



RIVERBRIDGE REVIEW

Autumn Term

Week 11

21st November 2025

During last week's Governor's meeting, there were opportunities to talk about the strengths of the school and also unpick what else needs to be done on our school improvement journey. One area of discussion was how we can help parents and carers to support their children with learning. In a section below, the Stay Play and Learn sessions for Nursery, Reception and Year 1 are being shared and this will be one helpful way of developing this aspect of the school. We will also be sharing information regarding the Open Classrooms taking place at PAB in the last week of the term – please make sure that you make a note of this date.

Also at the meeting, we talked about the improving picture around attendance. Whilst this is better than it previously has been, we still need to ensure that children are in school every day and on time too. I appreciate that there are a lot of roadworks in the local area so please do allow additional time each morning to ensure a punctual start to the day.



**Thank you so much for all of
you Children in Need
donations!**



NSPCC

Visiting next week



**Don't forget to book your tickets
to your child's Christmas
Performance!**

Thank you to everyone that has completed this year's parent questionnaire. We have started to analyse the results and it is pleasing to see that the over-whelming number of parents and carers feel positively about the school. There are things for us to work on though and we started to think about this at last night's SLT meeting. There will be more to share about this in the weeks and months to come.

Communication has been mentioned by a number of parents. Having worked at a number of different schools - as both a teacher and leader – this has always been an issue. There is either too much, not enough, too early or too late. We are committed to getting this right and will reflect on the suggestions offered. It is worth reminding you all about the best ways to share information or a concern with the school. Issues are best addressed initially by your child's class teacher. These can be escalated to Year Leaders, Phase Leaders and then other members of SLT as necessary. It is important that we deal

with concerns in a timely manner but it is also necessary to remain respectful when communicating with members of the school team. Whatever emotional response adults are feeling – it not okay to be rude to school staff – and visa versa!
Thank you for your understanding here.

Next week, we have a visit from NSPCC who will be organising assemblies and discussions for the children at Park Avenue. Having worked with them before, these are always thought-provoking learning opportunities. I look forward to sharing more in next week's Review.

Christmas Performances

Whole School

Further to the emails and letters sent out at the beginning of the week, please see the links to all Christmas performances below:

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).

Road Safety Week

Year 2

This week has been Road Safety Week and the theme was **Safe Vehicles Save Lives**. This means that we focused on how to travel safely in and around cars, as well as making sure our vehicles are safe to travel in. The children have learnt how important it is to be wearing a seatbelt when sitting in cars, why car seats are important, and why younger children should hold hands with an adult when crossing the road. Please encourage your child to be safe by reinforcing this message when travelling in or around cars.

Road Safety Week

Reception & Year 1



On Monday, Reception and Year 1 children took part in a road safety awareness assembly. They learnt about the importance of wearing a seat belt in the car and discussed what could happen in the event of a crash. A group of children volunteered to 'cross the road' set up on the floor. They learnt the importance of looking and listening, whilst holding the hand of an adult before crossing.

Did you know that as the driver you are legally responsible for ensuring that any child under 14 wears an appropriate seat belt or child restraint?

Lip Balm

Whole School

With the weather getting colder we understand more children may be suffering with dry/chapped lips. This is a reminder that all lip balm should be handed in to the school office, with a medication form completed as usual. Sparkly and coloured lip balm, and lip glosses are not permitted.

Stay, Play & Learn Sessions

Nursery & Reception

Nursery are welcoming parents to the following stay, play and learn sessions for 1 parent to attend per child. Please follow the links below to book your preferred session.

[Hedgehogs Stay, Play and Learn - Monday 1st Dec 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM](#)

[Hedgehogs Stay, Play and Learn - Tuesday 2nd Dec 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM](#)

[Hedgehogs Stay, Play and Learn - Wednesday 3rd Dec 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM](#)

[Rabbits Stay, Play and Learn – Wednesday 3rd Dec 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM](#)

[Rabbits Stay, Play and Learn – Thursday 4th Dec 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM](#)

[Rabbits Stay, Play and Learn – Friday 5th Dec 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM](#)

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.

Family Learning Sessions

Year 1

Year 1 are welcoming parents to family learning sessions on the following dates, links to book your preferred session will follow:

Wednesday 7th January – 9-10am

Thursday 8th January – 9-10am

These will be followed by a Phonics information session for parents 10-10:20 in the hall.

Please note that only 1 parent per child can attend.

History

Year 2

Year 2 are looking for cardboard boxes around the size of a shoe box or cereal box to make our Tudor Houses. Please send your Year 2 child in with 1 box next week



School Photos

Whole School

School photo proofs have now gone home in book bags; we hope you are very pleased with them. Please note any children in Hedgehogs will receive theirs next week. If you have any queries, please email the office. Ordering online is preferred, you should find all the details on the photo proofs, however, any cash orders must be given into the school office by **3.30pm on Wednesday 3rd December.**

Geography

Year 3



To celebrate Geography Awareness Week, the children and staff in 3L have made a collaborative map to show all of the different countries we have visited around the world. We had a lot of discussion about how close different countries were together and compared the size of countries to the UK. We then discussed places that no-one had visited and voted on some countries we would like to visit in the future.





