



# RIVERBRIDGE REVIEW

Spring Term

Week 4

31<sup>st</sup> January 2025

The school's motto of 'Being Our Best' is something that is talked about everyday around the school. In assemblies, lessons and across the whole site, children will often be recognised for doing just that – their best efforts. There are times when children, for whatever reason, don't achieve this. Making mistakes in life is part of growing up. Children can show behaviours that are unhelpful or unkind and it is the adult's role in their life to calmly help them understand where things have gone wrong and to put things in place to help make sure that these behaviours or choices don't happen again.

Whilst we offer children rewards for positive behaviours – not least the gold leaves that I love to read – it is important for the children to want to succeed without the carrot of a reward. I always talk to every child that presents a gold leaf to me and ask them what they have achieved this week that makes them feel proud. It is this 'warm feeling' you get inside when you have done the right thing or completed learning to the best of your ability that is more powerful than a sticker or financial reward at home.



**2C made paper lanterns for Chinese New Year**



**1C's 'Bog Baby' blue creatures**



**Winning Boys' Football Team**

Parent and carer meetings are two weeks away. Please make sure that you read the section below and book yourself a slot. As we are approaching the half way point in the academic year, these meetings are more important than ever. They are a great way to find out the successes your child has had and also what the next steps are. I look forward to 100% attendance.

For 6I, these meetings will be taking place after half term as we are still awaiting the return of Mrs Ingram after her injury. Managing absence of staff is never straight forward and we try our best to minimise the disruption to classes. Ideally, we would rather have an adult in front of the class who knows the children well though this is not always possible. Either way, the rest of the year group team and the Phase Leaders within the school keep a close eye on what is going on and offer support as necessary.

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week and this will give us an opportunity to revisit the different ways in which we can support our emotional wellbeing. I am sure there will be more to share in next week's Review.

An amazing effort from the Boys' A team in their game against Our Lady of the Rosary this week. Riverbridge finished with an excellent 5-0 win which gave the boys lots to smile about, along with their self-proclaimed team nickname 'The Carrots'!

## Biology

## Reception



The children in RD have been learning about sharks this week. RD enjoyed learning different facts and making their own fact book, which also involved the children making their own shark models.

## Dinners

## Whole School

It is wonderful to see so many of our Riverbridge children enjoying a hot meal at lunchtime. We would encourage all of our children that have a school lunch to try the delicious hot meals on offer, particularly at this time of year when it is chilly outside.

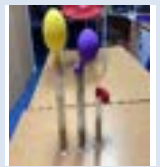
Please pre-order your child's lunch in advance at home with your child for the week or term ahead. This approach has the added benefit of giving your child the opportunity to discuss the menu with you and gives them confidence to try new things.

A parent guide on how to order school lunch in advance through Scopay is available on the school website, under the Parent Section, entitled 'Healthy Lunches'. The menu choices can also be found here on the website and are also attached at the end of the Newsletter.

## Science

## Year 5

Year 5 made Challah bread this week. The children learnt about fermentation and what part yeast plays in bread making. The children made predictions and observations about what would happen to the balloons (shown on the right) when different amounts of sugar and water were added to yeast. They then made conclusions about what parts different ingredients play when making bread.



## Parking

## Whole School

Again, please can we ask all of our parents and carers to park considerately at the beginning and end of the school day. We have had a number of photos sent from residents of Duncan Gardens of cars parking unsafely on yellow lines and reports of impolite parents and carers who were rude when asked to move their cars.

## Maths

## RBT



RBT exploring capacity with their water bottles using mathematical vocabulary such as full, nearly full, half full, nearly empty and empty. This developed into a class discussion around staying healthy and keeping hydrated!

## Parent Consultations: Bookings close Monday

## Whole School

On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February, we will be holding our parent consultation meetings for Nursery - Year 6 parents and carers for the spring term. These 10-minute meetings take place in the hall at Park Avenue and are a fantastic opportunity for you to meet with your child's class teachers to discuss the progress they have made so far this academic year.

If you are still yet to book an appointment, please login to your child's Scopay account over the weekend before bookings close at 9pm on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February.

The appointments for 6I will be shared with parents after half term.

## Parent Consultations: Bookings close Monday

## Nursery

All Nursery parents and carers are invited to book a meeting with the Nursery team on either Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> or Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February at the Park Avenue Base. If you have yet to make your meeting please do so over the weekend as bookings close at 9pm on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February.

