



RIVERBRIDGE REVIEW

Autumn Term

Week 8

23rd October 2025

It was a colourful start to the week. Many of our families celebrated Diwali and were able to talk about the different ways in which their families mark this important event. Today, I happened to walk past the children in 2P as they were preparing to leave. They were all keen to share what they had learnt about the Jewish religion. It was fascinating to hear their explanations and it was clear they had learned a lot. The teaching of RE is such a powerful tool in helping us all to understand how others live their lives and also to appreciate the similarities and differences between us all.

It has been great to see the positive attendance at this week's parent and carer meetings. There have been some teachers who have met with all their children's adults this week and this will really help with developing the home school partnership. If you have not been able to attend – for whatever reason – please make sure that you contact the office after the half term to arrange an appointment. We need to meet with everyone!

Shared at these meetings, and also attached below, is the link to this year's parent and carer questionnaire. It is really invaluable to hear from you and then for us to take the time to consider any next steps etc. Can I ask that you all complete this at some point before the deadline of Friday 7th November.



Year 3 learning French



Have a lovely half term



Year 4 planting Crocus plants

Today is the last day for children as tomorrow is the third of this year's Inset Days. Miss Code and Miss Heffernan will be talk to the staff about different relational approaches and how to maximise learning opportunities. They will touch upon the Principles of Nurture and there will be more to share about this after half term – watch this space!

This term's Being Our Best Awards were shared today. These are attached to the Review and I would recommend giving this a read! Well done to everyone who received this award!

I hope that you all have a great half term. I look forward to seeing the children again on **Monday 3rd November** refreshed and ready to learn!

Parent Questionnaire

Whole School

Please see below a link and QR code to the annual parent questionnaire. Please could we ask you to take a look and complete this, so we can continue making improvements to our school.

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1eoXU5LjQ4KfVghIP8k3kz3VCwwOahd6Y4uxDy1vWaI>



Children In Need

Whole School

On Friday 14th November for Children In Need, all children are allowed to wear one item of spotty clothing to school. Children in Hedgehogs will have the opportunity to do this the following Monday, 17th November. When we return from half term, we will share how you can make your donation.

Decorations

Reception



Do you have any leftover or pre-loved decorations? Reception would like to use them to enhance the learning environments to reflect the topic's focus of: Diwali, Bonfire Night, Birthdays, Weddings, Christmas and any other festivals or celebrations around the year.

Any donations would be greatly appreciated by children for years to come! Please pass them to the office at either base.

French

Year 3



This half term the children in Year 3 have begun learning basic conversational French. The children have been super excited and have learnt the skills to introduce themselves, ask a friend what their name is and ask each other how they are feeling. The children had so much fun planning their conversations and performing them for each other.



Religious Studies

Year 1

1C celebrated Diwali by carefully using salt dough to beautifully create their very own Diya Lamp!



Girls' Football Try-outs

Year 5 - 6

On Friday 7th November, Mr Bennet will be holding try-outs for the girls football team. This session is open to Year 5 and 6 girls and will be after school, finishing at 4:20pm. You will need to bring a change of clothes or PE kit, football boots and shin pads in order to try out. If you are looking to try out, you must ensure that you are willing to train once a week during lunchtime and go to home and away fixtures after school. If you are unable to attend, there will be a lunchtime try-out on Tuesday 11th November. You will also need a change of clothes, football boots and shin pads in order to take part in this session as well.

If you would like to come to the after-school try-out on **Friday 7th November**, please fill in your name on the attached Google form.

<https://forms.gle/QP8Airf4e2AeijEj7>

Crocus Planting

Year 4



The Rotary Club donated Crocus plants to be planted in awareness of Polio. Year 4 have been planting these outside PAB this week. Excellent work.



Outside Achievements

Year 6

Hannah from 6C represented Staines Swimming Club at the Guildford County Qualifier Swim Meet last weekend, achieving several personal bests. She won a gold medal in the 200m Butterfly for her age group

(11 years old) and, even more impressively, achieved the both 100 fly and 200 fly county qualifying time for the 12-year-old category. She will be competing at the London Aquatics Centre in February 2026. Well done Hannah!



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

Panto tickets on sale from tomorrow!

