



RIVERBRIDGE REVIEW

Spring Term

Week 9

14th March 2025

I mentioned in last week's Review that the majority of Year 5 children were off to Bowles last weekend. It was a pleasure to take the children away and I am pleased to say that there was a lot of resilience, kindness and compassion on show over the trip. Whilst there were some early mornings for the staff, I know that they too had a positive and enriching experience. I thank all the children – and staff – for their efforts and for demonstrating the school's motto of 'Being Our Best' so successfully.

This week has given some more memorable experiences. In Reception – there have been two exciting things taking place. The arrival – and very quick hatching – of the duck eggs has led to some great learning opportunities. Parents were able to be part of this first hand too as part of the Stay, Play and Learn sessions. The feedback has been positive about these events and I thank all who attended.

Also this week, children everywhere have been embracing British Science Week. There have been some really interesting conversations about the different learning and I have been impressed with the knowledge that many of the children have gained. Thank you to Mrs Phelan for coordinating this week of learning and also to all the staff for planning the different opportunities.



Year 5 at Bowles



Newly Hatched Ducklings



Year 2 at Battle of the Books

Two members of staff left Riverbridge today. Mrs Saundh has moved on from the school office after a very short while with us. Mrs Osborne, who has supported children on both bases has also left. We wish them both well.

Following on from the previous two weeks, I am including some ideas around building resilience:

- **Help others:** ask your child to help you with a task that they can master. Helping others can make a child feel valued as well as a sense of achievement when the task is accomplished.
- **Teach problem solving skills and goal setting:** this is a learned skill, help your child to learn to solve their own problem. Help them to focus on one small problem at a time rather than the bigger picture to avoid feeling overwhelmed.

Questions to consider asking, what do they need to do? How might they do it? And who can help? Or what has worked before?

Setting realistic goals that can be achieved through small steps will create a sense of purpose and help a child to see what they are capable of. Giving praise along the way will help them to focus on what has been accomplished so far.

It is also important to let a child know that it is ok to ask for help. Support them towards doing what they can by themselves rather than doing it for them.

Build ambition by encouraging your child to think to the future, about what they would like to do beyond school or a career as an adult. Help your child see that change is a normal part of life and new goals can be swapped for goals that have become unachievable.

Bowles

Year 5

Over the weekend, the Year 5 children who went to Bowles thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The children were challenged to participate in a range of adventurous activities and reinforced the importance of resilience and perseverance. They continually represented the school well by 'Being our Best'. The team at Bowles also remarked that the children can be very proud of their achievements over the weekend, as they all challenged themselves to push beyond their comfort zone. A link with photos from the weekend was shared on Google Classroom this week.

Pre-Loved Uniform

Whole School

A reminder that our pre-loved uniform will be available for a donation every Monday from the Office at PAB. From next week we will also have summer uniform available ready for warmer weather, which is hopefully returning soon!

Coffee Morning: Wednesday 19th March at 8.45am

Whole School

Home School Link Workers Lyn and Jane looking forward to you joining them for a relaxing cup of coffee/tea before heading home to continue your day on Wednesday between 8.45am and 10am. Coffee Mornings are a good opportunity to meet with other parents and are an informal setting to ask any questions to the Pastoral Team.

Stay, Play & Learn

Nursery

For those parents who have yet to book their space at a Stay, Play & Learn session during the week of the 24th March please do so via one of the links below. Unfortunately, due to space in the Nursery we are only able to invite one parent per child and kindly ask you to make alternative childcare arrangements for siblings. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact anyone of the Nursery team.

[Hedgehogs Mon 24th March: 9 - 10am](#)

[Rabbits Weds 26th March: 1.15pm - 2.15pm](#)

[Hedgehogs Tues 25th March: 9 - 10am](#)

[Rabbits Thurs 27th March: 9 - 10am](#)

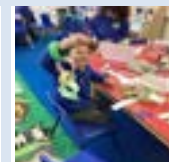
[Hedgehogs Weds 26th March: 9 - 10am](#)

[Rabbits Fri 28th March: 9 - 10am](#)

Science and Art

Year 1

1R have been looking at how animals adapt and change. The children made their own caterpillar paper chains and discussed how caterpillars change in their life cycle. They also used their artistic skills to create a new animal species and discussed how they had been adapted to survive on Earth.