If you do not have access to Scopay to book your parent consultation please contact the school office.

## Lip Balms

## Whole School

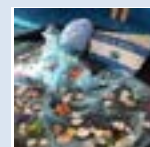
If your child needs a lip balm at school, a medication request form needs to be filled out as all lip balms need to be kept in the office and should be applied at break and lunchtime only to not disrupt learning. Due to hygiene reasons, any lost lip balms that do not have a medication request form will be removed.

## Class Reading

Year 1



1C are loving their new class story, 'Bog Baby. The children have taken on the challenge to make the Bog Baby a home and look after him. In addition to that, 1C have been creating their very own blue creatures just like Bog Baby!



## Outside Achievements

Whole School

On Saturday Ayla from 4P played in 2 football matches for her team and scored a hat trick in both games! The whole team showed great resilience and sportsmanship and Ayla's family are very proud of her. Well done Ayla!

Annabelle in 5C who dances at Unity Dance Academy has just passed her first dance exams in Latin & Ballroom and in Street Dance. What a wonderful achievement Annabelle. Congratulations!

Cristina from 2C won a gold medal in her gymnastics competition on Saturday in Hastings. Brilliant news Cristina!

## Vacancies

Whole School

### Riverbridge Primary School is recruiting:

Are you looking for an exciting, challenging and rewarding role, for the new academic 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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>

### Riverbridge Primary School is recruiting:

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>

### Riverbridge Primary School in Staines is recruiting:

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>

### Lumen Learning Trust is recruiting.

Are you a School Business Manager, experienced Premises Officer or facilities professional looking to take the next step in your career? We are looking to appoint a highly motivated, experienced professional to join our Central Team as Facilities Manager. For more information please visit:

<https://www.eteach.com/job/facilities-manager-1461108>

### Lumen Learning Trust is recruiting:

The Lumen Learning Trust is looking to appoint a permanent part-time HR Assistant to join our HR Team. This exciting role will support the Trust's HR Manager with providing a range of administrative support services to assist effective and efficient HR, payroll and training & development across the Trust. We are hoping the right candidate will be available to join our team during March or April 2025. For more information please visit: <https://www.eteach.com/careers/riverbridgeprimary/job/hr-assistant-1462716>

### Lumen Learning Trust is recruiting:

Are you an experienced Premises Officer or Caretaker looking to take the next step in your career? We are looking to appoint a highly motivated, proactive professional to join our Central Team as Facilities Officer. For more information please visit: <https://www.eteach.com/job/facilities-officer-1463099>

## PTA

Whole School



**PTA**  
FRIENDS OF RIVERBRIDGE

## Order Year 6 Leavers Hoodies now

The PTA is once again giving Year 6 children the opportunity to purchase a Riverbridge 2025 leavers hoodie as a unique souvenir of their time at the school. Hoodies are on sale at a discounted rate of £12 each, with the PTA subsidising the rest of the cost (£6).

You can order hoodies from <https://shop.teamhoodies.co.uk/riverbridgeprimary25> Simply follow the instructions on screen. If you want to buy additional hoodies in different colours, you can do so for the full price of £18.

The online shop will close on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 6pm. Please note this deadline cannot be extended. Hoodies will then be distributed via classrooms in May. Further details have been emailed to all Year 6 parents. If you have any other queries please get in touch at [pta.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk](mailto:pta.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk)

## Share your ideas for the school summer fair

Summer may feel a long way off but we are already starting to think about this year's school summer fair. This is always one of our most popular events of the year, held in the school field with stalls and entertainment for the whole family.

We would love to hear your ideas for themes, stalls and activities at the fair this year. In past years we have had farm animals, circus skills etc. Do you know any local people or organisations who could contribute something special? If so, let us know at [pta.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk](mailto:pta.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk) We also love to hear any other fresh ideas for fundraising events all year round!

## Dates for your diary

Our next PTA meeting is in Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February. Please come along if you'd like to find out more about what we do and perhaps get involved. We also have more new events coming up after February half term. Look out for more details about these soon...

- Sponsored Scoot - Week commencing 24<sup>th</sup> February
- Easter Trail - Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Stay connected with Riverbridge PTA on Facebook at

[www.facebook.com/groups/RiverbridgePrimarySchoolPTA](https://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

I talked about 'Being Our Best' in the introductory section. The children named below have certainly been this over the course of the week.

Well done to each and every one of them.

