



RIVERBRIDGE REVIEW

Autumn Term

Week 4

26th September 2025

There was a lot of excitement on Tuesday this week as the school council elections took place from Year 1 to Year 6. Over the course of the week, the assembly themes have been 'making the school community a better place' and those children that have stood for election have certainly had this as their aim. They can be proud of themselves for standing up and wanting to make a difference to the school.

There can, of course, only be one winner – these are shared below. Each class also has a deputy – should they need to stand in – I have also shared these children's names too. Very well done to them all!

Class	Councillor	Deputy	Class	Councillor	Deputy
1BR	Jessica T	Samuel V	4P	Maahi K	Lennon M
1D	Sia B	Finley-James S	4K	Harshvardhan Y	Luca J
1C	Emma B	Amelie B	4GT	Ishani S	Kayhan A
2H	Mia B	Henry G	5I	Ava F	Molly G
2J	Fern W	Sofia S	5W	Erin D	Pranathi VV
2P	Isobel S	Mrittika M	5G	Romy K	Harry V
3L	Lizzie D	Alex V	6C	Dexter S	Sienna F
3HT	Aya HJ	Ayla G	6S	Thomas D	Gracie B
3T	Sofia Q	Yunus A	6W	Ismael SH	Frank G



Voting for the Riverbridge School Council took place this week



Being a 'Connector' is one of the 8 great ways of being our best



A big thank you for all of your donations to our MacMillan coffee morning!

Last week I failed to add a couple of important pieces of information to the Review. One was to share these Year 6 children that have been given extra roles and responsibilities. These were shared in last Friday's assemblies and the children have already made a positive impression and are being very enthusiastic in their new role. Well done to them too:

Head Prefects	Annabelle V	Tom CS	Deputy Head Prefects	Sienna F	Laila S
Prefects	Ahaan P	Harry S	Frank G	Jonas V	Mary T
	Fawz A	Nefeli G	Hannah T	Grace C	
AIR HOUSE	Sports Captains	Leo	Sports Leaders	Joseph W	Darsh J
FIRE HOUSE		Ishmael SH		Prayagh VM	Yusef A
WATER HOUSE		Jack J		Lexy A	Gracie B
Wellbeing Ambassadors	Zeenia D		Abi N	Temi A	
	Nesia P		Isla S	Amelie P	
Reading Councillors	Roland A		Evie R	Matilda P	Ronnie S
	Veronika K		Willow S	Dexter S	

Last week, I also neglected to mention a member of staff who left Riverbridge. Mrs King had been a dedicated and hard-working member of our support staff – working alongside side children across the Park Avenue Base. We wish her all the best for the future. This week, Mrs Perfect has moved on from the school office for a new and exciting adventure. Again – we thank her for her commitment to the school. We have been successful in recruiting to fill various positions and we will be able to share more details around this in a future Review.

Finally, you will recall me mentioning a meeting that I had with the headteacher of Our Lady of the Rosary last week. We have written a letter that we both agreed to share with our parents and carers and also the local residents. I am including this letter to today's Review so that you are all aware of its contents. Should you have any comments to make or suggestions to offer, please do make contact with the school office. Thank you in advance.

Lip balms

Whole School

We understand the weather is changing and some children are suffering with chapped lips etc. We are happy for children to have plain lip balm (not glittery, tinted etc) in school, to be held in the office and can be reapplied at break times. The medical form does apply for this, and would need to be completed – please find the link to this below:

<https://www.riverbridgeprimary.co.uk/form/?pid=111&form=20>

Elections

Years 1-6



The election process for the Riverbridge School Council (Years 1-6) took place on Tuesday this week. Each child had the opportunity to vote for their class representative in the hall using a ballot paper. This is organised to give children a more realistic experience of voting. We hope that this will teach them more about the importance of democracy and help prepare them for voting as an adult. The results were shared in today's celebration assembly. If you have any questions about the school council, please contact Miss Hall through the school office.



Scopay

Whole School

All families will need a scopay account for each child at Riverbridge, to book parent consultation meetings, order/pay for school lunches, as well as pay for trips/clubs. Scopay is also where wraparound care can be booked in advance. We understand there are a few families yet to create an account, and registration letters have been sent out to all those yet to sign up. If you have any queries please contact the school office via email.

Literacy

Reception



Reception classes have been following the story of 'Owl Babies' by Martin Waddell and Patrick Benson this week. This morning, mummy owl went missing from the hollow in the tree! The three baby owls are wondering where she has gone! It looks like mummy owl has left a trail...



