



RIVERBRIDGE REVIEW

Spring Term

Week 18

9th January 2026

Welcome back and Happy New Year to you all!

It has been good to get back to school and I have been impressed with how well the children across the school have settled back to their learning. The Christmas holiday is often one where family routines can be very different and so it is good to get back to some normality - for children and staff!

The weather this week has been interesting! We have had to wrap up against the cold and also be protected from heavy rain. Can I ask that all children come to school ready for whatever the weather throws at us. It is also essential that any items of clothing are named - including hats, gloves and scarves.

Next week we have a new House challenge taking place - linked to uniform. You will all be very aware of the expectations around uniform but I am adding a link to the school's website which will take you directly to the relevant page.

[Riverbridge Uniform](#)

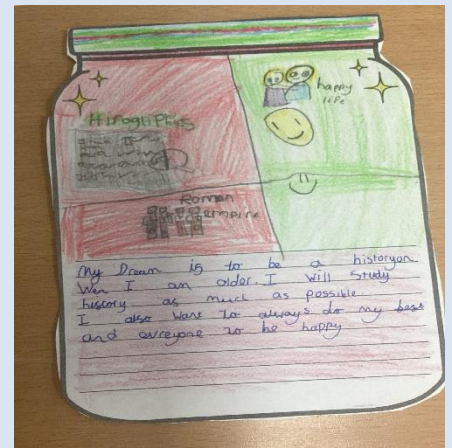
Whilst I understand that the cost of uniform is not cheap - it is not optional. I have also noticed a growing number of children that are in trainers and this is not in our policy. Class teachers will be making contact next week where improvements may be necessary.



Bread baked by the nursery children.



We hope you had a lovely Christmas & Happy New Year!



Dream Jars from 5I

The wintery months can lead to an increase in illnesses and children feeling 'under the weather'. A reminder that when a child has had a bout of sickness - the 48-hour rule applies. However, if your child is feeling a little unwell and you feel they would benefit from being at school - please do send them in. We will let you know if they worsen and can also administer Calpol with your permission. I am keen to ensure that attendance remains positive and will be reminding the staff - and the children - regarding expectations around hygiene in the weeks to come.

I hope that the Year 1 family learning sessions were useful to those that attended. This gives parents and carers an opportunity to work alongside their children and then have some input around the ways you can support your child with developing their phonics. I

know that the parents that have signed up for next week's Stay, Play and Learn sessions in Year R will find them positive too. Thank you to the staff for offering and organising these sessions.

We have welcomed two new members of staff to the Riverbridge team. Mrs Paterson has joined the staff supporting learning in year 6 as she is already making a positive impression.

Miss Firth has also joined us and is working with our Reception children. She too is settling into the role successfully and we wish them both well.

Attached to this week's Review is information regarding the 2nd Principle of Nurture. I hope this is useful.

Pupil Voice Survey

Whole School

If your child hasn't yet completed the recent Pupil Voice survey, please support them to do this as soon as possible. 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. 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>

4GT Swimming

4GT will start their swimming lessons will start on Monday 12th January and will continue until Monday 27th April. They will not swim on the 16th Feb, 30th March and 6th April due to half term and Easter holidays

Enrichment Clubs

Enrichment clubs have now been allocated. To check if your child has been allocated a space, please log into your Scopay account and complete the necessary payment/s. If you are paying by childcare vouchers, please make sure you complete the online form

- <https://www.riverbridgeprimary.co.uk/form/?pid=111&form=21>.

Spaces are still available in the following clubs at PAB:

Football Y2/3/4 – Monday	Cricket 4/5/6 – Wednesday
Netball Y5/6 – Monday	Boys Football 5/6 – Wednesday
Debate Y4/5/6 – Monday	Multisport 2/3/4 – Thursday
Girls' Football – Wednesday	Choir 4/5/6 – Thursday AM

KGB Kitchen

Reception-Year 1

Unfortunately, we are experiencing issues with the gas supply to the kitchen at the Knowle Green base which has meant not always able to offer all 4 menu options.

On Monday 12th January, the only options available will be a deli or jacket potato or for your child to bring in a packed lunch. Please update your choices for Monday on your Scopay account to reflect this.

We will be able to update parents again on the 12th with a plan for the remainder of the week.

Thank you for your understanding and support with this.

School Dinners & Packed Lunch Process

Reception-Year 6

Thank you for continuing with your support of the new dinner ordering process.

