



RIVERBRIDGE REVIEW

Autumn Term

Week 7

17th October 2025

Last Saturday's Welcome Back Party was another triumph! We were very fortunate to have positive weather and a 'sold out' crowd. The firework finale was well timed to the music and I only had positive feedback from people as they left. A really big thank you to everyone in the PTA and all the volunteers that helped make the event a success. There are plans for the future events which you can see in the section below. If you haven't volunteered yet, perhaps you might want to at one of the events to come!

I have been pleased to see the school's attendance continuing to look positive at the start of the year. The Autumn term is one when children can get coughs and colds but these don't necessarily require time off school. Obviously, if a child has a sickness bug – vomiting or diarrhoea – they cannot attend school for a 48-hour period. For those children that are a little under the weather, they can attend school and we will monitor them closely. If we feel that a child is not well enough to be in school, we will always contact you. Thank you for continuing to make your child's attendance a priority.



**Year 1 & 2 during World
Space Week**



**Year 5 Boys' Football at their
tournament**



**Reception enjoying their Autumn
walk**

Next week's parent and carer meetings are almost upon us. These are such an important opportunity for the teachers to share how your child has settled, what we are working on in class and what you can do at home to support. The expectation is that all parents and carers will book a meeting. If you are unable to attend, or there are limited slots left, we will always try to arrange an alternative meeting after half term. Please contact the school office if you still would like to book a slot.

Yesterday, the boys' football team took part in a 12-team competition and came third! I know that they were all very keen to represent the school and they can be very proud of their achievements. Well done to them all!

Mrs Bruton has completed her last day today before the start of her maternity leave. The staff wished her well and we are all looking forward to hearing of the new arrival in due course. Good luck, Mrs Bruton!

Term Dates 2026-2027

Dates for the next academic year are now available on our website and detailed below. As you're aware, Surrey have made the decision to make October half term two weeks. As an academy, Riverbridge is not required to follow the local authority's decision about term dates, however, we have chosen to do so, because we feel to do otherwise may negatively impact our families with children in our feeder secondary schools.

Therefore, the half term in Autumn 2026 will be a two-week half term (Oct 19th to 30th 2026).

Our end of academic year will remain the same as we will be exercising our academy freedom by making up the additional week within the timings of the school day across the rest of the year. This detail will be shared later in the year.

Enrichment Clubs

Year 1 - 6

Please be aware that due to parent consultation meetings next week, Urban Dance and Drama at PAB and Film and Bollywood at KGB will not be running. Please also note, that if your child has walking home permission, they will not be permitted to walk home on their own after their enrichment club, after half term as it will be dark.

Secondary School Applications

Year 6

For those that have not already applied for your child's secondary school place, please be aware that the deadline is the 31st October. If you do not apply before the deadline your application will then be classed as a late application and your child could be left without a secondary school place. To apply you will need to go to <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>

Flu Vaccine

Nursery

Please see below a link to the Surrey Education Services website with information to protect your 2-3 year old children from flu with the nasal spray vaccine, now available at local pharmacies.

<https://surreyeducationsservices.surreycc.gov.uk/Article/178510?source=Newsletter&guid=AC7C52C0-566F-4417-B758-496B6153E5EA>

Inclusion Update

Please be aware that any sensory support items such as chew buddies, ear defenders, or fidget toys must be agreed upon in advance with the school's Inclusion Lead. These items are considered part of a child's individual provision, and it is the school's responsibility to determine whether such adjustments are necessary. Only items approved by the school may be used.

Thank you for your continued support.

World Space Week

Year 1 - Year 2



From the 4th to the 10th of October, Riverbridge celebrated World Space Week, an important event that recognises the incredible contributions of space science and technology. This year's theme was *"Living in Space"*.

Children across the school participated in a variety of space-related activities. They listened to stories read by astronauts aboard the International Space Station and explored what life is like beyond our planet. 1C and 2H especially enjoyed creating their own space-themed artwork to mark the occasion.



