



RIVERBRIDGE REVIEW

Summer Term

Week 34

8th May 2026

I mentioned in last week's Review that the Girls Football team had reached the final of the Spelthorne Trophy. This took place yesterday and I am very pleased to share that the team were victorious! Having won the trophy last year, the girls were keen to defend it and defend it they did! Miss Parker has written more about this below but was very keen to share how well the girls played and also how well they played as a team and supported each other. I am certain they will be super proud of themselves today – and quite right too!

Well done to them all!

As we are approaching the warmer days – please make sure that your child is coming to school prepared. Water bottles are essential! It is also important that the children's uniform does not become casual. Ties need to be worn and shirts tucked in as we remain looking our smartest.



Year 6 were invited to take part in a dance workshop at Strodes College



Well done to the girls' football team for your trophy win!



Year 5 have been creating some fantastic project work

There are a number of PTA events that are being planned in the coming weeks. Following on from the very enjoyable Bingo night a fortnight ago, there are other events to look forward to. Please make sure that you have made a note of the dates in the section below. As always – I want to thank everyone that makes the PTA so successful. The committee members are a really dedicated bunch and I know that they are also grateful for the parents and carers that volunteer to support. If you haven't done so yet and are considering it – make sure you reach out.

I know that there will be members of the Riverbridge community out in force on Sunday to run, marshal or cheer on the runners in the Staines 10k race. I hope that everyone participating – either for the PTA or otherwise has an enjoyable and safe trip round the course!

I am including information about a special event being hosted by Eduthing – our IT providers. As part of support from the National Year of Reading, they are offering a free session for parents and carers on making reading a habit at home. This is taking place on Thursday 21st of May – 7pm – 8pm. Add this to your diaries!

Packed Lunches

Whole School

Please can you be sure that if your child is having a packed lunch, it is nut and sesame free. We have a number of children with nut and sesame allergies so we must ensure that we are a nut and sesame free school. Thank you for your support with this.

Year 6 Careers Fair

Whole School

Riverbridge parents, we need your help!

We are excited to announce that following the success of last year's event, we will be hosting another Year 6 Careers Fair on Wednesday 24th June at 9am and we would love your support.

We are seeking a range of volunteers to come into the school for the morning and share some information about their interesting career journey with our Year 6 children. You would be asked to give a brief presentation about your job (3-5 minutes) and then answer questions from the children. You are welcome to bring anything with you that they feel would be useful.

If you think you might be interested in taking part, please follow the link below and **complete the Google Form**. If you have any questions, please email Mrs Woodhart, via the school office.

We are aiming to provide the students with a variety of career insights, so a wide range of volunteers would be wonderful!

Thank you for your help in making this event a success.

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P.E

Year 4

Due to the assessments next week, Year 4 will be moving their PE slot to Friday (15th May). This will still be in the morning. The children will need to wear their PE kits next Friday and not Wednesday please.

Girls Football

Year 6



A massive congratulations to the girls' football team who won the trophy final yesterday against Buckland. They played brilliantly, showing teamwork and determination. It was a great game to watch with amazing atmosphere and a lovely way for our Year 6's to end their Riverbridge football career.



Project Work

Year 5



Year 5 have been producing some wonderful project work. The display board features chalk drawings produced in response to a setting description that they read in their set text 'Floodland'.

Art

Reception

Reception children have an exciting opportunity to participate in a nature themed art competition in May. The children will be encouraged to draw a picture during the school day. The competition is held by Young Artists https://www.youngartists.co.uk/?override_country=1.

If successful, the prize for the school could be a craft bundle worth £250 and a complimentary copy of the book featuring the pupil's work.

The competition requires the children's name, surname, age and school to be submitted alongside their picture. If you wish your child to be excluded from this then please let the school know **before Friday 15th May 2026**.



PTA
FRIENDS OF RIVERBRIDGE

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

Good luck to Riverbridge runners in the Staines 10K!

