



# RIVERBRIDGE REVIEW

Spring Term

Week 19

16<sup>th</sup> January 2026

This has, unfortunately, been 'one of those weeks'!

There have been some significant challenges to overcome for most of the week with limited or no internet connection and having phone lines that are also intermittent. I appreciate that this will have been inconvenient for many of you and I thank you for your patience and understanding. The office teams have worked really hard to find ways to work around the difficulties and I applaud their tenacity. At time of writing the issue is, hopefully, resolved. We will continue to challenge the school's internet providers so that incidents like this do not reoccur.

As we have had limited or no access to the school's server or drive, many normal activities have been unable to take place. There were no celebration assemblies today for instance. We will ensure that any gold leaves that are not shared in the section below will be added to next week's Review.

Whilst everything above has been a tad irritating for all of us, it has also meant that teachers – and children – have had to think differently. This was a test of resilience and I am pleased to say that everyone has passed with flying colours! Thank you, once again, to all concerned.



**Year 2 working hard in Geography**



**Girls football team played brilliantly against Buckland, winning 4-1. Well done girls!**



**Reception got creative this week while reading 'Aliens Love Underpants'**

Despite all the challenges outlined above, the teachers in Year R were happy to welcome a range of parents and carers into class this week. I hope that everyone that attended the Stay, Play and Learn sessions enjoyed the experience and learned something too. Thank you to everyone for making this a success.

Today's Review is, obviously, a little shorter than usual. We are hopeful that 'normal service' will be resumed next week!

## 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>

## KGB Kitchen

Reception-Year 1

We are pleased to say that the gas is back up and running at KGB, so normal lunch service will commence next week. Thank you for your patience during this time. Please remember to log onto Scopay accounts to pre-order your child's lunch choice for the coming week.

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

## Junk Modelling Appeal

Reception



We need your recycling for our craft activities over the coming weeks.

We are in desperate need of empty and cleaned:

- kitchen roll tubes
- yoghurt pots
- plastic milk bottle lids
- small cardboard boxes (e.g. toothpaste boxes, tissue boxes, cereal bar boxes)
- shoe boxes
- scrap wool

- cotton wool balls or buds
- bubble wrap

## English



Reception welcomed parents to join us for 'stay, play and learn' sessions this week. We had lots of fun learning about the story, 'Aliens Love Underpants', and showing off our phonics knowledge. RG enjoyed many alien themed activities including making playdough aliens, saving aliens from a fizzing green puddle and going on an alien hunt.

## Reception



## Childcare Vouchers

Whole School

Due to the issues we've had this week with the internet outage we have been unable to access Scopay and update childcare voucher payments. Please bear with us while we update the voucher payments received to reflect on Scopay.

## Art



The children in 1BR enjoyed practising different types of lines, including cross-hatching, zig-zag, and dotted lines, to design their vase. This work will form part of a recreation of Vincent van Gogh's famous 'Sunflowers' painting!

## Year 1



## Geography



Year 2 have enjoyed using the atlases to expand their geographical knowledge of continents and label the countries of Africa. They then got to explore the atlases and find some facts about the world.

## Year 2



**PTA**  
FRIENDS OF RIVERBRIDGE

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

### Join our next Riverbridge PTA meeting

Our first PTA meeting of 2026 will be on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January, at 6.30pm at Park Avenue Base.

We'll be making plans for our upcoming events for the rest of the school year, including our Easter Trail and Bingo Night.

You don't need to sign up anywhere to join the PTA – you're already a member just by being a Riverbridge parent. We are all parent volunteers and we always like to see new faces.

Everyone is welcome – so come along to get involved or simply to find out more. We hope to see you there!

### Raise money for Riverbridge PTA while you shop online with Easyfundraising

Did you know you can raise donations for Riverbridge PTA while doing your online shopping with easyfundraising?

If you haven't signed up yet, it's easy and completely FREE.

