



RIVERBRIDGE REVIEW

Autumn Term

Week 12

28th November 2025

There are lots of events on the horizon in the weeks to come. In the various sections below there are links to the different opportunities both this side of Christmas and in the new year. Please make a careful note of these so that you don't miss out!

Following on from the Governor meeting that was held a fortnight ago, this week Mrs Samson – one of our parent governors came in to work alongside Mrs Talkington during a Pupil Progress meeting. This was an opportunity to talk through the assessment and progress being made within the Reception classes, what is working well and what needs to change to ensure the best possible outcomes. Mrs Talkington and Miss Heffernan, the Phase Leaders have been having these conversations across the school all week and I know that they have really helped to highlight strengths and next steps. I thank Mrs Samson for her time this week and also the whole Governor team for their dedication to the school.

On Wednesday, the teaching staff from all the 7 LLT schools were able to come together and talk about teaching and learning. Each term, the schools host seminars for year teams across the trust and have an opportunity to share good practice and also 'borrow' good ideas! There are many benefits to being part of a trust team of school and visiting other sites and learning from each other is a key one of them.



We collected 203kgs of food for Harvest. Thank you for all of your donations



Remember to book your Christmas Performance tickets!



A reminder that dogs are not allowed on the school site.

The PTA Panto is on Sunday. I am sure that this will be a fun-filled and enjoyable afternoon. Thank you to everyone at the PTA for organising this. Next week are the school discos. Again – a big thank you to everyone that has volunteered to make these a success. I am sure the children will have a great time!

Wednesday's NSPCC assemblies at PAB were thought-provoking ones. I know that the children engaged well and tried hard to understand the messages that were shared. I hope that there were some conversations around these at home too.

Christmas Performance Tickets

Whole School

Due to the popular demand for Christmas Performance tickets, we will be closing the booking links at 9am on **Monday 1st December**. At this time, we will look to see where there is existing availability, to see where we can offer additional tickets. An email will follow to advise which performances still have availability so you can book additional tickets if needed.

Additional tickets will remain at 2 per child and the deadline to book these will be Friday 5th December. We have included the booking links again, for anyone still wishing to book.

Reception Links:

[Reception Christmas Performance Tuesday 9th December 9.30am](#)

[Reception Christmas Performance Wednesday 10th December 2.30pm](#)

Year 1 Links:

[Year 1 Christmas Performance Wednesday 10th December 9.30 am](#)

[Year 1 Christmas Performance Thursday 11th December 2.15pm](#)

Year 2,3 Links:

[Year 2,3 Christmas Performance Tuesday 9th December 2.15pm](#)

[Year 2,3 Christmas Performance Wednesday 10th December 2.15pm](#)

[Year 2,3 Christmas Performance Thursday 11th December 9.30am](#)

Year 4,5,6 Links:

[Year 4,5,6 Christmas Performance Tuesday 9th December 2pm](#)

[Year 4,5,6 Christmas Performance Wednesday 10th December 9.30am](#)

[Year 4,5,6 Christmas Performance Wednesday 10th December 6pm](#)

Nursery children have been allocated 2 tickets per child for either Monday 8th December (Hedgehogs) or Friday 12th December (Rabbits), no booking is required.

Literacy

Reception



Next week we will be exploring the story 'Scarecrow's Wedding'. To support with developing our understanding of weddings as a celebration, if you have a photo of either your wedding or a wedding that you have attended as a family, please can you bring in or email receptionlearning.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk

School Dinners

Reception-Year 6

With effect from Monday 15th December, children will be able to choose from either having a packed lunch or a school lunch and can swap between these on different days which will allow more flexibility.

However, to do this, please note the the following:

- All lunches, including free school meals, should be booked in advance online via Scopay and no longer ordered in the classroom.
- All lunches, apart from free school meals, will have to be paid at the time of booking online via Scopay.
- If your child is bringing a packed lunch into school, please indicate this online via Scopay, even for those children who have packed lunch on a regular basis.
- Dinner choices must be made by 9am latest on the morning or you can order in advance.

We will be launching this change with a festive menu on the week beginning Monday 15th December. This will include festive themed meals throughout the week including a traditional Christmas lunch on Wednesday 17th December. We have included the festive menu at the end of the newsletter for reference.

For children in Years 3 - 6 there will be the usual charge of £2.80 unless you have had confirmation with the office that your child is eligible for benefit related free school meals. Children in Reception to Year 2 are free as they are funded by the Government through Universal Free School Meals. If your child orders from the allergen menu, please find this included at the end of the newsletter as well. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office at office.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk

Stay, Play & Learn Sessions

Nursery & Reception

Online bookings have now closed for the Nursery Stay, Play and Learn sessions, however, if you have not yet booked, please contact the school office: office.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk

Reception sessions will be taking place the 2nd week of January across 5 mornings, between 9-10am each day. More information on how to book these will follow.

