



# RIVERBRIDGE REVIEW

Autumn Term

Week 12

29<sup>th</sup> November 2024

I am hopeful that the parents and carers that attended the Reception Stay, Play and Learn sessions this week found them helpful. I know that learning in the Early Years can look quite unique and it is useful to see first-hand the different ways in which children play and learn during this important year at school. There will be opportunities to see how this works in Year 1 next week with their 'Family Learning' sessions due to take place.

Coming into school is one way for you to find out about how we operate and in what ways you can further help your child with their learning. There are opportunities planned for everyone to visit the classrooms at Park Avenue before the end of the year. Watch out for this in next week's Review.

Last Sunday's PTA Panto was great fun. Thank you to the team for organising this and also to all the volunteers that helped on the day. There are more opportunities to volunteer in the weeks to come!



**RBT's playing Pass the Parcel**



**Freshwater Theatre visited Year 2**



**Calm Corners**

We have started to unpick some of the written feedback from the recent parent questionnaire, seeing what we might be able to do to enhance what we already do well. There were a number of comments regarding communication which are always interesting to read. We try to find a variety of ways that help ensure that communication is seen, read and understood. When this is not effective, we need to find what change is necessary and ensure this happens.

The PTA have also been wrestling with this. The 'WhatsApp' groups that they use within each class should only be used for PTA related messages – not for communication between parents about issues that should be shared with the school directly. It is also very unhelpful for parents to post comments about the school on their private Facebook page. These have a habit of somehow being shared with the school but we are unable to reply through these communication channels. With any concern - please make sure you contact the school office so we are aware of the problem and can work with you to resolve it satisfactorily. Thank you as ever for your support here.

There are three new members of the Riverbridge family! Mrs Flanagan has joined the office team and is settling in well. We are also happy to welcome Miss Shaikh and Miss Baingre who are supporting children across both bases and getting to know routines already. We wish them all a warm welcome!

**Christmas Performances- Deadline 11pm tonight**

**Whole School**

A reminder to book your tickets to Christmas performances if you haven't yet done so by 11pm tonight. All information regarding these can be found in the Letters Home section of our website found under Parents Section or via [the link found here](#).

Due to space, only 2 tickets per child can be booked via one of the links below and all tickets need to be made in your child's name. Tickets need to be shown prior to admission either via a mobile, or printed. Information regarding any additional tickets will be shared next week.

<a href="#">Reception Performances Reception Christmas Performance 10th December 9.30-10.15am</a>	<a href="#">Year 1 Performances Year 1 Christmas Performance 11th December 9.30- 10.15am</a>	<a href="#">Year 2-3 Performances Year 2 &amp; 3 Christmas Performance 10th December 2.15-3pm</a>	<a href="#">Year 4,5 &amp; 6 Performances Year 4,5&amp;6 Christmas Performance 11th December 9.30-10.15am</a>
<a href="#">Reception Christmas Performance 11th December 2.15-3pm</a>	<a href="#">Year 1 Christmas Performance 12th December 2.15-3pm</a>	<a href="#">Year 2 &amp; 3 Christmas Performance 12th December 9.30-10.15am</a>	<a href="#">Year 4,5&amp;6 Christmas Performance 11th December 6-6.45pm</a>
			<a href="#">Year 4,5&amp;6 Christmas Performance 12th December 9.30-10.15am</a>

Nursery have allocated 2 virtual tickets per child, so there is no need to book to see their performance - timing details can be found in the Dates for the Diary Section below.

### Christmas Coffee Morning

**Whole School**

Please come and join us on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December from 9am -10am at Knowle Green base for a relaxing coffee and time to chat before the excitement and fun of Christmas begins. Lyn and Jane from our Pastoral team look forward to welcoming you all.

### Learning Topic - Birthdays

**Reception**



Fitting in with their topic of birthdays this week, RBT played pass-the-parcel to reveal some exciting Magnetix. The children then made suggestions on what they could build with them and can't wait to make their ideas come to life - thank you to the PTA for funding this!

