourself forward, please get in touch with us at pta.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk Here's a description of each committee role:

Chair and Vice-Chair: The Chair's purpose is to lead the committee, ensuring the PTA is run in line with its constitution and according to the wishes of all members. They liaise with the school to agree and organise events, manage the day-to-day running of the PTA, and ensure smooth running and organisation of events together with the rest of the PTA.

This year we really need a Vice-Chair who can learn the ropes and would perhaps be interested in stepping up to the role of Chair in future.

Treasurer: The treasurer controls the PTA funds in line with the committee's decisions as well as charity law. They make sure upcoming events are affordable and profitable and report financial information to the rest of the team. As Treasurer you manage and reconcile our bank account, refund members for receipts they provide for agreed purchases for events, confirm the funds raised after each event so we can share our progress with the school community, co-sign cheques with the Chair, set floats and count and bank the cash raised after events, as well as submitting our annual return on the Charity Commission website.

Secretary: The secretary ensures that the PTA's activities run smoothly. They use their excellent communication and organisational skills to arrange meetings, takes minutes at each meeting and send them out afterwards with action items for the team. They also ensure all PTA documents are saved and available when required by team.

PTA Events online platform co-ordinator: Manages our PTA Events online platform, setting up event details and ticket sales. All information will be provided by the Chair, so this is a role which can be done by anyone who is tech savvy!

Communications and Social Media: Manages our social media presence on Facebook, communications via WhatsApp groups and writes the weekly update for the school newsletter which goes out every Friday. They use all communication methods to advertise our events, projects we are sponsoring for the school and funds raised from our events.

Graphic Designer: Designs posters and flyers for our events. We have templates for most of our events but it would be great to get help from someone who has a flair for design and can make our posters more appealing!

Two effortless ways to raise money for the PTA

Did you know you can raise money for Riverbridge PTA simply by shopping online, without any cost to you? 8,100 brands will donate to us when you use Easyfundraising to do your shopping. All you have to do is go to <https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/riverbridgepta> complete the quick and easy sign-up, and get shopping!

Also, if you know some who would like to make a one-off donation to Riverbridge PTA, you can share the QR code shown or use www.ptapay.uk/org/riverbridge-primary-school Every donation you can help us raise makes a difference.



Stay connected with Riverbridge PTA on Facebook at www.facebook.com/groups/RiverbridgePrimarySchoolPTA or get in touch at pta.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk

Gold Leaves

Whole School

Very well done to all those children that have reached 'gold' this week.
They have had a week to be proud of - keep it up!

Anandhitha S

Zoya S

Jessica T

Aiden F
Thea S
George S (1C)
Evie H
Imogen G
Pippa A
Ramses DS
Abdullah M
Ishaan C
Tommy L
Eva W
Logan R
Dhruv S
Mary T
Niko Z
Diya S
Mufaro C
Riley-Jay K

Jessie M
Lucas L
Sarah M
Phoenix KF
Chloe M
Arjun S
Aaira R
Zainab S
Yusuf R
Ava F
Emily R
Pranav L
Esme F
Miguel D
Tecwyn RH
Harper-Marie L
Skylar K
Mia H

Alex M (RG)
Ivan B
Fern W
Omar SH
Cristina B
Elena N
Ishani S
Aiden S
Louise R
Jocelyn P
Jessica Y
Agatha D
Amber T
Matilda P
Alisa H
Michael P
Ella-Rose Y

Rainbow Awards

Nursery

The children below can also be proud of themselves. Well done for a good week of learning in the Nursery.

Aleyna G

Delilah P

House Competition

Whole School

The first House competition of the year has taken place this week. Children have been spotted trying to be welcoming towards others.

I will share the result in the assembly on Monday – watch this space to see who has won!



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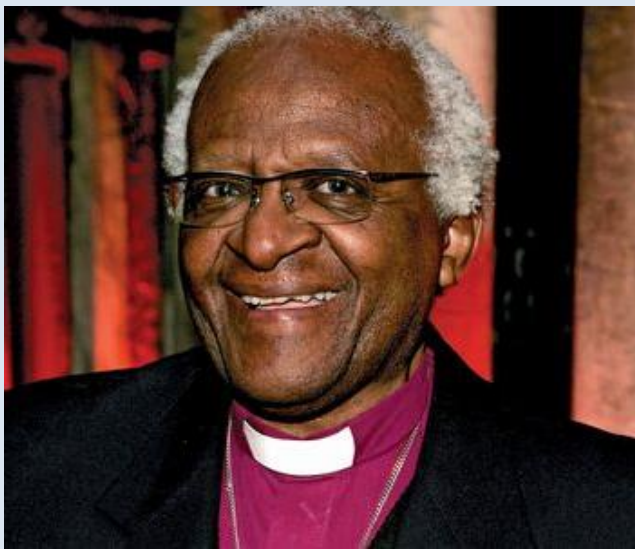
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Words of Wisdom

Whole School

In the weekly assemblies this year, we are finding out about a range of different people from all over the world. We will find out about their achievements and how they have overcome challenges or demonstrated any of our 8 Great Ways to Being Our Best.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu
Humanitarian



In Monday's assemblies, we found out about Desmond Tutu who was the Archbishop of Cape Town in South Africa.