8,100 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to do your shopping – at no extra cost to you. In 2025, Riverbridge PTA received over £70 from easyfundraising and we would love to see this increase in 2026!

Every donation you raise makes a difference to us so please sign up and share:

<http://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/riverbridge/V1KY3I/at/TSX8RX7z/RTND2/facebook/>

### Stay connected with Riverbridge PTA

Follow Riverbridge PTA on Facebook at

[www.facebook.com/groups/RiverbridgePrimarySchoolPTA](http://www.facebook.com/groups/RiverbridgePrimarySchoolPTA) or get in touch by email at

[pta.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk](mailto:pta.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk)

Despite the odd week, there has been some super learning taking place.

There have been a number of children that have reached gold and will be recognised in next week's celebration assemblies.

Well done to everyone below!

Theo G	Willow K	Psalm F
Kayenat A	Dolly Y	Leo Y
Samuel V	Constance M	Alex S
Maria S	Nyla S	Finley-James S
Leo J	Sammy M	Tom M
Aria R	Advik M	Jury BG
Frey A	Sofia Q	Chloe W
Cruz H	Misha H	Vihaan R
Kianna V	Colbi WK	Kevin G
Aria R	Romilly O	Yasin H
Adam Q	Utsav S	Arabella S
Molly G	Joseph B	Dakshi NM
Elliot D	Furqan A	Leo M
Amelia B	Ruby S	Ishmael SH
Ahaan P	Leo B	Tom CS
Prayagh VM	Jonas V	Ahmed Sultan BG

### Rainbow Awards

### Nursery

There have been some positive choices made in the nursery this week!

Well done to the children below:

Ollie J	Yaqub O	Krishav R
	Ronnie D	

### House Competition

### Whole School

During the final few weeks of the Autumn Term, the children at PAB took part in PE competitions.

The results of these were shared on Monday and were as follows:

Water House once again were victorious – but only just! 8.5 points compared to 8 for Fire and 7.5 for Air.

The updated totals are below:



**115  
Points**



**110  
Points**



**135  
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.

**Terry Fox**

**Active    Compassionate    Explorer**

## Runner & Fundraiser



On Monday, before the challenge of the internet outage, we found out about a Canadian hero called Terry Fox.

As a child, he was an enthusiastic player of most sports. He especially enjoyed running and, although he was not the fastest, he was committed and loved being his best.

When he was a teenager, he became very ill and the doctors had to remove one of his legs to save his life. He moved around with a prosthetic leg which was painful to walk on and even worse if he tried to run.

For most people this might have put paid to his physical exploits but instead Terry was spurred on to raise money for research into the disease that cost him his leg. He came up with a 'big' idea – he would run across Canada!

His courage and determination was watched by most of Canada and he raised lots of funds. Sadly, Terry became ill and died before he completed his challenge but his legacy lives on. Across the world, 'Terry Fox Runs' take place and the vital money for research continues to be raised.

*'I just wish people would realise that anything is possible if you try.  
Dreams are made possible if you try.'*

I hope that the weekend is a good one for you all.

**Paul Grimwood**

**Headteacher**

### Dates for the diary...

### Spring Term 2026

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

W/C 9<sup>th</sup> February  
Tues 10<sup>th</sup> February  
Weds 11<sup>th</sup> February  
Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> February  
Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> February  
Weds 25<sup>th</sup> February  
Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> February  
Fri 27<sup>th</sup> February  
Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> March  
Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> March  
Fri 27<sup>th</sup> March  
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#### Spring Half Term

PTA Sponsored Scoot  
Parent consultations  
Parent consultations  
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Children return to school  
Year 4 Residential Trip – more details to follow  
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World Book Day  
PTA Easter Trail  
No After School Club  
End of term for children: 1.20pm KGB, 1.30pm PAB, 1.40pm Nursery