Religious Studies

Year 1



This week Miss Ramesh came and spoke to each Year 1 class about Diwali. She shared the story of Rama and Sita and why light is so important on the day of Diwali. Miss Ramesh shared how people around the world celebrate Diwali and how she celebrated Diwali last year! We had a Diwali afternoon exploring different ways to celebrate Diwali including making rangoli patterns with real rangoli sand.

Art

Year 2

Year 2 have been working on collage skills and using different materials to create a coastal town collage. They planned it out and this week they created it. The children loved picking out the materials they wanted to use and building up their picture.



Reception Autumn Walk



This week Reception enjoyed taking trips to the park to explore the signs of Autumn. We enjoy collecting different leaves, acorns, sticks and conkers - all whilst having great discussions about our local area.

Reception



Boys Football



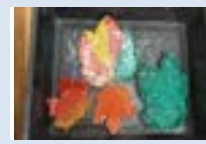
Some of our Year 5 boys headed to the boys B Team tournament yesterday in Egham and walked away with bronze medals! They played excellently and worked as a team, scoring some amazing goals. We look forward to seeing them play in the league later this year.

Year 5

Forest School



This term in Forest School, Year 6 have enjoyed using palm drills to create conker creatures and sculpting beautiful autumnal clay leaves.



Year 6



PTA
FRIENDS OF RIVERBRIDGE

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

Welcome Back Party raises £3,250!

Thank you to everyone who came to last Saturday's Welcome Back Party - we hope you had a fantastic time!

Thank you also to everyone who volunteered on the night and contributed to our cake stall. We couldn't do it without you.

We're delighted to say that the party raised an amazing £3,250 towards our £15,000 fundraising target this school year. This is money that will all go towards extra resources, events and activities to support the children's education. Well done to the whole school community for achieving this while having a fantastic fun night!

Order Christmas card designs by 24 October

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, please email pta.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk

Aladdin: Riverbridge Panto coming soon!

Tickets for this year's Riverbridge panto 'Aladdin' will be on sale from next Friday (24 October) 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.

Put the date in your diary and make sure you get your tickets before they sell out - this will be a fun festive show for everyone, and friends and family are welcome too!

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

Thank you to all the children below who have got a gold leaf this week. They should be really proud of themselves!

| | | |
|-----------|----------------|-------------|
| Elwood C | Tommy M | Nyla S |
| Arthur K | Finley-James S | Jim R |
| Ivan B | Amelia I | Swara P |
| Ishanna S | Kawthar A | Phoenix KF |
| Finlay M | Seth A | Cruz H |
| Roshan P | Dom B | Millar C |
| Jaydn D | Max F | Danielle M |
| Miller W | Ruhaan S | Evie-Rose H |
| Alex F | Poppy V | Ollie B |
| Poppy H | Annika H | Logan R |
| George E | Olive Y | Pranav L |
| Carter W | Kaven P | Charlotte D |
| Emily R | Temi A | Yichen P |
| Kate CS | Matilda P | |

Rainbow Awards

Nursery

Well done to all those in Hedgehog and Rabbits for the super efforts that have been made this week.

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| Uthman N | Divyam Y | Louay E |
| | Ronnie D | |

House Competition

Whole School

The second House Competition of the year took place last week and the results were shared on Monday. The 'Ps and Qs' Award was convincingly won by Water House with 78 points. Air House came second with 69 points and Fire came third with 63 points. This has, helpfully, evened things up a little!



30
Points



30
Points



30
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.

Adi Adepitan

Paralympian and TV Presenter



Active Ambitious Connector

This week's assembly was about **Ade Adepitan** — a British Paralympian, TV presenter, and author. Ade was born in Nigeria in 1973 and contracted polio as a baby. This left him with limited use of his legs. When he moved to the UK as a child, he began using a wheelchair — but that never stopped him from chasing his dreams.