We learned about how he overcame the challenges of racism and lived his life pleading for peace.

We heard his 'Words of Wisdom' and have tried to think about how they would help us to be kind, considerate and inclusive in school:

'We are made for goodness.
 We are made for love.
 We are made for friendliness
 We are made for togetherness
 We are all welcome.
 We all belong to this family, this
 human family.'

Wishing you all a very restful weekend.
 See you all again at 8.40 on Monday!

Paul Grimwood
Headteacher

Dates for the diary...

Autumn Term 2024

Mon 23 rd September	Reception 2025 Open Day Tour
Tues 24 th September	Reception 2025 Open Day Tour
Tues 24th September	Girls' Football Trials – Year 6
Weds 25th September	Girls' Football Trials – Year 5
Thursday 26 th September	10 Week Parenting Group starts
Thursday 26th September	European Day of Languages
Mon 30 th September	Reception 2025 Open Day Tour
Tues 1 st October	Reception 2025 Open Day Tour
Tues 1st October	Girls' Football Trials – Year 6
Weds 2nd October	Girls' Football Trials – Year 5
Mon 7 th October	Reception 2025 Open Day Tour
Tues 8 th October	Reception 2025 Open Day Tour
Mon 14 th October	Reception 2025 Open Day Tour
Tues 15 th October	Reception 2025 Open Day Tour
Sat 19 th October	PTA Welcome Back Party - more details to follow

Mon 28th Oct – Fri 1st November 2024

Autumn Half Term

Mon 4 th November	Inset day 3
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Tues 5 th November	Children return to school
Mon 11 th November	Reception 2025 Open Day Tour
Tues 12 th November	Reception 2025 Open Day Tour
Thurs 14 th November	PTA AGM - more details to follow
Mon 18 th November	Reception 2025 Open Day Tour
Tues 19 th November – Fri 22 nd November	Bristol Residential Year 6 – link to the letter here
Sun 24 th November	PTA Panto - more details to follow
Fri 29 th November	Enrichment Clubs end for Year 1 - 6
Fri 20 th December	End of term for children: 1.20pm KGB, 1.30pm PAB, 1.40pm Nursery
Fri 20 th December	No After School Club

Mon 23rd Dec – Fri 3rd January 2025 **Christmas Holiday**

Spring Term 2025

Mon 6th January Children return to school

Mon 17th Feb – Fri 21st Feb 2025 **Spring Half Term**

Mon 24th February Children return to school

Fri 4th April End of term for children: 1.20pm KGB, 1.30pm PAB, 1.40pm Nursery

Fri 4th April No After School Club

Mon 7th April – Mon 21st April 2025 **Easter Holidays**

Summer Term 2025

Tues 22nd April Children return to school

Mon 5th May Spring Bank Holiday

Mon 26th May – Fri 30th May 2025 **Summer Half Term**

Mon 2nd June Children return to school

Fri 18th July End of term for children: 1.20pm KGB, 1.30pm PAB, 1.40pm Nursery

Fri 18th July No After School Club

Mon 21st July Inset day 4

Tues 22rd July Inset day 5



Safari Census Day

Thursday 3rd October

Safari Explorer's Menu

Cheetah's BBQ Chicken Pizza

Chimp's Cheese & Tomato Pizza

Panther's Pasta with Tomato Sauce

Zebra's Deli, Choice of Filling

Served with

Meerkat's Mixed Vegetables

Lion's Lemon Drizzle Cake

Giraffe's Bread

Elephant's Fruit & Yoghurt



Do you have a child on the Spectrum?

Come & join us for a cuppa at our Parent Carer support group on Wednesday 18th September, 10.30am at

The Greeno Centre, Glebelands Gardens, Shepperton, TW17 9DH

We will be joined by Emma, a volunteer with the National Autistic Society Surrey Branch, with information about their support.

To book on to this event, please get in touch

☎ call 0303 040 1234 📱 text 07723 486730

✉ email CSAdmin@actionforcarers.org.uk

The event is FREE. Spaces are limited and booking is required.

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