



Autumn Term Week 2  
11<sup>th</sup> September 2026

# Riverbridge Review



**4L swimming lessons start on Monday 14th**



**Congratulations to Seba M 1DB who won a prize for his Young Artists entry**



**Enrichment Clubs start next week!**

## A Message from our Head Teacher...

It's been a positive first week back for children and staff alike!

On Wednesday, the Curriculum meetings were relatively well attended. We understand that physically coming into school at certain times is not always straightforward and so we will ensure that the presentations shared (with all the important details) will be on the school website in the coming days. This half term's curriculum maps will also be added so that you are all fully aware of what the next week's and month's at Riverbridge will look like for your children.

In last week's Review, we mentioned the Parent Forum that is taking place on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. This information has been repeated in the sections below. Please do read this carefully as you might be exactly who we need to help us shape some of the school's next steps.

This week's PSHE learning has been linked to how we help others to feel welcome. We have talked about the different ways in which we can support others and help them to feel 'part of the Riverbridge family'. The results of this week's 'WOW' (Welcoming Others Well) Award will be shared next week.

Also next week is the PTA AGM. Last year was another successful year for them and they will be keen to continue their excellent work this year. They cannot, of course, do this without the support of the whole community. If you have not considered coming to the PTA meeting before - please do so this year. They (and I) will be very pleased to see you!

Finally - a very big well done to Seba in 1DB for his excellent picture (see above) and for him winning a prize in a national art competition for Reception children which Riverbridge last year. What a great achievement!

We would like to invite you to our annual MacMillan coffee morning being held on Wednesday 23rd September at Knowle Green Base from 8.50-10am to support this worthwhile cause that works with families managing cancer. It is a charity that has touched the lives of many in our community.

It is also a great opportunity to meet other parents and carers, including the new reception parents and carers, as well as a fantastic excuse to eat cake for a small donation!! Looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

P.S any cake donations much appreciated and can be left at the office from Monday 21st of September

Thank you in advance for your support  
Jane and Lyn



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| <b>Nuturing Programme</b> | <b>Whole School</b> |
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How to get the best out of family life  
Come and explore how to get the best out of your family life, such as how to manage those tricky situations, bedtimes, awkward questions, fun activities, behaviour oops moments etc. Lyn and Jane will be running a 10 week nurturing programme ( formally known as Parenting Puzzle) from Thursday September 17th. Join us from 9am for coffee until 11.15am at KGB. It is a fun, relaxed and safe setting. Feedback from previous parents that have attended include: they have laughed, cried, felt supported and made great friends. We are happy to chat with you more about this, please give us a call or chat to us on the gate so we can book you a space, Look forward to hearing from you  
Lyn - 07825 742508 or Jane - 07766 385113

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| <b>Enrichment Clubs</b> | <b>Year 1 - Year 6</b> |
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Enrichment clubs are due to start on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September. Please note there are still spaces for Handball and Riverbeats should your child wish to attend. Should spaces become available on the other clubs, we will advise in the coming newsletters. Please email the school office regarding allocations.

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| <b>Parent Forums</b> | <b>Whole School</b> |
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On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, we will be launching our parent forums. This is an opportunity to gain parental input on areas of our school development plan. These will take place termly with a different focus at each session. The first session will focus on personal development, with parents being able to share their thoughts on the opportunities we have within our school for personal development. Mr Grimwood and Mrs Price will be available throughout the session and tea and coffee will also be provided. The first parent forum will take place on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September from 8.50am-9.45am in park Avenue base hall.

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| <b>Reception Open Days</b> | <b>Whole School</b> |
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At the bottom of the email you will see a list of dates and times for our Reception tours in the coming months. If your child is due to start Reception in September 2027, we would love to see you at one of our tours. Please scan the QR code on the leaflet to book your preferred date and time.

