



RIVERBRIDGE REVIEW

Spring Term

Week 6

14th February 2025

This has been a long week! The parent and carers meetings were well attended and, I am sure, useful. The teachers always enjoy the opportunity to talk through the progress and next steps for the children and I hope that these will prove a beneficial springboard for the second half of the academic year.

This week has also been a challenge with sickness. There have been some nasty bugs going around – not just for the children but for the adults, too. I hope that the half term holiday next week will be a useful opportunity to recharge batteries and return 'fit for school' Thank you for following the school's policies here.

There are exciting things to look forward to when we return to school on Monday 24th February. There are details of some of the events on the horizon in the sections below. In particular, we have the Year 5 residential, Stay Play and Learn sessions and this term's Open Classroom. Watch this space for more details!



Year 5 & 6 Dodgeball Team



**1C recreating Vincent Van Gogh's
'Starry Night'**



**2C wrote kind notes to
classmates to celebrate
Mental Health Week**

Today's assemblies across both bases were an opportunity to celebrate and also give thanks. The gold leaves were shared as they always are. Today we also gave out the Being Our Best Awards for Spring 1. These are great to read and I have shared a summary attached to the newsletter. Do take a look!

We have also said goodbye to a number of staff today.

Mrs Vincent, who has remained on the staff team though an extended absence, has officially resigned from her role. She came in today and was thankful for the presents, cards and kind words that were shared. We wish her every future happiness.

Ms Paul has also left today. She has supported and taught classes across the school and has made such a positive contribution. We will miss her but wish her well for the future.

Mrs Carter who is such a presence at Knowle Green in her role as TA, but also across the school as one of our ELSAs has also left and I know will be missed by all. I thank her for her dedication to the school.

Finally, Miss Bushell is also leaving today. She has made a real difference during her time here and we wish her well with her future exploits.

There are new staff members that have been recruited and will be joining us after half term. I look forward to sharing more about this in the Review.

Please remember – next week is half term. We return on **Monday 24th February**. See you then!

Boys' Football Match

Year 5 & 6

The boys' football team played in their semi-final on Friday. The match was well fought but unfortunately ended in a 4-2 loss. It was a really intense game where the boys scored a couple of good goals and used it as an opportunity to learn what they need to work on for their next match. Well done boys!

Children's Author Visitor

Year 3 - 6

We are very excited to be welcoming best-selling children's author Mel Taylor-Bessent to Riverbridge on 18th March to talk to pupils about her new series 'Race to Imagination Island'. If your child would like to purchase the books, please place your order via Scopay before 28th February via: [Order Form - Author Mel Taylor-Bessent](#)

Dodgeball Team

Years 5 – 6

Well done to the group of Year 5 and 6 children who proudly represented Riverbridge in a Spelthorne Dodgeball Tournament at Sunbury Manor. The level of skill and sportsmanship shown was fantastic!

Dinosaur Week

Reception

It is dinosaur week in Reception! The children have had lots of fun learning to make a cast of a dinosaur footprint, as shown by Finley-James in RG (right)



Mental Health Week

Year 2

2C created some mindful art to celebrate Children's Mental Health Week. The children listened to relaxing music and let their minds wander while making a line drawing which they entitled 'took a line for a walk.'

Safer Internet Day

Year 2



To celebrate 'Safer Internet Day,' Year 2 created logos with useful e-safety rules. The children also discussed which trusted adults they could go to if they needed support when they were online.



World Book Day – Thurs 6th March

Whole School

As part of our World Book Day celebrations, children are invited to dress as their favourite book character on Thursday 6th March. Alternatively, children can wear some pyjamas or a comfy onesie - ready for a day of stories and fun. If your child has PE on Thursday, please ensure they will be able to take part in their outfit, or if necessary, they can bring their PE kit to change into.

For children in Hedgehogs, dress up day will be Monday 3rd March.

Travelling To School

Whole School

We are encouraging our Riverbridge community to choose more environmentally friendly ways to travel to school, such as walking, cycling, scooting or using public transport. There are many reasons for this, including the recent congestion experienced on Park Avenue. If you'd like to choose an alternative way to travel to school, you can find information by clicking the following links: [Bus Timetables Routes](#) and [Local Cycle Paths](#)

Outside Achievements

Whole School

A huge well done to Katie N and Amelie K who received a distinction grade in ballet and Charlotte D who earned a distinction grade in tap and a merit grade in modern dance. All their family and friends are very proud of their hard work and success.