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

Parenting Puzzle

Whole School

Saxon School in a Shepperton, part of the Lumen Learning Trust, are running a 10 week evening course for the Parenting Puzzle nurturing course on Tuesday evenings starting in February. This is a caring course that can help parents/ carers manage and support their families with things like bedtimes, behaviours, understanding your child. A flyer explaining more is attached at the end of the newsletter.

Girls & Boys Football Team

Year 5-6

The Girls' and Boys' A football team headed to a double match at Town Farm yesterday. Despite the cold and wet weather, the teams both played excellently, showing great resilience and determination. The girls' played hard but unfortunately came away with a 4-0 loss while the boys' managed a brilliant 4-2 win. Well done to both teams and thank you to the parents who stood in the rain cheering them all on!

Attendance Information

Whole School

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:

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 s444 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.

Curriculum

Nursery

This week the children in the nursery have been learning about Little Red Riding Hood.

To accompany the soup Little Red Riding Hood was taking to her grandmothers' the children made their own bread rolls.

Maths

Year 1



5I have been learning how to estimate the area of irregular shapes in Maths





5I have been drawing dream jars as part of their PSHE learning. They had to draw and write about their aspirations and how they were going to achieve them.



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. Deadline for applications 11/01 For more information please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1527281>

The Echelford Primary School is recruiting:

We are recruiting a Wraparound Care Manager (24.75 hours per week, 7:00 am - 8:45 am and 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm, Monday to Friday, with an additional 1 hour per week for admin tasks during term time (38 weeks per year). We are offering a wonderful opportunity to become an integral part of our exceptional community of children and adults.

We are looking to appoint someone who wants to create a provision that is stimulating, safe, caring and creative. The right candidate will be organised and able to lead and work as part of a team and use their own initiative.

For more information on these roles please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/wraparound-care-manager-1523789>

We are recruiting a Deputy Wraparound Care Manager on a Fixed Term Contract (12 hours per week, 3pm – 6pm three afternoons per week and 7.30am - 8.30am three mornings per week, term time only (38 weeks per year). Flexibility around these hours may be considered. We are offering a wonderful opportunity to become an integral part of our exceptional community of children and adults. We are looking to appoint someone who wants to create a provision that is stimulating, safe, caring and creative. The right candidate will be organised and able to lead and work as part of a team and use their own initiative.

For more information on these roles please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/deputy-wraparound-care-manager-ftc-1523795> Deadline for both applications 16/01

Darley Dene Primary School is recruiting:

We are seeking to appoint a highly enthusiastic, proactive, flexible and reliable individual for the role of Teaching Assistant on a fixed term contract to cover a maternity leave. This is an opportunity for individuals who are patient and emotionally resilient to join our friendly, inclusive and inspirational team of teaching and support staff.

If you actively enjoy working with children in a stimulating and creative environment, have experience ideally within the education sector and are professional in your approach with a desire to make a lasting personal contribution to our children's lives, we want to hear from you.

Deadline for applications 12/01 For more information please visit: <https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1526569>



PTA
FRIENDS OF RIVERBRIDGE

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

Happy New Year from Riverbridge PTA!

We hope everyone had a fantastic Christmas and wish you all a happy new year. So far this school year,

Riverbridge PTA has raised £6,835 against our target of £15,000 - money that goes directly towards activities, events and resources to support the children's education.

This term, look out for more upcoming activities including our sponsored scoot in February and Easter Trail in March. More details coming soon!

Any unwanted gifts?

If you've received any unwanted gifts over the festive period, please consider donating it to Riverbridge PTA.

We always need prizes for raffles and for our bingo nights, and would welcome any undamaged items that we can use in this way for future events. Just drop them in to school reception and say it's a donation to the PTA. Any support you can give is greatly appreciated.

Make volunteering your new year resolution!

The PTA is run entirely by parents and we are always in need of volunteers to organise or help out at events. Why not make it your new resolution to put your name forward to help out at an upcoming event?

Send us an email at pta.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk to express your interest and we will be in touch about opportunities. Thank you for your support.

Recycle your clothes at Riverbridge

If you're clearing out your wardrobe to make space for new clothes from Christmas or the new year sales, don't forget you can recycle unwanted clothes and shoes at our recycling bank in PAB car park.

It's supplied by Little Recyclers, a cost-free clothes recycling programme designed to reduce the amount of clothes that end up in landfill.

But crucially it's also a great way to raise funds for the school all year round – because Riverbridge PTA will receive 55p for every kilogram donated.

Please drop off bagged undamaged clothes and help us to raise money for Riverbridge while protecting the environment!

IMPORTANT: don't use the clothes bank for unwanted school uniforms - these can still be donated to the school's own second hand uniform scheme.