Sex Education

Year 3 - 6

Following on from previous information given on our 'Sex and Relationships' curriculum, we are inviting the parents of Years 3 - 6 to attend a parent meeting which will outline the purpose of RSE in the primary curriculum and an opportunity to view the material that will be shown to the children in our Changing Me unit. This will include scientific images, diagrams and animations where appropriate. The meetings will take place in the hall over at Park Avenue on the following dates:

Year 3 - Wednesday 7th May at 2.45pm **Year 4** - Tuesday 6th May at 2.45pm **Year 5** - Friday 9th May at 2:45pm **Year 6** - Thursday 8th May at 2.45pm

Alternatively, if you are unable to attend the meeting, our website provides lots of information to help support parents at home with this puzzle piece. Please take a look here: [Relationships & Sex Education and Parent Information](#)

Headlice

Whole School

Headlice and nits are very common in young children. To help prevent the spread of these unwanted guests, please ensure that hair that can be tied back, is. Thank you for your support.

Duckling Delivery

Year 2



On Monday the children in Reception predicted what animals might be in their delivery of eggs. The children learnt about which animals lay eggs and which do not. After the eggs were delivered on Tuesday, the children enjoyed watching the ducklings hatch from their eggs.

Family Learning

Year 1

A reminder that next week the Year 1 team invite parents and carers to join them for Family Learning on 20th and 21st March at 9.10am. As we have limited space in our classrooms we can only accommodate one parent/carer 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](#)

Park Avenue Base Field

Year 2 - 6

As the weather is starting to improve, we hope to open the field for use at lunchtimes for the children at Park Avenue by the end of next week. There is a card system in place as there has been in previous years.

Green - The field is open to everyone

Yellow - The field is open but you must change your shoes

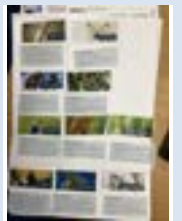
Red - The field is closed

Children will be required to have a pair of alternative shoes/wellies/trainers (no studded football boots) in school if they wish to use the field so that they can change at lunchtimes on occasions where the yellow card is displayed. This includes days when the children have PE as they will not be able to use the field in the shoes they have worn in school all day if the yellow card is shown. Thank you for your support with this.

Science

Year 4

For British Science Week, Year 4 have been looking at animal adaptations. The children discussed how different animals are adapted to their environment, then researched the adaptations of some of the class's favourite animals, as shown by the picture from 4P to the right.



Battle of the Books

Year 2

Well done to the four children in Year 2 who represented Riverbridge at this year's Battle of the Books Competition! Many schools in the local area take part in the challenge to read the same books and complete activities. The children had an amazing morning and showed fantastic knowledge of the books.

Science

Year 6



Year 6 learnt about vaccines through the use of a pairs game this week.

The children had to match the antibody to the antigen when the cards were face down, and then again when they were face up. They then discussed how knowing what an antigen looked like made it easier to find the antibody, and this is what a vaccine does in our body.

Sports Day

Whole School

We look forward to welcoming parents and carers to our Sports Days in July. More details will be shared nearer to the time but please make a note in your diary of the below timetable.

Wednesday 2nd July

Hedgehogs – AM at Knowle Green Base
Rabbits & Reception – PM at Knowle Green Base

Friday 4th July

Year 1, 2 & 3 – AM at Park Avenue Base
Year 4, 5 & 6 – PM at Park Avenue Base

Vacancies

Whole School

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>

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>

PTA

Whole School



PTA
FRIENDS OF RIVERBRIDGE

Buy Easter Trail tickets by Friday 21st March

There's only a week left to buy your child a ticket for this year's Riverbridge Easter Trail. Come along with the whole family on Sunday 23rd March 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. Tickets are available for £3 per child at www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge 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 for completing the trail are only for children who have purchased tickets.

Can you help at the Easter Trail?

We also need 10 volunteers to make the Easter Trail a success. If you can help out on the day, please go to: <https://volunteersignup.org/BKKKC>

Support our runners at the Staines 10K!

We have four fantastic parents running to raise money for Riverbridge at this year's Staines 10K on Sunday 11th May. Drumroll please for:

- Gary and Aarti Strange
- Chris Hodge
- Katie Viggers

Thank you to all of them for their support. If you would like to back them you can do so by donating to our online sponsorship form at <https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/QSD89VLH> or use our QR code.

