



RIVERBRIDGE REVIEW

Spring Term

Week 2

17th January 2025

It was a pleasure to share this week's Ofsted report with parents and carers this week. We have waited patiently to be able to pass on the positive news and I hope that you all felt the comments written were a good reflection of the school. In today's assemblies we were able to share some of the key phrases that refer to the children themselves (the most important people in the building!). It was great to be able to say the following out loud and also thank the children for the contribution that they have made:

Pupils behave well. They have positive attitudes and enjoy learning.

Pupils think deeply about their relationships with one another.

Pupils work hard to reach the school's high expectations for their behaviour and learning.

Pupils are proud to be part of the Riverbridge community.

I am also very grateful for the hard work and dedication shown by the staff across the whole school. They can also be proud of the positive contribution they have made. It was great to read the following written about the whole staff:

...a strong team with a shared purpose.



Winning Boys' A Football Team



Being Ambitious is one of the 8 Great Ways of Being Our Best



Geography with Year 2

As mentioned last week, the school will now reflect on the positives; building and maintaining these aspects of the school. We must also not rest on our laurels and think about what else can be done to secure the best provision for the children and therefore, the best outcomes, too!

Last week, parents and carers should have received the Curriculum Maps for the half term ahead. I hope that these were useful. Please do make reference to these so that you may also be able to support the children's excitement and understanding of the topics they will be learning.

This week was the deadline for applications for Reception in September 2025. We have conducted 15 tours of the school and seen over a hundred prospective parents since September. Once again, we are in the fortunate position to have received over a 100 first choice applications. Thank you again to the whole staff who have made the school such a popular choice in the local area. Thank you also to the parents and carers for the positive 'word of mouth' that is shared about the school. This is much appreciated!

Boys' A Football Team Match

Whole School

Yesterday saw a brilliant first match of the season for the Boys' A team; who won 6-1 in the away fixture against Buckland in the Cup Quarter Final. Some amazing goals were scored by Jetson (4), Maxim and Alex, with the whole team putting in a solid performance. Keep it up boys!

Pre-Loved Uniform Donations

Whole School

As the weather is remaining cold, we are now in short supply of blue jumpers and cardigans for our pre-loved uniform – which is available to buy for a cash donation, every Monday from the office at PAB. If you are able to donate blue jumpers or cardigans, please drop them to the office at either KGB or PAB. Many thanks in advance.

Enrichment Clubs

Reception – Year 6

There are a few spaces still remaining in the following clubs, if your child is interested in attending 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 and Enrichment Clubs or [via the link here](#).

Children in Year 5 and 6 with walking home permissions will still need to be collected this half term.

KGB

Multisports Y1

PAB

Athletics Y3456

Basketball Y56

Football Y234

Boys' Football Y56

Choir Y456 (morning)

Cricket Y56

Girls' Football Y456

Multisports Y234

Netball Y5/6

PSHE and Inclusion

Year 2

Year 2 have been learning to use Atlases in order to locate countries. The children have learnt how to find out the names of different countries in Africa by looking carefully at the shape of each country.



Vacancies

Whole School

Walton Oak Primary School is recruiting:

Walton Oak is looking to appoint a Teaching Assistant. This is a full time, term time role, working 32.5 hours a week, Monday to Friday. The successful candidate will join a hard-working and dedicated team of teachers and support staff, who are committed to improving outcomes for children in their care. For further information please visit <https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1462023>

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-1460015>

At Darley Dene, we are looking for an ambitious teaching assistant who would like to gain the accreditation to become an emotional literacy support assistant. We have the opportunity for someone to join our support staff team, working in our classrooms for three days a week and beginning their training and work as an ELSA for two days per week. If you think you may be interested in this position please visit: <https://www.eteach.com/job/emotional-literacy-support-assistant-and-teaching-assistant-1461795>

Riverbridge Primary School is recruiting:

Are you looking for an exciting, challenging and rewarding role, for the new year? Are you ready for the next stage in your leadership journey? Do you want to join a team who are committed to making a real difference to the life chances of children? Can you live up to our school motto of 'Being Our Best'? If you answered yes to the four questions above, you may be the Inclusion Leader we are looking for! Riverbridge is looking for an enthusiastic and skilled leader to join the team and continue the school's

development. This is a full-time (5 days) non class-based position. We are looking for the right person to join our team as from 1st September 2025, but would consider appointing earlier, on a full-time or phased start basis, for the right candidate. If this is you please visit:

<https://www.eteach.com/jobs?keywords=Riverbridge%20Primary%20School>

We are looking to recruit term-time Office Assistants to join our friendly, dedicated team, Monday - Friday 12.30pm-4.30pm and Thursday & Friday 8.30 am-4.30pm. For more information please visit:

<https://www.eteach.com/jobs?keywords=Riverbridge%20Primary%20School>

Class Teacher Maternity Cover from April 2025 - Are you an ambitious teacher who is keen to make a difference? We are offering a wonderful opportunity to become an integral part of our exceptional community of children and adults. For more information please visit

<https://www.eteach.com/careers/riverbridgeprimary/job/class-teacher-maternity-cover-1461175>

We are looking to appoint enthusiastic people to join the team in our extremely popular Breakfast and After School Clubs. For more information please visit: <https://www.eteach.com/job/breakfast-club-and-after-school-club-assistants-1461442>

PTA

Whole School



PTA
FRIENDS OF RIVERBRIDGE

Hot Dog Nights next week!

For those whose children have tickets for Hot Dog Night, here's a quick reminder of the details for each group's collection times. Please remember that children must be collected and will not be allowed to make their own way home, even if have walking home permissions.

Reception and Year 1: Despicable Me 4 (U)

Monday 20th January, after school until 5.30pm at PAB Hall.

Years 2, 3 and 4: Sing 2 (U)

Tuesday 21st January, after school until 5.45pm at PAB Hall.

Years 5 and 6: The Mitchells vs the Machines (U)

Tuesday 21st January, after school until 5.45pm at PAB Yr 6 classroom.

New code of conduct for class WhatsApp groups

Riverbridge class WhatsApp groups are a useful and informal way for parents and carers to stay in touch with each other, share information or reminders relevant to their child's class or ask a question of the group. The WhatsApp class groups are not set up or run by Riverbridge school, but are operated entirely by parents and carers for the benefit of parents and carers.

Riverbridge PTA (which is an independent charity run by parent volunteers) helps to facilitate setting up the WhatsApp class groups and find administrators at the start of each academic school year, and will sometimes ask administrators to share PTA news about upcoming events through the groups.

As with any open discussion group, it is important that there are agreed guidelines to maintain the forum as a place of positive communication, which is useful and enjoyable for all.

Riverbridge PTA has therefore produced a code of conduct for all WhatsApp class groups, which applies to all group members going forward. You can read it at the end of this Newsletter.

If you have any questions about the WhatsApp code of conduct, please email

pta.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk

Other PTA events coming up this term

w/c 24th February - Sponsored Scoot

23rd March - Easter Trail

Look out for more details soon in this Newsletter and on our Facebook page.

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

It has, once again, been a privilege to read this week's Gold Leaves. The children below can be rightly proud of the efforts they have made over the course of the week.

I am sure that these will continue throughout 2025!

Roo T-D	Andre G-S	Willow K
Maryam A	Brandon S-H	Junior H
Aadhira C	Oakley M	Urijah M
Thea S	Nakshathra S	Chris S
Ethan P	Zoha A	Preston O
Oliver BC	Tiyesh NM	Ivan B
Darius Jr CB	Adi R	Remi C
Mariia K	Aarav V	Aarush P
Cruz H	Evelyn S	Naksh R
Yunus A	Praneel Y	Teddy R
Evan D	Evie-Rose H	Luca J
Curtis C	Sharanya S	Poppy K
Gabriela R	Blythe F	Mehar K
Annika H	Poppy H	Cara O
Jovan S	Romy K	Eva W
Eeshan P	Elsie-May H	Esme F
Isobella CS	Sasha S	Kridhaya VK
Nesia P	Aarav P	Zeenia D
Hannah T	Olaf J	Kate C
Aadil U	Alice C	Reece D

Rainbow Awards

Nursery

Well done to those children in Hedgehogs and Rabbits who have made such positive choices this week. Keep it up!

Daniel A
Avyukt A

Keyenat A
Ekam S

Ethan M

House Competition

Whole School

Each half term, the children at Park Avenue take part in inter-House PE competitions to test the skills they have learned. These are friendly competitions but obviously each house is keen to 'be their best'.