### Photo Ordering Deadline Now Passed

**Whole School**

You can now only order school photos via the photographer's website: [www.cliffharrisphotography.com](http://www.cliffharrisphotography.com). Any photo orders sent to school will be returned to yourself.

### The Multiply Programme

**Whole School**

We would like to draw your attention to the Multiply programme: a range of free, flexible courses for Surrey adults to help improve their numeracy skills and number confidence. Any adult aged 19 or over who does not already have a Maths GCSE is eligible. Multiply courses are running until the end of March 2025. Some are online, but many are held in-person and focus on fun activities like cooking or gardening, so learners don't feel intimidated by signing up for a 'maths class'. These courses can help parents and carers to support their children with homework as well as being useful for their own everyday activities too, please use the link to [sign up for Multiply](#).

### Scooters/Bike Sheds

**Whole School**

Please can you ensure you collect your child's scooter or bike from the shelters at both bases. There are numerous scooters that have not moved for a while and if unclaimed, these will be cleared by the end of term.

### Freshwater Theatre Visit

**Year 2**

This week, the children in Year 2 took part in an exciting workshop about The Great Fire of London. The Freshwater Theatre Company visited us in school to support with the children's history learning. The children experienced what life was like in London in 1666. They also became the fire as it grew and spread, using brightly coloured streamers. Finally, they met the Mayor of London to discuss the rebuilding of the city. We would like to say a big thank you to the PTA who funded the experience for the children.



## Enrichment Clubs

Whole School

We hope the children have enjoyed attending the Enrichment Clubs this term. This is a reminder that clubs have now ended. We are aiming for details regarding clubs for the Spring term to be shared with you before the end of term - please bear with us while we finalise these.

## Autumn Pupil Voice

Whole School

The views of our children are extremely important to us, so please could you take a few minutes at home to support your child/ren in completing our Pupil Voice survey [found here](#).

We are hoping to collect results by Friday 13th December, which will then be shared with you in the New Year.

## Absences

Whole School

Please can we remind you of the Online Forms section found via the school App, on our website under the 'Parent's Section' and 'Online Forms' or [found here](#).

To report your child's absence due to illness, please complete the form before 9am on the day of their absence found here: [Reporting your child's illness absence](#) - it is imperative to our safeguarding measures that we know why a child is not at school and we rely on you to support us with this.

For unavoidable prearranged absences during term time, please complete the form: [Request for exceptional leave of absence](#)

For medical appointments during the school day, please complete the form: [Notification of medical appointment](#)

Further medical information can be accessed on our website [here](#).

## Stay, Play & Learn

Year 1

The Year 1 team are looking forward to welcoming parents and carers at a Family Learning session next week on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> December from 9.05am – 9.50am.

Bookings close 24 hours before each event so we suggest you book a place over the weekend via the following link: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/riverbridge-primary-school> if you haven't already. Please choose your class and day and book one ticket. If more than one booking is made the second booking will be cancelled. You will receive an email confirmation for the session you have booked.

## Calm Corners

Whole School



Ensuring that children are emotionally ready to learn is vital in helping them succeed. At Riverbridge, we have recently introduced Calm Corner areas into classrooms to help children regulate their emotions when needed. This allows them to move from the red, blue or yellow zone back to the green zone quickly and return to learning. To see more on the Zones of Regulation visit: <https://zonesofregulation.com/>

Calm Corners have been successful in preventing the children from moving out of the green zone and include resources such as fidget toys, breathing exercises, books, sand timers and headphones. Many thanks to the PTA for funding this project.



## Outside Achievements

Whole School

Charlotte S has passed the ABRSM Grade 2 Piano Practical exam making her family very proud! Well done Charlotte. What a wonderful achievement!

## Weekend Activities

Whole School

This weekend, TGI Friday in Staines will be hosting a Christmas quiz designed specifically for children along with their "Kids Eat Free" promotion through their Stripes App.