All the money raised will go towards extra resources, facilities and activities for Riverbridge children. We're also looking to recruit at least 10 volunteers to support the Staines 10K as Race Marshalls. If we can hit this number, Riverbridge will be guaranteed a £500 donation from Staines 10K funds.

If you're interested in being a Riverbridge marshall, you can sign up to volunteer at <https://volunteersignup.org/DMCDE>

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 is always good to hear the reasons for the gold leaves each week.

The children below should feel proud of how well they have 'been their best' and made the most of the learning opportunities this week.

Well done all!

Cassie B	Tommy M	Alex R
Nyla S	Luke D	Samuel V
Ayla P	Alex M (RG)	Ethan P
Chris S	Dollie P	Ivan B
Sebastian C	Phoenix KF	Iris E
Fern W	Jed K	George S

Zachary D	Imogen G	Evelyn S
Dom B	Cristina B	Kairo P
Ella T	Margherita A	Aya C
Zac H	Jimmie R	Mustafa A
Shrinay B	Tyler F	Alex F
Poppy V	Aviran T	Anika M
Theo M	Martha C	Ava F
Jocelyn P	Willow S	Leo C
Ismael SH	Nesia P	Esme F
Roland A	Kanishka K	Temi A
Matilda P	Reece D	Laurence D
Natalie H	Charlotte S	Tecwyn RH
Vivien B	Ella-Rose Y	Maaike B
Harper-Marie L	Alex A	Ivy P
Madeleine W	Conor R	Zara W

Rainbow Awards

Nursery

The children below can be happy with how well they have approached their learning this week. Keep it up!

Freddie B
Brendon G

Rayan O
Syed Wasay N

Aya M

House Competition

Whole School

There will be points added to the totals below next week. I wonder if Fire House's lead will start to shrink!



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.

Junko Tabei
Mountaineer



On Monday, we found out about the famous Japanese mountaineer, Junko Tabei.

She was inspired to take up climbing mountains at the age of ten after a school trip.

As an adult, she was keen to take this hobby more seriously. Initially, there were no groups that would accept her as a member as she was a woman. Undeterred she joined one anyway!

Junko's climbing exploits became well known and, in 1975, she became the first woman to climb Mount Everest – the highest mountain in the world.

Junko understood that it was her willpower to succeed that helped her get to the top. Her 'words of wisdom' helped the children to understand how grit, determination and resilience are keys to achieving our goals:

*‘Technique and ability alone do not get you to the top.
It is the willpower that is most important.’*

I hope you all have a great weekend.

Paul Grimwood

Headteacher

Dates for the diary...

Spring Term 2025

Mon 17th March

w/c 17th March

Tues 18th March

Tues 18th March

Weds 19th March

Thurs 20th March

Fri 21st March

Sun 23rd March

w/c Mon 24th March

Mon 24th March

Fri 28th March

Fri 28th March

Fri 4th April

Tues 1st April

Fri 4th April

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

4S Parent Consultations

Author Visit – Year 3 to 6

Cross Country Competition

Coffee Morning at KGB: 8.45am – 10am

Family Learning Sessions – Year 1

Family Learning Sessions – Year 1

PTA Easter Trail

Nursery Stay, Play & Learn Sessions

Swimming ends for 4S and 4P

Enrichment Clubs end: Reception – Year 6

Year 3 Sleepover

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
April 2025**

Easter Holidays

Summer Term 2025

Tues 22 nd April	Children return to school
Tues 29 th April	Class photos during school day - PAB
Weds 30 th April	Class photos during school day - KGB and Nursery
Weds 30 th April	PTA Wine Tasting at Cape Wines – more details to follow
Thurs 1 st – Fri 2 nd May	Yr 4 Bushcraft Residential Trip
Mon 5 th May	Spring Bank Holiday
Tues 6 th May	Sex Education Parents Meeting – 2.45pm at PAB
Weds 7 th May	Sex Education Parents Meeting – 2.45pm at PAB
Thurs 8 th May	Sex Education Parents Meeting – 2.45pm at PAB
Fri 9 th May	Sex Education Parents Meeting – 2.45pm at PAB
Sun 11 th May	PTA Runners and Marshalls at the Staines 10K
Mon 12 th May	Prospective Nursery Tours book a space by clicking here
Fri 16 th May	PTA Quiz – more details to follow