Connor J	Anandhita S	Brandon SH
Divine A	Magnolia B	Emma K
Yanis C	Theo M	Freya A
Amelia I	Kenzie R	Vincent W
Henry G	Adi R	Luke C
Evie H	Thomas M	Haya T
Aseda P	Danielle M	George F
Chloe M	Zara W	Arjun S
Ayla G	Yug M	Lotta C
Sriyan R	Sree Pranavi A	Aaira R
Ruhaan S	Jaxon S	Daisy L
Alice LJ	Aviran T	Coral D
Harshvardhan Y	Ishaan C	Ollie B
Viyaan S	Matilda M	Anaya N
Indie WK	Larson C	Molly G
Scarlett C	Jackson B	Ronnie S
Ahmad R	Fawz A	Laylah Anne M
Cattleya C	Devyan R	Alisa H

## Rainbow Awards

Nursery

Well done to all the children in our nursery that have reached the rainbow this week. What a great achievement!

Yoojun S

Thanvikka N

Lilah M

Ishwa A

George W

## House Competition

Whole School

There will be another challenge next week.

Whilst we wait for this, the scores remain the same.



145  
Points



150  
Points



110  
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.

### Bjørnstjerne Bjørnson Poet



During the assembly on Monday, we were introduced to Bjørnstjerne Bjørnson from Norway. He is hugely respected writer in his native land. He was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature and also wrote the poem that eventually became the Norwegian national anthem: 'Yes, We Love This Land'.

His poems were often about the beauty of nature and we read one of these on Monday: 'The Tree'.

The theme for the week is how to have a positive attitude towards life and Bjørnstjerne's 'words of wisdom' helped us to think about looking for the good things we have in our lives:

*'Do not complain beneath the stars about the lack of bright spots in your life.'*

Have a great weekend!

**Paul Grimwood**  
Headteacher

Dates for the diary...

**Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec – Fri 3<sup>rd</sup>  
January 2025**

**Christmas Holiday**

**Spring Term 2025**



Tues 11<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> February

Parent Consultations Nursery to Year 6

**Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 21<sup>st</sup>  
Feb 2025**

**Spring Half Term**

Mon 24<sup>th</sup> February

Children return to school

w/c 24<sup>th</sup> February

PTA Sponsored Scoot – more details to follow

Fri 7<sup>th</sup> – Sun 9<sup>th</sup> March

Yr 5 Bowles Residential Trip

Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> March

PTA Easter Trail – more details to follow

Mon 24<sup>th</sup> March

Swimming ends for 4S and 4P

Fri 28<sup>th</sup> March

Enrichment Clubs end: Reception – Year 6

Fri 4<sup>th</sup> April

End of term for children: 1.20pm KGB, 1.30pm PAB, 1.40pm  
Nursery

Tues 1<sup>st</sup> April

Deadline to order PTA Year 6 leavers hoodies

Fri 4<sup>th</sup> April

No After School Club

**Mon 7<sup>th</sup> April – Mon 21<sup>st</sup>  
April 2025**

**Easter Holidays**

**Summer Term 2025**

Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> April

Children return to school

Tues 29<sup>th</sup> April

Class photos during school day - PAB

Weds 30<sup>th</sup> April

Class photos during school day - KGB and Nursery

Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> – Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> May

Yr 4 Bushcraft Residential Trip

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> May

Spring Bank Holiday

**Mon 26<sup>th</sup> May – Fri 30<sup>th</sup>  
May 2025**

**Summer Half Term**

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Children return to school

Fri 18<sup>th</sup> July

End of term for children: 1.20pm KGB, 1.30pm PAB, 1.40pm  
Nursery

Fri 18<sup>th</sup> July

No After School Club

Mon 21<sup>st</sup> July

Inset day 4

Tues 22<sup>rd</sup> July

Inset day 5

Allergy information available on request

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Main 1</b>				
Chicken Curry with Mixed Rice	Beef Burger in a Bun with Vegetable Cous Cous or Green Salad	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Pasta Bolognese	Friday Fish Bar with Oven Baked Chips
<b>Main 2</b>				
Tasty Massaman Curry with Rice and Peas (v)	Tasty Alternative Burger in a Bun with Vegetable Cous Cous or Green Salad (v)	Quorn Loaf Roast with Roast Potatoes (v)	Vegetable Lasagne (v)	Crispy Nuggets with Oven Baked Chips (v)
<b>3rd Options</b>				
Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw	Pasta with Tomato Sauce	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw	Pasta with Tomato Sauce	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw
Deli Option with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Deli Option with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Deli Option with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Deli Option with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Deli Option with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese
<b>Vegetables</b>				
Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables
<b>Dessert</b>				
Berry Crumble Muffin	Coconut and Lime Cake	Toffee Apple Pudding	Ginger Cake	Oat and Lemon Cookie
Fruit/Yoghurt	Fruit/Yoghurt	Fruit/Yoghurt	Fruit/Yoghurt	Fruit/Yoghurt

