



# RIVERBRIDGE REVIEW

Autumn Term

Week 15

19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

It is hard to believe that we have reached the final school day on 2025!

The final week of any term is obviously really busy but the last few days of the autumn term is particularly packed. On Wednesday, the kitchens on both bases were busy at work preparing and serving the Christmas lunch for those children that ordered it. The food was delicious and I want to thank the catering team on both bases for their efforts here. Many of the children look forward to this being day the 'teachers serve us'! I would also, therefore, want to thank the whole staff team for making the day successful.

Also on Wednesday, the children from Nursery and Reception were treated to a fun-filled party by the PTA. Crazy Hazy (and a visit from Santa) was certainly enjoyed by all. Thank you to the PTA for funding this opportunity.

Also on Wednesday(!), classrooms at Park Avenue welcomed parents and carers in as part of the Open classroom event. Mrs Price shared with me that this was a really positive event and there were lots of adult visitors. Thank you to everyone who attended and to the staff for organising these sessions.



**We made lots of Christmas crafts this week**



**Have a lovely Christmas break!**



**Nursery had a fantastic time at their Christmas party!**

There are some changes in staffing to report to you all.

As mentioned in last week's Review, there are staff leaving us today. Mrs Neumann has been a stalwart of the teaching assistant team for a large number of years and is looking forward to a more relaxed way of life in the new year. We thank Mrs Neumann for all she has done for the children at Riverbridge.

Also making an impact over a number of years is Mrs Dotson, who also leaves us today. She has brought such drive and passion into the Reception classroom and I know will be missed. We again wish her well.

Also leaving today is Mrs Horgan who has been with us a short while. We wish her well.

Joining the team is Miss Firth – we hope she enjoys her time as part of the team.

Class 5G will be starting a new adventure in the new year. The current classroom needs some maintenance work and, as a result, 5G will be relocating to the Music Room. Mrs Gale has managed this with her usual calm manner and I have also been impressed with how sensible the children have been too. We will update parents as soon as we are able.

Finally, on behalf of all the staff that have received cards and presents from you – I share my thanks. I know that everyone is grateful for the kind words and thoughts as we head into the festive period.

I wish you all a peaceful Christmas and look forward to seeing you all again at 8.40am on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January. See you next year!

## **Stay, Play & Learn Sessions**

## **Reception**

Reception would like to welcome you to a stay, play and learn session week commencing Monday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> Jan 8.40am-10am](#)

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

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

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

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

[RAN Stay, Play & Learn Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Jan 8.40am-10am](#)

[RAN Stay, Play & Learn Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Jan 8.40am-10am](#)

[RAN Stay, Play & Learn Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Jan 8.40am-10am](#)

[RAN Stay, Play & Learn Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Jan 8.40am-10am](#)

[RAN Stay, Play & Learn Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Jan 8.40am-10am](#)

[RHT Stay, Play & Learn Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Jan 8.40am-10am](#)

[RHT Stay, Play & Learn Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Jan 8.40am-10am](#)

[RHT Stay, Play & Learn Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Jan 8.40am-10am](#)

[RHT Stay, Play & Learn Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Jan 8.40am-10am](#)

[RHT Stay, Play & Learn Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Jan 8.40am-10am](#)

## **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 7<sup>th</sup> January 9am-10am followed by a Phonics session 10-10.20am](#)

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

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

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

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

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

## **School Dinners & Packed Lunch Process**

## **Reception-Year 6**

Thank you for your support with the new school dinner and packed lunch ordering process. As expected, there have been a few teething issues, however we are pleased with how the new process is working. Please continue to pre order all school dinner or packed lunch choices on Scopay. It is important if your child is having a packed lunch that this is also added to Scopay, so we know a school dinner is not required. You can continue to swap between school dinners and packed lunch on different days, we hope this flexibility is helpful for you. As previously advised, please note the following details for pre ordering:

- 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.
- **Please note that children in nursery do not need to add their packed lunch onto Scopay**

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](mailto:office.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk)

## Class Move

5G

Due to some work taking place in the current 5G classroom the children in Mrs Gale's class will be moving to the music room after the Christmas break. This is the left-hand classroom of the double hut on the main playground. The children will use the door at the back of the classroom next to the gazebo to enter and exit at the beginning and end of the day. The children have seen this space and are aware of this change in the new year.