**Mon 26th – Fri 30th May
2025**

Summer Half Term

Mon 2 nd June	Children return to school
Fri 27 th June	PTA Summer Fair – more details to follow
Mon 30 th June	Prospective Nursery Tours book a space by clicking here
Weds 2 nd July	Sports Day – Nursery & Reception – more details to follow
Fri 4 th July	Sports Day – Year 1 to 6 – more details to follow
Thurs 10 th July	PTA Summer Discos 4.30–5.30pm Y1-3; 6pm-7.30pm Y4-6 at PAB – more details to follow
Weds 16 th July	PTA Nursery & Reception Summer Event – more details to follow
Fri 18 th July	End of term for children: 1.20pm KGB, 1.30pm PAB, 1.40pm Nursery
Fri 18 th July	No After School Club
Mon 21 st July	Inset day 4
Tues 22 rd July	Inset day 5

**Weds 23rd July – Mon 1st
Sept 2025**

Summer Holidays

Autumn Term 2025

Tues 2 nd September	Inset day 1
Weds 3 rd September	Inset day 2
Thurs 4 th September	Children return to school
Thurs 4 th September	Existing Rabbits return
Mon 8 th September	Existing Hedgehogs return
Fri 24 th October	Inset day 3

Mon 27th – Friday 31st

Autumn Half Term

Oct 2025

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

23 March 2025
Collect your map at
PAB between
1-2.30pm

EASTER TRAIL



JOIN US ON OUR EASTER TRAIL AND HELP TRACK DOWN OUR EASTER LETTERS THAT ARE HIDING ALONG THE ROUTE.
THIS IS A 2KM TRAIL TAKING YOU AROUND THE LOCAL AREA CLOSE TO THE SCHOOL.
TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FOR £3 PER CHILD

1. COME TO PARK AVENUE BASE OFFICE AT ANY POINT BETWEEN 1-2.30PM ON SUNDAY 23RD MARCH TO COLLECT YOUR MAP. YOU MUST COMPLETE THE TRAIL BY 3.15PM

2. FOLLOW THE TRAIL, COLLECT THE CLUES AND TREATS AND CRACK THE CODE.

3. RETURN TO PARK AVENUE BASE OFFICE TO RECEIVE YOUR REWARD!

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.

DRINKS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE (CASH & CARD PAYMENT AVAILABLE)

REMEMBER TO BRING A PEN TO HELP CRACK THE CLUES AND A BAG TO PUT ALL YOUR GOODIES IN!

THERE IS NO TICKET LIMIT BUT TICKETS ARE ONLY AVAILABLE UNTIL 16:00 ON FRIDAY 21ST MARCH 2025 FROM <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge>

WE NEED 10 VOLUNTEERS TO MAKE THE EVENT A SUCCESS. PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING URL TO GO TO THE SIGNUP SHEET:

volunteersignup.org/BKKKC

TO SIGN UP, JUST FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE PAGE. IT ONLY TAKES A FEW SECONDS TO DO.

VOLUNTEERS CAN TAKE THEIR CHILDREN ON THE TRAIL FREE OF CHARGE SO IF YOU SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER YOU DO NOT NEED TO PURCHASE A TICKET.

THE PTA WILL BE IN CONTACT AFTER YOU SIGN UP TO GET THE NAMES OF YOUR CHILDREN.



SCAN ME



EASTER CRICKET CAMP

We are delighted to share that we are taking bookings for our Easter cricket camp. The camp is suitable for players of all abilities from 6-15 years old.

Dates & timings:

Monday 14th to Thursday 17th April
9am-3pm everyday

Location:

Staines & Laleham cricket club
Worple road
Staines
TW18 1HR

Cost: £37 per day, discounts available for block booking and siblings.

What to bring: Lunch, drinks and cricket kit if you have

To book your child's place click the pebble booking link or if you would like more info contact Joel_miah@outlook.com

<https://activities.bookpebble.co.uk/activity/jm-cricket-coaching-easter-cricket-camp-staines-laleham-cricket-club-staines-upon-thames-5f332dd9-936d-4e14-8bb4-f62d9a8c2441>





EASTER CAMPS

FROM 7 - 17 APRIL

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platformsportscoaching.co.uk/holiday-camps



FOOTBALL CAMPS

Including separate girls-only, keeper camps & small groups



CRICKET CAMPS

focusing on bowling, batting & fielding



ACTIVE CAMPS

Including our spring into action camp



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