



RIVERBRIDGE REVIEW

Autumn Term

Week 2

12th September 2025

This morning I led one of the assemblies to celebrate the choices being made this week. It was the Knowle Green assembly which had both Year R and Year 1 children. I was so proud to see how well the children in both year groups were sitting and listening to what was shared. For the children in Reception, this is particularly positive. They are at the end of their first full week at school and they were brilliantly behaved. Well done to everyone who has settled into their learning so quickly and to all the staff for enabling this to happen so successfully.

It has been good to see the positive attendance and punctuality across the school this week. I am aware of some troublesome roadworks in the local area and are grateful to those parents that have allowed more time to get to school. I will remind you all about the time the gates open on both bases: **8.40am**. Please make sure you are aiming for this time.

A useful reminder:

A child that enters the classroom at **8.40am** compared to one that comes in at **9.00am** will have an additional **1 hour and 40 minutes** learning time each week. Over the year, that is roughly an additional **62 hours** of time spent learning, practicing skills and developing in confidence. Thank you in advance for making **8.40am** the 'target time'!



We look forward to welcoming you to our annual MacMillan coffee morning on Thurs 25th Sept, from 9am



Being Active is one of the 8 great ways of Being Our Best



Being Inclusive is one of the 8 great ways of Being Our Best

I hope that parents and carers found this week's Curriculum Meetings useful. I know that the teachers were grateful for those that attended and are also keen to reach out to those that were unable to do so. Please make sure that you have a conversation with your child's class teacher should you need any clarification or support.

Obviously, there is always a lot of new things happening at the start of a school year. Next week sees the first sports fixture. The boy's football team will be representing the school

and we wish them good luck. It is always good to celebrate sporting achievements and I hope that this year will be another successful one!

All About Me

Reception

From Monday 15th September, Reception will be exploring differences in people as they grow - including themselves. To support these discussions please could you provide a named picture of your child as a baby. These can be passed to your child's class teacher and will be returned to you by Friday 19th September.

Flu Vaccinations

Year R-6

An email has been sent out this week regarding the flu vaccinations offered to children in Reception to Year 6. The email outlined that consent is required, and a link to do this was included in the email. If you would like your child to have the flu vaccination, please can you ensure consent is provided by midnight on the 15th September. If you have any queries regarding this, please email the school office.

P.E

Year R-6

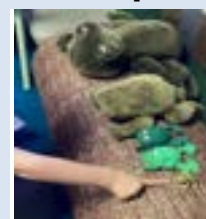
This is a gentle reminder that earrings are not to be worn during P.E lessons. If your child is not confident in removing their earrings, or there is concern of them getting lost, we would advise they are not worn on P.E days.

Creative Learning

Reception



This week, Reception children have been exploring names of facial features and drawing self-portraits. We have also been practising counting 0-5 by singing rhymes like '5 speckled frogs'.



School drop off

Year 1

It has been lovely to see how confidently Year 1 children have been coming into school. We would like to further build their independence by asking them to come in through the main gate by themselves. From Monday 22nd September, please help us by saying your goodbyes as you walk towards the gate and wave them in. There are always members of staff to help with delivering messages to teachers and putting bikes and scooters away. They will be awarded green coins for their efforts.

Bikes & Scooters

Reception & Year 1

Please remind your child to push their bike or scooter through the playground in the morning and at home time. A poster has been displayed on the gate as a reminder to help keep everyone safe.

Enrichment Clubs

Year 1-6

Enrichment clubs have now been allocated. To check if your child has been allocated a space, please log into your SCOPay account and complete the necessary payment/s. If you are paying by childcare vouchers, please make sure you complete the online form

- <https://www.riverbridgeprimary.co.uk/form/?pid=111&form=21>. Please note that due to clubs being oversubscribed, we have allocated one club per child.

Spaces are still available in:

Netball - Years 4/5/6 - Monday

Multisports - Years 2/3/4 - Thursday

If you are interested in either of these clubs please email: office.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk

Watering the flowers

Reception & Year 1

Last term, children in Reception and Year 1 were asked to help with watering the flowers in the playground. They are still blooming and you will see that the sunflowers that Year 1 planted have grown too. Please can you help with watering by emptying any water bottles into the pots as you walk past at home time.

Gardening Volunteer

Whole School

Park Avenue Base is looking for a volunteer to keep our garden area well looked after this academic year. This would be for a few hours here and there, during the school day, and in term time. If you would be interested in this, please contact the school office via email with your details.