Tickets for this year's Riverbridge panto 'Aladdin' will be on sale from tomorrow (Friday 24 October at 6pm) from www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge

The panto, presented exclusively for our school community by Shooting Star Entertainment, will be performed at 1.30pm on Sunday 30 November at Matthew Arnold School.

Tickets will be £7.50 each for adults and children, with under-2s free, sitting on parent's laps. Seating will be allocated on a first come first served basis on the day.

As always there will be light refreshments available to buy before the show and during the interval. If you are able to help out as a on the stalls, please volunteer via www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge.

This is always a fun festive show for the whole family - friends and wider family are welcome too but please make sure you buy your tickets before they sell out!

Last chance to order Christmas card designs with free delivery

Don't forget to order your packs of Christmas cards and other merchandise containing your child's design by midnight Friday 24 October.

Instructions on how to order were sent home in book bags with your child's proof card.

The PTA receives a percentage of commission from all orders, which goes towards funding extra resources and experiences for the children, while you and your family get a lovely keepsake and plenty of Christmas card and present ideas!

We hope you enjoy your child's artwork. If you have any questions regarding the order process or have lost your proof card, please email pta.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk

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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

It has been great to see the gold leaves coming to the offices this week. As ever – I always ask the children about the reasons for the leaf and what they have done to make themselves feel proud. This would be a useful question for you all to ask of your children over the half term - I am sure that they will be able to give you lots of reasons.! Well done everyone!

Tritan T	Lilah M	Alex S
Louis S	Ahmed – Sultan G	Brandon SH
Anandhitha S	Emma B	Ayla P
Vladimir P	Jim R	Zoha A

Nihad C	Tiyesh NM	Andrea M
Seth A	Zaynab Z	Blake M
Yug M	Isla G	Mustafa A
Adam B	Poppy K	Nigel C
Nicholas N	Frankie L	Erin D
Bella N	Laylah-Anne M	Isabelle R

Rainbow Awards

Nursery

The children below have finished the half term really well. Good job!

Ollie B

Ruthvik K

Micah NM

House Competition

Whole School

We handed out this half term's Being Our Best Awards in the assemblies today. These have been shared alongside this week's Review.

Having added these together – Air House were the victors – with 19 points. Water House just pipped Fire House for second place (12 points and 11 points respectively).

The updated points are shared below.



50
Points



40
Points



45
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.

William Kamkwamba
Inventor

Ambitious Connector Thinker



This week we were introduced to the inspiring story of William Kamkwamba, a young inventor whose ingenuity and determination changed the lives of his family and community.

At the age of just 14, William, from rural Malawi, built a wind turbine using scrap materials to bring electricity to his home. With no formal education in engineering, he taught himself by reading books in his local library and applying his knowledge to solve a real-world problem: his village's lack of power.

William's story is a powerful reminder of the impact curiosity, resilience, and creative thinking can have, no matter how challenging the circumstances. His achievements not only transformed his community but also inspired countless others around the world.

He said:

“Trust yourself and believe. Whatever happens – don't give up!”

Have a great half term break.

We look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 3rd November – 8.40am.

Paul Grimwood
Headteacher

Dates for the diary...

Autumn Term 2025

Tues 21 st October	Parent Consultations
Weds 22 nd October	Parent Consultations
Thurs 23 rd October	Parent Consultations
Fri 24 th October	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
W/C 8 th December	School Christmas Productions – more details to follow
Weds 17 th December	Nursery & 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 5th March

