



RIVERBRIDGE REVIEW

Autumn Term

Week 9

7th November 2025

It has been a smooth start to the half term. The children have been making a positive effort to settle back into the routines of the classroom quickly and with a minimum of fuss. I know that there have been lots to celebrate in the past weeks, including Diwali, Bonfire Night and Halloween. I hope that any events you took part in were fun.

Next week is an important one and also an opportunity to stop and think. On Tuesday, we will be learning about Remembrance and the sacrifice made by others to make our world a safer place. We will observe a two-minute silence and also encourage any of the children who are part of an outside organisation (such as Cubs or Brownies etc.) to wear their uniforms on this day.

Also next week is 'Anti Bullying Week' this is a central one in the school calendar. This year's theme is 'Power for Good' and we will spend time over the course of the week thinking about the following:

- What is bullying?
- How do I know if it is bullying?
- How does bullying make people feel?
- Why should we not bully others?

I am sure there will be a lot to talk about this topic in next week's Review!



Year 2 have been drawing fireworks



Children in Need, Friday 14th November



Remembrance Day, Tuesday 11th November

Thank you to all that completed the annual parent and carer questionnaire. Today is the deadline so if you have yet to share your views – please do so before the form closes tonight. It is really useful to hear your views: good and bad. We will then use them to work out what we potentially need to do more of, less of and maybe change too.

As part of the Staff Inset before half term, we looked again at communication, behaviour and nurture. There were opportunities to think about the different ways in which children show how they feel and the impact this can have on others. The school is currently taking part in a Surrey-wide project on Nurture. There are six principles to this and the first is 'Understanding children's learning developmentally'. Attached to this week's Review is some information which might help make more sense of what this means and the importance of it.

Children in Need

Whole School

Please see below a link to the Donations Page for Children in Need.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=19602>

As advised in our previous review, 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.



Lumen Learning Trust

Whole School

We are thrilled to announce that Southfield Park Primary School, found a short drive from Epsom town centre, has joined the Lumen Learning Trust family of schools. With a relentless approach to providing the very best educational opportunities within a nurturing environment for primary pupils in the Surrey area, this important step marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter for our school communities. Bringing expertise, strong collaboration and high-quality practitioners to all of our schools, this new addition will further enrich our pupils' learning experience.

While we embark on this journey with Southfield Park, we want to reassure you that our unwavering commitment to creating a warm, inclusive and supportive environment for every child remains stronger than ever. Our core values and our dedication to your child's growth, wellbeing and success will continue to guide everything we do.

We will keep you updated on developments and we welcome any questions or feedback you may have.

Thank you for your continued support as we embrace these new opportunities together.

Uniform including hair accessories

Whole School

With individual and sibling photos taking place on Tuesday and Wednesday next week we'd like to draw your attention to the uniform section on our website found here:

<https://www.riverbridgeprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Uniform&pid=65>

There is also a section regarding hair accessories.

Remembrance Day

Reception – Year 6

All children that are part of a uniformed organisation such as Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts or similar are invited to wear their uniform on Remembrance Day on Tuesday 11th November – please note school shoes are to be worn.

Tuesday is also one of our school photo days and children in years 2-6 will be having their school photos taken on this day. If your child chooses to wear their uniform from their organisation on this day, they will have their photo taken on Wednesday along with the children at Knowle Green Base. This will include any sibling photos that are unable to take place on Tuesday.

P.E

Reception, Year 4, 5 & 6

Due to school photos taking place next week, please see details below regarding changes to the P.E schedule:

RHT will not take part in PE this week and need to wear uniform on Wed 12th November

Year 4 will now have PE on Monday 10th November instead of Wednesday 12th November

Year 5 will now have PE on Friday 14th November instead of Wednesday 12th November

Year 6 will not be doing any outdoor PE on Tuesday 11th November but will have PE theory and yoga during the afternoon instead and won't require PE kit.

Football donations

Reception – Year 6

If you have any unwanted football boots in children's or smaller adult sizes as well as shin pads, we would welcome donations to the school office.

Bonfire Night

Year 2



2H have learnt about firework night this week. The children created some lovely firework pictures using chalk and glitter to celebrate.



Flu catch up session

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 midnight on the 12th November; if you miss the opportunity to consent, you can complete a consent form from the day following the school visit to receive an automated email which will include a link and booking reference number to enable you to book into one of the community clinics.

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](#)

Religious Studies

Reception



Reception is learning about celebrations this half term. This week we have explored the festival of light: Diwali. The children have enjoyed creating rangoli patterns using sand, shapes and colouring pictures. They have selected beautiful outfits to try on and sculpted their own diya lamps!



PTA
FRIENDS OF RIVERBRIDGE

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

Buy your tickets for Aladdin now!