Enrichment Clubs

Reception-Year 6

A reminder that this week was the last week of Autumn Enrichment clubs. If your child attends Athletics, they have one extra club left, making their last session Tuesday 2nd December.

Girls Football Team

Year 5-6



A brilliant start to the season for our girls' football team, winning their first match against Our Lady 5-0! The girls showed excellent teamwork and communication and should be very proud!

Maths

Year 1



The children in Year 1 have been working collaboratively with their partner to solve subtraction number sentences. We have been using ten frames and dienes to strengthen our understanding!



PTA
FRIENDS OF RIVERBRIDGE

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

Don't forget to buy your Christmas disco and nursery/reception party tickets!

This year's PTA festive disco parties are taking place next week on Wednesday 3 December, at PAB hall:

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

Thank you to all parents who have volunteered to help at the discos.

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 still on sale at www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge.

Price list for disco parties

As always, we'll have stalls at next week's discos selling toys, refreshments and activities, so we recommend children bring £3-5 spending money. Sweets will be vegetarian only.

Here's a price list for everything that we'll be selling, in case your child wants to plan ahead:

- Nail varnish, Face painting, Tattoos - 50p a go
 - Water or juice cartons - 50p each
 - Popcorn - 80p
 - Crisps - 50p
 - Chewitts, Jelly Tots - 60p
- Vimto bars, Refresher bars, Skittles, Rainbow Drops - 20p
 - Swizzles Sweet Mix, Love Hearts - 10p
 - Foam Light Sticks - £2.50
 - Inflatables & Large Glowsticks - £1
- Sparkles purses, Slime, Flashing balls - 50p
- Bracelets, Superhero Figures, Rattle Shakers, Little glowsticks - 20p

Support Riverbridge while you do your Christmas shopping

Did you know you can help raise money for Riverbridge simply by doing your Christmas shopping?

You can raise FREE donations every time you shop online by visiting www.easyfundraising.org.uk or downloading the EasyFundraising app. Simply search for 'Riverbridge PTA' as your chosen cause, sign up and start shopping.

Over 7,000 brands will donate, including all the big names like John Lewis & Partners, BT, Expedia, Argos, ASOS, Just Eat, Uswitch and more.

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

The children below have really demonstrated the school's motto of 'Being Our Best'.

I hope each and every one of them feels proud of what they have achieved!

Keep it up!

Benny K	Teddy W	Jessie A
Thanvikka N	Jayden M	Phoebe W
Archie E	Teena M	Vigraha K
Aadya S	Luna K	Mason G
Mahira S	Freddie W	Estelle E
Samuel D	Savannah F	Jim R
Ethan P	Sia B	Nakshathra S
Amelia I	Esme R	Arenna M
Heebatullah A	Iris E	Isobel S
Rio JGT	Charlotte L	Nekhaa M
Millar C	Ella T	Ajana A
Qamar S	Sriyan R	Jaiden M
Yahya T	Evie-Rose H	Aviran T
Luca J	Austin Y	Hinal K

Theo M
Eva W
Elsie-May H
Frankie L

Zoe N
Romy K
Scarlett C
Bertie L
Grace C

Igor R
Evan C
Ava W
Temi A

Rainbow Awards

Nursery

It has been great to see the Hedgehogs and Rabbits continue to explore their learning environment so successfully this week.

Well done to those that reached the rainbow this week!

Terry K

Oliver W

Krishav R

Ali Eyad C

House Competition

Whole School

The scores have remained the same this week:



80
Points



70
Points



75
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.

Peter Dinklage Actor

Active Ambitious Connector



This week we found out about an actor who serves as a role model for perseverance, creativity, and standing up for what's right—Peter Dinklage.

Best known for his role as Tyrion Lannister in the hit TV series *Game of Thrones*, Peter Dinklage is a talented actor who has inspired many through his impressive career. Despite facing challenges due to his dwarfism, Peter has never let his size define his potential. Instead, he's used his unique qualities to portray complex and powerful characters on screen.

Beyond acting, Peter is also a passionate advocate for equality, particularly for people with disabilities. His commitment to these causes serves as a great reminder of the importance of kindness, understanding, and respecting everyone, no matter their differences.

Peter Dinklage's journey teaches us that it's not our physical appearance that defines us, but the strength of our character, our talents, and our ability to make a positive impact in the world.

“Ever tried? Ever failed? No matter!
Try again. Fail again. Fail better!”

Wishing you all a positive weekend!

Paul Grimwood

Headteacher

Dates for the diary...