The results from Autumn 2 were shared with the children today. Air House were the clear winners with 38 points with Fire and Water joint second with 29 points.

The new scores are below and there will be a further set of points added next week when the results of this week's Uniform Challenge are shared.



**125
Points**



**135
Points**



**100
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.

Helen Keller

Activist



During the assemblies on Monday, we found out about Helen Keller.

Helen contracted an illness as a young child that left her both deaf and blind. Despite this, she was determined to succeed in life. Working closely with her teacher, she learned to recognise sounds from the vibrations that were made, helping to make sense of the world around her.

She learned to read through braille and studied at university. She spent her life inspiring others through her stories of overcoming the challenges she faced.

She understood the importance of the support she received and her 'words of wisdom' certainly make this clear:

**‘No, no!
I would rather walk with a friend in the dark
than alone in the light.’**

Have a great weekend

Paul Grimwood

Headteacher

Dates for the diary...

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

Christmas Holiday

Spring Term 2025

Fri 17th January

Deadline to book PTA Hot Dog night tickets by 6pm

Mon 20th January

PTA Hot Dog night at PAB: Reception and Year 1 - after school until 5.30pm at PAB Hall

Tues 21st January

PTA Hot Dog night at PAB: Yr2 to Yr 6 - after school until 5.45pm at PAB

Mon 27th January

Year 4 Bushcraft Residential teams meeting at 5pm – details were emailed earlier in the week

Tues 11th – Thurs 13th February

Parent Consultations Nursery – Year 6 – more details to follow

**Mon 17th Feb – Fri 21st
Feb 2025**

Spring Half Term

Mon 24th February

Children return to school

w/c 24th February

PTA Sponsored Scoot – more details to follow

Sun 23rd March

PTA Easter Trail – more details to follow

Mon 24th March

Swimming ends for 4S and 4P

Fri 28th March

Enrichment Clubs end: Reception – Year 6

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

Riverbridge Class WhatsApp Groups: Code of Conduct

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The WhatsApp class groups are not set up or run by Riverbridge school, but are operated entirely by parents and carers for the benefit of parents and carers.

Riverbridge PTA (which is an independent charity run by parent volunteers to fundraise for the school) helps to facilitate setting up the WhatsApp class groups and find administrators at the start of each academic school year, and will sometimes ask administrators to share PTA news about upcoming events through the groups.

Beyond this, the WhatsApp class groups belong to parents and carers themselves. Membership of the groups is down to individual choice. The school itself does not use the class WhatsApp groups to communicate.

As with any open discussion group, it is important that there are agreed guidelines to maintain the forum as a place of positive communication, which is useful and enjoyable for all.

Riverbridge PTA has therefore produced this code of conduct for all WhatsApp class groups.

Group administrators are able to remove members who they judge are not following the code of conduct.

Please follow these principles when participating in your class WhatsApp group:

- Reflect the values and ethos of the school
- Maintain a safe and inclusive environment
- Act together for the best interests of the children, families and school
- Treat all members of the school community – parents, carers, children and staff - with respect
- Communicate positively and co-operatively
- Take care with language to avoid misinterpretation

It is never appropriate to use the class WhatsApp group to:

- Discuss issues or incidents regarding individual children, parents or staff
- Air views, grievances or make any personal or abusive comments about any child, parent, carer or staff
- Express hearsay
- Use swearing, offensive or verbally intimidating language
- Engage in private conversations with anyone else using the group
- Share photos of children

For matters relating to school policy or questions about your children's experiences in school, please contact a teacher or the school office. The WhatsApp class group administrator or the PTA are not able to help or advise with those issues.

Thanks to you all for your support in this.

Riverbridge PTA

January 2025

FAMILY LEARNING



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Free Courses for parents and carers

Surrey Family Learning offer **FREE** courses and workshops to help you create a better family life.

Do you want to help your child or teenager to improve their behaviour, development and learning?

Book onto one of our tailored courses today to begin supporting you and your family. Find more information at:



surreycc.gov.uk/familylearning



...or scan here



New Sensory Courses/Workshop

Enhance Your Skills to Support Your Child's Sensory Needs

Join our courses/workshops to learn strategies for behavior and learning support, tailored for children with ASD, ADHD, and other needs. Improve your family's wellbeing and learning with our expert guidance.