## Vacancies

Whole School

Riverbridge Primary School is recruiting:

We are looking to appoint Office Assistants 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-1453491>

Saxon Primary School is recruiting:

We are looking to recruit a SEND 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: 30 hours per week, term time only (39 weeks per year), to be worked 8:30am to 3.15pm or morning only would also be considered (22.5 hours per week, 8.30am to 1.15pm). Monday to Friday. This role is a fixed term position to 31st August 2025. For more information on these roles please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/send-teaching-assistant-1454465>

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**Whole School**



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### **Christmas disco tickets now on sale!**

Our ever-popular Christmas discos for Years 1 to 6 are back on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Years 1, 2 and 3 will have their disco between 4.45pm-5.45pm in the hall at Park Avenue Base. Years 4, 5 and 6 will be taking over the hall between 6pm-7.30pm. Tickets are £4.50 each (covering entrance fee, cost of DJ and dancing games) and are available to buy from [www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge). There will also be stalls selling sweets, crisps, drinks, glow sticks, toys and more, so we recommend your child brings between £3-5 spending money in small coins. Tickets are on sale until 6pm on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Parents will need to drop off and collect their children at the start and end times. Children will not be allowed to go home on their own. We need 10 volunteers to help out at each disco and ensure they take place - so if you can help out, please use the volunteer sign up facility on our booking website when you are buying your child's ticket. We're looking for help between 4pm - 5.45pm for the first disco, or 5.45pm - 8pm for the second disco. All help is very much appreciated!

### **Festive Fun for Nursery and Reception**

We're also organising festive fun for the younger Riverbridge children! Popular local children's entertainer Crazy Hazy will be putting on a ticketed show for Hedgehogs and Reception children on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December, and for Rabbits and Reception children on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December. The split of Reception children will be confirmed nearer the time. Both shows will take place during school hours and the children will be taken to and from their classes by their teachers. If you would like your child to attend the show, tickets cost £3.50 and are available to buy from [www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge)

Stay connected with Riverbridge PTA on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/groups/RiverbridgePrimarySchoolPTA](http://www.facebook.com/groups/RiverbridgePrimarySchoolPTA) or get in touch at [pta.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk](mailto:pta.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk)

**Gold Leaves**

**Whole School**

The children below can be proud of the efforts made this week. I am sure they will enjoy talking to parents and carers about how they moved up to gold.

Keep up the great work!

Arthur K	Nyla S	Nick A
Aiden F	Esmail-Rose C	Arenna M
Medha I	Rowan S	Willow RW
Colbi WK	Zachary D	Kabir S
Bella D	Kairo P	Hadi R
Yunus A	Margherita A	Maya S
Sriyan R	Jury B	Ruhaan S
Aaniya T	Ollie B	Arjan S
Hinal K	Darko M	Ahmad R
Amira A	Roland A	Arya K
Ruby S	Kanishka S	Zeenia D
Sienna F	Stephanie G	Alice B
Charlotte S	Elliot J	Seren B

**Rainbow Awards****Nursery**

Well done to the children below who have shown 'sunshine behaviour' despite the weather!  
A big 'well done' to all those children below!

Roman T

Mila MN

Leo D

Poppy K

Vigraha K

**House Competition****Whole School**

There will be another competition taking place next week but until then, the scores remain the same:



**70  
Points**



**87.5  
Points**



**67.5  
Points**

**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.

**Aisa Mijeno  
Inventor**



This week's '8 Great Way' theme was 'we are thinkers' and in Monday's assembly we found out about someone who saw a problem and thought hard how to solve it.

Aisa Mijeno is an inventor from the Philippines who noticed a real challenge for those people living in the more remote islands in her country. People regularly spent hours each week walking to the nearest town to get kerosene for the lighting in their homes.

She spent time inventing and developing a light powered by salt water - something there is a lot of surrounding the more than 7000 islands of the Philippines.