PTA
FRIENDS OF RIVERBRIDGE

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

Buy your 'Aladdin' tickets - panto on Sunday 30 November

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 now

Our 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 now 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.

Support Riverbridge while you do your Christmas shopping

With Black Friday approaching, 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

I have enjoyed reading the gold leaves this week. There have been lots of really lovely words about the choices being made across the school: being an active learner, an expert reader and an incredible role model being just a few.

Very well done to everyone below.

Sibora L	Ayaan B	Arthur S
Burak M	Ralfs K	Aditi S
Lilah M	Seb M	Isla M
Rayan O	Rami S	Issac-John C
Samuel V	Nick A	Luke D
Carter M	Theodore P	Poppy RW
Psalm F	Amelie B	James S
Anandhitha S	Samuel F	Krithik M
Preston O'F	Vedha B	Isobel S
Kairo P	Ruhaan S	Sree Pranavi A
Evelyn S	Jacob M	Evie-Rose H
Jaxon S	Benjamin SE	Joao VBC
Margaret D	Alfie P	Megan G
Gabby R	Grace C	Zain S
Ava F	Nicholas N	Kaven P
Kirat G	Matilda P	Caelan T
Yusuf A	Darsh J	Joseph W

Rainbow Awards

Nursery

Well done to the Hedgehogs and Rabbits below for their positive week!

Keep it up!

Millie F

Frankie W

Anya A

Lorena W

House Competition

Whole School

Last week's Uniform challenge was won by Water House who received 81 points. In second place was Air with 69 points. Fire House came third with 60 points.

This has changed the totals below:



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.

Sheku Kanneh-Mason
Musician

Active Ambitious Connector



This week, we found out about the cellist Sheku Kanneh-Mason. Music was an important part of Sheku's childhood. Everyone in the family played an instrument!

One day, during a music lesson, he saw a cello and made up his mind that this was the instrument for him.

At first, the sound he made was less than pleasing! It was a difficult instrument to learn. At first, his fingers hurt, the bow squeaked and he had feelings of frustration. He did not give up!

As he grew older, he began performing, taking part in orchestras and performing solo recitals.

His talent was becoming famous and he became even more well known when he performed at the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle.

As he travels the world to perform, he also talks about the discipline, practice and passion it takes to be a musician.

His words of advice below were really helpful for us to think about:

“With determination, you can achieve anything you want, even in a world that says you can’t”

If you want to watch Sheku perform – use the link below:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1fm8SEdYdfM&list=RD1fm8SEdYdfM&start_radio=1

Have a great weekend!

Paul Grimwood

Headteacher

Dates for the diary...

Autumn Term 2025

Sunday 30th November

PTA Panto - Aladdin

Monday 1st December

Hedgehogs Stay, Play & Learn AM

Tuesday 2nd December

Hedgehogs Stay, Play & Learn AM

Wednesday 3rd December

Hedgehogs Stay, Play & Learn AM

Wednesday 3rd December

Rabbits Stay, Play & Learn PM

Thursday 4th December

Rabbits Stay, Play & Learn AM

Friday 5th December

Rabbits Stay, Play & Learn AM

Tues 2nd December

Year 1 Toy Workshop KGB Hall

Tues 2nd December

Year 3 Butser Farm Trip

Wednesday 3rd – Friday 5th

Year 4 Bikeability

December

Wednesday 3rd December

PTA Discos Yr1-3 4.30-5.30pm & Yr 4-6 6.00-7.30pm

Monday 8th December

Hedgehogs Christmas Performance

Tuesday 9th December

Reception Christmas Performance – 9.30am

Tuesday 9th December

Year 2,3 Christmas Performance – 2.15pm

Tuesday 9th December

Year 4,5,6 Christmas Performance – 2pm

Wednesday 10th December

Reception Christmas Performance – 2.30pm

Wednesday 10th December

Year 1 Christmas Performance – 9.30am

Wednesday 10th December

Year 2,3 Christmas Performance – 2.15pm

Wednesday 10th December

Year 4,5,6 Christmas Performance – 9.30am & 6pm

Thursday 11th December

Year 1 Christmas Performance – 2.15pm

Thursday 11th December

Year 2,3 Christmas Performance – 9.30am

Weds 17th December

Nursery & Reception PTA Party

Weds 17th December

Christmas Jumper Day

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

Weds 7th January

Year 1 Family Learning Session

Thurs 8th January

Year 1 Family Learning Session

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

Easter Holidays

April 2026**Summer Term 2026**Mon 13th April

Children return to school

Mon 4th May

Spring Bank Holiday

Mon 11th MayYr 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**Easter Holidays**

April 2027**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 JulyEnd of term for children: 1.20pm KGB, 1.30pm PAB, 1.40pm
NurseryTues 20th July

No after school club

Weds 21st July

Inset day 4

Thurs 22nd July

Inset day 5



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.

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



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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:
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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**SUNDAY 30 NOVEMBER,
2:30 - 5:00 PM**

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CHRISTMAS TREATS

CHILDREN'S CRAFTS

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8.45 - 9.45 (Years 1, 2, 3)

8.45 - 10.15 (Years 4, 5, 6)

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Spring term

10th January - 28th March

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