## Christmas Crafts

Year 1



1C have been busy crafting shoe box Nativities and Wooden Log Rudolph Decorations!



## History

Year 4



Year 4 had a Romans Day this week and designed and made their own Roman shields



## Outside Achievements

Year 1

Well done to Alex (1D) for getting his red belt in karate.

## Vacancies

Whole School

### Riverbridge Primary School is recruiting:

We are seeking to appoint a highly enthusiastic, proactive, flexible and reliable individual for the role of Teaching Assistant. This is an opportunity for someone who is patient and emotionally resilient to join our friendly, inclusive and aspirational team of teaching and support staff.

For more information please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1527281>



**PTA**  
FRIENDS OF RIVERBRIDGE

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

### **Happy Christmas from Riverbridge PTA!**

We would like to wish the whole school community a wonderful festive break and a very happy new year.

Thank you to everyone who has supported PTA events and activities this term, and helped us to raise £6,835 this term against our target of £15,000 for the whole school year - a fantastic result!

### **Dates for your diary**

#### **1 February - Registration opens for Staines 10k**

If you're planning to run the Staines 10K on Sunday 10 May 2026, please consider running to raise money for Riverbridge PTA. Registration is available from 1 February, and you can select Riverbridge PTA as your chosen charity when you enter online. We'll also be looking for volunteer marshalls to help on the day.

#### **w/c 10 February - Sponsored Scoot**

Our sponsored scoot will be back in February, with children across the school able to take part during PE lessons across this week.

#### **22 March - Easter Trail**

Join us for a trail around the local area to find our bunnies and win prizes!

#### **24 April - Bingo Night**

Our popular family bingo night will return to PAB hall in April - will you get a full house?

#### **20 May - School Discos**

We're running our summer discos earlier this year as it tends to get too hot in the hall for discos during June and July.

#### **26 June - Riverbridge Summer Fair**

We will have a Football World Cup theme, so if anyone has any suggestions for games and activities, we would love to hear them. Just drop us a line using the email address below.

### **Stay connected with Riverbridge PTA**

Follow Riverbridge PTA on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/groups/RiverbridgePrimarySchoolPTA](https://www.facebook.com/groups/RiverbridgePrimarySchoolPTA) or get in touch by email at [pta.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk](mailto:pta.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk)

### **Gold Leaves**

### **Whole School**

The children below can be proud of the efforts they have made this week. What a positive way to end the year. I look forward to seeing more of this when we return to school in 2026!  
Keep it up!

Arthur J

Leon G

Laia S

Ava O

Brendon GAP

Aleyna G

Jensen B

Esmail C

Nora HJ

Cara TC	Brandon SH	Connor J
Matilda B	Willow K	Maria S
Shaurya S	Jesse L	Sofia E
Belle R	Urijah M	Alice T
Viaan G	Luke C	Mariia K
Sarah M	Thomas M	Ayla G
Maya S	Aseda P	Harper W
Dusty S	Jack C	Evaan E
Ajana A	Danielle M	Jacob M
Daisy L	Alice LJ	Joao VBC
Alex F	Charlie C	Elsie B
Elodie G	Asim A	Matilda M
Poppy K	Martha C	Tom S
Zoe N	Archie B	Tegh K
Janhvi S	Nigel C	Jocelyn P
Furqan A	Noah F	Nesia P
Kridhaya WK	Erick M	

## Rainbow Awards

## Nursery

Well done to those children in Hedgehogs and Rabbits who have ended 2025 so successfully!

