



# RIVERBRIDGE REVIEW

Autumn Term

Week 5

3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025

The new leisure centre in Staines has proved a popular addition to the local community. The updated facilities and different activities are talked about a lot by the children. Within the architecture world, the building has also received praise. The building is expected to use between 60 and 70 per cent less energy than a typical leisure centre and is part of the council's aim to become carbon neutral. On Tuesday some of our children represented the school at a special event to champion the building. Present at this was the Duke of Gloucester who was an architect in his younger years. The year 6 children were excited to catch a glimpse of a member of the royal family and they showed off the values of Riverbridge with pride.

We were not allowed to take our own pictures of the event – royal protocol! – but there is an official one below!



Our boys' football team did a great job playing in the 5-side tournament last week. They look forward to starting the league this term!



The Duke of Gloucester at Eclipse Leisure Centre



Our girls' football team enjoyed the 5-side tournament yesterday, lots of goals scored and only one game lost, well done girls!

On Wednesday, I attended an event at Walton Oak. This brought together the governors and leaders from all the schools within the Lumen Learning trust. Jo Roberts, a parent at Riverbridge and also the Chair of Trustees talked alongside Mary Ellen McCarthy and Sarah Kober. They revisited the aims and ethos of the trust and the important role that the governors play in supporting all the schools. It was great to be present and to hear the difference that education can play in children's lives and the role LLT schools have here.

Jo Roberts is also an ambassador for park runs and is championing the junior version of these. I know there are a few children that have completed one of the 2km runs but if your child is interested in taking part – see the links to the three most local runs below:

<https://www.parkrun.org.uk/laleham-juniors/> <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/laleham-juniors/>  
<https://www.parkrun.org.uk/hanworth-juniors/>

Yesterday was the final day at Riverbridge for Mrs King who has worked in Reception (and Wraparound Care) for a number of years. We wish her all the best for her next adventures – closer to home.

## Flu Vaccinations

Reception – Year 6

There will be an opportunity for your child to have their flu immunisation on 18th November - A letter from the school nurses with full details on how to give consent can be found in the link below. The portal closes at 9am on 17th November; no consent will be accepted after this time. Please note that the immunisation is managed and administered by the school nurses so please direct any questions to them using the contact details in the letter.

[Flu Immunisation mop up session 18th November](#)

## Parent Consultations

Whole School

On the 21st-23rd October we will be holding Parent Consultation meetings for all parents from Nursery through to Year 6.

These are an important opportunity for you to meet with your class teacher to find out about how your child has settled in and to find out about their learning.

These appointments are available to book via your Scopay account and bookings will go live from 6pm tonight (Friday 3rd October). If your child is on the SEND register you will be able to book an appointment with Miss Code, our Inclusion Lead, via your Scopay account if required.

The deadline for booking your appointment is 9am on Monday 13th October when the booking system will close.

Information on how to book your appointment via scopay is attached to the newsletter.

## Pastoral Team coffee morning

Nursery & Reception

Please come and join us at KGB on Wednesday 8th of October anytime between 8.45am and 10am for a coffee and chat to meet with the pastoral team and get to know the parents of your children's new friends. It will be so lovely to meet you all having welcomed your children to school a few weeks ago.

Jane Hughes and Lyn Lenton-Clark  
Home School Link-Workers



## PE

Reception



In PE, Reception children have been learning to make shapes like pencil, star and a tiny ball with their body. They have also explored different ways to use their body to create bridges.



## Year 4 Residential Meeting – PAB hall

Year 4

A reminder that there is a meeting being held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm for the parents/carers of the children interested in attending the year 4 residential trip. There will be a presentation explaining all the details, and this will be shared afterwards to anyone that is unable to attend the meeting.

## Santa Fun Run

Whole School



The Santa Fun Run arranged by Staines Rotary Club will be taking place on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, starting at 10am and finishing just in time for the Christmas Parade. Please see the link below for further information and details of how to sign up for the festivities.

<https://rotary-ribi.org/clubs/page.php?PgID=602859&ClubID=889>



## Outside Achievement

Year 4

Martha (4P) was amongst 15 Brownies chosen to take part in football training and filming for McDonalds Fun Football.

McDonalds are collaborating with Girlguiding to promote sport for girls with a focus on football.

Martha got to train with girls from all over Surrey and London as well as 2 Lionesses! She displayed great listening skills and lots of patience as it was a long afternoon. But it paid off because she got a speaking part in the advert! Well done Martha.

