



RIVERBRIDGE REVIEW

Autumn Term

Week 14

12th December 2025

This has been an exciting week!

The Christmas performances across the school have been a real celebration of acting, music and thought. I always enjoy watching the different shows that take place and am impressed with the confidence and enjoyment that the children bring to each of them. To all the children – from nursery to year 6 – I say a very big 'well done' for entertaining the audiences so well!

On Thursday, our audience was added to with two special visitors. Sinead Mooney – the local councillor for Spelthorne was in attendance. We were also joined by Katherine Everett from Surrey County Council. They had the pleasure of watching the year 2 and 3 performance and were mightily impressed. We also had an opportunity to tour some of the school site and talk through the things we are proud of as a school and also the challenges we face in education. It was a very positive visit!



**Year 3 enjoying their trip to
Buster Ancient Farm**



**Looking forward to our festive
menu next week!**



**Year 2 learning about the Great
Fire of London**

On a less positive note, there have been two reports of anti-social parking shared with the school this week. There was a worrying incident on Monday afternoon where an ambulance was unable to get down Park Avenue because of inconsiderate and unsafe parking. Whilst I understand that this is not necessarily due to parents at Riverbridge, it is still a significant concern. Can I ask that all parents and carers parking around the school site ensure driveways have not been blocked and that there is sufficient room for emergency vehicles to come down the road. This could have had a significant impact on the person requiring medical assistance and it's essential that we all play our part here.

There has been a second report of local parents parking on double yellow lines in Langley Road. This led to a vehicle being damaged. Again – this might not be Riverbridge parents but if it is – please stop! Parking more considerately may need to be a New Year's resolution!

We have welcomed a new member of the school team this week. Summer Prendergast has joined the Wraparound Care team and we wish her well. Next week will be the final week for two well-known members of staff – Mrs Dotson and Mrs Neumann will both be

waving goodbye to Riverbridge. More will be shared in the last Review of the year next week!

Stay, Play & Learn Sessions

Reception

Reception would like to welcome you to a stay, play and learn session week commencing Monday 12th January. There will be 5 sessions per class, running each morning that week. Due to capacity, we are offering 6 tickets per session, and ask only 1 adult attend per child, with no siblings please.

Please see below the booking links for each session:

[RG Stay, Play & Learn Monday 12th Jan 8.40am-10am](#)

[RG Stay, Play & Learn Tuesday 13th Jan 8.40am-10am](#)

[RG Stay, Play & Learn Wednesday 14th Jan 8.40am-10am](#)

[RG Stay, Play & Learn Thursday 15th Jan 8.40am-10am](#)

[RG Stay, Play & Learn Friday 16th Jan 8.40am-10am](#)

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Stay, Play & Learn Sessions

Year 1

Year 1 would like to welcome you to a stay, play and learn session the first week back after Christmas. There will be 2 sessions per class running that week. Due to capacity, we are offering 15 tickets per session, and ask only 1 adult attend per child, with no siblings please.

Please see below the booking links for each session:

[1C Stay, Play & Learn Wednesday 7th January 9am-10am followed by a Phonics session 10-10.20am](#)

[1C Stay, Play & Learn Thursday 8th January 9am-10am followed by a Phonics session 10-10.20am](#)

[1D Stay, Play & Learn Wednesday 7th January 9am-10am followed by a Phonics session 10-10.20am](#)

[1D Stay, Play & Learn Thursday 8th January 9am-10am followed by a Phonics session 10-10.20am](#)

[1BR Stay, Play & Learn Wednesday 7th January 9am-10am followed by a Phonics session 10-10.20am](#)

[1BR Stay, Play & Learn Thursday 8th January 9am-10am followed by a Phonics session 10-10.20am](#)

Open Classrooms

Year 2-6

On Wednesday 17th December there will be the opportunity for you to visit your child's classroom for them to share the learning that they have completed over the course of the term.

At Park Avenue, the gates will open early on Wednesday 17th December at 3:10 to allow time for you to look at your child's learning in their classroom.

The gates will remain open until 3:30pm so if you are also collecting children from KGB, please do this first as you usually would before coming in to visit the classroom.

Please remember that children in Years 5 and 6 who have permission to walk home alone must wait until 3:20 before being dismissed by their class teacher and we ask that parents coming in at 3:10pm spend time in the classrooms and children are not collected early.

We have received some feedback around open classrooms and are aware some parents feel that this would be more appropriate to take place on the last day of term given the early finish and the impact this has on those requiring time off work. This is something that we will be reviewing in the Spring term and will share further details about after February half term.

Girls Football

Year 6



The girls football team played excellently last week in their trophy game. They beat Hawkedale 3-0 to make it through to the semi-final. Well done girls!

School Dinners & Pack Lunch Process

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 **11.59pm** the previous day.

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 you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office at office.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk

Cardboard for Crafts

Year 4

Next week, we are aiming to have the opportunity to complete some Roman crafts. Therefore could all children bring in a roughly A4 sized cardboard box, or piece of cardboard (i.e. cereal box) please. Any spares would be greatly appreciated. Thanks in advance for your help!