Fresh seasonal salad and bread available daily. Fresh fruit and yoghurt available daily as an alternative to the dessert of the day.

4th Nov, 25th Nov, 16th Dec, 6th Jan, 27th Jan, 17th Feb, 10th Mar, 31st Mar



Allergy information available on request

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Main 1</b>				
Pork Sausages with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Spiced Bean Enchilada (v)	Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Crunchy Chicken Pie with Braised Rice	Friday Fish Bar with Oven Baked Chips
<b>Main 2</b>				
Veggie Sausages with Mashed Potato and Gravy (v)	Shredded Vegetable Shawarma (v)	Sticky Tomato Tart with Roast Potatoes (v)	Vegan Sausage Roll with Braised Rice (v)	Crispy Nuggets with Oven Baked Chips (v)
<b>3rd Options</b>				
Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw	Pasta with Tomato Sauce	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw	Pasta with Tomato Sauce	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw
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<b>Vegetables</b>				
Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables
<b>Dessert</b>				
Fruity Sponge Oat Crumble	Fruit Jelly Pot	Cinnamon Cake	Pear Upside Down Pudding	Chocolate Cookie
Fruit/Yoghurt	Fruit/Yoghurt	Fruit/Yoghurt	Fruit/Yoghurt	Fruit/Yoghurt

Fresh seasonal salad and bread available daily. Fresh fruit and yoghurt available daily as an alternative to the dessert of the day.

11th Nov, 2nd Dec, 23rd Dec, 13th Jan, 3rd Feb, 24th Feb, 17th Mar



Allergy information available on request

18th Nov, 9th Dec, 30th Dec, 20th Jan, 10th Feb, 3rd Mar, 24th Mar

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Main 1</b>				
Potato Topped Beef and Onion Pie	Ham Pizza with Potato and Red Onion Salad	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Mac n Cheese (v)	Friday Fish Bar with Oven Baked Chips
<b>Main 2</b>				
Meatless Meatballs with Mashed Potato and Gravy (v)	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato and Red Onion Salad (v)	Quorn Loaf Roast with Roast Potatoes (v)	Roasted Gnocchi in Tomato Sauce (v)	Crispy Nuggets with Oven Baked Chips (v)
<b>3rd Options</b>				
Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw	Pasta with Tomato Sauce	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw	Pasta with Tomato Sauce	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Salmon Mayo or Coleslaw
Deli Option with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Deli Option with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Deli Option with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Deli Option with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Deli Option with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese
<b>Vegetables</b>				
Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables
<b>Dessert</b>				
Banana Yoghurt Cake	Autumn Fruit Traybake	Apple and Rhubarb Crumble with Custard	Carrot Cake	Gingerbread Selection
Fruit/Yoghurt	Fruit/Yoghurt	Fruit/Yoghurt	Fruit/Yoghurt	Fruit/Yoghurt



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# Volunteer Coffee Morning

**Tuesday 11th February**  
**9:30 - 11:30am**

Being a parent can be lonely, frustrating and overwhelming. Home-Start volunteers work alongside families to give compassionate and confidential support. Volunteers are central to what we do, they provide invaluable friendship, emotional and practical support to parents in need.

We are urgently in need of new volunteers. If you have parenting experience and can spare a couple of hours each week we would like to invite you to our coffee morning. Learn more about Home-Start, what volunteering involves and meet some of our existing volunteers.

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The Resource Centre  
Staines Park  
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TW18 2QJ

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**\*\*\* February 2025 \*\*\***

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**[www.tiskakarate-staines.co.uk](http://www.tiskakarate-staines.co.uk)**

## **TISKA Staines Shotokan Karate School**

### **Eclipse Leisure Centre**

**New beginners lessons every Friday throughout February**

**Suitable for adults and children from the age of 4 and over**

**Subject to availability – Offer applies to 28th February 2025**