Her words of wisdom will hopefully encourage everyone to become a problem solver – not a problem creator:

*'All of us have lots of questions in our minds.  
Most of us just tend to dismiss them because we are not motivated to solve them.  
You should continuously quest for answers.'*

Have a great weekend!

**Paul Grimwood  
Headteacher**

**Dates for the diary...****Autumn Term 2024**

w/c 2<sup>nd</sup> December

Year 1 Family Learning – more details to follow

Weds 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Butser Ancient Farm Trip – Year 3 a link to the letter can be <a href="#">found here</a>
<b>Weds 4<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Christmas Coffee Morning 9am at KGB</b>
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Performance – Hedgehogs 2pm
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Performance – Reception am / Yr 2&3 pm
Weds 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Performance – Yr 4,5,6 am & pm / Yr 1 am / Reception pm
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Performance – Yr 2&3 am / Yr 4,5 &6 am / Yr 1 pm
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Performance – Rabbits 2pm
<b>Mon 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>PTA Christmas Party – Hedgehogs &amp; Reception</b>
<b>Tues 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>PTA Christmas Discos – Yr 1,2,3 4.45pm – 5.45pm / Yr 4,5,6 6pm – 7.30pm all at PAB hall</b>
Weds 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day – more details to follow
Weds 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas lunch
<b>Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>PTA Christmas Party – Rabbits &amp; Reception</b>
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Open Classrooms – PAB – more details to follow
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> December	End of term for children: 1.20pm KGB, 1.30pm PAB, 1.40pm Nursery
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> December	No After School Club

<b>Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec – Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2025</b>	<b>Christmas Holiday</b>
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**Spring Term 2025**

Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Children return to school
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<b>Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Feb 2025</b>	<b>Spring Half Term</b>
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Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Children return to school
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Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> April	End of term for children: 1.20pm KGB, 1.30pm PAB, 1.40pm Nursery
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Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> April	No After School Club
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<b>Mon 7<sup>th</sup> April – Mon 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025</b>	<b>Easter Holidays</b>
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**Summer Term 2025**

Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Children return to school
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Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Spring Bank Holiday
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<b>Mon 26<sup>th</sup> May – Fri 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025</b>	<b>Summer Half Term</b>
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Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Children return to school
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Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> July	End of term for children: 1.20pm KGB, 1.30pm PAB, 1.40pm Nursery
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Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> July	No After School Club
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Mon 21<sup>st</sup> July

Tues 22<sup>rd</sup> July

Inset day 4

Inset day 5



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[www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge)

There will be stalls ( sweets, crisps, drinks, glow sticks, toys and more).

We recommend between £3-5 spending money in coins.

DEADLINE FOR TICKET PURCHASES IS 16th DECEMBER 2024 at 18:00

Years 1, 2 & 3 - TUESDAY 17th DECEMBER 2024  
drop off at Park Avenue Base at 4:45pm collect at  
17:45pm

Years 4, 5 & 6 - TUESDAY 17th DECEMBER 2024 drop off  
at Park Avenue Base at 18.00pm collect at 19.30pm



Children must be collected. They will NOT be allowed to go home alone.

[www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge)

**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED**



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# FESTIVE FUN WITH CRAZY HAZY

**Monday 16TH DECEMBER 2024**  
**1:30pm Hedgehogs & Reception**

**Thursday 19TH DECEMBER 2024**  
**1:30pm Rabbits & Reception**

**\*BOTH SHOWS DURING SCHOOL HOURS**  
**RECEPTION SPLIT TBC\***

**TICKET INCLUDES:**  
**A FUN & FESTIVE CHILDREN'S SHOW BY CRAZY HAZY**  
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# *St Peter & St Mary* **CHRISTMAS FAIR**

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# THE MUSICAL

29th and 30th December

**CHRISTMAS MUSICAL  
THEATRE CAMP**



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*Location: Staines Preparatory School, Staines:  
Monday 23rd December*

*Times: 8:30am - 4:30pm*

*BOOKINGS END: Monday 16th December*



**We can help you, call us now:  
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