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

It's always a great achievement to get a gold leaf however getting to gold in the first week of the year is such a positive way to start 2026.

To everyone below – and also everyone that has stayed on green or above this week – I say a very big 'well done'!

Keep it up!

Arthur S	Cassie L	Jayden DF
Chris W	Niyati A	Emilia H
Jensen	Luna	Maxwell
Mahira	Reggie S	Lenny S
Esme R	Mia B	Adi R
Mariia K	Zac D	Alfred W
Isobel S	Kairo P	Srriyan R
Danielle M	Ella P	Zainab S

Amelia B

Marlow M

Isla S

Poppy K

Nicole K

Dhruv S

Tommy L

Dexter S

Rainbow Awards

Nursery

Thank you also to those Hedgehogs and Rabbits that have reached the rainbow this week – a super start to the year!

Aaron-James C

Taylor T

Pip P

Saanvi K

Sonny M

Ziyah M

House Competition

Whole School

There will be more points to add to the totals below in the weeks to come.

At the moment, the scores remain the same:



105
Points



95
Points



115
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.

Ludwig van Beethoven Composer



Active Connector Independent

This week, we have been finding out about the life and music of Ludwig van Beethoven, famous composer who came from Germany.

His resilience was remarkable and his life was filled with obstacles, most notably his gradual hearing loss. Despite this, he composed some of the world's most celebrated works, including *Symphony No. 9* and the *Moonlight Sonata* (this was our assembly music this week!).

His ability to continue creating powerful music after becoming completely deaf demonstrates remarkable resilience, showing us that setbacks don't define our potential.

Beethoven pushed the boundaries of classical music, always striving for perfection and innovation in his work. This links well to our school motto of 'Being Our Best'.

'To play a wrong note is insignificant. To play without passion is inexcusable.'

Have a great weekend!

Paul Grimwood

Headteacher

Dates for the diary...

Spring Term 2026

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

Mon 16th – 20th Feb 2026

Spring Half Term

W/C 9 th February	PTA Sponsored Scoot
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
Sun 22 nd March	PTA Easter Trail
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
Weds 20 th May	PTA School Discos

Mon 25th – 29th May 2026

Summer Half Term

Mon 1 st June	Children return to school
Fri 26 th June	PTA Summer Fair
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 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
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

No after school club

Weds 21st July

Inset day 4

Thurs 22nd July

Inset day 5

The Principles of Nurture

The classroom offers a safe base

What it means?

At Riverbridge, we believe children learn best when they feel safe, valued and understood. That's why we follow the 2nd principle of nurture where our classrooms act as a safe base for every child.

Why it matters...

A safe base means:

- Children feel emotionally and physically secure
- Adults are predictable, caring and supportive,
- Mistakes are seen as part of learning
- Feelings are acknowledged and respected

When children feel safe, they are more confident to:

- Try new challenges
- Build positive relationships
- Manage emotions and behaviour
- Focus, engage and learn



Our classrooms should be calm, structured environments where strong relationships come first. By meeting children's emotional needs alongside their academic learning, we help them develop resilience, independence, and self-belief - skills that support success both in school and beyond.

How Parents Can Help...

Parents play a vital role in supporting nurture at home by:

- Offering consistent routines and clear boundaries
- Listening to and validating your child's feelings
- Talking positively about school and learning
- Encouraging effort rather than perfection
- Working in partnership with schools staff

Together, by providing a secure and nurturing environment both at home and at school, we help children develop confidence, resilience and a love of learning.