Amirah Z

Anna M

Daphne E

Ethan M

Megha M

Stefani G

## House Competition

## Whole School

This half term's Being Our Best Awards were shared in the assemblies on both bases today.

The children who have received these are included with this week's Review. Make sure you give these pages a read!

The totals have been added up and the Being Our Best Cup for Autumn 2 was also shared.

Water were convincing victors - perhaps the highest total in any of the competitions we have ever had!

They scored 24 points.

Fire was second with 12 points. Air was third with 6 points.

The updated totals - as we head into 2026 - are below:



**115  
Points**



**95  
Points**



**105  
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.

**Stephen Hawking  
Scientist**

**Ambitious Connector Thinker**



For the final week of the term (and 2025), our assembly theme was linked to the famous scientist Stephen Hawking

As a child, he was always fascinated with finding out how things work. He was creative and curious and worked hard; attending Oxford University. Having graduated, he was diagnosed with motor neurone disease. This slowly weakened his muscles so that he was unable to walk or talk.

Despite these challenges, his mind remained strong and he never stopped working, thinking, learning or contributing to science.

He communicated everything through the twitches in his cheek muscle and ended up writing books that changed the way we view the universe. His work on black holes and the big bang theory have influenced a whole new generation of scientists.

The resilience and perseverance he showed was incredible and it was useful to read the quote below:

*‘However difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do and succeed at. All that matters is you don’t give up.’*

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We all look forward to seeing you again on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January – 8.40am!**

**Paul Grimwood**

**Headteacher**

### Dates for the diary...

#### Autumn Term 2025

**Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec – 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2026**

**Christmas Holidays**

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> January

Children return to school

Weds 7<sup>th</sup> January

Year 1 Family Learning Session

Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> January

Year 1 Family Learning Session

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> January

Reception Open Afternoon

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> January

Yr 4 Swimming lessons start for **4GT** only

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> – Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Jan

Reception Stay, Play and Learn sessions each morning

Tues 13<sup>th</sup> January

Reception Open Morning

#### Spring Term 2026

**Mon 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026**

**Spring Half Term**

W/C 9<sup>th</sup> February

**PTA Sponsored Scoot**

Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent consultations
Weds 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent consultations
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent consultations
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Children return to school
Weds 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 4 Residential Trip – more details to follow
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 4 Residential Trip – more details to follow
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 4 Residential Trip – more details to follow
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	<b>PTA Easter Trail</b>
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> March	No After School Club
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> March	End of term for children: 1.20pm KGB, 1.30pm PAB, 1.40pm Nursery

**Mon 30<sup>th</sup> March – 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

**Easter Holidays**

**Summer Term 2026**

Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Children return to school
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Spring Bank Holiday
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Yr 4 Swimming lessons start for <b>4P</b> only
Weds 20 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>PTA School Discos</b>

**Mon 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

**Summer Half Term**

Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Children return to school
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>PTA Summer Fair</b>
Weds 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Production
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Open Classroom/Reception Drop In
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Party
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> July	End of term for children: 1.20pm KGB, 1.30pm PAB, 1.40pm Nursery
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> July	No After School Club
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Inset day 4
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Inset day 5

**Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Weds 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept 2026**

**Summer Holidays**

**Autumn Term 2026**

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

**Mon 19<sup>th</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Autumn Half Term**

**Oct 2026**

Mon 2nd Nov

Children return to school

Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Dec

End of term for children: 1.20pm KGB, 1.30pm PAB, 1.40pm Nursery

Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Dec

No after school club

**Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Dec – Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2027****Christmas Holidays**Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Jan

Inset Day 3

Weds 6<sup>th</sup> Jan

Children return to school

**Spring Term 2027****Mon 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 2027****Spring Half Term**

Mon 22nd Feb

Children return to school

Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> March

End of term for children: 1.20pm KGB, 1.30pm PAB, 1.40pm Nursery

Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> March

No after school club

**Fri 26<sup>th</sup> March – Fri 9<sup>th</sup> April 2027****Easter Holidays****Summer Term 2027**Mon 12<sup>th</sup> April

