



RIVERBRIDGE REVIEW

Autumn Term

Week 10

14th November 2025

There are some weeks in a primary school where lots of things happen all at once. This is one of those weeks!

The theme of anti-bullying has been threaded through all of the PSHE learning and assemblies across the week. I know that the children have had time to stop and think about this over the course of the five days. Work will continue beyond this week too.

On Tuesday, we all had an opportunity to stop and think as part of the Remembrance Day commemoration. The school stopped for the 2-minute silence at 11.00am and also carried out different learning to reinforce the messages of the day.

Also this week, we have had a review of inclusion from Surrey's Schools Alliance for Excellence. This has been a two-day deep dive into the processes and practices we have at Riverbridge to support all learners but particularly those that need more support – or more stretch. There may be more to share on this in future Reviews.

Finally, today we have donned spotty clothes to help us think about Children in Need. This has been another opportunity to think about those less fortunate and how we can show compassion towards others.



Year 1 looking smart in their uniforms for Remembrance day



Nursery made a wonderful wreath to celebrate Remembrance Day



Year 2 had a brilliant time at the Pantomime

As a school, we are constantly thinking about how to support children with their online safety. In recent weeks there have been instances where children have forgotten some of the basics around digital communication.

Managing and monitoring your child's digital footprint is a challenge as technology is developing so fast. There are a number of resources that are available to parents and I am signposting a couple below:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.barnardos.org.uk/get-support/support-for-parents-and-carers/child-abuse-and-harm/keeping-children-safe-online>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>

Please make sure that you are prioritising looking at these and also talk to your children regularly about the benefits, and dangers of the digital world.

The PTA Panto is just around the corner! Have you booked your tickets? They are selling fast! Please see the PTA section below.

Attendance for all parents/carers

Reception-Year 6

If you consider that there are exceptional circumstances relating to your request, please let the school have full details. Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Penalty Notices to Address Poor Attendance at School

A Penalty Notice may be issued as an alternative to the prosecution of a parent/carer for their child's unauthorised absence from school (absence without the agreement of the school or not covered by a medical note) and will be used by Surrey County Council in the following circumstances :-

1. Pupils identified by police and Attendance Advice Officers (formerly Inclusion Officers) engaged on Truancy Patrols and who have incurred unauthorised absences.
2. Leave of absence in term time (5 days or 10 sessions or more).
 - Please be aware that the School Attendance (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2024 state that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.
 - They may request that Surrey County Council issue Penalty Notices when the absence is not authorised. Warnings will not be given where it can be shown that parents have been notified that such absences will not be authorised.
3. Finally, the issuing of a Penalty Notice will also be considered where it is judged that a parent is failing to ensure their child's regular school attendance. This will be considered when a pupil has incurred 10 or more unauthorised sessions in the previous 10 school weeks, which may include a pupil arriving late after close of registration. If you believe at any stage that your child's absence from school may leave you liable to receive a Penalty Notice, it is extremely important that you act without delay to secure their regular attendance. If you have any questions or require further support to achieve an improvement in your child's attendance, please contact your child's school or the Attendance Advice Officer.

Penalty Notice relating to Exclusions

If a child is excluded from school, Section 103 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 places a duty on parents/carers to ensure that their child is not in a public place without justifiable cause during school hours. This duty applies to the first five days of each exclusion. Failure to do so will render the parent/carer liable to a Penalty Notice. (Alternative education provision will be made available from the sixth day of any exclusion.) Amount Payable for a Penalty Notice and Consequences for repeat unauthorised absences

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, per parent/carer per child, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996. Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the

Headteacher.

Advice and support is available from an Attendance Advice Officer by contacting Surrey Attendance Service as follows :-

North West - Tel: 01483 518130 South West - Tel: 01483 517874

North East - Tel: 01372 833588 South East - Tel: 01737 73777

Coffee Morning

Whole School

Please come and join Lyn and Jane for a coffee and chat on Thursday morning, 20th of November, in the staffroom at Knowle Green Base. We are happy to chat through any concerns/ worries you may have and offer you support as needed or you are welcome to just come and say hello and have a coffee before the day begins. They look forward to seeing you all.