Ade became a top wheelchair basketball player and represented Great Britain in international competitions, including the 2004 Athens Paralympics, where his team won a **bronze medal**. His determination, teamwork, and positive spirit are just a few of the qualities we celebrated.

After his sporting career, Ade turned to television. He has presented shows on travel, sport, and disability awareness, helping to challenge stereotypes and raise awareness of accessibility and inclusion.

He often talks about the importance of perseverance, resilience and the value of ambition:

“Set yourself a goal and know what you want to do. You have to be focused and also open to learning from your mistakes.”

Wishing you a positive weekend.

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

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|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 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 8th December

School Christmas Productions – more details to follow

Weds 17th December

Nursery & Reception PTA Party

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

Mon 12th January

Reception Open Afternoon

Mon 12th January

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

Tues 13th January

Reception Open Morning

Spring Term 2026

Mon 16th – 20th Feb 2026

Spring Half Term

Tues 10th February

Parent consultations

Weds 11th February

Parent consultations

Thurs 12th February

Parent consultations

Mon 23rd February

Children return to school

Weds 25th February

Year 4 Residential Trip – more details to follow

Thurs 26th February

Year 4 Residential Trip – more details to follow

Fri 27th February

Year 4 Residential Trip – more details to follow

Fri 27th 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



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>

School attendance & your child

A Guide for Parents & Carers

What is Riverbridge's view on attendance?



Under the **Education Act of 1996**, 'the parent is responsible for making sure their child receives a full-time education. If a child of compulsory school age who is a registered pupil at a school fails to attend regularly at the school, his parent is guilty of an offence.'

Failure to ensure a child receives their educational needs results in a series of fines and prosecutions for the parent.

Did you know?

Child with **NO** absence compared to child who has **less than 90% attendance**



1.3

times more likely to achieve age-related expectations or above



3.1

times more likely to achieve greater depth

Figures taken from DfE report March 2016

We believe, and research shows, that children who attend school regularly are given the greatest opportunity to learn, develop their skills and to thrive.

Children who frequently miss school are less likely to achieve their full potential.

The more time a child spends around other children, whether in the classroom or as part of a school team or club, the more chance they have of making friends and feeling included, boosting social skills, confidence and self-esteem.

All of these skills contribute to ensuring every child is able to discover confidence, develop independence and build resilience so that each individual child realises their own unique value and can thrive both in our community and beyond.

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Year Group

Arrival from

Register taken

'LATE' if arriving after

'UNAUTHORISED
ABSENCE' if arriving after

Years R-6



So what time do I need to get my child to school?

What difference does arriving a few minutes late make to my child?

Every Minute Counts!

to your child's attendance at Riverbridge

8:40am

Your child has arrived in time to settle well and has the best possible start to their day

8:55am

Your child has probably arrived just after most children but is still in time for the register

9:01am to 9:06am

Your child is late and has missed the beginning of the school day. Being late, even if only a few minutes, can leave a child (of any age) feeling unsettled and can impact on their whole day

9:06am to 9:10am

5 minutes may not seem very long but the **3 days lost** impact is a year

9:10am to 9:15am

10 minutes late a day results in **6 days lost** a year

9:15am to 9:20am

15 minutes late a day equals **9 days lost** a year

We know children get sick and parents often ask 'what is too sick for school?' Here are a few guidelines to help you make a decision as often children can still come to school even if they are feeling a little under the weather.

Be assured, your child's welfare is our priority and if we think your child is too unwell for school we will call for you to collect them.

What's 'Too sick' for school?

Send me to school if



I have a runny nose or just a little cough



My throat's a little sore but I'm managing with some medicine to help me



My temperature is normal



I haven't been sick or had any diarrhoea in the last 48 hours

Keep me at home if



I have a high temperature that can't be reduced by taking medicine



I'm being sick or have diarrhoea or I have done in the last 48 hours

How can I help my child's attendance?

We understand that illness might not be the only reason for a child's absence. There are ways parents and school can work together to make sure your child can have good attendance - just come and speak to us!



