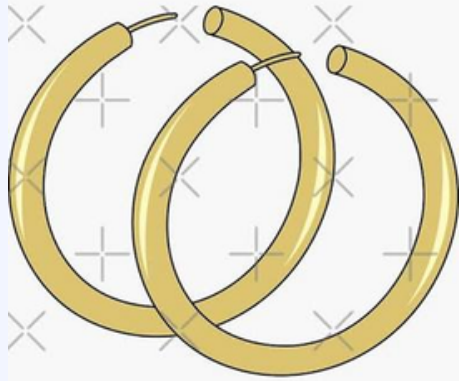




Autumn Term Week 4
25th September 2026

Riverbridge Review



A reminder that all earrings should be removed for PE. If your child cannot do this themselves, please make sure they do not wear them to school on PE days



**Lost
property**

Please check lost property for any missing uniform. We have a lot of unnamed jumpers and cardigans to be claimed!



We will be taking Harvest Festival donations from Monday 5th - Friday 9th October

A Message from our Head Teacher...

There has been a lot going on this week, with many opportunities for families to come into school. On Tuesday, Mrs Price and I welcomed a number of parents and carers to the first of this year's Parent Forums. We had a focus on personal development and there were lots of great suggestions and ideas from those that attended. It was interesting to see how some common themes were raised - such as water safety, IT and teaching about the value of money (among others). We will be pulling these ideas together for further reflection and future actions in the weeks and months to come.

On Wednesday, Lyn and Jane hosted another successful MacMillan coffee morning. These are always a great opportunity to come into school, have a chat over a drink and eat some delicious cakes. Thank you to all those that came, baked cakes or supported in other ways.

I am aware that there is a section below regarding pre-ordering your children's lunches. Whilst the vast majority of lunches are being ordered in advance, there are still some children that are regularly not having the choice that they may have wanted. If any parents and carers are finding this process a challenge, please come into the school office who will be happy to support.

I am hopeful that your children have been able to share information regarding the different famous people that we have been talking about in the weekly assemblies. Last week, we found out about Sir Nicholas Winton who saved the lives of over 600 children in World War Two but he did not share his achievements until 50 years later. This week we have talked about Betty Campbell who was the first Black Headteacher in Wales and helped create Black History Month - which is in October every year. The children have really engaged in their stories and also learned some valuable life lessons too.

Schoolgrid/Dolce update - pre-ordering meals	Reception-Year 6
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We are pleased with the menu and schoolgrid ordering system that our new catering supplier Dolce has provided. There have been some teething problems as expected and we believe the majority of these have now been resolved.

Please can we ask you to ensure that your child's meals are pre-ordered via schoolgrid. By not pre-ordering this greatly reduces the options that your child is able to have and is limited to a plain jacket potato. Due to allergen requirements it is essential that meals are pre-ordered in advance - this can be done on a daily basis, weekly, half term or even for the whole term. The daily cut-off time for pre-ordering is 8.55am

An email has been sent out today to all families with information on how to confirm any allergen requirements via schoolgrid.

If you need any assistance with schoolgrid please contact the office. Thank you for your support with this.

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.



We have been contacted by Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC), to let us know that they are starting the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Local Area Partnership inspection in Surrey. The inspection will look at how well education, health and care services work together to support children and young people with SEND, from birth to age 25.

Ofsted survey

As part of the inspection, Ofsted and CQC want to hear directly from young people with additional needs and disabilities, their families, and the professionals who work with them, about their experiences of SEND support in Surrey. Feedback can be given through [Ofsted's short online survey](#). For anyone who is unable to fill in a survey online, hard copies are available from Surrey's independent parent carer forum, Family Voice Surrey (01372 705 708 / contact@familyvoicesurrey.org). The survey is anonymous, confidential, and sent directly to Ofsted.

The views and experiences of young people, their families, and practitioners are really important. Please share this survey link with your networks. Their feedback will help inspectors understand what is working well and what could be better for children and young people with SEND in Surrey. The surveys will close at 9am on Wednesday 30 September 2026: [Ofsted's short online survey](#).

What Ofsted and the CQC are inspecting

Inspectors will be looking at how effectively the whole Local Area Partnership works together to identify, assess, and meet the needs of children and young people with SEND.

The Local Area Partnership covers education, health and social care and includes:

- Surrey County Council
- NHS Surrey and Sussex Integrated Care Board (ICB) and NHS services
- Education providers (schools, colleges, early years settings and alternative provision)
- Social care services
- Other commissioned SEND services and partners who support children and young people with SEND.