Parking

Whole School

Please could we remind everyone to be considerate to our surrounding residents when parking your cars at drop off and pick up time. We continue to receive complaints about cars being parked across driveways.

Outside Achievements

Whole School

Over the summer, Samuel (1BR) received his marathon wristband for completing 22 junior park runs and Harry (5G) received his ultra-marathon wristband for completing 50 junior park runs! Well done both!



Riverbridge PTA is our school's fundraising community. Everyone's welcome to get involved!

Welcome Back Party tickets on sale from this Sunday

Our popular annual Welcome Back Party returns on Saturday 11 October, from 5pm to 7.30pm. Join us to kick start the school year with games, toys stalls, a barbecue and bar, all rounded off with a fantastic fireworks display!

Tickets are £6.50 per person for everyone over 3 years old. You can buy yours from 6pm on Sunday 14 September at www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge

Please remember space is limited, so make sure you book your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

Do you have old school uniforms?

Did you know that if you have school uniform that your child has outgrown, you can bring it down to the school reception (preferably washed and nicely folded) and it can be reused by other children as pre-loved uniform?

For other unwanted clothes in good condition, the PTA also has a clothes recycling bin in the PAB car park. It's supplied by Little Recyclers, a cost-free clothes recycling programme designed to reduce the amount of clothes that end up in landfill.

Using the clothes recycling bin is a great way to raise funds for the school all year round - because Riverbridge PTA receives 40p for every kilogram donated.

Come to the PTA AGM - Monday 15 September

If you're a Riverbridge parent or carer, you're automatically a member of the PTA - and you can have your say on what we do.

We rely on parent volunteers to make PTA activity happen and we always welcome new people who want to get involved to provide particular skills, help organise things, or just lend a hand.

We can only run events like our recent Summer Fair and school discos when we have enough volunteers to make them happen.

So why not come along to our **AGM on 15 Monday 15 September at 6.30pm at Park Avenue Base?** You'll be able to find out more about what we're doing and see how you can get involved. We'll also be voting in our new committee and starting to plan for the new school year.

It's a great way to meet other parents and do something positive to support the school.

Stay connected with Riverbridge PTA

Follow Riverbridge PTA on Facebook at www.facebook.com/groups/RiverbridgePrimarySchoolPTA or get in touch by email at pta.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk

Gold Leaves

Whole School

Well done to those children below who have started the school year in such a positive way.

It is great to see the efforts being made.

I will also say 'well done' to all those children that have stayed on green or above over the course of the first full week. Keep up the super efforts!

Junior H	Psalm F	Theodore G
Amelie B	Jessie M	Tyler K
Evie H	Annelise W	Aria R
Qamar S	Sriyan R	Poppy V
Elsie B	Wahida Z	Joshua R
Roman S	Georgia L	Laila S
Dexter S	Sasha S	Darsh J

Rainbow Awards

Nursery

I look forward to sharing the names of children who have 'been their best' in Hedgehogs and Rabbits in next week's Riverbridge Review.

Semi A-O

Lexi H

House Competition

Whole School

Next week will see the first competition of the academic year.

The points below will change following this.



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8 Great Ways to Being Our Best

Whole School

This year's assemblies will focus on people who have demonstrated any of the school's 8 Great Ways to Being Our Best.

We will find out about their life, how they overcame obstacles and how they demonstrated determination to succeed.

Arunima Sinha
Mountaineer

Active **Ambitious** **Explorer**



On Monday, we all found out about a mountaineer from India.

Arunima Sinha was an active child and continued to play a range of sports into adulthood. She was ambitious and worked hard – aiming to become a lawyer.

On a train trip, she was robbed and eventually pushed from the moving train. She had serious injuries but got to safety. In hospital she woke up to discover that the lower part of her leg had been amputated.

She could have focused on this negative but instead chose to set herself a series of challenges, including climbing Mount Everest.

In 2013, she succeeded and became the first female amputee to reach the highest point on Earth.

Her story was a great opportunity to think about being ambitious and setting yourself a target:

“Set your goals high and don’t stop until you reach there.”

I hope that you all have a positive and restful weekend.

Paul Grimwood
Headteacher

Dates for the diary...