Children return to school

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> May

Bank Holiday

**Mon 31<sup>st</sup> May – Fri 4<sup>th</sup> June 2027****Summer Half Term**Mon 7<sup>th</sup> June

Children return to school

Tues 20<sup>th</sup> July

End of term for children: 1.20pm KGB, 1.30pm PAB, 1.40pm Nursery

Tues 20<sup>th</sup> July

No after school club

Weds 21<sup>st</sup> July

Inset day 4

Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> July

Inset day 5

## Being Our Best Awards – Autumn 2

### Hedgehogs

**Frankie B**

**Explorer**

By developing your confidence over the course of the term and applying it to contribute ideas during group learning sessions.

**Isla B**

**Thinker**

For applying knowledge gained during group learning sessions to her play.

**RAN**

**Arthur S**

**Compassionate**

For being consistently caring towards others. Arthur is great at helping people to feel welcome and included.

**RG**

**Aditi**

**Active**

For being a positive influence and an active member of RG. Daily, you show you care for others, you respect your learning environment and you have been determined to work hard during phonics.

**RHT**

**Rami S**

**Explorer**

For being an enthusiastic explorer of new learning and resources in the classroom. Rami shows kindness towards others while learning together.

**Poppy K**

**Ambitious**

For her positive attitude towards learning this term. She has worked hard to apply her new learning throughout each week.

**Frankie K**

**Independent**

For consistently being principled and independent. While ensuring you show the utmost respect for others, you equally show respect for your learning by giving every task your complete attention and focus.

**Luna K**

**Thinker**

For being a thoughtful and attentive learner. Luna listens carefully to questions, challenges herself in her thinking, and uses her imagination creatively during play.

**1BR**

**Tamilore A**

**Thinker**

For always trying your very best, using wonderful creativity, and bravely challenging yourself in every task. Your imagination and hard work shine every day, well done!

**1C**

**Maryam A**

**Independent**

For always challenging yourself to tackle any activity with confidence and determination. Working independently to be your absolute best!

**1D**

**Ethan P**

**Independent**

For becoming more independent with his learning. Ethan has been working hard to blend longer words and write sentences independently.

**Oakley M**

**Ambitious**

For showing wonderful growth in confidence and giving his very best in phonics. Keep up the great blending, Oakley!

**Alex R**

**Active**

For working so incredibly hard on your reading skills this half term. Your blending has improved greatly which has made you a more fluent reader!

**Zoha A**

**Active**

For always wanting to challenge herself and having a great love for learning. Zoha is always looking for new ways to further her understanding.

**2H**

**Saira P**

**Independent**

For showing independence and resilience in many ways this half term. Saira approaches new

**2J**

**George S**

**Active**

For being an active learner and working incredibly hard this half term, always showing enthusiasm

**2P**

**Tallulah C**

**Compassionate**

For always looking out for your friends and helping them when they need you.

learning with a positive attitude.

Well done!

**Arenna M**

**Active**

For being an active learner. Arenna participates well, listens to instructions, and has a positive attitude to learning. Well done!

**3HT**

**Aaliyah C**

**Ambitious**

For always aiming high in the classroom and challenging herself to improve.

**Arjun S**

**Thinker**

For always being curious, researching topics at home and proudly sharing his thinking.

**4GT**

**Elodie G**

**Compassionate**

For always looking out for others with such kindness. Your peers said that you are caring and always help out when you can. Thank you!

**Tyler F**

**Ambitious**

For challenging yourself with your learning. You have committed your best efforts, especially with your handwriting. Amazing effort, Tyler!

**5G**

**Sabrina H**

**Ambitious**

Sabrina, you have been absolutely amazing this half term with your determination and ambition to show your understanding in all lessons.