Free football sessions are available to girls and boys. Search for your nearest Fun Football centre at [www.mcdonaldsfunfootball.co.uk](http://www.mcdonaldsfunfootball.co.uk)



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

### **Volunteers urgently needed for Welcome Back Party**

Our Welcome Back Party on Saturday 11 October will be a fantastic evening including an amazing fireworks display, a DJ, hotdogs and samosas, as well as a bar and stalls selling cakes, sweets and toys.

We will have fun games for the children and will also be bringing back the Photo Booth, which was a big hit last year!

We can only run PTA events with the support of the whole school community, and we are in real need of more volunteers to make this event a success.

We're looking for people to help with setting up, running stalls and clearing up after the event. We're in particular need of extra people to help with stalls in the later part of the event.

You can sign up to a range of volunteer roles in 30 minute slots at [www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge). You'll need to be a ticketholder.

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 - it really makes a difference!

### **Christmas card designs coming home next week**

Over the past few weeks, the children have been producing their own Christmas card designs. Next week, those designs will be coming home in book bags along with details of how you can order them as Christmas cards or other festive merchandise to send to friends and family. The deadline to order with free delivery to the school will be Friday 24 October.

### **Stay connected with Riverbridge PTA**

Follow Riverbridge PTA on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/groups/RiverbridgePrimarySchoolPTA](http://www.facebook.com/groups/RiverbridgePrimarySchoolPTA)

or get in touch by email at [pta.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk](mailto:pta.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk)

### **Gold Leaves**

### **Whole School**

Once again, there have been a steady stream of children sharing gold leaves this week. The children below should feel really positively about the efforts they have made. I say 'well done' to them all!

Thanvikka N

Sienna E

Frankie K

Iris B

Emily O

Teddy M

Victoria K

Ishaay Vrin

Raga M

Isla V

Angel T

Oakley M

Willow K

Andre G-S

Leo J

Lucas L	Preston O'F	Chris S
Sofia E	Ivy-Mae M	Tyler K
Henry G	Colbi W-K	Chloe W
Adam O	Sofia S	Juno C
Lucas-James L	Zara W	George F
Jesse C	Jaiden M	Dexter P
Marli M	Jackson A	Martha C
Amelia B	Adam B	Oliver T-S
Sabrina H	Molly R-W	Cara O
Cinar G	Bianca D-G	Harshitha S-D
Bertie L	Belinda S-P	Charlotte D
Ahmad R	Isla S	Esme F

### Rainbow Awards

### Nursery

Well done to everyone in the nursery who has reached the rainbow this week. Keep it up!

Finley B

Ziyah M

Cash H

Jewel S

### House Competition

### Whole School

There will be another challenge taking place next week.  
Whist we await this – the scores below remain the same:



**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.

**Gustav Kirchhoff  
Scientist**

**Ambitious Explorer Thinker**



In this week's assemblies, we talked about a scientist who lived in the 1800s – Gustav Kirchhoff.

Gustav was born in Germany and as a child was fascinated by how things work – especially electricity. As an adult, he became a physicist and discovered how electricity flows through wires.

His work also included important discoveries around light and heat. Even though he lived over 150 years ago, his ideas are still used in classrooms, laboratories and workplaces all around the world.

His curiosity and love of science has had a lasting impact but he had to show lots of resilience and determination along the way.

He had to endure countless failures before he made his discoveries. He said the following which is useful advice for us all:

*“The only real mistake is the one from which we learn nothing.”*

I hope you all have a pleasant weekend.

**Paul Grimwood**

**Headteacher**

### Dates for the diary...

**Weds 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2025**

### Summer Holidays

### Autumn Term 2025

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> October

Harvest Festival Week – donations accepted between 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Oct

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> October

Reception 2026 Open Afternoon for prospective parents

Tues 7<sup>th</sup> October

Reception 2026 Open Morning for prospective parents

Weds 8<sup>th</sup> October

**Year 4 residential trip meeting at 6pm**

Sat 11<sup>th</sup> October

PTA Welcome Back Party

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> October

Reception 2026 Open Afternoon for prospective parents

Tues 14<sup>th</sup> October

Reception 2026 Open Morning for prospective parents

Tues 21<sup>st</sup> October

Parent Consultations

Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> October

Parent Consultations

Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> October

Parent Consultations

Fri 24<sup>th</sup> October

Inset day 3

**Mon 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 2025**

### Autumn Half Term

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Children return to school

Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Reception Open Afternoon
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual Photos
Weds 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual Photos
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA Panto - Aladdin
Weds 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception PTA Party
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> December	End of term for children: 1.20pm KGB, 1.30pm PAB, 1.40pm Nursery
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> December	No After School Club

**Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec – 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2026**

**Christmas Holidays**

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

**Spring Term 2026**

**Mon 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026**

**Spring Half Term**

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

**Mon 30<sup>th</sup> March – 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

**Easter Holidays**

**Summer Term 2026**

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

**Mon 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

**Summer Half Term**

Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Children return to school
Weds 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Production
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Open Classroom/Reception Drop In
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Party

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> July

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

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> July

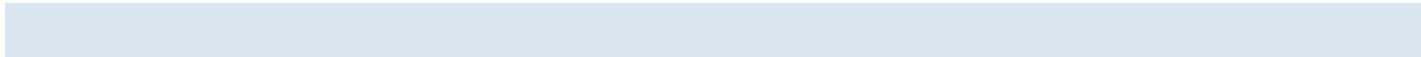
No After School Club

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> July

Inset day 4

Tues 21<sup>st</sup> July

Inset day 5





# GUIDE FOR PARENTS

## BOOKING PARENTS' EVENING APPOINTMENTS ON SCOPAY

This Guide provides help with the following

- Make a Booking
- View a Booking
- Change a Booking
- Cancel a Booking
- Print a Meeting Schedule

### Other Guides for Parents

*All parents:*

How to **Manage your SCOPAY Account**

How to **Make Payments** on SCOPAY

How to Set up **Alerts** (for low balances, new trips and products, Parents' Evening Meetings)

*Parents should check with their school to see which of the following options are available to you:*

How to **Order Dinners** Online

How to **Book Clubs** Online

How to **Save Card Details / Recurring Payments**



You might see slight variations to the SCOPAY layout depending on the type and size of screen display you are using.

# HOW TO LOGIN TO PARENTS' EVENING

## Step 1

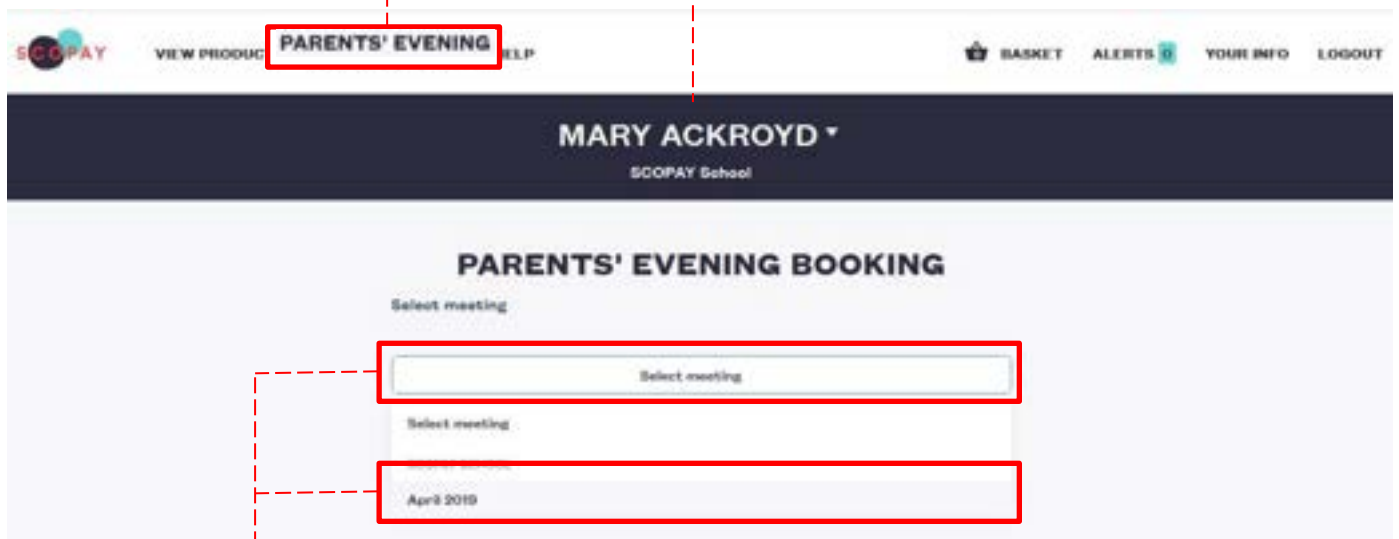
Download the SCOPAY app or go to the [www.scopay.com](http://www.scopay.com) website and login with your email address and password



## Step 2

Select the child you wish to make a booking for

**Step 3**  
Tap on  
**PARENTS' EVENING**



**Step 4**  
Tap **Select meeting**  
and tap the required meeting

ⓘ If no meetings are listed, then there are no current meetings for which appointments need to be made.