Inspectors will focus on:

- whether local governance, joint commissioning and multi-agency working are functioning well;
- how providers contribute to SEND support;
- and, crucially, the experiences and outcomes of children and young people themselves.

To judge this, inspectors review documentation and data, gather views from children, families and practitioners, track individual cases, and conduct sampling visits to early years settings, schools, FE providers, health services and specialist provision, building a rounded picture of how well services work together to improve lives.

There are 3 potential inspection outcome judgements:

The Local Area Partnership's arrangements typically lead to positive experiences and outcomes for children and young people with SEND. The local area partnership is taking action where improvements are needed.

The Local Area Partnership's arrangements lead to inconsistent experiences and outcomes for children and young people with SEND. The local area partnership must work jointly to make improvements.

There are widespread and/or systemic failings leading to significant concerns about the experiences and outcomes of children and young people with SEND, which the Local Area Partnership must address urgently.

Why this inspection matters

This inspection gives an independent view of how well education, health and care services in Surrey work together for children and young people with SEND. It's an opportunity to show the improvements being made, and acknowledge where more work is needed. The findings will shape our SEND priorities going forward, so it's important inspectors see an accurate picture of our work.

You can find more information about the inspection framework here: [Area SEND inspections: framework and handbook - GOV.UK](#)

Junior Choir is back!	Year 4-6
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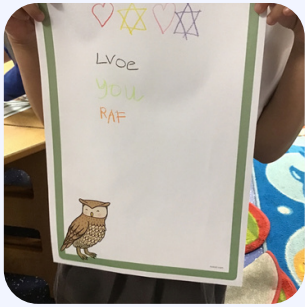
Our Junior Choir had their first rehearsal yesterday and what a fantastic start! They were already sounding brilliant and working hard together.

We have several exciting concerts coming up, so there's lots to learn and plenty to look forward to. We can't wait to share what they've been practising!



Owl Babies

Reception



The children in RAF have been thinking about why Mummy Owl left the nest, and how we can make sure she comes back to her babies. We decided to write a letter together and lots of us wanted to write our own messages to mummy owl, sending them in our postbox with a wish and a kiss. We hope she comes back soon!

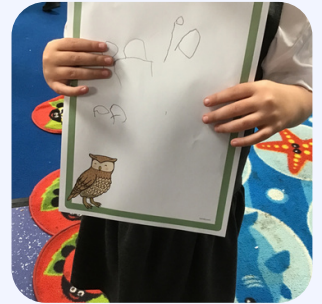


Image Consents

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>

Music

Year 4

Year 4 are learning about Indian music this half term. This week the class enjoyed learning dance moves and performing them together.



Rotary Club Book Collection	Whole School
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The Rotary Club's annual book collection is happening again this year. Their aim is to donate as many pre loved books as possible, to children who need them both here and abroad. If you have any books you would like to donate, please refer to the flyer at the end of the newsletter to see when and where you can do so.



Boys' Football Trials	Year 5-6
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On **Thursday 1st October**, Mr Gillard will be holding tryouts for the boys football team. This session is open to Year 5 and 6 boys 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 30th 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 1st October**, please fill in your name on the attached Google form.

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Harvest Festival	Whole School
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This year Riverbridge will be celebrating our Harvest Festival on the week of the 5th October. Children will be reminded of the importance of gratitude and being generous in the assemblies throughout the week and learning a harvest song to help reinforce this in an engaging way.

In class, we will be encouraging children to reflect on what they are grateful for and writing these onto Autumn leaves that will be used to create 'gratitude trees' around the school. Pictures of these will be posted in the newsletter the following week. In addition to this, we will be holding a food collection for Manna Food Bank. If you have any tinned and non-perishable items that you wish to donate, please send these to school from **Monday 5th October – Friday 9th October**. A list of their shortage items will be attached to this newsletter. Any and all donations are much appreciated.

MANNA foodbank

The Foodbank in Staines Serving Spelthorne



25th September 2026

Mug Shot Sachets or similar
Long-Life Fruit Juice in Cartons
Small Packs of Instant Mash (Smash type)
Crackers
Sugar - small packs 500gms
Tinned Rice Pudding
Small Jars of Coffee
Washing up Liquid
Liquid Soap - smaller size
Kitchen Roll (Smaller Rolls if Possible)
Shaving Foam/Gel

Please note **we do not give out baby milk/formula** or any foodstuffs past their Best Before Date.