Christmas performances

Whole School

Christmas performances across the school will be w/c 8th December, more details regarding dates and times will be provided next week, along with ticket booking information.

Swimming Lessons

4K

The last two swimming lessons are looking at water safety, and the swimming teachers have asked that the children bring shorts and t-shirts to wear on top of their swimming costumes. This is to practise water safety in normal clothing. The children only need these for **Monday 17th November**.

Anti-Bullying Week

Year 2

This week has been Anti-Bullying Week. Our School Council has talked about ways to bring awareness to bullying and try to ensure that bullying doesn't happen. In class, children have discussed what bullying is, how we know if someone is being bullied, and how bullying might make someone feel. We have also talked about what to do if you feel you are being bullied.

Pupil Voice Survey

Whole School

We would like our pupils to once again take part in a Pupil Voice survey. Conducting the survey helps us to continue monitoring our pupils' experiences at Riverbridge, and ensure that the actions taking place around the school are having a positive impact. Please complete the survey with your child/ren at home by **Friday 5th December**. It's important that the answers given reflect your child's thoughts and opinions. You can find a link to this survey on google classroom or by following this link: <https://forms.gle/dTHSDLxsvLn6woAK8>

Forest School



In Forest School, the children weaved poppies and remembered those people and animals that bravely fought for our freedom.

Outside Achievement

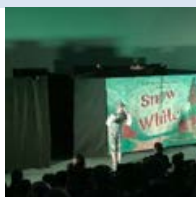
Year 1

Finley-James (1D) participated in his first parade with 1st Staines Squirrels for remembrance Sunday. Well done Finley-James.



Pantomime trip

Year 2



Year 2 had a fantastic time watching Snow White at this year's Pantomime at Staines Prep. The children enjoyed laughing and singing along to the show. We are very thankful to Staines Prep for inviting us.



Art

Reception



This week in Reception, we have explored bonfire night whilst learning about celebrations.

We role played building a bonfire and we pretended to cook marshmallows on the fire.

We also explored the artist Jackson Pollock and created our own marble painting to represent fireworks in the night sky.

Remembrance Day

Year 1



In Year 1 this week, we have been learning about the significance of Remembrance Day. The children showed great thoughtfulness and creativity as they made their own poppies.



Football Team Announcements

Year 5 & 6

Following the recent football trials for Years 5 and 6, we are pleased to announce an A and B team for boys and an A team for the girls to represent Riverbridge in Spelthorne events. The selected children will have the opportunity to play against local primary schools in the borough. If your child has been chosen to be in one of these teams you will receive separate correspondence from the office on Monday. Training will take place on **Wednesday** lunchtimes for the girls' team and **Tuesday** lunchtimes for the boys' teams.

We are lucky enough to now take part in intra-trust competitions for a range of sports, therefore there will be other opportunities for a range of children and year groups to represent Riverbridge.

We would like to remind children and parents that team selection is dependent on green behaviour being shown both at school and whilst representing Riverbridge.



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

2 weeks until 'Aladdin' - buy your tickets now!

It's nearly time for this year's Riverbridge panto 'Aladdin' - oh yes it is!

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

Tickets are £7.50 each for adults and children, with under-2s free, sitting on parent's laps. As always there will be light refreshments available to buy before the show and during the interval.

This is always a fun festive show for the whole family - friends and wider family are welcome too, the more the merrier.

Go to www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge to buy your tickets before they sell out.

Christmas disco and nursery/reception party tickets on sale from today

Get ready - our popular PTA festive disco parties are back for Year 1 and upwards on Wednesday 3 December, at PAB hall:

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

As always we'll have stalls selling toys and refreshments so we recommend children bring £3-5 spending money.

For children in nursery and reception we will be holding a ticketed Christmas party during school hours on Wednesday 17 December, featuring games and music from local children's entertainer Crazy Hazy.

Tickets for all these events are £4.50 per child and are on sale from today at www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge.

Can you volunteer at the panto or our school discos?

We need volunteers to help out on our stalls at the panto on 30 November and at our Christmas disco parties on 3 December. If you have time to help, we'd really appreciate it - these events can only happen thanks to voluntary efforts from the school community. Please volunteer via www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge - or email pta.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk if you have any questions.