# HOW TO MAKE A BOOKING

The options for your child(ren) will be displayed.

① If you are using a mobile device, to display any other children, swipe across the screen, or rotate to landscape

The teachers available for you to book a meeting with are displayed here

Pupil:	Marc Ackroyd	Marc Ackroyd	Mary Ackroyd	Mary Ackroyd
Teacher:	Miss Chimbani	Mr Hunt	Miss Covington	Mr Hunt
Subject:		Class Teacher		Class Teacher
Room:		Main Hall		Main Hall
TUE, APR 30				
16:00 - 16:05	BOOK	BOOK	BOOK	BOOK
16:05 - 16:10	BOOK	BOOK	BOOK	BOOK
16:10 - 16:15	BOOK	UNAVAILABLE	BOOK	UNAVAILABLE
16:15 - 16:20	BOOK	BOOK	BOOK	BOOK

**Step 1**  
Tap the required slot

The slots available for you to book are displayed here

① If you need to make appointments for more than one child at the same meeting, both children will be listed.  
If you are using a mobile device, to display any other children, swipe across the screen, or rotate to landscape

**Step 2**  
Add a note for the teacher (optional)

**CONFIRM BOOKING?**

Appointment to see Miss Chimbani regarding Marc Ackroyd at 16:00 - 16:05

Add a note for the teacher

YES NO

**Step 3**  
Tap YES

**Step 4**  
Tap OK to confirm the booking

**Booking successful.**

OK

## HOW TO VIEW A BOOKING

Repeat the steps to login. Select **PARENTS' EVENING** and select the meeting. Any current bookings will be displayed.

	Pupil: Marc Ackroyd	Marc Ackroyd	Mary Ackroyd	Mary Ackroyd
Teacher:	Miss Chimbani	Mr Hunt	Miss Covington	Mr Hunt
Subject:		Class Teacher		Class Teacher
Room:		Main Hall		Main Hall
	Add/edit note for the teacher			
TUE, APR 30				
16:00 - 16:05	<span style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px 10px;">CANCEL BOOKING</span>	<span style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 2px 10px;">BOOK</span>	<span style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 2px 10px;">BOOK</span>	<span style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 2px 10px;">BOOK</span>
16:05 - 16:10	<span style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 2px 10px;">MOVE HERE</span>	<span style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 2px 10px;">BOOK</span>	<span style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 2px 10px;">BOOK</span>	<span style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 2px 10px;">BOOK</span>
16:10 - 16:15	<span style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 2px 10px;">MOVE HERE</span>	<span style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 2px 10px; color: red;">UNAVAILABLE</span>	<span style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 2px 10px;">BOOK</span>	<span style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 2px 10px; color: red;">UNAVAILABLE</span>
16:15 - 16:20	<span style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 2px 10px;">MOVE HERE</span>	<span style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 2px 10px;">BOOK</span>	<span style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 2px 10px;">BOOK</span>	<span style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 2px 10px;">BOOK</span>

**The current booking(s) display here**

# HOW TO CHANGE A BOOKING

Repeat the steps to login. Select **PARENTS' EVENING** and select the meeting.

Pupil:	Marc Aekroyd	Marc Aekroyd	Mary Aekroyd
Teacher:	Miss Chimbani	Mr Hunt	Miss Covington
Subject:		Class Teacher	
Room:		Main Hall	

Add/edit note for the teacher

**Step 1**  
Tap **MOVE HERE** against the new booking time

TUE, APR 30			
16:00 - 16:05	CANCEL BOOKING	BOOK	MOVE HERE
16:05 - 16:10	MOVE HERE	BOOK	MOVE HERE
16:10 - 16:15	MOVE HERE	UNAVAILABLE	MOVE HERE
16:15 - 16:20	MOVE HERE	BOOK	MOVE HERE

**MOVE BOOKING?**

Please confirm you are moving the following booking

16:00 - 16:05

Replace with:

Appointment to see Miss Chimbani regarding Marc Aekroyd at 16:05 - 16:10

Add a note for the teacher

**Step 2**  
Tap **YES** to move the booking

YES NO

# HOW TO CANCEL A BOOKING

Repeat the steps to login. Select **PARENTS' EVENING** and select the meeting.

