



Autumn Term Week 3
18th September 2026

Riverbridge Review



Please complete the image consent form for your child if you haven't already done so



Take a look at our Space Day menu for 1st October



Remember your family photos for Nursery's Family Albums

A Message from our Head Teacher...

Monday night's PTA AGM saw some new faces join the team. It was good to see them and also great to celebrate the excellent work that the PTA did last year in fundraising for the school. There were conversations about next month's 'Welcome Back' Party which is referenced in the PTA section below. Tickets are on sale now and always sell quickly. Make sure you get yours in good time!

I know that the PTA will be putting out various 'shout outs' for support from other parents and carers. Why don't you make it an aim this year that you volunteer at at least one event over the academic year!

We have the first Parent Forum on Tuesday. Mrs Price and I are looking forward to seeing lots of you there as we seek your thoughts around pupil development specifically. There will be tea and coffee (and maybe some biscuits too!) and we hope that it will be a productive session for us all.

There is tea and coffee on offer on Wednesday too as Lyn and Jane host this year's Macmillan coffee morning. This is always a great way to raise money for a very worthwhile cause. They are looking forward to seeing you at KGB on Wednesday.

The new lunch routines are still embedding. One thing that I have noticed is that there are still a number of children that have not pre-ordered their lunch and therefore they don't get a choice of what they have to eat. Can I ask that (if your child has school dinners) you all spend time over the weekend with your child choosing what they would like to eat. There are more options than before and all appetites are catered for!

A quick staffing update: Miss Code is currently unwell and therefore will not be in school for a number of weeks. I am sure you will join with me in wishing her a speedy recovery.

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



Headlice	Whole School
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There have been cases of headlice reported. A reminder that all children with hair longer than shoulder length needs to be tied back, and if you suspect your child might have headlice please check their hair regularly.

Maths	Reception
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This week Reception have been exploring lots of different maths resources in their new classrooms. RAF particularly enjoyed investigating different uses for Numicon. We made patterns, compared their sizes and put them together to make bigger numbers. We had lots of fun!



Art	Year 1
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1C have been learning all about creatures that live under the sea and crafted their very own sea creature puppets. They worked as a team to create an immersive and fun filled puppet show with their crafts.



Phonics	Year 1
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The children in 1DB have been using their independent learning time to create some observational drawings and practise their phonics through under the sea themed provision.



Year 6 Buddies	Year 2 & Year 6
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Before the holidays, Year 6 wrote letters to introduce themselves to their Year 2 buddy. On Friday, they played games together and enjoyed getting to know each other.

Family Album	Nursery
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We are building a family album in our classroom, and we need your help! Seeing and talking about familiar, loving faces helps children feel secure, connected, and proud of their unique family stories as they settle into their daily routines.

Please can you provide photos of family members that you are happy to share with the class?

These can either be brought into the Nursery or emailed to the school office.

Parent Forums	Whole School
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On Tuesday 22nd 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 22nd September from 8.50am-9.45am in park Avenue base hall.

Dot Day

Year 1

1C celebrated Dot Day on Tuesday 15th September by turning each dot into a masterpiece using the letters of the alphabet to inspire their ideas.



Art

Year 3



3W gathered items from nature and then created artistic patterns using natural resources. A lot of fun was had and some super patterns were created!



Image Consents

Whole School

If you haven't already done so, please complete the google form regarding photographic image consents for your child. It is important we have the most up to date consent information for all children. Please see the link below to complete:

<https://forms.gle/t8kzBBnaoB1MusbP7>

English	Reception-Year 6
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This year we would like to participate in the BBC's 500 words competition.

It is open to all children between the ages of 5 - 11.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words>

Please explore the website for further details- there's so much on there to support your planning and inspire the children.



This year's 500 Words Live Lesson takes place on 30 September at 11am, so save the date for storytelling tips and creative ideas to help kick-start your child's entries.