We want to wish the very best of luck to all our runners at this year's Staines 10K on Sunday. Riverbridge PTA has 10 fantastic runners, including the following parents:

- Chris Hodge
- Katie Viggers
- Chris Farey
- Rachel Melton
- Debra Newton
- Komala Chowdhari

Riverbridge children Daisy and Nancy Light are also running with their nan Becky Light and Uncle Scott Boulden - a real family effort!

We're all really proud of you - a huge thank you to you all for supporting Riverbridge.

For anyone who wants to go down and cheer on our runners on the day, the race starts outside Eclipse Leisure Centre at 9am on Sunday.

Even better, you can support our runners by donating money at: <https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/QC707TDB>

All the money raised will go directly towards Riverbridge School to fund activities and resources that support the children's learning.

Buy school disco tickets now for Wednesday 20th May

Riverbridge school discos are back on Wednesday 20 May for Years 1-6!

Discos will be at PAB Hall at:

- 15:30 - 16:30 (Years 1, 2 and 3)
- 17:00 - 18:15 (Years 4, 5 and 6)

See the poster at the end of this newsletter for full details.

This year we have made two changes: we are holding the discos slightly earlier in the year as it is unbearably hot in the hall in the summer. They will now be the week after SATs, just before half term.

We have also changed the pricing so the tickets are £7 all inclusive and children don't need to bring any cash on the day to buy sweets and toys. Children will get a sweet bag and be able to choose a toy on arrival.

We'll still have stalls for face painting, temporary tattoos and nail varnish, which will be free of charge.

Tickets are on sale now from www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge until 6pm on Monday 18th May.

We will need volunteers for the activity stalls, so please do consider signing up when you book tickets.

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

In the assemblies on Tuesday, we talked about what the children might achieve this week that would make them feel proud of themselves.

I am sure that the children below are feeling very positive about the efforts they have made over the four days.

Well done!

Avyukt A	Sienna E	Charlie J
Lilah M	Jayden DF	Seba M
Umar N	Emily O	Rishi K
Tommy M	Samuel F	Henry G
Medha I	Tiyesh NM	Colbi WK
Kiana V	Aarav V	Haya T
Mayank S	Livia P	Aarav U
Zayd R	Bianca U	Ella P
Sadie R	Chloe M	Daisy L
Elsie B	Poppy V	Alex F
Evan D	Abdullah M	Elodie G
Aviran T	Yasin H	Benjamin SE
Joshua R	Maahi K	Ava F
George E	Janhvi S	Harshitha SD
William W	Sienna F	Samuel O
Annabelle V	Thomas CS	

Rainbow Awards

Nursery

Very well done to the children below in Hedgehogs and Rabbits who have had a positive week!

Aaron-James C
Ethan M

Mansa A
Tommy B

Millie F

House Competition

Whole School

The scores in this year's House Competition remains the same as last week:



240
Points



225
Points



255
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.

Louis Braille Educator & Inventor

Active Explorer Inclusive

This week, we found out about Louis Braille — the remarkable young inventor who changed the lives of millions of blind and visually impaired people around the world.



Louis was born in France in 1809. When he was just three years old, he accidentally injured his eye while playing in his father's workshop. Sadly, the injury led to blindness in both eyes. Although life was difficult for blind children at that time, Louis loved learning and worked incredibly hard at school.

As a teenager, Louis discovered a system of raised dots used by soldiers to read messages in the dark. He realised it could be improved and adapted for reading and writing. At only 15 years old, he created the Braille system — a pattern of raised dots representing letters, numbers and symbols that can be read with the fingertips.

Today, Braille is used all over the world to help people read books, labels, music and much more. Louis Braille's invention opened doors to education, independence and opportunity for countless people.

We have enjoyed learning about Braille and the importance of inclusion, determination and creativity. Louis Braille's story reminds us that one person's idea can make a huge difference to the world.