New Maths Courses/Workshop

Boost Your Math Skills to Support Your Child

Develop your understanding of math, its language, and school terminology to help with your child's schoolwork. Enhance your family's knowledge with our expert guidance.



SURREY ADULT LEARNING



Beating asthma together: Asthma triggers, the effects of smoking, vaping, housing and air pollution on asthma

10th March 7.30-8pm



<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/4d69dc58-004c-4124-879f-53f117c194c2@37c354b2-85b0-47f5-b222-07b48d774ee3>

Does your child or young person have asthma or suspected asthma?

Join us on this webinar which focusses on what action we can take to reduce their exposure to triggers that can make their asthma worse.

Surrey heartlands children and young people's asthma team



Changing childhoods.
Changing lives.



Cygnet in Surrey

A support programme for parents and carers of children and young people, aged 5-18, who are autistic.

Parents of autistic children face the usual positives and challenges of parenting and quite a few more. Attending a Cygnet autism support programme gives parents and carers an opportunity to develop their understanding of autism and consider ways to support their child. It also provides the opportunity to meet other people in a similar position and hear about their experiences in an informal but supportive atmosphere.

When and where is Cygnet delivered?

Courses will be taking place all over Surrey at a range of times and locations. Some courses will be delivered online. When you complete the application form, tell us what you would prefer and we will contact you when a suitable course becomes available.

Who can attend cygnet sessions?

Parents, carers or other family members who have responsibility for your child. Your child needs to be between the ages of 5-18 and live in Surrey. They may have a diagnosis of autism, or be waiting for one.

What does Cygnet involve?

The **core** Cygnet programme is delivered over six two and a half to three-hour sessions which include:

- Introductory session
- An overview of autism with parent and carer experience
- Thinking & Sensory
- Social Interaction & Communication
- Understanding and supporting behaviour
- Analysing behaviour

Who will deliver my Cygnet course?

Surrey's Cygnet offer is coordinated through the Autism Outreach team, based at Freemantles school, but our team of trainers are made up from professionals working across Surrey in education, health and charity organisations.

How do I sign up?

Complete the application form and we will get in contact when a suitable course becomes available for you. You can download the form from

<https://www.autismoutreachforschools.uk/Cygnet-Parent-Programme/>

Can I ask some questions?

Email us on parenttraining@freemantles.surrey.sch.uk

BIG SiSTER

A programme designed by girls, for girls to help them discover the journey of getting active together

Free* or discounted membership at any Places Leisure centre for girls aged 9-15

*Proof of eligibility required

Want to join us?

Here's what's included...

- Unlimited gym use during Junior Gym hours
- 1:1 gym induction (11-15 year olds)
- Unlimited swimming
- Age-appropriate classes including We Move classes
- Free access to Places Leisure App and Virtual Studio which includes a Big Sister channel

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NORTH SURREY ENSEMBLES OPEN REHEARSALS

Cordwalles Junior School,

Camberley:

**Camberley Youth Wind Orchestra
Juniors**

Beginner to Grade 2

Saturday 18 January | 9.30am until 12pm

**Camberley Youth Wind Orchestra
Intermediates**

Grade 2 to 5

Saturday 18 January | 9.30am until 12pm

**Camberley Youth Wind Orchestra
Seniors**

Grade 5+

Saturday 18 January | 9.30am until 12pm

Molesey Adult Learning Centre:

**North Surrey Arts Singers
(North SAYS)**

Singers aged 9 to 13

Tuesday 21 January | 4.30pm until 6pm

Contact Surrey Arts for information on joining:

T: 01483 519303

E: surreyartsmusic@surreycc.gov.uk

surreycc.gov.uk/music

Strode's College, Egham:

Senior Guitar Ensemble

Grade 3+

Friday 24 January | 6pm until 7.30pm

Junior Guitar Ensemble

Beginner to Grade 3

Saturday 18 January | 9.20am until 10.50am

Junior String Ensemble

Grade 1 to 4

Saturday 18 January | 9am until 10.30am

Senior String Ensemble

Grade 4+ | Saturday 18 January

10am until 11.30am



Find out more online