Headlice

Whole School

Please see the link below to the NHS advise regarding headlice. Please can we remind everyone that children with hair longer than shoulder length should be tied up to prevent headlice. On Mondays, headlice combs can be brought along with the pre loved uniform should you need them.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Outside Achievements

Whole School

Cassie in 1C performed her first ballet exam before the summer and has passed. Well done Cassie.

Lucas, Jim & Jesse (1D) all got invested tonight into Beavers. They start the next stage of their Scouting journey together!



PTA
FRIENDS OF RIVERBRIDGE

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

Welcome Back Party tickets now on sale!

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, hot dogs 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 now at www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge

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

Can you volunteer to help at the Welcome Back Party?

We can only run the PTA with the support of the whole school community, and we rely on volunteers to make our events a success.

We're looking for volunteers to help out at the Welcome Back Party on Saturday 11 October with setting up, running stalls and clearing up after the event.

You will need to be a ticketholder to volunteer - you can sign up to a range of volunteer roles in 30 minute slots at www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge

We are also looking for brilliant bakers to provide delicious cakes to sell at the Welcome Back Party. Please no nuts! If you can provide cakes, please drop them into school on Friday 10 October.

Thank you for your support!

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

The children who have reached gold this week can be proud of what they have achieved. I am sure that they will want to carry on with the positive choices being made for the rest of the half term. Well done everyone!

Jamie R	Leo Y	Aadhira C
Luke D	Connor J	Theo G
James S	Leo J	Aarohi C
Medha I	Ivan B	Kenzie R
Sebastian C	Jed K	Cleo C
Imogen G	Zaynab Z	Charlotte L
Toby P	Jimmie R	Frey A
Alex V	Vinisha H S	Ella P
Kiyara S	Blythe F	Yusuf R
Martha C	Mimi M	Mila B
Emil C	Eeshan P	Lara M
Callista L	Molly G	Amelie K
Frankie L	Temi A	Harry S
	Hussain H	

Rainbow Awards

Nursery

Well done to the children in both Hedgehogs and Rabbits who have reached the rainbow this week. Keep it up!

Isla B

Shane S

Jayden A

Antonio C

House Competition

Whole School

The results from last weeks 'Welcoming Others Well' Award were shared in the assembly on Monday. Fire House have started this year as they finished off last – with a victory. They secured 72 points, followed by Air House with 68 points. In third was Water House – securing 60 points. The updated scores are below:



**15
Points**



**20
Points**



**10
Points**

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.

Ellie Simmonds
Swimmer

Active Ambitious Independent



During Monday's assemblies, we found out about Paralympic swimmer Ellie Simmonds.

At the age of 13, she became a double Paralympic champion at the 2008 games in Beijing. Ellie had worked hard but winning was a shock to her and she soon became a household name.

We talked about the commitment that all sporting champions have to make. Ellie's journey to the gold medal was harder than most. As a child, she had been diagnosed with a condition called achondroplasia which affected her bones. Ellie had never let her size hold her back.

Since retiring she has taken part in a documentary and also took to the dance floor as a celebrity on Strictly Come Dancing.

Her words of encouragement were useful for all the children to hear:

“You can achieve anything as long as you have: the passion, the drive, the focus and the support.”

Have a great weekend.

Paul Grimwood

Headteacher

Dates for the diary...

Weds 23rd July – Mon 1st Sept 2025

Summer Holidays

Autumn Term 2025

Mon 29th September

Tues 30th September

Mon 6th October

Mon 6th October

Tues 7th October

Sat 11th October

Mon 13th October

Tues 14th October

Tues 21st October

Weds 22nd October

Thurs 23rd October

Fri 24th October

Reception 2026 Open Afternoon for prospective parents

Reception 2026 Open Morning for prospective parents

Harvest Festival Week – donations accepted between 6th – 10th Oct

Reception 2026 Open Afternoon for prospective parents

Reception 2026 Open Morning for prospective parents

PTA Welcome Back Party

Reception 2026 Open Afternoon for prospective parents

Reception 2026 Open Morning for prospective parents

Parent Consultations

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Inset day 3

Mon 27th – Friday 31st Oct 2025

Autumn Half Term

Mon 3 rd November	Children return to school
Mon 10 th November	Reception Open Afternoon
Tues 11 th November	Individual Photos
Weds 12 th November	Individual Photos
Sunday 30 th November	PTA Panto - Aladdin
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 16th July

Year 6 Party

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





24th September 2025

Dear Residents,

We are writing to you jointly as the Headteachers of Our Lady of the Rosary and Riverbridge regarding concerns that have been raised about parking on Park Avenue. We understand and share your frustration with the inconvenience caused by inconsiderate parking during school drop-off and pick-up times.