Vacancies

Whole School

Walton Oak Primary School is recruiting:

We are looking to appoint a talented individual who can assist in providing a stimulating, creative and caring environment for children attending the After School Club. The role is 13.75 hours per week, Monday to Friday 3.15pm to 6.00pm. For more information please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/after-school-club-assistant-1465918>

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-1465252>

Darley Dene Primary School in Addlestone 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-1465177>

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 see <https://www.eteach.com/job/facilities-officer-1467121>

PTA

Whole School



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FRIENDS OF RIVERBRIDGE

Sponsored Scoot after Half Term

We hope everyone has a great half term. Don't forget that during the first week back (week commencing 24th February), all the children will be able to take part in our Sponsored Scoot. The scoot will take place during PE lessons. It will be a fun opportunity to raise funds to go towards activities, events and resources to support the children's education.

Each child will complete 5 laps of the scooter course, with different challenges appropriate to the age and ability of the child. Children should bring their scooter on the day of their PE lesson - but if they don't have a scooter one will be provided for them to take part.

You can sponsor your child - and get friends and family to do so, too - by completing the sponsorship form at the end of this Newsletter and returning it to school with your sponsorship money by Friday 14th March. Alternatively, you can pay your sponsorship money online at <https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/QI09V1IX>

Can you support Riverbridge as a Staines 10K runner or marshall?

Thank you to all the parents who have contacted us so far to say they would like to run the Staines 10K for Riverbridge, or help out as a marshall. We will reveal our runners as soon as we can after half term! If you have signed up to run already and would like to raise money for Riverbridge school, you can update your entry by emailing enquiries@sportssystem.co.uk. Please let us know and we'll help you to raise money by promotion on our channels including Facebook and the school Newsletter. If you can't run but would still like to support, you can volunteer as a marshall on the day. It's a great fun way to enjoy the event! If we can get 10-15 volunteers from our school, it will mean we get a £500 donation from the Staines 10K funds. If you're interested in being a marshall, let us know by emailing pta.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk

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

The children below have finished the half term on a high!

Well done to everyone for getting to gold this week!

Kashika N	James S	Freddie W
Adaline G	Rishi K	Krithik M
Jessie M	Mason B	Vincent W
Medha I	Heebatullah A	Henry G
Rowan S	George S (1C)	Sarah M
Remi C	Chloe W	Luke C
Bella D	Mrittika M	Robin P
Imogen G	Isla G	Rico CS
Ella P	Lucas B	Jimmie R

Tyler F	Romilly O	Elsie B
Alex F	Aviran T	Yasin H
Abdullah M	Alice LJ	Matilda M
Aiden S	Viyaan S	Martha C
Blythe F	Daniel G	Arjun M
Bertie L	Amelie K	Alice O
Isla S	Anya B	Isabelle R
Yichen P	Sienna F	Zeenia D
Keia-Rayne F	Jasper Y	Sophie Z
	Clara G	

Rainbow Awards

Nursery

Well done to the Hedgehogs and Rabbits below who have made such a positive effort this week!

Iris B

Xingchen P

Aditi S

House Competition

Whole School

There have been two results shared this week and the points have changed a lot as a result. On Monday, we found out about the 'Helping Others Award'. This was another win for Fire House – gaining 80 points. Water came second with 71 points and Air was third with 59 points.

Today, the Being Our Best Awards were shared (see attached sheet for further details) and these contributed to this half term's Being Our Best Cup.

In this competition, Air House were victorious (16 points). Both Fire and Water Houses shared joint second place (13 points)

These points have been added to the totals below and these are the scores as we head into the second half of the academic year:



**175
Points**



**182.5
Points**



**137.5
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.

José Raúl Capablanca
Chess Grand Master



José Raúl Capablanca is a famous name from the history of chess. He was born in Havana, Cuba and learned to play the game at the age of four after watching his father play.

He soon developed into a highly skilled and respected player, first in Havana, then Cuba and finally the world; becoming the third World Chess Champion in 1921.

Chess is a skilful sport and José understood that there is a lot to learn to be successful. His 'words of wisdom' that were shared on Monday were helpful for the children to reflect upon:

'You may learn much more from a game you lose than from a game you win.'

'You will have to lose hundreds of games before becoming a good player.'

Have a great half term holiday.

We look forward to seeing you all again at **8.40am** on **Monday 24th February 2025!**

Paul Grimwood
Headteacher

Dates for the diary...