**Raziel O**

**Independent**

Raziel, you have worked hard this half term to become more

and brightening up the room with

your smile.

**Sarah M**

**Ambitious**

For being an ambitious learner who consistently challenges yourself in all lessons and approaching new learning with confidence and determination.

**3L**

**Frey A**

**Ambitious**

For always being considerate of the vocabulary that you carefully select in your writing to make an impact on the reader of your work.

**Nekhaa M**

**Compassionate**

For being a kind and compassionate friend and always willing to play and work with anyone in the class. You make very mature choices to make sure no one feels left out.

**4K**

**Aiden S**

**Ambitious**

For challenging yourself in your learning throughout the whole half term. You have worked on your handwriting too, meaning your work is amazing and easy to read.

**Ollie B**

**Active**

For making a real effort in your learning. You are taking a more active role in the classroom answering questions when asked. Well done!

**5I**

**Jessica F**

**Active**

Jessica, your work ethic this term has been impressive. You have been challenging yourself in your learning across the curriculum and actively engaging in discussions. Well done.

**Callista L**

**Independent**

Callista, you are a very resourceful and mature learner

**Penny P**

**Ambitious**

For always thinking outside the box and being a creative thinker, beyond what the task is asking.

**3T**

**Chloe M**

**Thinker**

For your thoughtful contributions during class discussions and developing your English skills every day!

**Advik B**

**Ambitious**

For pushing yourself with your learning and working on improving your independence in English!

**4P**

**Dimana G**

**Compassionate**

For always being a kind and caring friend who is willing to work with everyone in your class.

**Oscar N**

**Active**

For always trying your best in class and working well with your friends to create your own comic in spare time.

**5W**

**Leo M**

**Connector**

Leo has had such a great term. He has developed a real love of learning and his enthusiasm is lovely to see! I look forward to seeing Leo develop further this year!

**Pranathi VV**

**Ambitious**

Pranathi is such an ambitious learner. She is always looking for

independent. You are able to articulate your thinking in all lessons to a good depth.

**6C**

**Aadil U**

**Ambitious**

What a super star reader you are becoming! You have worked so hard at home using Reading Plus to improve your reading! Keep it up!

who displays initiative and independence in all aspects of your learning. It is a pleasure to read your work.

**6S**

**Nefeli G**

**Active**

Nefeli, you always throw yourself into every learning opportunity with enthusiasm. It is a delight to see you showing such active learning.

ways to develop her work and her efforts are inspirational. She is a fantastic learner and a great achiever.

**6W**

**Darsh J**

**Active**

Darsh, your dedication to 'Being your Best' is outstanding. You have pushed yourself in your learning across all subjects and consistently go out of your way to help adults around the school during break and lunchtime — well done!

**Yichen P**

**Ambitious**

You are consistently looking for ways to improve your work. You can be very proud of how well you have progressed in your reading and writing this term!

**Willow S**

**Compassionate**

Willow, you always show such care to those around you, whether it is another child in need of support, or an adult who needs a helping hand. Thank you for being so caring and considerate.

**Alice O**

**Compassionate**

Alice, you consistently show kindness and teamwork, supporting friends and adults alike. You notice and celebrate the strengths of those around you and your thoughtfulness and compassion make a positive difference to everyone you work with.



# SEND COFFEE MORNING

Join us for an informal coffee morning



to meet other parents, share  
experiences, and talk to the Inclusion  
team in a relaxed setting.

**THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**  
**9.00 - 10.00AM**  
**KGB STAFF ROOM**



1st February 2026  
11:30am-1:30pm  
Whitton Community  
Centre  
TW2 6JL



# Crazy Hazy's Fun Day!

For Maisie's Mission to Live, a local young mum in desperate need of life-saving surgery not available on the NHS or anywhere in the UK.



2 hours of entertainment from Crazy Hazy and a meet & greet with Bluey with free refreshments for children available.



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