Autumn Term 2025

Sunday 30 th November	PTA Panto - Aladdin
Monday 1 st December	Hedgehogs Stay, Play & Learn AM
Tuesday 2 nd December	Hedgehogs Stay, Play & Learn AM
Wednesday 3 rd December	Hedgehogs Stay, Play & Learn AM
Wednesday 3 rd December	Rabbits Stay, Play & Learn PM
Thursday 4 th December	Rabbits Stay, Play & Learn AM
Friday 5 th December	Rabbits Stay, Play & Learn AM
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
Monday 8 th December	Hedgehogs Christmas Performance
Tuesday 9 th December	Reception Christmas Performance – 9.30am
Tuesday 9 th December	Year 2,3 Christmas Performance – 2.15pm
Tuesday 9 th December	Year 4,5,6 Christmas Performance – 2pm
Wednesday 10 th December	Reception Christmas Performance – 2.30pm
Wednesday 10 th December	Year 1 Christmas Performance – 9.30am
Wednesday 10 th December	Year 2,3 Christmas Performance – 2.15pm
Wednesday 10 th December	Year 4,5,6 Christmas Performance – 9.30am & 6pm
Thursday 11 th December	Year 1 Christmas Performance – 2.15pm
Thursday 11 th December	Year 2,3 Christmas Performance – 9.30am
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
Weds 7 th January	Year 1 Family Learning Session
Thurs 8 th January	Year 1 Family Learning Session
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
Thurs 5 th March	World Book Day
Fri 27 th March	No After School Club
Fri 27 th March	End of term for children: 1.20pm KGB, 1.30pm PAB, 1.40pm Nursery

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
Tues 20 th July	End of term for children: 1.20pm KGB, 1.30pm PAB, 1.40pm Nursery
Tues 20 th July	No after school club
Weds 21 st July	Inset day 4
Thurs 22 nd July	Inset day 5

Christmas Week Commencing 15th December

MONDAY

Santa's Jolly Spud Day
Cheese (V or VE), Baked
Beans (VE)
or Coleslaw (VE),
Deli Menu
Fresh Baked Cookie (VE),
Berry Yoghurt (V)

TUESDAY

Rudolph's Festive
Sausage Roll
or Cheesy Corn Flatbread (V),
Mash and Green Beans (VE),
Deli Menu
Jingle Bells Fruit
Flavoured Jelly (VE),
Berry Yoghurt (V)

WEDNESDAY

Traditional Roast Turkey
with Pig in a Blanket,
or Vegetable Wellington (V)
or Vegan Sausage (VE)
Roast Potatoes (VE),
Peas (VE) and Fresh Carrots
(VE)
with Gravy (VE),
Decorated Cookie (VE)
(from the North Pole workshop)
Berry Yoghurt (V)

THURSDAY

Elf Shelf Pizza (V)
with Potato Wedges (VE)
and Sweetcorn (VE),
Deli Menu
Apple and Cinnamon
Flapjack (VE),
Berry Yoghurt (V)

FRIDAY

Breaded Fish
or Veggie Nuggets (V),
Chips (VE) and Peas (VE)
or Baked Beans (VE),
Deli Menu
Frosty Chocolate
Ice Cream (V),
Berry Yoghurt (V)

V – vegetarian; VE - vegan

Christmas Week Allergy Menu 15th -19th December

MONDAY

Santa's Jolly Spud Day
Vegan Cheese (VE)
Baked Beans or Coleslaw
(VE)
Chocolate Cookie (VE)
Jelly (VE)

TUESDAY

Rudolph's Festive
Sausages
Mash and Green Beans (VE),
Jacket potato & Baked
Beans(VE)
Jingle Bells Fruit (VE)
Flavoured Jelly (VE),

WEDNESDAY

Traditional Roast Turkey
or
Vegan Jerk Sausage (VE)
Roast Potatoes (VE),
Peas (VE) and Fresh Carrots
(VE)
with Gravy (VE),
Sparkly Iced Sponge (VE)
Fresh Fruit (VE)

THURSDAY

Elf Shelf Pizza (VE)
with Potato Wedges and
Sweetcorn (VE)
Berry Jelly (VE)
Chocolate Cookie (VE)

FRIDAY

Gorgeous Chicken
Goujons
Or
Tomato Pasta (VE)
Chips (VE) and Peas (VE)
or Baked Beans (VE),
Fresh Fruit or Jelly (VE)

V – vegetarian; VE - vegan



Riverbridge Christmas Disco Price List

Tickets available on PTA Events

Activities – 50p a go

Nail Varnish, Face Painting, Tattoos

Drinks – 50p each

Water or Juice Cartons

Sweets (Vegetarian Only)

Popcorn 80p

Crisps 50p

Chewitts, Jelly Tots 60p

Vimto bars, Refresher bars, Skittles, Rainbow Drops 20p

Swizzles Sweet Mix, Love Hearts 10p

Toys

Foam Light Sticks £2.50

Inflatables & Large Glowsticks £1

Sparkles purses, Slime, Flashing balls 50p

Bracelets, Superhero Figures, Rattle Shakers, Little glowsticks 20p





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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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NURSERY AND RECEPTION CHRISTMAS PARTY IS BACK!

Scan the QR Code (below) or buy your tickets at:
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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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22nd of December



Time
10am - 3pm



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Meadhurst Club

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