Bring your child to school every day



Contact school on the first day your child is ill



Collect your child on time



Make medical appointments out of school hours



Take holidays during the school holidays



Contact a member of staff such as our HSLW if you are having problems getting your child to school

Does my child need to be absent from school?

It can be difficult to know if a particular illness means your child has to be absent from school. Below we list the most **common illnesses** your child may have and what to do using advice from the Public Health Agency.



Sometimes your child may have a sore throat or slight temperature that is easily solved by taking some Calpol. Our school office is able to give your child Calpol during the school day to enable them to attend school.

MUST my child be kept off school?

| Illness | MUST my child be kept off school? | How long for? |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| Chickenpox | YES! | Until new spots stop appearing and they have all crusted over |
| Hand, foot & mouth | NO! | Your child can come to school even if not all blisters have healed |
| Impetigo | YES! | Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 hours after starting antibiotics |
| Ringworm | NO! | Anti-fungal cream treatment can take place outside of school hours |
| Slapped Cheek | NO! | No longer infectious by the time the rash appears so can come to school if feeling well |
| Diarrhoea and/or vomiting | YES! | 48 hours from the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting |
| Influenza ('flu') | YES! | Until feeling better |
| Conjunctivitis | NO! | If your child's eyes are just sore and red but not weepy they can still come to school. |
| Head lice | NO! | Any live lice can be treated outside of school hours |
| Tonsillitis | NO! | Your child's glands can be swollen but still come to school if they otherwise feel well |

27TH-31ST

8:45-15:20

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October Holiday Club

St Georges | Staines Prep
Weybridge | Staines

20th - 31st October | 27th - 31st October

Step into a world of magical adventures and autumn fun!
Join us this October half term as we celebrate the wonder of the
season with:

- Wizardly Science Experiments
- Magical Arts & Crafts
- Spellbinding Games & Outdoor Adventures
- Pumpkin Play & Autumn Treasure Hunts

- 📍 Open to all primary school-aged children
- 📅 Flexible booking options available

🌟 Spaces are limited – book now to secure your child's place! 🌟

Book Now!

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DYNAMO UKRAINE

OCTOBER CIRCUS CAMP

Open to Ages 8-16

Workshops: 27, 28 & 29 Oct 10am to 1pm

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Staines TW18 1AJ

IAMFlow CIC will run this series of performing arts and circus skills workshops, culminating in the participants presenting an informal performance for friends and family. Designed for movers of all levels.

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8 November

11am-3pm

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THE ARTS & CREATIVE INDUSTRIES?

Come and have a go at games coding,
DJing, filmmaking, crafts and more!



The Surrey Youth Arts and Culture Festival will showcase the creative sector through exciting, interactive activities for young people aged 11–18.



Get the inside track from creative industry experts, listen to live music from local artists, get stuck in with workshops and much more!

surreycc.gov.uk/youthfestival



WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW

This October, our **After School Club** is bursting with **Autumn adventures, creative crafts, exciting STEM challenges, energetic outdoor games** and plenty of **seasonal fun** – all designed to spark imaginations and smiles.



CLUB HIGHLIGHTS

Children can enjoy fun activities with friends, **complete their homework with support, and refuel with tasty snacks** – all while being cared for in a **safe, supervised environment** by our friendly team.



THE MAGIC BEHIND THE FUN

Our activities help children **build confidence, teamwork, problem-solving skills and creativity**, giving them space to relax and **shine after school**.

Our **Holiday Clubs** run in the **same familiar settings** with the **same friendly staff**, and follow **fun themed programmes** just like After School Club – so children feel **happy, comfortable and excited** to join in.

COMING UP SOON

Spaces are limited
Join us and let your child discover the **magic of play, learning and friendship** this autumn!



STAY CONNECTED

After School Club continues throughout October.
October Holiday Club is running from **20th-31st October** at St George's Weybridge & **27th-31st October** at Staines Prep.

Book Now!

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