History

Year 2



Year 2 have enjoyed learning about the Great Fire of London this half term. The children have learnt all about the event in 1666 and have thought carefully about how the fire started, what caused it to spread, and how it eventually went out. They made their own model Tudor Houses and watched with excitement as the houses were burnt down. They used this experience to enhance their writing, describing the fire using adjectives.

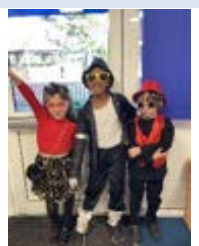


Christmas Performance

Whole School



Well done to everyone for taking part in their wonderful Christmas Performances. We have received some very positive feedback from the grown ups watching, all of the children worked really hard during rehearsals which showed in their confident and enthusiastic performances.



Science

Year 3



Recently, the children in Year 3 went to Butser Ancient Farm to consolidate and further their learning of the Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages. The children got to take part in many activities, including building their own fence using a technique called wattling and making their own jewellery using a copper wire. The children had a great day and the weather held out for us all!



PTA
FRIENDS OF RIVERBRIDGE

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

PTA raises £6,835 so far this school year!

It's been a fantastic term with lots of successful events organised by Riverbridge PTA, including our Welcome Back Party in October, our Panto, and our Festive Discos.

Thank you to everyone who has bought tickets and supported all our PTA activities this term, to the staff at the school for their support, and to those who have volunteered at our events.

We're delighted to have raised £6,835 this term against our target of £15,000 for the whole school year - a fantastic result that puts us well on track!

All this money goes directly towards supporting the children's education by funding learning events, resources and new equipment.

This includes £150 for each class teacher to spend on resources, and £3,600 to create a communication corner in each classroom.

This year we're also working with the school on an exciting playground development for PAB and have agreed to contribute £5,000 towards the project later this year! Watch this space for more details.

Last few days to buy nursery/reception party tickets

For children in nursery and reception, Riverbridge PTA have organised a ticketed Christmas party during school hours on Wednesday 17 December, featuring games and music from local children's entertainer Crazy Hazy.

Tickets are £4.50 per child and on sale at www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge. Don't forget to buy yours!

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

It has been very positive to hear of the various reasons that children have received gold leaves this week. As we approach the end of a long and busy term, the fact that positive choices are being made is to be celebrated.

Very well done to all those below:

Poppy K	Kayenat A	Ava O
Avyukt A	Ayla S	Ella M
Pedro P	Ava M	Floki H
Ekam S	Bonnie C	Alisha N
Hareem U	Cassie B	Maryam A
Amelie B	Emma N	Alfie H
Oliver BC	Mia B	Kevin G
Medha I	Saira P	Isobel S
Ethan H	Mrittika M	Zayd R
Jury BG	Ditya G	Sadie R
Ruhaan S	Lincoln O	Indie WK
Tommy L	Erin D	Belinda SP
Nigel C	Harshitha DS	Charlotte D
Emily R	Dexter S	Leo C
Cara LS	Frank G	Darko M

Rainbow Awards

Nursery

Thank you to all the children in both Hedgehogs and Rabbits that have made such positive choices this week!

Chrissy G	Max AB	Roxy S
Yassine M	Frederick P	

House Competition

Whole School

The results of last week's Kindness Champions competition were shared on Monday.

Water House were the victors on this occasion amassing 75 points. Air was second (69 points) with Fire coming third (66 points).

The updated scores are below – though these will change very quickly as next week there will be this half term's Being Our Best Cup to be awarded!



**95
Points**



**80
Points**



**95
Points**

8 Great Ways to Being Our Best

Whole School

This year's assemblies have focused 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.

Cerrie Burnell
Writer Actor Activist

Active Ambitious Inclusive



Monday’s assembly was focused on Cerrie Burnell. She is best known for her work as an author, actor, and former CBeebies presenter, Burnell has dedicated her career to creating stories that celebrate difference, champion inclusivity, and put disabled characters at the heart of the narrative.

Born with a limb difference, Burnell has spoken openly about how rarely she saw herself reflected in the books she read as a child—that is why she has been committed to writing stories where all children feel seen.

Cerrie Burnell’s work inspires young readers and adults alike. With warmth, creativity, and quiet determination, she is helping reshape the landscape of children’s literature—making it more inclusive, more magical, and more reflective of the diverse world children live in today.

She has said:

‘We need to show every child that they belong between the pages of great literature.’

Wishing you all a very positive weekend.

Paul Grimwood
Headteacher

Dates for the diary...

Autumn Term 2025

Weds 17 th December	Nursery & Reception PTA Party
Weds 17 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Weds 17 th December	Year 2-6 Open Classrooms
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
Mon 12 th – Fri 16 th Jan	Reception Stay, Play and Learn sessions each morning
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
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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

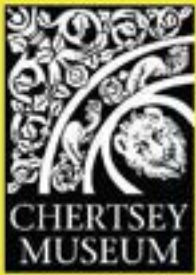
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Inset day 4

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Inset day 5



For All
The
Family

1st Saturday
of the month
1.30pm-3.30pm

Museum Makes

Join us for a fun family craft activity where imagination meets history in a hands-on experience for all ages!