#### Mon 30<sup>th</sup> March – 10<sup>th</sup>

#### Easter Holidays

## **April 2026**

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> April

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> May

Mon 11<sup>th</sup> May

Weds 20<sup>th</sup> May

## **Summer Term 2026**

Children return to school

Spring Bank Holiday

Yr. 4 Swimming lessons start for **4P** only

PTA School Discos

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

## **Summer Half Term**

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> June

Fri 26<sup>th</sup> June

Weds 8<sup>th</sup> July

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> July

Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> July

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> July

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Mon 20<sup>th</sup> July

Tues 21<sup>st</sup> July

Children return to school

PTA Summer Fair

Year 6 Production

Open Classroom/Reception Drop In

Year 6 Party

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

No After School Club

Inset day 4

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

Weds 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept

Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept

Inset Day 1

Inset Day 2

Children return to school

## **Mon 19<sup>th</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> Oct 2026**

## **Autumn Half Term**

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov

Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Dec

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Children return to school

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

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

Weds 6<sup>th</sup> Jan

Inset Day 3

Children return to school

## **Spring Term 2027**

## **Mon 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 2027**

## **Spring Half Term**

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb

Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> March

Children return to school

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

# Parents Supporting Parents

By volunteering just a few hours each week you can transform the lives of young children and their parents in your community.



As a Home-Start  
volunteer you  
could make a BIG  
difference to a  
local family

If you are a parent, a carer, or maybe a grandparent, you know just how tough family life can be at times. And we know it too. Our volunteers, who have parenting experience, help families with all sorts of problems, from the everyday to the overwhelming. Challenges such as:

- Loneliness and isolation
- Relationship difficulties
- Multiple children under 5
- Ill health, disability or special needs
- Lone parenting
- Coping with bereavement
- Mental health
- Children's behaviour



**Our next training course starts Tuesday  
29th January, sign up today!**



## What do volunteers actually do?

Our volunteers will usually visit a parent in their home once a week for a couple of hours. How they help is really down to the needs of the family. Some might need a sympathetic ear, a shoulder to cry on, someone to have a laugh with. Others may need help keeping appointments or accessing local services and connecting with their local community. Our volunteers can provide an extra pair of hands to help people cope with everyday parenting situations, or practical help with activities like playing or reading stories.

Home-Start's approach is very personal and friendly and this often reassures parents that what they're going through is not unusual, that they are not alone.

I started volunteering with Home-Start in March 2024 & I have loved every minute. I first thought I'd struggle with the commitment because life can be busy and ever changing, but with good communication with your family you can work around both of your schedules, really making it the most rewarding volunteering I've done.

If you're considering volunteering, I really do encourage you to go for it, not only will you change the life of a family in need, but you'll also learn new things & meet some lovely people along the way.



“Grateful to have been supported by this fantastic charity! So selfless and special! Helped me through tough times and gave me confidence in my parenting. My children adored the volunteer and were sad when our time ended with them”

Contact us to find out more!

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[info@home-startspelthorne.org](mailto:info@home-startspelthorne.org)

[www.home-startspelthorne.org](http://www.home-startspelthorne.org)



# FAMILY LEARNING



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## Free Courses for parents and carers

Surrey Family Learning offer **FREE** courses and workshops to help you create a better family life.

Do you want to help your child or teenager to improve their behaviour, development and learning?

Book onto one of our tailored courses today to begin supporting you and your family. Find more information at:

 [surreycc.gov.uk/familylearning](https://surreycc.gov.uk/familylearning)



...or scan here

### Courses available

- **Parenting** Help understand your children and teenagers' behaviour, anxiety and mental health.
- **English as an Additional Language** Support for you and your child with English and how education in England works.
- **Maths** Learn about methods used in schools today.
- **Literacy** Learn about how English is taught in schools today.
- **Cookery** Be inspired and cook healthy family dishes together.