Spring Term 2025

Spring Half Term

Mon 17th Feb – Fri 21st Feb 2025

Mon 24th February

w/c 24th February

Tues 25th Feb

Thurs 27th Feb

Mon 3rd March

Thurs 6th March

Fri 7th – Sun 9th March

Mon 17th March

Tues 18th March

Sun 23rd March

Mon 24th March

Fri 28th March

Fri 4th April

Tues 1st April

Fri 4th April

Children return to school

PTA Sponsored Scoot – during PE lessons

PTA Sponsored Scoot – Hedgehogs

PTA Sponsored Scoot – Rabbits

World Book Day - Hedgehogs

World Book Day

Yr 5 Bowles Residential Trip

Prospective Nursery Tours [book a space by clicking here](#)

Author Visit – Year 3 to 6

PTA Easter Trail – more details to follow

Swimming ends for 4S and 4P

Enrichment Clubs end: Reception – Year 6

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

Deadline to order PTA Year 6 leavers hoodies

No After School Club

Mon 7th April – Mon 21st

Easter Holidays

April 2025

Tues 22nd April

Tues 29th April

Weds 30th April

Thurs 1st – Fri 2nd May

Mon 5th May

Mon 12th May

Summer Term 2025

Children return to school

Class photos during school day - PAB

Class photos during school day - KGB and Nursery

Yr 4 Bushcraft Residential Trip

Spring Bank Holiday

Prospective Nursery Tours [book a space by clicking here](#)

Mon 26th – Fri 30th May 2025

Summer Half Term

Mon 2nd June

Children return to school

Mon 23rd June

Prospective Nursery Tours [book a space by clicking here](#)

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

Weds 23rd July – Mon 1st Sept 2025

Summer Holidays

Autumn Term 2025

Tues 2nd September

Inset day 1

Weds 3rd September

Inset day 2

Thurs 4th September

Children return to school

Fri 24th October

Inset day 3

Mon 27th – Friday 31st Oct 2025

Autumn Half Term

Mon 3rd November

Children return to school

Fri 19th December

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

Fri 19th December

No After School Club

Mon 22nd Dec – 2nd Jan 2026

Christmas Holidays

Mon 5th January

Children return to school

Spring Term 2026

Mon 16th – 20th Feb 2026

Spring Half Term

Mon 23rd February

Children return to school

Fri 27th March

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

Fri 27th March

No After School Club

**Mon 30th March – 10th
April 2026**

Easter Holidays

Summer Term 2026

Mon 13th April

Children return to school

Mon 4th May

Spring Bank Holiday

**Mon 25th – 29th May
2026**

Summer Half Term

Mon 1st June

Children return to school

Fri 17th July

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

Fri 17th July

No After School Club

Mon 20th July

Inset day 4

Tues 21st July

Inset day 5

Being Our Best Awards – Spring 1

Hedgehogs

Leo D

Connector

For taking his new knowledge learnt during carpet times to incorporate it into his activities.

Rabbits

Ava M

Independent

For using her new confidence to build friendships with her peers. This has also allowed Ava to expand on her oracy skills.

Isobel A

Compassionate

For always being a kind and caring member of the nursery who cares about her peers, particularly the new children who are settling in.

Kirithik E

Connector

For allowing himself to engage through offering his own thoughts and ideas relating to our weekly topics.

RBT

Emma B

Ambitious

For showing incredible ambition, enthusiasm and a love for learning at school. Keep reaching for the stars, Emma!

RD

Rex C

Active

For making incredible progress in your phonics learning this half term. I have loved to see how much care you take with your writing. Keep it up!

RG

Ayla P

Active

For your determination to practise your art skills. Your hard work has led to improved skill in your drawings, paintings and collages.

Andre G-S

Thinker

For demonstrating thoughtful behaviour and showing a strong interest in learning, always striving to do your best.

Jessica T

Independent

For always striving to be your best. This half term you have demonstrated your learning through completing any task independently whilst also helping others.

Theo M

Thinker

For always being your best and a special big well done for using your phonics knowledge to write fantastic sentences.

1A

Heebatullah A

Compassionate

For her kind and caring nature. She always offers support to her peers and is a friendly face to everybody on the playground.

1C

George B

Independent

For challenging himself in all areas of the curriculum, working independently and collaboratively to achieve his goals and strive to be his best!
Keep it up George!

1R

Misha H

Compassionate

For being a kind friend and always looking out for others around him. Misha is a polite boy who will go out of his way to help adults and peers.

Alfie H

Independent

For his brilliant enthusiasm with all learning tasks this term. He is beginning to take a keen interest in exploring new topics by himself, especially in art lessons.