Both of our schools take this matter very seriously and are committed to ensuring the safety of children, parents, and residents, as well as maintaining good relations with our local community. We would like to outline the measures we have already put in place over the years to help mitigate these issues:

- **Additional Clubs and Extended Activities:** We have introduced before- and after-school clubs, as well as extended wrap-around care, to allow parents greater flexibility with drop-off and pick-up times, reducing congestion at peak hours.
- **Active Parental Engagement:** We regularly communicate with parents about the importance of considerate parking, including newsletters, emails, and notices highlighting safe and legal parking options.
- **Targeting Repeat Offenders:** Our staff monitor the area during busy periods and directly address parents who repeatedly park inconsiderately. This includes reminders and discussions about alternative arrangements.
- **Drop-off and Pick-up Guidance:** We have implemented guidance for parents to improve traffic flow and reduce parking pressure.
- **Collaboration with Local Authorities:** We work closely with the local council and traffic enforcement teams to explore solutions such as yellow lines, signage, and crossing patrols to improve safety.
- **Promoting Active Travel:** We encourage walking, cycling, and carpooling through initiatives like walking buses, feet first and cycle training, reducing the number of cars around the school at peak times.
- **Staggered Timings:** Both schools have staggered timings to limit congestion.
- **Meeting with local residents:** We have reached out to residents on Park Avenue to ensure that we hear the views of the local community.

We recognise that despite these measures, challenges remain, and we are committed to continuing our efforts. This will remain a priority for both schools though currently we cannot identify any additional measures that we can undertake to further alleviate the problem.

Please feel free to contact either of us if you have suggestions or concerns that you believe could further improve the situation. We are committed to working together to create a safer, more considerate environment for everyone.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. P.Grimwood
Headteacher, Riverbridge

Ms P.McNicholas
Headteacher, Our Lady of the Rosary

Harvest Festival:

This year Riverbridge will be celebrating our Harvest Festival on the week of the 6th October. Children will be reminded of the importance of gratitude and being generous in the assemblies throughout the week and learning a harvest song to help reinforce this in an engaging way.

In class, we will be encouraging children to reflect on what they are grateful for and writing these onto Autumn leaves that will be used to create 'gratitude trees' around the school. Pictures of these will be posted in the newsletter the following week.

In addition to this, we will be holding a food collection for Manna Food Bank. If you have any tinned and non-perishable items that you wish to donate, please send these to school from **Monday 6th October – Friday 10th October**. A list of their shortage items will be attached to this newsletter. Any and all donations are much appreciated.



19th September 2025

Tinned Cold Meat especially SPAM and small tins of Ham

Tinned Carrots

Rice - loose packs in 500gm size

Tinned Rice Pudding

Tinned Custard & Sachets

Cup a Soup

Boxes of Porridge Sachets - we are very short

Tinned Fruit - pineapple, peaches, mandarins, pears

Crackers

Tinned Spaghetti in Tomato Sauce

Choclate Spread

Long-Life Cartons of Fruit Juice - full size - we are very short

Bachelors Pasta n Sauce Pouches or similar

Kitchen Roll

Men's 2in1 Shampoo/Shower Gel

Deodorant for both men and women

Washing up Liquid

Shampoo

Shaving Foam/Gel

Please note we do not give out baby milk/formula or any foodstuffs past their Best Before Date.

We can only accept non-perishable, in date food - please nothing frozen/fresh/perishable/out of date.



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**ALL family & friends welcome.
Come to enjoy fun, games, food & drink!**



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**SATURDAY 11TH OCTOBER
1700–1930**

PLEASE NOTE ALL ATTENDEES AND VOLUNTEERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO BUY A TICKET TO THIS EVENT

AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE ON THE NIGHT:

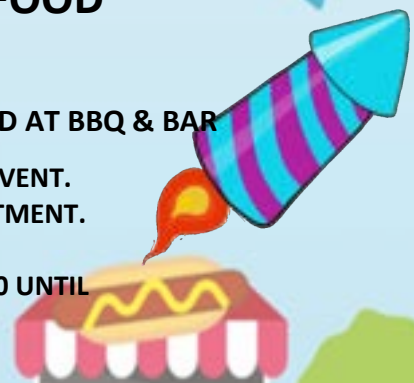
**HOT DOGS, BAR & INDIAN STREET FOOD
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PURCHASES AT STALLS VIA CASH ONLY. CREDIT CARD ACCEPTED AT BBQ & BAR

PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A POPULAR & LIMITED TICKET EVENT. YOU ARE ADVISED TO BUY NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT.

TICKETS ON SALE FROM SUNDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 1800 UNTIL THURSDAY 9TH OCTOBER 1800, UNLESS THE EVENT SELLS OUT PRIOR.

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