 [family.learning@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:family.learning@surreycc.gov.uk)





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The  
Family

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1.30pm-3.30pm

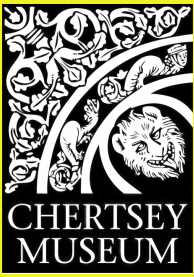
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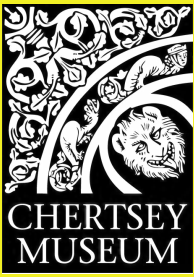
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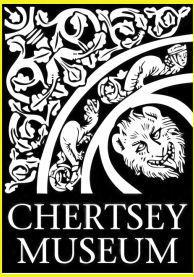
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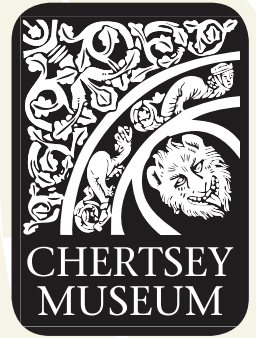
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# February Holiday Activities



## Make a Viking Longship

18th Feb 2026

11am-12:30pm or 2pm-3:30pm

Cost: £4.50

Come along to the museum to find out more about longships and then make your own out of card - complete with a dragon's head on the front!

Age: 5-12. (5 year olds with an adult)

## Roman Mosaics

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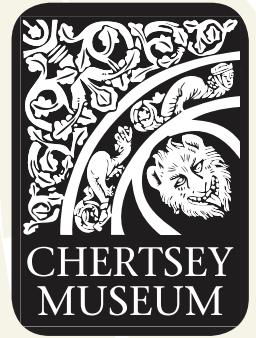
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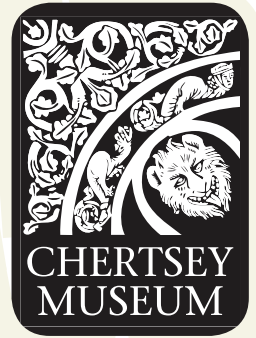
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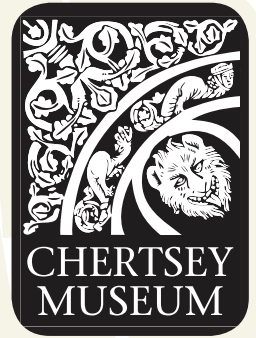
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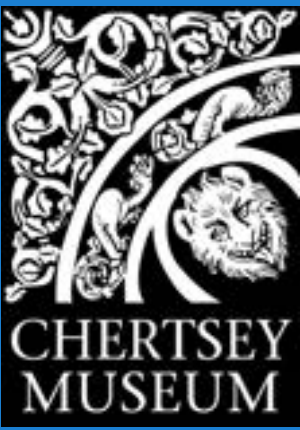
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by popular demand!

## Kids Saturday



# Sewing Circle

From buttons to back  
stitch, blanket stitch to  
daisy stitch - come along  
and learn how to sew.

Learn a new stitch each  
month and take home your  
handsewn creations.

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

11.15am  
to

12.30pm

7 February

7 March

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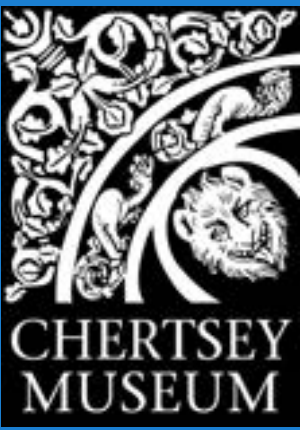
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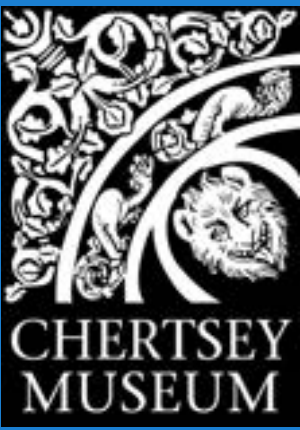
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