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

For all the children below who have received a gold leaf this week – 'well done'!
Keep up these efforts as we go through the rest of the half term.

Catherine CC	Paisley M	Wasay N
Mofak BAA	Sai Charan HK	Simrat R
Aadya S	Skylar M	Isla V
Aadhira C	Constanca M	Ada G
Magnolia B	Brandon SH	Alissa S
Alex R	Jessie M	Belle R
Thea S	Kenzie R	Henry G
Medha I	Esme R	Arenna M
Vincent W	Tiyesh M	Arshreet K
Willow RW	Betty-Lou Y	George S
Bella D	Rihaansh P	Zaynab Z
Juno C	Hadi R	Rico CS
Evie C	Ramses DS	Jack C
Uriel O	Sofia Q	Danielle M
Abdullah M	Lewic C	Jacob M
Alex F	Poppy V	Romilly O
Thanya T	Louise R	Madiha A
Dimana G	Katie N	Carter W
	Marlow M	

Rainbow Awards

Nursery

Thank you to the children below for make such a positive effort in their learning this week!

Emily P	Evie R	Emma P
	Alex H	

House Competition

Whole School

This week, we have had another House Competition. We have been spotting the children who are always looking super smart – in the correct uniform.

The results will be shared on Monday and the totals below will change following this.

Watch this space!



**65
Points**



**60
Points**



**55
Points**

8 Great Ways to Being Our Best

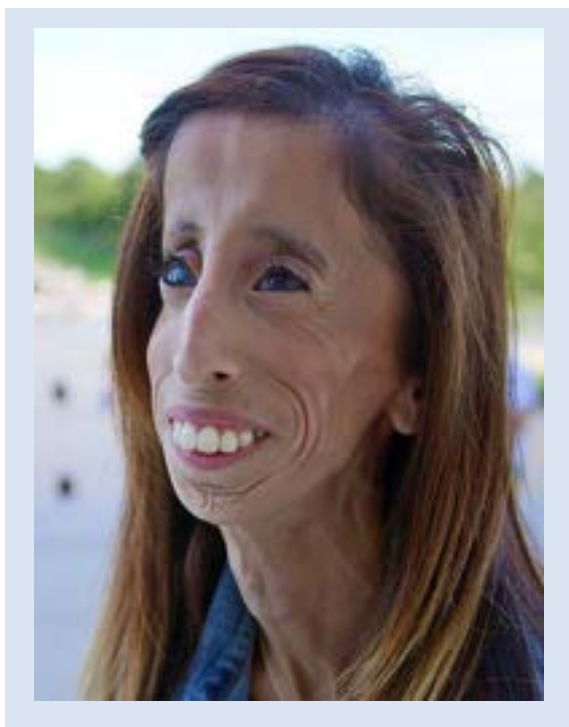
Whole School

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.

Lizzie Velasquez
Activist

Active Compassionate Inclusive



On Monday, we found out about Lizzie Velasquez from America. She was born with a very rare medical condition which meant that her body couldn't store fat properly. Because of this, Lizzie looks different from most people.

As a child, she loved school, made friends and enjoyed learning. As an adult, there were some children – and even adults on line – who said unkind things about her. One day, Lizzie even found a video calling her 'The World's Ugliest Woman'.

Lizzie could have hidden herself away but has instead spent her life speaking to schools, writing books and giving talks to people all around the world. The message she has shared is written below and helped us to appreciate that being different isn't something to hide – it's something to celebrate.

Lizzie's story helped us to appreciate that if we choose kindness – like Lizzie – we make our school, and our world, a better place.

“Don't let anyone decide who you are. You decide that for yourself.”

I hope the weekend is a positive one for you all.

Paul Grimwood
Headteacher

Dates for the diary...