Pupil: Marc Aekroyd      Marc Aekroyd      Mary Aekroyd  
Teacher: Miss Chimbani      Mr Hunt      Miss Covington  
Subject:  
Room:

Add/edit note for the teacher

**Step 1**  
Tap on the time you wish to cancel

Time Slot	Teacher 1	Teacher 2	Teacher 3
TUE, APR 30			
16:00 - 16:05	CANCEL BOOKING	BOOK	MOVE HERE
16:05 - 16:10	MOVE HERE	BOOK	MOVE HERE
16:10 - 16:15	MOVE HERE	UNAVAILABLE	MOVE HERE
16:15 - 16:20	MOVE HERE	BOOK	MOVE HERE

**CANCEL BOOKING?**

**Step 2**  
Tap YES to cancel the booking

YES NO

**Booking cancelled.**

**Step 3**  
Tap OK to cancel the booking

OK

# HOW TO VIEW A MEETING SCHEDULE

Repeat the steps to login. Select **PARENTS' EVENING** and select the meeting.

**PARENTS' EVENING BOOKING**

Select meeting

April 2019

Tap **VIEW MY SCHEDULE** to view on screen

Tap **DOWNLOAD MY SCHEDULE** to open a PDF

**MEETING SCHEDULE**

Meetings booked below will be added to your schedule

**VIEW MY SCHEDULE**      **DOWNLOAD MY SCHEDULE**

Parents' evening meeting schedule  
April 2019

Reported at Monday 29 April 2019 17:34

Tuesday 30 April 2019

Time	Pupil	Teacher	Location	Subject	Teacher notes	Parent notes
16:00 - 16:05	Marc Ackroyd	Mr Hunt	Main Hall	Class Teacher		
16:20 - 16:25	Mary Ackroyd	Miss Covington				Please can we discuss recent Maths homework

📌 If you need help with SCOPAY or for further enquiries, please contact the School Office at your child's school.



**PTA**  
FRIENDS OF RIVERBRIDGE



**Preloved uniform  
- can you help?**

Our **volunteer team** needs **more members** to help sort, wash, iron and package uniform to sell and raise funds for the PTA.

We all take **what we can, when we can**, with **no deadline to return**.

Everyone is busy (with their own washing piles!) so it **does not need to be a huge commitment**; even just once a term would be a huge help.

Speak to the office to be included in the Whatsapp group.

**Thank you!**



**PTA**  
FRIENDS OF RIVERBRIDGE

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



SCAN TO BUY TICKET(S)

OR PURCHASE AT:  
[www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge)

# WELCOME BACK PARTY 2025

## INCLUDES:

PROFESSIONAL FIREWORKS DISPLAY  
BY BEST FIREWORKS UK  
ENTERTAINMENT BY DISCOZ.COM



**£6.50**  
**TICKET ENTRY**  
**PER PERSON**  
**(ABOVE AGE 3)**

**SATURDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> 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**  
**TOYS & GAMES STALLS**

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 14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 1800 UNTIL  
THURSDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 1800,  
UNLESS THE EVENT SELLS OUT PRIOR.

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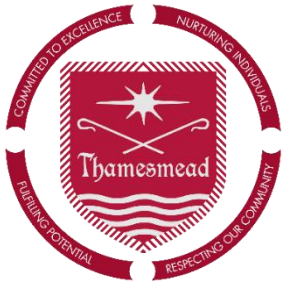
**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**



RiverbridgePrimarySchoolPTA  
[pta.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk](mailto:pta.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk)



SCAN ME



# THAMESMEAD SCHOOL OPEN EVENING

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2025

5.30pm - 8.00pm

Headteacher's talks at 5.30, 6.15, 7.00, 7.45pm



**We warmly invite parents and primary school students to visit our successful school**

You do not need to book to attend but will need a ticket on arrival if you would like to go to the Headteacher's Talk.

More details are on our website.

**Thamesmead School, Manygate Lane, Shepperton, TW17 9EE**

Tel: 01932 219400 Email: [info@thamesmead.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@thamesmead.surrey.sch.uk)

Website: [www.thamesmead.surrey.sch.uk](http://www.thamesmead.surrey.sch.uk)

Morning tours of the school are also bookable via the school office

"My daughter is happy and thriving at Thamesmead. An extremely good school and would highly recommend to other parents" – Year 7 parent.

"We never had any doubt choosing Thamesmead was the right decision. We're proud to be part of the Thamesmead community." – Year 8 parent

"Thamesmead teachers have been outstanding, showing true passion for their role and supporting our children." – Year 10 parent