World Book Day

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 11th May

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

**Mon 25th – 29th May
2026**

Summer Half Term

Mon 1st June

Children return to school

Weds 8th July

Year 6 Production

Mon 13th 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

**Weds 22nd July – Weds
2nd Sept 2026**

Summer Holidays

Autumn Term 2026

Tues 1st Sept

Inset Day 1

Weds 2nd Sept

Inset Day 2

Thurs 3rd Sept

Children return to school

**Mon 19th – Friday 30th
Oct 2026**

Autumn Half Term

Mon 2nd Nov

Children return to school

Fri 18th Dec

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

Fri 18th Dec

No after school club

**Mon 21st Dec – Mon 4th
Jan 2027**

Christmas Holidays

Tues 5th Jan

Inset Day 3

Weds 6th Jan

Children return to school

Spring Term 2027

Mon 15th – 19th Feb 2027

Spring Half Term

Mon 22nd Feb

Children return to school

Thurs 25th March

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

Nursery

Thurs 25th March

No after school club

**Fri 26th March – Fri 9th
April 2027**

Easter Holidays

Summer Term 2027

Mon 12th April

Children return to school

Mon 3rd May

Bank Holiday

**Mon 31st May – Fri 4th
June 2027**

Summer Half Term

Mon 7th June

Children return to school

Tues 20th July

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

Tues 20th July

No after school club

Weds 21st July

Inset day 4

Thurs 22nd July

Inset day 5

Being Our Best Awards – Autumn 1

Hedgehogs

Hallie T

Ambitious

For building on her confidence during handover and the morning routine, this has led to Hallie fully engaging in group learning sessions.

Rabbits

Jayden A

Connector

For bringing his knew learnt knowledge during group learning sessions into his play.

Anna M

Compassionate

For consistently being a good role model her peers can look up to.

Anna is always showing her best.

Eden E

Ambitious

For building on her confidence to share her thoughts and ideas with her friends.

RAN

Thanvikka N

Independent

For transitioning from Nursery to Reception brilliantly, with growing confidence and a smile on her face.

RG

Niyati A

Ambitious

For challenging yourself in all areas of phonics learning. You have been practising writing your name beautifully, learning all of the graphemes and applying them to your blending skills too. You have achieved lots to be proud of.

RHT

Aadya S

Compassionate

For always thinking of others and demonstrating kindness to the children in her class.

Jamie R

Ambitious

For actively taking part in class discussions and asking great questions to extend his understanding of new topics.

Archie E

Active

For further building your confidence by sharing your ideas and knowledge during whole class conversations.

Harry T

Ambitious

For always having a positive attitude towards his learning and we have been impressed by his efforts!

1BR

Zoya S

Thinker

For showing outstanding effort, resilience, and a love of learning. Your determination and positive attitude make you a role model in 1BR!

1C

Connor J

Independent

For becoming more confident to explore and complete new learning tasks across the week, always to the best of his ability.

1D

Belle R

Independent

For showing more confidence when completing any learning task. Belle has been challenging herself to further her own understanding by completing extra questions.

Bonnie C

Connector

For always showing kindness to others, following instructions carefully and putting in your best effort in everything you do. Keep it up!

Cassie B

Ambitious

For her fantastic focus in all areas of learning this half term. Cassie finds new ways of explaining her understanding and challenging herself.

Chris S

Active

Chris has been actively engaging with activities within the classroom. He has been working hard to independently form his letters in phonics.

2H

Esme R

Independent

Esme has impressed us this half term with her independent attitude towards many aspects of school, particularly when working on learning tasks. She

2J

Andrea M

Ambitious

For showing great determination in every subject, using her prior learning to challenge herself. Keep up the brilliant work!

2P

Alfred W

Ambitious

For being enthusiastic to take on a challenge and being keen to make your learning the best it can be.

consistently shows the 8 Great Ways. Well done!