Autumn Term 2025

Tuesday 18th November

Flu vaccination catch up session

Sunday 30 th November	PTA Panto - Aladdin
Tues 2 nd December	Year 1 Toy Workshop KGB Hall
Tues 2 nd December	Year 3 Butser Farm Trip
Wednesday 3 rd – Friday 5 th December	Year 4 Bikeability
Wednesday 3 rd December	PTA Discos Yr1-3 4.30-5.30pm & Yr 4-6 6.00-7.30pm
W/C 8 th December	School Christmas Performances – more details to follow
Weds 17 th December	Nursery & Reception PTA Party
Weds 17 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
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 16 th July	Year 6 Party
Fri 17 th July	End of term for children: 1.20pm KGB, 1.30pm PAB, 1.40pm Nursery
Fri 17 th July	No After School Club
Mon 20 th July	Inset day 4
Tues 21 st July	Inset day 5

Weds 22nd July – Weds 2nd Sept 2026

Summer Holidays

Autumn Term 2026

Tues 1 st Sept	Inset Day 1
Weds 2 nd Sept	Inset Day 2
Thurs 3 rd Sept	Children return to school

Mon 19th – Friday 30th Oct 2026

Autumn Half Term

Mon 2 nd Nov	Children return to school
Fri 18 th Dec	End of term for children: 1.20pm KGB, 1.30pm PAB, 1.40pm Nursery
Fri 18 th Dec	No after school club

Mon 21st Dec – Mon 4th Jan 2027

Christmas Holidays

Tues 5 th Jan	Inset Day 3
Weds 6 th Jan	Children return to school

Spring Term 2027

Mon 15th – 19th Feb 2027

Spring Half Term

Mon 22 nd Feb	Children return to school
Thurs 25 th March	End of term for children: 1.20pm KGB, 1.30pm PAB, 1.40pm Nursery
Thurs 25 th March	No after school club

Fri 26th March – Fri 9th April 2027

Easter Holidays

Summer Term 2027

Mon 12 th April	Children return to school
Mon 3 rd May	Bank Holiday

Mon 31st May – Fri 4th June 2027

Summer Half Term

Mon 7 th June	Children return to school
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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



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TICKET COVERS ENTRANCE FEE, COST OF DJ & DANCING GAMES

DISCOS ARE BACK!

Scan the QR Code (below) or buy your tickets at:
www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge

There will be stalls (Gifts, glow sticks, toys and more), refreshments and snacks so **SPENDING MONEY is advised** for children (at carer/parents' discretion, we normally advise £3-5).

[DEADLINE FOR TICKET PURCHASES IS TUESDAY 2ND DEC at 2100](#)

WEDNESDAY 3 DECEMBER 2025

Park Avenue Base Hall (Years 1, 2 & 3): 16:30 - 17:30

Collection from classrooms via year 2-4 gate (teachers will be on hand to direct you)

Park Avenue Base Hall (Years 4, 5 & 6): 18:00 - 19:30

Collection from PAB Hall

Children must be collected. They will NOT be allowed to go home alone.

[IF YOU ARE ABLE TO VOLUNTEER, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SIGN UP THROUGH PTA-EVENTS WHEN YOU BOOK YOUR TICKETS](#)



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SCAN ME



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.



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All children must be accompanied by an adult.

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NURSERY AND RECEPTION CHRISTMAS PARTY IS BACK!

Scan the QR Code (below) or buy your tickets at:
www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge

Ticket includes:

**A FUN CHILDRENS SHOW WITH GAMES & MUSIC BY
CHILDRENS ENTERTAINER CRAZY HAZY!**

WEDNESDAY 17 DECEMBER 2025
Knowle Green Base during school hours

The teachers will take the children to the show and bring them back to their class afterwards.

There is no need to print your ticket as we will provide the booking list to the teachers



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MULTI-SPORTS WINTER CAMP

INFORMATION

WHEN: Monday 22nd Dec to Tuesday 23rd Dec

AGE: 4 - 11 years old

WHERE: Springfield Primary School, Nursery Road,
Sunbury-on-Thames, TW16 6LY

TIME: 9am - 3pm

TO BOOK VISIT www.allyoucanbesports.com

DAILY RATES

1 Day - £25

2 Days - £40

BOOKING FOR HAF

We are delighted to be a provider for the Surrey HAF scheme. If your child receives free school meals, then they're eligible for our Holiday Camp. You should receive an email from your school regarding how to access your voucher codes.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Get ready for an action-packed holiday full of sports, creativity, and fun! Each day, the kids will dive into an exciting mix of activities that will keep them moving, thinking, and having a blast. We have a variety of different sports, fun enriching activities and supervised free play.



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