Celebrations	Reception
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Next term Reception will be exploring a range of different celebrations across the weeks leading up to the Winter break. We would like to avoid buying new decorations to enhance our learning environments, so we would like to ask our Riverbridge community if you have any decorations that you could donate to us or if you are feeling crafty, we'd love some handmade items too! We are looking for items relating to the following celebrations:

- Birthdays
- Weddings
- Diwali
- Christmas
- Winter
- Chinese New Year
- Eid

Please drop off any donations to the office either at Park Avenue or Knowle Green. If you would like us to explore any other celebrations not mentioned above, please let us know by contacting your child's class teacher or emailing us at receptionlearning.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk.

The Reception Team

Gold Leaves

Siana P	Leah Bella N	Anna M	Daisy J
Oliver W	Amaya KB	Kairo P	Isla M
Fareehan A	Luna K	Issac-John C	Sonny C
Nancy L	Tritan T	Jessie A	Dada W
Benny K	Avyukt A	Cara TC	Matilda B
Luke D	Jessica T	Bonnie C	Aadhira C
Rishi K	Rex C	Leo J	Jessie M
Roshan P	Luke C	Vincent W	Sarah M
Iris E	Aria R	Isobel S	Evie H
Annie W	Mariia K	Colbi W	Zaynab Z
Swara P	Ethan H	Fern W	Amelia I
Thanisha SSB	Esme R	Blake M	Kairo P
Zac H	Mustafa A	Ella T	Elsie B

Charlie C	Maahi K	Nathan BP	Poppy V
Ishani S	Elliot D	Jessica F	Ayla M
Daniel G			

Rainbows

Taylor T	Yasmin K	Ronnie D
Enya K	Mahik M	





PTA
FRIENDS OF RIVERBRIDGE

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

Welcome Back Fireworks Party - tickets now on sale!

Autumn is here and the nights are drawing in, so it must be time for the annual Riverbridge Welcome Back Fireworks Party!

Join us on Saturday 10 October, 5–7.30pm, at Park Avenue base for music in the playground courtesy of Discoz, and a dazzling firework display on the main playing field.

Our Welcome Back Party is a fantastic way to celebrate the new school year with friends and family. Grab a hot dog, a samosa, or something from the bar, try your luck at the toy and games stalls, and don't miss the return of our ever-popular Photo Booth.

Tickets are £6.50 per person (under 3s free) and on sale until 6pm on Thursday 8 October (or sooner if tickets sell out) from www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge.

Tickets are limited - so buy early to avoid missing out.

Can you help on the day? All our stalls are run by parent volunteers, so if you can spare an hour to help make the evening magical, please sign up for a slot when you buy your tickets. Thank you!

Recycle your clothes and raise money for Riverbridge

Did you know that there is a clothes recycling bank permanently installed in the PAB car park, where you can drop off unwanted clothes and shoes whenever is convenient?

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

Crucially it's also a great way to raise funds for the school all year round - because Riverbridge PTA receives 55p for every kilogram donated.

Please use the clothes bank to donate your bagged undamaged clothes - as well as shoes, bags, belts, scarves and jewellery - and help to raise money for Riverbridge while protecting the environment.

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

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

House Competition

At the start of the academic year, we always have new children - and staff - that join the school. We have talked about how to help them settle into school life and last week's Welcoming Others Well (WOW) Award was one way for us to do this. Water House were the victors and claimed the first trophy of the year. Fire were second with Air third.

The first scores of the year are below...



**10
Points**

**15
Points**

**20
Points**

Wishing you a very pleasant weekend!

Dates for the diary...

Autumn Term 2026	
Fri 2 nd Oct	INSET DAY 3
Mon 19th - Fri 30th October 2026	Autumn Half Term
Mon 2 nd Nov	Children return to school
Tues 10 th Nov - Thurs 12 th Nov	Parent Consultation Meetings
Weds 2 nd Dec	PTA Discos - more details to follow
Fri 18 th Dec	End of term for children
Fri 18 th Dec	No after school club
Mon 21st Dec - Mon 4th Jan 2027	Christmas Holidays
Tues 5 th Jan	INSET DAY 4
Weds 6 th Jan	Children return to school
Mon 18 th Jan - Fri 22 nd Jan	Year 6 Residential - more details to follow

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

Weds 21 st July	INSET DAY 5
Thurs 22 nd July	INSET DAY 6