Mariia K

Active

For making incredible progress throughout Year 1, taking on each new activity and challenge with confidence and determination. A true active learner. Well done!

Vihaan

Ambitious

For being ambitious with his learning and settling down amazingly in Year 1. Vihaan has shown enthusiasm with his learning and loves to challenge himself.

2C

Maghizhini E

Ambitious

For always aiming high, challenging herself and trying to reach her next steps. Maghizhini enjoys taking on new challenges and never gives up!

2H

Harper W

Ambitious

Harper has shown a true passion for reading so far this year and has shown ambition when tackling longer chapter books. She has also 'been her best' when approaching learning tasks. Well done, Harper!

2P

Advik M

Compassionate

For always being a kind and helpful person to everyone in 2P. You are always considerate and generous.

Matthias B

Inclusive

For always trying his best to include everyone in the classroom and help

Toby P

Thinker

Toby has gone above and beyond in maths this half term when

Naynika N

Independent

For working so hard this half term to be a more independent writer. Your

others when they need it. Matthias shows everyone kindness and care.

approaching new challenges. He has worked hard to learn more complicated methods and use them to solve problems. Well done, Toby!

writing has come a long way and you should be proud of yourself!

3BH

Kiyara S

Independent

For a brilliant half term of independent learning! You are fantastic at listening to feedback and have been trying hard to be your best!

3H

Nathan BP

Ambitious

For always aiming high in all your learning tasks, particularly in writing by uplevelling with your purple pen.

3L

Alfie P

Connector

For confidently linking ideas across subjects and being able to apply his knowledge in many different ways.

Evie-Rose H

Ambitious

For consistently aiming high in all that you do. You are a great role model for your peers and you are a pleasure to teach.

Lora D

Connector

For showing great focus during lessons and making links across the curriculum.

Poppy K

Compassionate

For being a kind and thoughtful member of the class who is able to collaborate with all of her peers successfully.

4P

Ava F

Ambitious

Ava always sets high expectations for herself and challenges herself in all of her learning.

4S

Lara M

Ambitious

For always wanting to take your learning to the next level and improve your work.

4VP

Amelie K

Ambitious

For being ambitious throughout her learning this term and making sure she tries her best.

Daniel G

Thinker

Daniel always contributes interesting ideas to our class discussions and puts lots of thought into his creative writing.

Eeshan P

Independent

For always working with excellent focus and challenging himself in each piece of learning.

Emil C

Independent

For being independent with his work and making sure that he is occupied after completing his work.

5C

Amelie P

Independent

For consistently and diligently working to the best of your ability. You can be very proud of the progress that you have made in this year!

5T

Dhruv S

Thinker

For always putting deep thought into all the learning and asking brilliant questions!

5W

Kanishka S

Thinker

Kanishka is such a methodical, perfectionist thinker. No matter what we are doing, she will always be thinking 3 steps ahead on how wonderful to present her work, what ingredients she needs to make her work successful. What a truly brilliant skill to have!

Caelan T

Compassionate

I have been very impressed with how you have made progress in managing conflict, and finding ways to compliment and encourage others in the class.

Amaya K

Ambitious

For making fantastic progress with your learning and always listening actively in class.

Sienna F

Compassionate

Sienna is always so thoughtful, helpful and polite to all. She is a wonderful friend to everyone and she is so caring and nurturing. Sienna is a real asset to 5W!

6G

Reece D

Ambitious

It has been a pleasure watching your ambition grow this year, Reece. You understand what you need to triumph, and use this to great success.

6I

Ella-Rose Y

Active

For showing increased self-belief and having the confidence to share your amazing thoughts and ideas with the class. You are a real star and it is a delight to see you shine!

6K

Ryan B

Connector

For beginning to make real connections in your learning. This has helped you to become more independent with your work, showing us what you can do.

Shraddha M

Compassionate

Cattleya T

Ambitious

Alex A

Active

Thank you, Shraddha. You are always kind to those in need, offering your support and hand to anyone in the school.

For such a successful start to your Riverbridge journey. You have worked incredibly hard to 'be your best' and this is why your classmates voted you as most deserving of this award!

For taking an active part in your learning and engaging with adults to help you further develop. This is clear in your improvements in writing.

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Bestselling author Mel Taylor-Bessent is coming to our school!

Mel will be talking about her writing process, life as an author, the power of our imaginations, and signing copies of 'Race to Imagination Island' (copies can be ordered via the school office)