His words are certainly true:

“Knowledge is power.”

Wishing you a great weekend.

Good luck to everyone running the Staines 10km on Sunday!

Paul Grimwood

Headteacher

Dates for the diary...

Summer Term 2026

Weds 20th May

PTA School Discos

Fri 22nd May

Open Classrooms Years 2-6

Mon 25th – 29th May 2026

Summer Half Term

Mon 1st June

Children return to school

Tues 2nd June

Year 1 Legoland trip – more details to follow

Weds 3rd June

Early Years Sports Day – more details to follow

Tues 9th June

Year 6 Freshwater Theatre Shakespeare

Weds 17th June

Year 2 Hobbledown Trip – more details to follow

Fri 26th June

PTA Summer Fair

Fri 3rd July

KS1 & KS2 Sports Day – more details to follow

Weds 8th July

Year 6 Production

Mon 13th July

Open Classroom/Reception Drop In

Mon 13th July

Year 6 Lumen Olympics

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

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

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

Tues 20th July

No after school club

Weds 21st July

Inset day 4

Thurs 22nd July

Inset day 5



PTA
FRIENDS OF RIVERBRIDGE



TICKET INCLUDES DISCO, SWEET BAG, TOY AND STALLS

DISCOS ARE BACK!

Scan the QR Code (below) or buy your tickets at:
www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge

- ☑ A live DJ will keep the music going with dancing games and party tunes!
- ☑ Each child will receive a goody bag with sweets and a toy of their choice included in the price
- ☑ Fun stalls - nail painting, face painting, and temporary tattoos will be free of charge

DEADLINE FOR TICKET PURCHASES IS MONDAY 18TH MAY AT 6PM

WEDNESDAY 20TH MAY

Park Avenue Base Hall (Years 1, 2 & 3): 15:30 - 16:30

Teachers will take children straight to the disco from their classroom when school finishes. They can bring a change of clothes to get changed before the disco. Collection is at 4.30pm from the PAB School Hall.

Park Avenue Base (Years 4, 5 & 6): 17:00 - 18:15

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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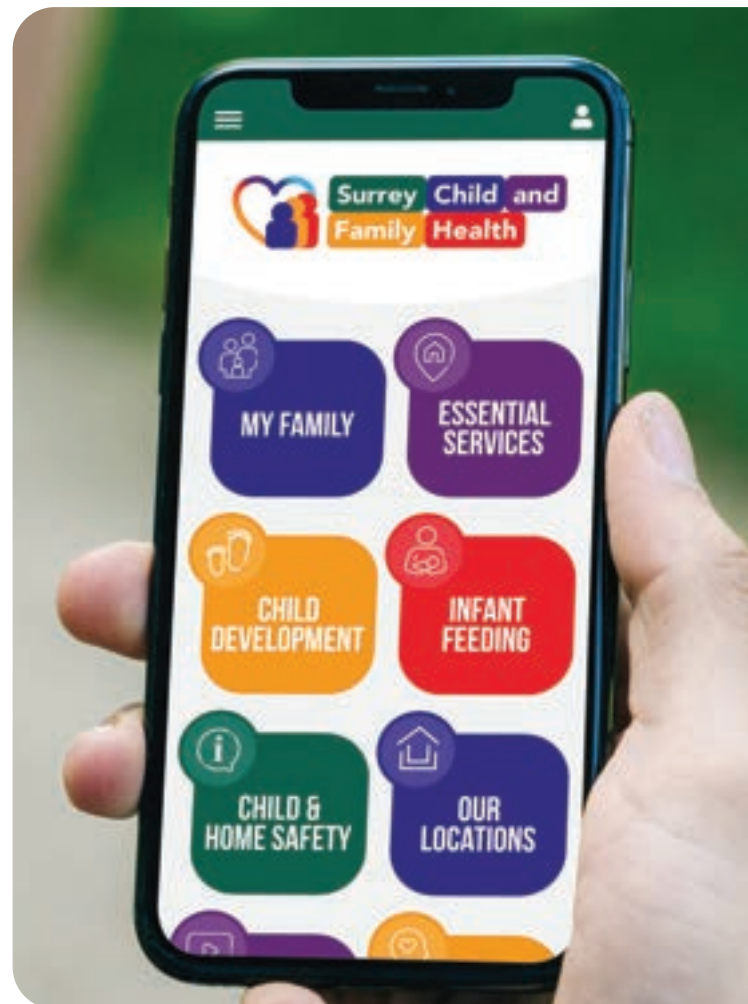
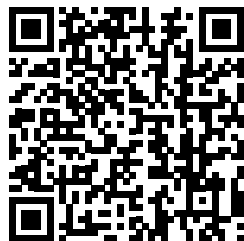
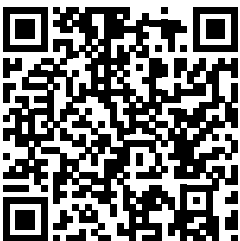
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BOOKINGS ARE NOW LIVE FOR MAY HALF TERM AND THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS.