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| <b>Action Required - Photographic Images &amp; Names of Children Consents</b> | <b>Whole School</b> |
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We have many families who still need to complete the new photographic image consent forms following changes which took effect from 1st September.  
The consent form needs to be completed for **all** children from nursery-Y6 .  
These new consents replace any that have already been given via applicaa for new starters this September.  
If you have not already completed this please can we ask you to do this  
by Monday 14th September latest <https://forms.gle/Gye3QwnS3HJcLAYM9>

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| <b>Football Trials</b> | <b>Year 5 -6</b> |
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On **Thursday 17th September**, Mr Gillard and Mr Bennet will be holding tryouts for the girls' football team. This session is open to Year 5 and 6 girls and will be after school, finishing at 4:20pm. You will need to bring a change of clothes or PE kit, football boots and shin pads in order to try out. If you are looking to try out, you must ensure that you are willing to train each week during lunchtime and go to home and away fixtures after school. If you are unable to attend, there will be a lunchtime tryout on **Wednesday 16th September**. You will also need a change of clothes, football boots and shin pads for this in order to take part in this session.

If you would like to come to the after school tryout on **Thursday 17th September**, please fill in your name on the Google form below:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfDOb-hL2f5g8cjzeqawEM64iHVVzAZ-Ul7KYvI-H1aI5V0Vg/viewform>

The boys' football team trials will follow, with more information provided soon.

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| <b>All About Me</b> | <b>Reception</b> |
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From Monday 14th September, Reception will be exploring differences in people as they grow - including themselves.

To support these discussions please could you provide a named picture of your child as a baby or emailed to [office.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk](mailto:office.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk).

These can be passed to your child's teacher and will be returned to you as soon as possible.

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| <b>Special Books</b> | <b>2H</b> |
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On **Tuesday 15th September**, 2H will be learning about special books. Your child may have a book at home that is particularly special to them that they would like to share with their peers. If so, they can bring this book in on Tuesday for our lesson. Please make sure that the book is named as we do not want any special items lost. It will be returned at home time. Thank you, Miss Hall

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| <b>Stay on Green</b> | <b>Whole School</b> |
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This term, we have made a small change to our behaviour policy and the way our 'Stay on Green' behaviour chart is presented, in line with our restorative and relational approach.

Our green, bronze, silver and gold recognition continues to be celebrated on the wall. However, blue, yellow and red are now recorded privately at the teacher's desk. This means that behaviour that may need support is no longer publicly displayed, giving children the opportunity to have a private conversation with an adult, reflect on what has happened and consider how they can put things right.

This small change supports our aim of maintaining high expectations for behaviour, while ensuring that every child is supported to make positive choices.

## Gold Leaves

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| Ekam S    | Emilia E        | Floki H    | Jamie R    |
| Imogen P  | Niyati A        | Isuf A     | Samuel V   |
| Hareem U  | Tami A          | Vladimir P | Jessie M   |
| Krithik M | Heebatulullah A | Bella D    | Viheli AP  |
| Ava F     | Isla G          | Bianca U   | Kiana V    |
| Seb C     | Ivan B          | Anwen RH   | Elliot D   |
| Lotta C   | Dakshi NM       | Molly RW   | Belinda SP |
| Maya S    | Mustafa A       | Viraaj M   | Navtej S   |
| Shrinay B | Jenson R        | Iris C     | Alice LJ   |
|           | Henry G         |            |            |

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| Ollie J | Sonny J    | Anyia A |
|         | Primrose B |         |

## Rainbows





**PTA**  
FRIENDS OF RIVERBRIDGE

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

**Don't miss Riverbridge PTA's AGM next week - Monday 14 September**

Riverbridge PTA is a charity run by parent volunteers to raise extra funds to support the school and the children's education. Last year we raised over £13,000 for resources, equipment, events and activities.

We can only operate when parents get involved to be part of our committee and volunteer at our events. It's a great way to play a part in the school community and have some fun along the way.

