



RIVERBRIDGE REVIEW

Spring Term

Week 7

28th February 2025

It has been pleasing to see how sensibly the children have settled back into their learning this week. As we are starting the second half of the academic year, I reminded the children on Monday of the need to get back into positive routines as quickly as possible. Holidays can break usual patterns within a family home and can mean that timings are less straightforward to follow. I am happy to report that the vast majority of children have returned to school and been in on time.

As a reminder: the gates open on both bases at **8.40am** and this is the time that you all should be aiming to get to school. We keep the gate open until **9.00am** and expect everyone to be through them by this time.

If a child attends from 8.40am each day, they will have an additional 1 hour and 40 minutes of learning and practice time each week compared to a child that goes through the doors at 9.00am. Make this your aim!



Safer Internet Day



Medal Winning Netball Team



DT with 3BH

This half term's PSHE learning and the theme of the assemblies will be linked to '**Healthy Me**'. This will enable the children to think about the things that they can do to support both their physical and their emotional health.

Resilience is a skill that we want all children (and adults) to demonstrate. The ability to cope with change and to be able to recognise our emotions and manage our feelings. There are many ways in which parents and carers can support children with this aspect and I am sharing some with you below.

I hope these are useful. There will be more to follow in the weeks to come.

Top Tips to help Build Resilience:

- Maintain a daily routine and establish boundaries: this can be reassuring to children as they need structure in their lives.
- Encourage your child to develop his or her own routines with your support.
- Established boundaries help a child to cope and feel safe as well as providing structure to help them determine right from wrong.
- Teach your child good self-care: be a role model, show and teach your child the importance of making time to eat properly, exercise and rest.
- Aim for a balanced diet that is low in fat, sugar and salt and includes 5 portions of fruit and vegetables per day.
- Ensure your child has breakfast each morning.
- Drinking 6-8 glasses of fluid daily is also important to maintain health.

- A good diet enables the brain and body to work well.
- Encourage your child to help with making meals will give them some responsibility and a sense of achievement.
- Children need 60 minutes of exercise daily to maintain good health.
- Regular exercise and being outdoors increases the endorphins (chemicals released by the brain) which has a positive effect on mood.
- Primary school children need on average between 10-11.5 hours' sleep per night. Not enough, poor or interrupted sleep can affect school and home life.
- Good sleep hygiene and routine should be encouraged.
- Avoid stimulating electronic games 2 hours before bedtime and no TV, computers or phones in the bedroom.

DT

3BH

The children in 3BH showed brilliant resilience, using their sewing skills to create their very own pencil cases in DT!

Maths Shed

5C

5C are pleased to share that they are now ranked Number 1 in the world on the Maths Shed World Groups. They have beaten 124 classes from Spain, UAE and England! They can be very proud of their achievements.

Parent Consultations

4S

We are pleased to confirm that Mrs Shaw has returned and therefore parent consultation meetings will be rescheduled for w/c 17th March. Details of when and how to book will be sent to you in due course. In the meantime, if you have any issues you would like to discuss, please feel free to speak to Mrs Shaw at pick up time outside the classroom or email the school office.

Netball Tournament

Year 5 & 6

Before half term, the Year 5 and 6 netball team headed to a tournament with 10 schools. They played amazingly, showing brilliant teamwork and scored 13 goals across the tournament! The girls were excited to reach the semi-final and ended up coming in 3rd place! Super job girls!

History

Year 5

This week in Year 5 the children embarked on an interactive historical adventure. In these special sessions the children were able to explore a range of primary and secondary sources in relation to local history, including handling delicate artefacts. The children also had the unique opportunity to wear VR headsets to really bring historical landscapes to life.



SAT Meeting- Weds 5th March

Year 6

On the 5th March, the Year 6 team will be hosting a meeting at 6pm to talk through the arrangements for the End of Key Stage Assessments (SATs). In this meeting, we will share what the week will look like for the children and give a general overview of how you can support your child over the next couple of months.

Stay Play & Learn

Reception

On Monday 12th, Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th March we are inviting parents and carers to join us for Stay, Play and Learn sessions. This is an opportunity for you to experience a morning in Reception. As we have limited space in our classrooms we can only accommodate one parent/carer for each child and a maximum of 10 people a day. Please sign up using one of the links below.