Weds 23rd July – Mon 1st Sept 2025

Summer Holidays

Autumn Term 2025

Mon 15th September

Yr 4 Swimming lessons start for **4K** only

Fri 19th September

Flu Vaccinations

Fri 26th September

Flu Vaccinations

Mon 29th September

Reception 2026 Open Afternoon for prospective parents

Tues 30th September

Reception 2026 Open Morning for prospective parents

Mon 6th October

Reception 2026 Open Afternoon for prospective parents

Tues 7th October

Reception 2026 Open Morning for prospective parents

Mon 13th October

Reception 2026 Open Afternoon for prospective parents

Tues 14th October

Reception 2026 Open Morning for prospective parents

Tues 21st October

Parent Consultations

Weds 22nd October

Parent Consultations

Thurs 23rd October

Parent Consultations

Fri 24th October

Inset day 3

Mon 27th – Friday 31st Oct 2025

Autumn Half Term

Mon 3rd November

Children return to school

Mon 10 th November	Reception Open Afternoon
Tues 11 th November	Individual Photos
Weds 12 th November	Individual Photos
Weds 17 th December	Reception PTA Party
Fri 19 th December	End of term for children: 1.20pm KGB, 1.30pm PAB, 1.40pm Nursery
Fri 19 th December	No After School Club

Mon 22nd Dec – 2nd Jan 2026

Christmas Holidays

Mon 5 th January	Children return to school
Mon 12 th January	Reception Open Afternoon
Mon 12 th January	Yr 4 Swimming lessons start for 4GT only
Tues 13 th January	Reception Open Morning

Spring Term 2026

Mon 16th – 20th Feb 2026

Spring Half Term

Tues 10 th February	Parent consultations
Weds 11 th February	Parent consultations
Thurs 12 th February	Parent consultations
Mon 23 rd February	Children return to school
Weds 25 th February	Year 4 Residential Trip – more details to follow
Thurs 26 th February	Year 4 Residential Trip – more details to follow
Fri 27 th February	Year 4 Residential Trip – more details to follow
Fri 27 th February	End of term for children: 1.20pm KGB, 1.30pm PAB, 1.40pm Nursery
Thurs 5 th March	World Book Day
Fri 27 th March	No After School Club

Mon 30th March – 10th April 2026

Easter Holidays

Summer Term 2026

Mon 13 th April	Children return to school
Mon 4 th May	Spring Bank Holiday
Mon 11 th May	Yr 4 Swimming lessons start for 4P only

Mon 25th – 29th May 2026

Summer Half Term

Mon 1 st June	Children return to school
Weds 8 th July	Year 6 Production
Mon 13 th July	Open Classroom/Reception Drop In
Thurs 16 th July	Year 6 Party
Fri 17 th July	End of term for children: 1.20pm KGB, 1.30pm PAB, 1.40pm

Fri 17th July

Mon 20th July

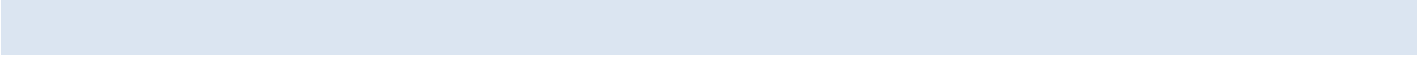
Tues 21st July

Nursery

No After School Club

Inset day 4

Inset day 5



Riverbridge Primary School



The Headteacher and staff would like to invite prospective parents (Reception 2026 intake) to come and view the school.

Riverbridge Primary School is proud to serve the local community and we would like to share all that is good about the school with you. Come and see our exceptional learning environments and our spacious school grounds.

Book your slot via the QR Code below
We very much look forward to seeing you!



Mon 29th Sept 1.30pm
Tues 30th Sept 9.30am
Mon 6th Oct 1.30pm
Tues 7th Oct 9.30am
Mon 13th Oct 1.30pm
Tues 14th Oct 9.30am
Mon 10th Nov 1.30pm
Mon 17th Nov 1.30pm
Tues 18th Nov 9.30am
Mon 12th Jan 1.30pm
Tues 13th Jan 9.30am

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Thursday 9th October 2025

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WEDNESDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER (5.30-8.30PM)

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Our Headteacher, Mr Lee, will give a presentation at 6:00pm and 7:00pm, which will be followed by the opportunity for a guided tour from one of our students.

SCHOOL TOURS (8:50AM ARRIVAL)

Mondays 22nd & 29th September 2025

Mondays 6th, 13th & 20th October 2025

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