If you would like to find out more and perhaps get involved, come along to our **next AGM at 6.30pm on Monday 14 September**. It will be at Park Avenue Base hall and everyone is welcome.

We will be re-electing key committee positions - and with a number of committee members needing to step back this year, as their children approach the end of their time at Riverbridge, we are looking for new parents to help lead the PTA into the future.

Here are some of the positions on our committee - could you be the perfect person to fill one of them? If you think you might be interested, drop us a line at [pta.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk](mailto:pta.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk) or come along to the AGM. Our existing committee members will be able to support any new parents who step up for a role as we move through the year - we can be very flexible on managing handovers.

**Chair / Vice-Chair:** Liaises with the school to agree and organise events, manages day-to-day running of the PTA, and ensures the smooth running and organisation of all events together with the rest of the PTA. Ideally we need a vice-chair who can work with the Chair to learn the ropes and would like to eventually step into the Chair role.

**Communications and Social Media:** Manages our social media presence on Facebook, PTA communications via class WhatsApp groups and writes the weekly update for the school newsletter. We need someone who can use existing and new communication methods to advertise our events, the projects we are sponsoring for the school and funds raised from our events.

**Secretary:** Takes minutes at meetings and sends them out after the meeting with action items for the team. Ensures all PTA documentation is saved and available when required by the team.

**PTA-Events Co-Ordinator:** Manages our PTA-Events online platform, setting up events and ticket sales. All information will be provided by the Chair, so this is a role which can be done remotely by anyone who is tech savvy.

**Graphic Designer:** Designs posters and flyers for our events. We have templates for most of our events but it would be great to get someone involved who has a flair for design and can make our posters more appealing!

### **Join your class WhatsApp group**

If you are not yet a member of your child's class WhatsApp group and would like to be added, we can help. Please email us at [pta.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk](mailto:pta.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk) and we will help to get you added to your child's class group.

Riverbridge class WhatsApp groups have a code of conduct which you can read at the end of this newsletter.

### **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)

# House Competition

*The first competition of the year took place this week.  
The results will be added to next week's Review.  
I wonder which house will claim the first trophy?*



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**Points**



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Have a great weekend!

## Dates for the diary...

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| <b>Autumn Term 2026</b>                                       |                                             |
| Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> Sept                                   | Start of 10 week nurturing programme        |
| Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct                                       | INSET DAY 3                                 |
| <b>Mon 19<sup>th</sup> - Fri 30<sup>th</sup> October 2026</b> | <b>Autumn Half Term</b>                     |
| Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov                                       | Children return to school                   |
| Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec                                      | End of term for children                    |
| Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec                                      | No after school club                        |
| <b>Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Dec - Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2027</b>  | <b>Christmas Holidays</b>                   |
| Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan                                      | INSET DAY 4                                 |
| Weds 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan                                      | Children return to school                   |
| Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan - Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan           | Year 6 Residential - more details to follow |

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| <b>Spring Term</b>                                               |                                                 |
| <b>Mon 15<sup>th</sup> - Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 2027</b>        | <b>Spring Half Term</b>                         |
| Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb                                         | Children return to school                       |
| Weds 24 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb                 | Year 4 Residential - more details to follow     |
| Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> March                                     | End of term for children - no after school club |
| <b>Fri 26<sup>th</sup> March - Fri 9<sup>th</sup> April 2027</b> | <b>Easter Holidays</b>                          |
| <b>Summer Term 2027</b>                                          |                                                 |
| Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> April                                       | Children return to school                       |
| Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> May                                          | Bank Holiday                                    |
| <b>Mon 31<sup>st</sup> May - Fri 4<sup>th</sup> June 2027</b>    | <b>Summer Half Term</b>                         |
| Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> June                                         | Children return to school                       |
| Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> July                                       | End of term for children - no after school club |

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| Weds 21 <sup>st</sup> July  | INSET DAY 5 |
| Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> July | INSET DAY 6 |