[RG Wed 12th March](#)
[RG Thurs 13th March](#)
[RG Fri 14th March](#)

[RTB Weds 12th March](#)
[RTB Thurs 13th March](#)
[RTB Fri 14th March](#)

[RD Weds 12th March](#)
[RD Thurs 13th March](#)
[RD Fri 14th March](#)

Walking Home from Enrichment Club

Year 5 & 6

As the evenings are now lighter those children in Years 5 and 6 who have parental permission to walk home alone will be able to do so. If you would like to give permission for your child to walk home unattended you can do so here: [permission to walk home unattended](#)

Family Learning

Year 1

The Year 1 team invite parents and carers to join them for Family Learning on 20th and 21st March at 9.10am. This is an opportunity for you to experience a morning in Year 1. As we have limited space in our classrooms we can only accommodate one parent/carers for each child and a maximum of 15 people a day. We ask that siblings do not attend. Booking closes at 9pm on Sunday 16th March.

[Thurs 20th March - 1A](#)
[Fri 21st March - 1A](#)

[Thurs 20th March - 1R](#)
[Fri 21st March - 1R](#)

[Thurs 20th March - 1C](#)
[Fri 21st March - 1C](#)

Dinners

Whole School

It is wonderful to see so many of our children enjoying a hot meal at lunchtime and we are very pleased that so many of you are choosing to pre-order your child's lunch in advance through Scopay. As previously mentioned, this approach has the added benefit of giving your child the opportunity to discuss the menu with you at home. If you don't currently preorder, please log into www.scopay.com to select your child's lunch choices, a parent's guide to ordering meals on Scopay can be found on our website via [here](#). Before you make your selection, funds will have to be prepaid and you are welcome to upload the payment for the whole half term as parents often do. Children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 receive Universal Free School Meals so you will not need to make any payment, however you are still able to preorder your child's lunch choice through Scopay if you wish.

The daily cost of a school meal is £2.80, weekly is £14 and for the Half Term, Monday 24th February to Friday 4th April it is £84.00.

If you have any questions, for example if your circumstances have changed recently and you would like to discuss your options with regards to school lunches, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Safer Internet Week

Whole School

During the last week term, the children at Riverbridge celebrated Safer Internet Day and explored this year's theme 'Too good to be true?' by looking at online scams. The children across the school have taken part in activities such as creating their own logos featuring safer internet rules and making their own scams, including features that they would need to look out for when accessing online content. Please see one of the realistic scams the children created in 3L.



World Book Day – Thurs 6th March

Whole School

A reminder that 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.

Art Council

Whole School

We are thrilled to announce that we have successfully selected our new Art Council members at Riverbridge! Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding applications.

Marli M	Elsie B	Alfie P
Romy K	Alonso V	Amelie K
Jack B	Cara LS	Dexter S
Jack H	Lake F	Ayman M

We are looking forward to our first meeting, scheduled for the week commencing 10th March 2025.

A big well done to all of the candidates and thank you for your applications. It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm from across Year 3 - 6 as well as so many examples of various artworks presented as a part of the applications. We can't wait to see the creativity that will flourish from this exceptional group of young artists.

Outside Achievements

Whole School

Cristina B from 2C competed recently in two gymnastics competitions where she received two gold medals and also a trophy for the highest score in the competition. Well done Cristina!

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-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-1468840>

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



PTA
FRIENDS OF RIVERBRIDGE

Thank you for taking part in this week's Sponsored Scoot!

Well done to all the children who completed our Sponsored Scoot in PE lessons this week. From feedback and photos it sounds like everyone had a great time. Parents and carers – don't forget you can sponsor your child, and get friends and family to do so, 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> All the money raised goes towards extra resources, activities and events that support the children's education.

Would you like to be a Marshall at the Staines 10K?

The Staines 10K returns on Sunday 11th May. This year, we're looking to recruit at least 10 volunteers to support the race as Marshalls. If we can hit this number, Riverbridge will be guaranteed a £500 donation from Staines 10K fundraising. Being a marshall is a great way to enjoy the day, and can be done with children. It will mean helping out on the day, either at Race HQ (Knowle Green) or around the course. Timings are from approximately 7.30am onwards and will be confirmed closer to the time. If you're interested in being a Riverbridge marshall, you can sign up to volunteer at

<https://volunteersignup.org/DMCDE>

Join the Riverbridge Easter Trail

Our popular Easter Trail is back on Sunday 23rd March - come along with the whole family to track down our bunnies, following a 2km trail around the local area close to the school. You can join the trail at any time between 1pm and 2.30pm and will need to finish by 3.15pm. Just come to Park Avenue Base to collect your map, then head off to find the clues, collect treats and crack the code. At the end you'll return to Park Avenue to claim your reward!