25.5

UPCYCLED PLANT POT PAINTING WORKSHOP FAMILY FRIENDLY EXPERIENCE

10AM OR 12PM THIS IS A MINDFUL, FUN ACTIVITY FOR BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY FOR ADULTS, TEENS AND CHILDREN.



26.5

ECOKIDS CRAFT CAMPS - SHOE UPCYCLING 10AM HALF AND FULL DAY AVAILABLE



27.5

ECOKIDS CRAFT CAMPS - TIN CAN PLANT POT UPCYCLING 10AM HALF AND FULL DAY AVAILABLE



28.5

ECOKIDS CRAFT CAMPS- UPCYCLE A PICTURE FRAME, MIRROR OR SMALL ITEM. 10AM FULL AND HALF DAY AVAILABLE



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Reaching Our Goal, Changing Lives

Home-Start Surrey has now recruited the Dad Matters team, which enables the project to work across Surrey.

Lee Teideman - Project Manager

Paul Norris - Dad Matters Coordinator

Toby Edwards - Dad Matters Coordinator

Bryony Thorpe - Project Support Officer



Every Dad Matters

Fathers play a critical role in early child development, maternal wellbeing, and long-term family stability. However, many expectant and new fathers report feeling excluded from perinatal services, unsure of their role, and unsupported in managing the emotional, relational and practical challenges of early parenthood.

Dad Matters supports expectant and new fathers from pregnancy through the first two years of a child's life.

Our vision is to positively impact the lives of every family welcoming a new baby in Surrey, by ensuring dads are supported, informed and valued.

Dad Matters aims to:

- Increase engagement of fathers during pregnancy
- Support fathers during the Perinatal Period
- Strengthen father-infant bonding and attachment
- To help dads have successful, positive relationships with their families
- Support dads with their own wellbeing
- Embed father-inclusive practice across services



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Upcoming Event

**22
JUNE**

New Dad Workshop

Open to all expectant Dads in Surrey, this workshop is a safe space to ask questions, build confidence, and connect with other dads.

This supportive session will cover:

- Bonding and attachment
- Mum's & dad's mental health and wellbeing
- Coping with a crying baby
- Supporting your partner
- Where to go for help, advice, and support

This event will be delivered via Teams and a link will be shared once booked on.

For more details please email:
dadmatters@homestartsurrey.org

“THE FATHERS THAT WE HAVE REFERRED FROM THE HEALTH VISITING TEAM HAVE BENEFITED FROM DAD MATTERS SUPPORT AND EARLY INTERVENTION TO HELP THEIR FAMILY AND CHILDREN THRIVE.”