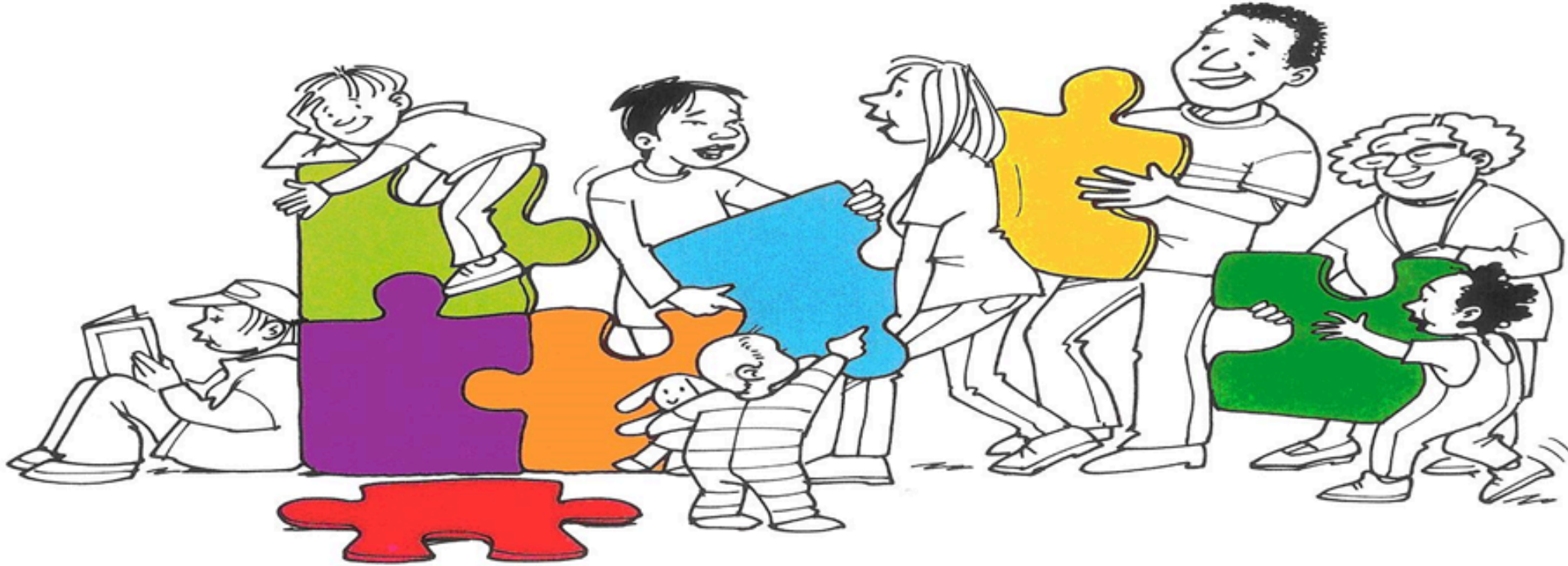
Remember

"Nurture today builds confident learners for tomorrow."





'The Parenting Puzzle'



***WE ALL WANT TO GET THE BEST OUT
OF FAMILY LIFE!***

Puzzled Parents????

While we cannot promise a miracle, we can offer guidance and support to help make family life more manageable. This programme provides 10 weeks of structured support and practical advice, drawing on real-life situations and the shared experiences of other parents.

By the end of the 10 weeks, you will have developed greater confidence and self-awareness, a clearer understanding of positive discipline and appropriate expectations, and the reassurance of knowing you are not alone leading to a more positive and balanced family life.

To learn more, we invite you to attend our Coffee Morning at Saxon Primary School on Tuesday 3rd February 9.30am, The programme will run Tuesday evening 6.30pm to 8.30pm, term time only, beginning 24th February 2026.

For further information, contact Shelly Lumb on 07825 742564.

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GET PLAYING



Music

**Join our beginner group singing and
paired piano lessons**

Learn, play and enjoy music together.

- During the school day
- 30 minute weekly lessons
- From £10 per lesson for groups of 3-5
and £14.60 per lesson for pairs
- Financial assistance available



surreycc.gov.uk/music



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**SURREY
COUNTY COUNCIL**

THE PETER JACKSON POETRY AWARD



WRITE . SHINE . WIN

Are you years 5-7 or years 8-11 and living in Surrey? Do you love words, rhymes and imagination? than its time to let your poetry sparkle

Deadline: 26th January 2026

Results: 3rd February 2026

Top Poems will be celebrated at our annual event and showcased locally.

Prizes - Per Category

1st Prize - £50 Voucher +Feature

2nd Prize - £25 Voucher

3rd Prize - £12 Voucher



follow the link to submit your poem:

<https://form.jotform.com/201576351948361>



Community
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Monday Night Football

EVERY MONDAY

12

JAN

19

26

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FEB

9



Boys & Girls | School Year 3 - 11

17.30 - 18.30 (Years 3 - 6)

18.30 - 19.30 (Years 7 - 11)

Hazelwood Centre, Hazelwood Dr,
Sunbury-on-Thames, TW16 6QU

5 sessions = **£25**

Book Now



SCAN TO BOOK





Community
Sports
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Saturday Morning Bees

EVERY SATURDAY

17

JAN

24

31

7

FEB



14

Children aged 5- 11

8.45 - 9.45 (Years 1, 2, 3)

8.45 - 10.15 (Years 4, 5, 6)

Hazelwood Centre, Hazelwood Dr,
Sunbury-on-Thames, TW16 6QU

£10 = per child, per session



Book Now