Tickets are available for £3 per child at www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge from 6pm on Friday 28th February until 4pm on Friday 21st March.

The event is open to all friends and family. You only need to buy tickets for children but all children must be accompanied by an adult. Rewards are only for children who have purchased tickets.

Dates for your diary

We have a host of activities lined up for the rest of this school year. Please make sure you add the following dates to your calendar. More details will be coming very soon!

- Sun 23rd March: Easter Trail
- Wed 30th April: Wine tasting at Cape Wines
- Sun 11th May: Riverbridge runners and marshalls at the Staines 10K
- Fri 16th May: PTA Quiz is back!
- Fri 27th June: Riverbridge Summer Fair
- Thu 10th July: Summer Discos 4.30-5.30pm (Y1-3) and 6pm-7.30pm (Y4-6)
- Wed 16th July: Nursery and Reception summer event

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**

Well done to the children below who have achieved a gold leaf this week.

I am sure they all feel rightly proud of their efforts over the past five days!

Arthur K	Psalm F	James S
Nora HJ	Aiden F	Oakley M
Viaan G	Arshreet K	Adam O
Kabir S	Claire W	Seth A
Vinisha HS	Maghizhini E	Arhaan U
Jimmie R	Mustafa A	Thomas W
Elsie B	Romilly O	Kayhan A
Yusuf R	Grace C (4P)	Shriyan T
Sasha S	Isla S	Fawz A
Jack B	Tejas T	Harry S
Jack J	Temi A	

Rainbow Awards**Nursery**

The children below have started the half term really successfully.

Keep it up everyone!

Poppy K	Sibora L	Aditi S
	Atkia NS	

House Competition**Whole School**

There are further points to be gained in the weeks to come.

While we await these being added – the scores below remain the same:



**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.

**Jonah Larson
Crochetier**



This week's 'assembly person' was Jonah Larson. He was born in Ethiopia and adopted by an American family. He became interested in the art of crochet at the age of five and taught himself how to create a dishcloth by watching a YouTube tutorial.

He was literally hooked!

As a child who found concentration a challenge, he found that crochet really helped him to focus and slow his brain down.

From that point he has become something of a crochet superstar. Demonstrating his talents online and also raising money to support projects in his old village in Ethiopia.

Having had people say that this hobby wasn't really what a boy should do, his 'words of wisdom' helped us all to understand that we should be true to ourselves and not worry about the opinions of others:

'Do what you love and don't care what other people think.'

I hope you all have a great weekend.

Paul Grimwood
Headteacher

Dates for the diary...

Spring Term 2025

Mon 3rd March

Weds 5th March

Thurs 6th March

Fri 7th – Sun 9th March

Weds 12th March

Thurs 13th March

Fri 14th March

Mon 17th March

w/c 17th March

Tues 18th March

Tues 18th March

Thurs 20th March

Fri 21st March

Sun 23rd March

w/c Mon 24th March

Mon 24th March

Fri 28th March

Fri 28th March

World Book Day - Hedgehogs

Year 6 SAT Meeting - 6pm at PAB

World Book Day

Yr 5 Bowles Residential Trip

Reception Stay, Play & Learn Sessions

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

4S Parent Consultations – more details to follow

Author Visit – Year 3 to 6

Cross Country Competition – team to be announced

Family Learning Sessions – Year 1

Family Learning Sessions – Year 1

PTA Easter Trail

Nursery Stay, Play & Learn Sessions – further details TBC

Swimming ends for 4S and 4P

Enrichment Clubs end: Reception – Year 6

Year 3 Sleepover

Fri 4th April

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

Tues 1st April

Deadline to order PTA Year 6 leavers hoodies

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

Tues 29th April

Class photos during school day - PAB

Weds 30th April

Class photos during school day - KGB and Nursery

Weds 30th April

PTA Wine Tasting at Cape Wines – more details to follow

Thurs 1st – Fri 2nd May

Yr 4 Bushcraft Residential Trip

Mon 5th May

Spring Bank Holiday

Sun 11th May

PTA Runners and Marshalls at the Staines 10K

Mon 12th May

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

Fri 16th May

PTA Quiz – more details to follow

Mon 26th – Fri 30th May 2025

Summer Half Term

Mon 2nd June

Children return to school

Fri 27th June

PTA Summer Fair – more details to follow

Mon 30th June

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

Thurs 10th July

Summer Discos 4.30–5.30pm Y1-3; 6pm-7.30pm Y4-6 at PAB – more details to follow

Weds 16th July

Nursery & Reception Summer Event – more details to follow

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