FREE
DROP IN
SESSION



Support available this



If you need support now, here's what to do:

If you are in immediate danger: call [999](tel:999)

If you have an urgent need, call our crisis line on [0800 915 4644](tel:08009154644). It's open 24/7. You can also call NHS 111 and select the mental health option.

Self help tools & resources

A range of resources, strategies, and tools developed by professionals can be found on our [resources section](#). Resources on self care, anxiety, depression and much more are available, with links through to other useful websites.



Online support

If you need support with life's ups and downs outside of your regular support system, try Kooth which offers a free, safe, anonymous online support (kooth.com) or Chat Health which offers confidential text support with a qualified nurse (chathealth.nhs.uk).



Workshops and groups

We offer free workshops and groups for children, young people, and families - no request for support or diagnosis needed. More information on our [Early Support pages](#).



CYP Havens

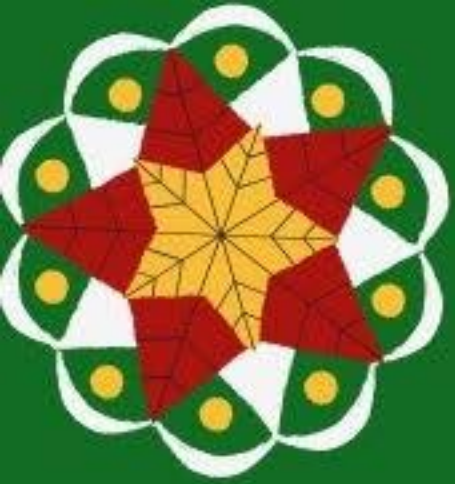
[The Children Young People \(CYP\) Havens](#) are a welcoming space for 10 to 18 year olds to talk about worries and mental health in confidence. Provided by Surrey County Council.



Out of hours advice line

A free out-of-hours phone line provides advice to parents and carers who are struggling with behaviours or difficulties which could be related to neurodevelopmental need, such as autism or ADHD. It runs from 5pm until 11pm, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Please call 0300 222 5755





St Mary & St Peter

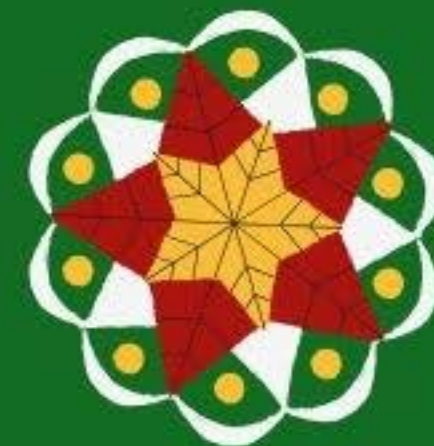


Staines Community Carols

Sunday 14th December

6:00 pm

St Peters Church,
Laleham Road,
TW18 2DX



Join us and get in
the festive spirit

Mulled Wine & Mince
Pies available





Jingle & Joy
December

December
Holiday Club

17th , 18th , 19th , 22nd & 5th Jan
@ St Georges, Weybridge

22nd Dec @ Staines
Preparatory, Staines - HAF
Vouchers Accepted

Join us this winter break as we
celebrate the wonder of the season.

Book Now!

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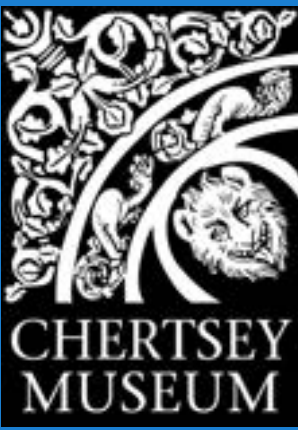


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Sewing Circle

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Suitable for ages 7 to 12
£4.00 per session
Advanced booking required

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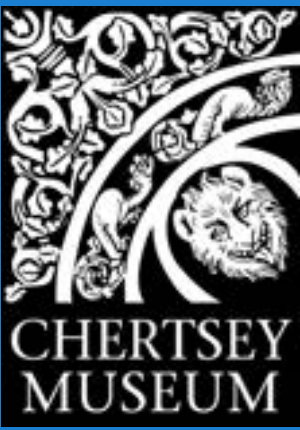
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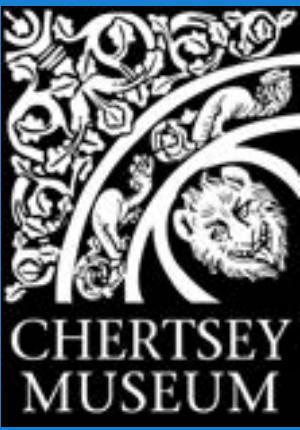
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