◆ Referring a Dad for 1 to 1 support ◆

If a dad is struggling or would benefit from extra support, referrals can be made into Dad Matters Surrey for one-to-one support during pregnancy or within the first two years of their child's life. Referrals can be made by professionals, partners, family members, or dads can refer themselves. Support is tailored to each individual dad and can help with challenges such as anxiety, low mood, bonding with baby, adjusting to fatherhood, relationship pressures, or feeling overwhelmed. Our team provides a safe, non-judgemental space to talk, alongside practical guidance, emotional support, and signposting to other relevant services where needed.

DAD MATTERS REFERRAL LINK

How Dad Matters works

Hospital partnerships

The project will engage with expectant and new fathers in:

- Scan appointments
- Postnatal wards
- New Dad Workshops

Community partnerships

We will work in partnership to compliment and add value to existing services by delivering and attending:

- Dads & Tots sessions (peer support)
- Health visitor clinics
- Parenting groups
- Signposting and referring dads to specialist support as appropriate

Targeted delivery

The Dad Matters 1 to 1 support is a unique offer for dads during the perinatal period.

We will also advocate on behalf of dads by delivering a professionals workshop to champion the inclusion of dads in perinatal services.

- 1:1 targeted support for fathers
- Professionals workshop to advocate for dads and to support wider engagement with fathers in the perinatal period
- Resources for professionals to engage dads



Building Stronger Support for Fathers Across Surrey

We know that dads do better when support is offered early and services work together. Dad Matters Surrey is keen to work in partnership with professionals and organisations across Surrey to ensure dads receive the right support at the right time. Whether through referrals, joint working, or raising awareness of our services, we would love to hear from you and explore how we can support fathers and families together.

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MAKING READING A HABIT AT HOME

THURSDAY 21ST MAY

This family-focused session explores how simple, light-touch uses of technology can make daily reading feel easier, more enjoyable and more achievable for children of all ages. With busy routines and growing pressures on family time, many parents find it challenging to build a consistent reading habit. This session demonstrates how small digital tools can support tricky moments, spark motivation and help children connect reading with the things they already love.

THIS SESSION WILL EXPLORE

- ▶ Why small, positive reading moments make a big difference
- ▶ Simple digital supports that help with tricky words and confidence
- ▶ How audio, captions and short digital texts can help on busy days
- ▶ Ways to use your child's interests to boost motivation
- ▶ How to find personalised book suggestions based on what your child enjoys
- ▶ Fun, low-pressure family reading challenges

FAMILIES WILL GAIN

- ▶ Practical activities that can be used the same day
- ▶ Confidence to support reading without pressure or battles
- ▶ Simple, accessible ways to turn 10 minutes into a habit
- ▶ Ideas for motivating reluctant readers

**PARENTS, CARERS
AND CHILDREN
ALL WELCOME!**



SPECIAL GUEST

BEVERLY CLARKE MBE

Beverly Clarke MBE joins this session to share her expertise in digital inclusion, reading for pleasure and supporting families in using children's interests - including their love of technology - to boost motivation.



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Stronger Relationships



For parents and other adult carers living together or apart, **For Parents of Year Six Students Only**, group starting on Wednesday 13 May at 6:00pm

- Do you want to get some new ideas to help you be an even better parent?
- Would you like to reduce the arguments and disagreements in your family and cope better with stress?
- Would you like to enhance your relationship with your current partner, or improve communication with your ex or the other people helping to raise your children?
- How about learning at a time that suits you?



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**6 group
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- Weekly support from our course experts.

Topics covered...

- Healthy adult relationships.
- Identifying and managing disagreements.
- Understanding how conflict affects your children.
- Enhancing parent-child relationships.
- Managing stress, anger and emotions.
- Strategies to resolve conflict and create a parenting agreement

Group discussion...

1. Speak to a course expert and get answers to some of the questions you might have
2. Talk about how the strategies are going at home.
3. Address other difficulties relating to your relationships.
4. Hear from others about what works for them.

Find out more or register for the course by scanning the QR code or emailing us at: sfscparent@racefound.org.uk