Ivan B Ambitious	Adi R Compassionate	Seth A Independent
Ivan has been ambitious in many areas this half term, both in his learning and in his commitment to making green and above choices. He consistently shows the 8 Great Ways. Well done!	For always sharing creative ideas and bringing positivity and brightness to our classroom. Your enthusiasm and joyful attitude are an inspiration to others.	For making a super start to Year 2. You try hard in everything you do and show an enthusiasm for learning.
3HT Juno C Inclusive	3L Lucas-James L Connector	3T Naksh R Independent
For being kind and helpful towards others and thinking about ways to help other people feel included.	For always showing excellent green listening and actively linking his new learning to his prior understanding.	For becoming more independent with his learning and becoming confident when sharing his own ideas with the class.
Margherita A Ambitious	Nyla-Jean C Inclusive	Ruhaan S Ambitious
For always striving to be her best and showing great determination in everything she does.	For being a kind and helpful member of 3L. She is always willing to help and support both her peers and adults in the class.	For pushing himself in every subject by using prior learning and consistently challenging his learning.
4GT Yasin H Active	4K Aaniya T Ambitious	4P Amelia B Ambitious
For your outstanding contributions to class discussions. You are able to articulate and explain your answers with amazing clarity. Keep it up, Yasin!	For aiming high in your learning in every lesson. You focus quickly and this is helping you to show what you can truly do. Well done!	An excellent start to year 4! You challenge yourself in each lesson. Keep up the hard work!
Jaxon S Compassionate	Ishaan C Active	Yusuf R Independent
For your incredibly caring nature. You are a role model for successful collaboration and your patience and kindness is admirable. Thank you for all you do to help!	For your determination to learn your times tables and then you use this to be a superstar on TTRS! You have also taken an active role in your learning.	For your ability to work independently in class. You have shown great determination and enthusiasm to learn.
5G Poppy H Ambitious	5I Aarohi G Compassionate	5W Carter W Active
What a fantastic start to Year 5, Poppy! You have shown that your ambition to improve knows no limit. Keep up all the hard work!	Aarohi, kindness is an underrated virtue and you have it in abundance. You are always willing to help in class and show great sensitivity towards others. Thank you.	Carter has had an excellent term so far! He actively gives his all, trying his best no matter what he does. He has strong values for his behaviour and his strength for learning is inspirational.
Alonso V Thinker	Olive Y Independent	Jessica Y Compassionate
Alonso, you have demonstrated your deep and quick thinking this half term. No matter the lesson, you deliberate your thoughts carefully before sharing them.	Olive you are an increasingly independent learner who is keen to think in an innovative way despite what others may be doing. I have enjoyed witnessing	Jess is a real delight to have in 5W! She is so kind, caring and polite and she is such a good friend to all. She lights up a room when she smiles and we are all

your ingenuity.

very lucky to have her in 5W.

6C

6S

6W

Temi A

Esme C

Jack D

Ambitious

Ambitious

Active

What an excellent start to Year 6 you have had Temi! Your approach to learning is exemplary. You always seek to know more and will work hard to challenge yourself and others. Keep it up!

What a fantastic start to Year 6 Esme. You always strive to be your best, ask for help when you need it, and show a polite, kind and helpful manner to everyone. You are a delight to have in 6S.

Jack is an active learner who takes his learning beyond the classroom. He's shown great initiative by creating excellent animations in 2Animate on Purple Mash and has supported others in developing their animation skills, showing collaboration and a love of learning.

Hussain H

Harrison S-H

Fawz A

Independent

Independent

Ambitious

You can be very proud of the start to Year 6 that you have had! I have been very impressed with your increased confidence to share your ideas with the class and your excellent attitude towards all learning.

Harrison you have made a wonderful start to Year 6. You are showing great independent working skills, and your positive attitude towards your learning is paying off! Keep it up!

Fawz consistently strives to be the best she can be, setting herself high standards and working hard to achieve them. She listens carefully to feedback and uses it thoughtfully to improve her work.



SHOOTING STAR
ENTERTAINMENTS

Present exclusively
for our Riverbridge School community.

Only
one show

Aladdin

When: 30 Nov

Doors open: 12:30 pm

Start: 13:30 pm

Finish: 15:00 pm



Children under 2 go free, on parents' lap.

Places are limited, so book now before they are sold out



Where: Matthew Arnold School Theatre, Kingston Road, Staines



Light refreshments will be available to purchase
before the show and during the interval. All
stalls are **cash** only.

There are 200 tiered and 50 seats on mats and seats will be allocated on
first come, first served basis. You will be asked to use all available seats.

Under two year olds, will need to be on parents laps.



PTA

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

<http://www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge>

junior parkrun - where everyone is



welcome

junior parkrun is a free, fun, friendly, weekly, community event organised by volunteers of all ages for children aged 4 to 14.

2k junior parkrun events take place on Sunday mornings and are for the whole community to come together to walk, jog, run and volunteer. Join in on the fun at junior parkrun!

Laleham junior parkrun

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Thames Side, Laleham, TW18 1SS

Location: _____

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Arrive for 0850 - prompt start at 0900

Time: _____



junior parkrun



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17:00 - 18:00 / YR 1 - YR 6

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WILDCATS

Day: Tuesday

18:30 - 19:30 / YR 1 - YR 6

OAKEN LANE, KT10 0RQ





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