Tickets for this year's Riverbridge panto 'Aladdin' are on sale now 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!

Christmas disco parties coming soon

It will soon be time for the return of our festive disco parties. Tickets are £4.50 per child and will be on sale from next Friday at www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge.

The disco parties for all years from Year 1 upwards will be on Wednesday 3 December:

- Years 1-3: 4.30-5.30pm
- Years 4-6: 6.00-7.30pm

For children in nursery and reception we will be holding a Christmas party during school hours on Wednesday 17 December - also at £4.50 for a ticket.

Look out for more details about all these events in next week's newsletter.

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

It is great to see so many children who have started the half term so positively. I have really enjoyed reading the different gold leaves and hearing what the children have done that have made them feel proud of themselves.

Keep it up everyone!

Cassie L	Sienna E	Dada W
Adem G	Frankie K	Niyati A
Aleyna G	Emi H	Jensen B
Isabel M	Rishi K	Cara TC
Sonny J	Maame P	Maryam A
Rowan S	Eyad Q	Adi R
George B	Jovana J	Aaliyah C
Rio JGT	Indie C	Lotta C
Naynika N	Jake H	Teddy R
Zofia B	Poppy V	Jacob M
Lewis C	Romilly O	Thomas W
Asim A	Nathan BP	Larson C
Louise R	Dimana G	Archie B
Charlotte D	Emily R	Amelie K
Elliot D	Kavan P	Frankie L
	Dakshi NM	

Rainbow Awards

Nursery

Well done to the children in Hedgehogs and Rabbits for starting the half term so successfully.

Jamie M

Frankie B

Teddy B

Nil G

House Competition

Whole School

Before half term, the children at PAB took part in a sports competition. The results of this were shared in today's assemblies.

It was close but Fire House were the winners, with Air coming second and Water third. The updated scores are shared below:



65
Points



60
Points



55
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.

Isabella Springmühl Tejada
Fashion Designer

Ambitious Inclusive Independent



This week we found out about someone from the Central American country of Guatemala. Isabella Springmühl Tejada grew up loving bright colours and beautiful clothes. She was a creative child who liked to draw dresses with flowers, patterns and shapes that made her smile.

Isabella was born with Downs syndrome and some people did not appreciate that she was just as creative and clever as those around her.

Isabella set her sights on a career in fashion and applied to a collage in Guatemala. They turned her down due to her Downs syndrome but she refused to let go of her dream; sewing and designing from home.

She made designed and made clothes that were so creative that she ended up with a show in London Fashion Week.

The children learned how she showed determination, resilience and persistence – all useful character traits to copy!

“It was a ‘no’ that I wanted to turn into a big ‘yes’!

Wishing you all a great weekend.

Paul Grimwood

Headteacher

Dates for the diary...

Autumn Term 2025

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
Tues 2 nd December	Year 1 Chertsey Museum Trip
Tues 2 nd December	Year 3 Butser Farm Trip
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 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

Autumn Half Term

Oct 2026

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

The Principles of Nurture

Understand Children's Learning Developmentally

What it means?

Every child grows and learns at their own unique pace. Understanding children developmentally means recognizing that learning happens in stages, and that children need the right support at the right time to thrive.



Why it matters...

- Builds confidence and a love for learning
- Helps adults set realistic expectations
- Encourages patience, empathy, and positive relationships
- Supports emotional well-being and resilience

How Parents Can Help...

- Listen and observe your child — notice their interests and frustrations
- Encourage effort, not perfection
- Celebrate small steps — progress is growth!
- Be patient — every child learns in their own time
- Provide rich experiences — play, talk, explore, read together
- Remember - children learn best when they feel safe, understood, and supported. When we nurture with understanding, we help them grow into confident and capable learners.

Remember

“Every child is a flower; they all bloom at their own time.”





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

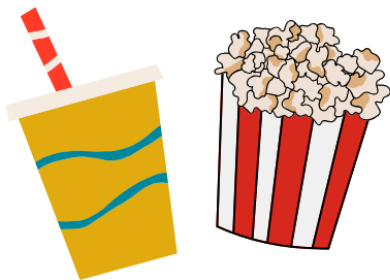


Children under 2 go free, on parents' lap.

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.



All children must be accompanied by an adult.

PTA

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



Santa

Fun Run

Join us

30 November
Bushy Park

14 December
Sandown Park
Racecourse



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DECEMBER 6TH, 2PM
DECEMBER 7TH, 10AM

Totally Tangerine Cookery, Nauticalia, Ferry Lane,
Shepperton.



Give your kids a creative Christmas experience while you get your festive shopping done in peace! Children will transform pre-loved decorations and holiday odds and ends into beautiful creations.

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