We can only accept non-perishable, in date food - **please nothing frozen/fresh/perishable/out of date.**

Gold Leaves

Raga M	Seb M	Umar N	Paisley M
Teddy W	Adem G	Cassie L	Burak M
Roo TD	Amelie B	Cassie B	Mahdi A
Freddie W	Emma N	Ayla P	Alex M
Sarah M	Aria R	Claire W	Alfred W
Remi C	Adam O	Freya AB	Rico CS
Indiana F	Maddox O	Ella P	Jake H
Marli M	Harsha G	Pranathi VV	Zain S
Eeshan P	Romy K	Javon K	

Blossom R	Evelyn LJ	Yadavi M
Iral SH	Aakanksha	Asa L
	Alena D	

Rainbows





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 out at the Welcome Back Party?

Like all PTA events, the Welcome Back Party is organised by parent volunteers. We can only do it with your help!

When you are booking tickets on www.pta-events.co.uk/events for the Welcome Back Party, please consider volunteering to help out on the day. We need help to set up, pack away and to serve on stalls during the event. You don't need to spend the whole event volunteering - simply sign up for a 30 minute slot. It's a great way to play a part in the school community.

If you can spare a bit of time to help make the evening magical, we'd really appreciate it. Thank you!

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

The scores for this year's house competition remain the same as last week:



10
Points

15
Points

20
Points

Have a great 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
Mon 30 th Nov	St Andrews Day - Children who are part of a uniformed organisation can wear their uniforms
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

A vibrant space-themed poster for 'Space Day'. At the top, a large, cratered yellow planet (resembling the Moon) has a red banner wrapped around its center with the text 'SPACE DAY' in white. Below the planet, a blue UFO with a yellow light on its underside is positioned, with a banner across it that says '1ST OCTOBER'. The background is a deep purple space filled with stars, a bright orange comet streak, a blue planet with a ring, and a large orange planet. On the left, a yellow and orange rocket with blue boosters is launching upwards. At the bottom, two astronauts in white suits are floating in space. One is on the left, and the other is on the right, near a large, dark, cratered planet. A small green alien with large eyes is peeking out from behind the bottom left planet.

SPACE DAY

1ST OCTOBER

MAINS

CHICKEN METEOR-BITE BURGER
VENUS VEGGIE BURGER (VG)
SPACESHIP SANDWICH BAR
BIG BANG BAKED POTATO BAR (V)

SIDES

GUARDIAN FRIES OF THE GALAXY
PLANETARY PEAS
BLACK HOLE BEANS
SOLAR SYSTEM SALAD BAR

DESSERTS

JUPITER JELLY AND ICE CREAM (V)
COSMIC COOKIE (VG)
FRESH FRUIT (VG) (GF)

Riverbridge Primary School
PTA

WELCOME BACK FIREWORKS PARTY

Saturday 10th October 2026

🕒 5.00pm – 7.30pm
📍 Park Avenue Base



**TICKETS ARE £6.50 PER PERSON
(ABOVE AGE 3)**

PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A POPULAR & LIMITED TICKET EVENT.
YOU ARE ADVISED TO BUY NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT.



TICKETS ON SALE FROM
FRIDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 1800 UNTIL
THURSDAY 8TH OCTOBER 1800,
UNLESS THE EVENT SELLS OUT PRIOR.



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Please have a look through your shelves
and donate any good quality books your
children have outgrown

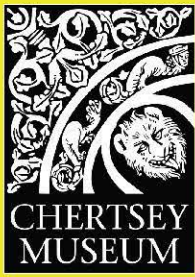
You can drop off your books at:

By Wednesday 15th October

Riverbridge Primary School, Park Avenue base



E: stainesrotarysecretary@gmail.com
W: www.staines.rotary1145.org



For All
The
Family

1st Saturday
of the month
1.30pm-3.30pm

Museum Makes

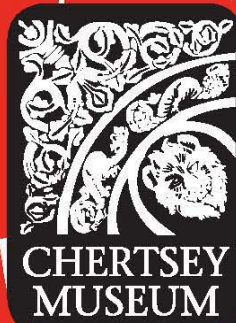
Join us for a fun family craft activity where imagination
meets history in a hands-on experience for all ages!



FREE
DROP IN
SESSION



October Holiday Activities



Bat Attack!

Tuesday 27th Oct
11am-12pm or 2-3pm
Ages 5-12, £4.00

Get ready for Halloween by making this 3-D flappy bat to hang up!

Frankenstein Heads

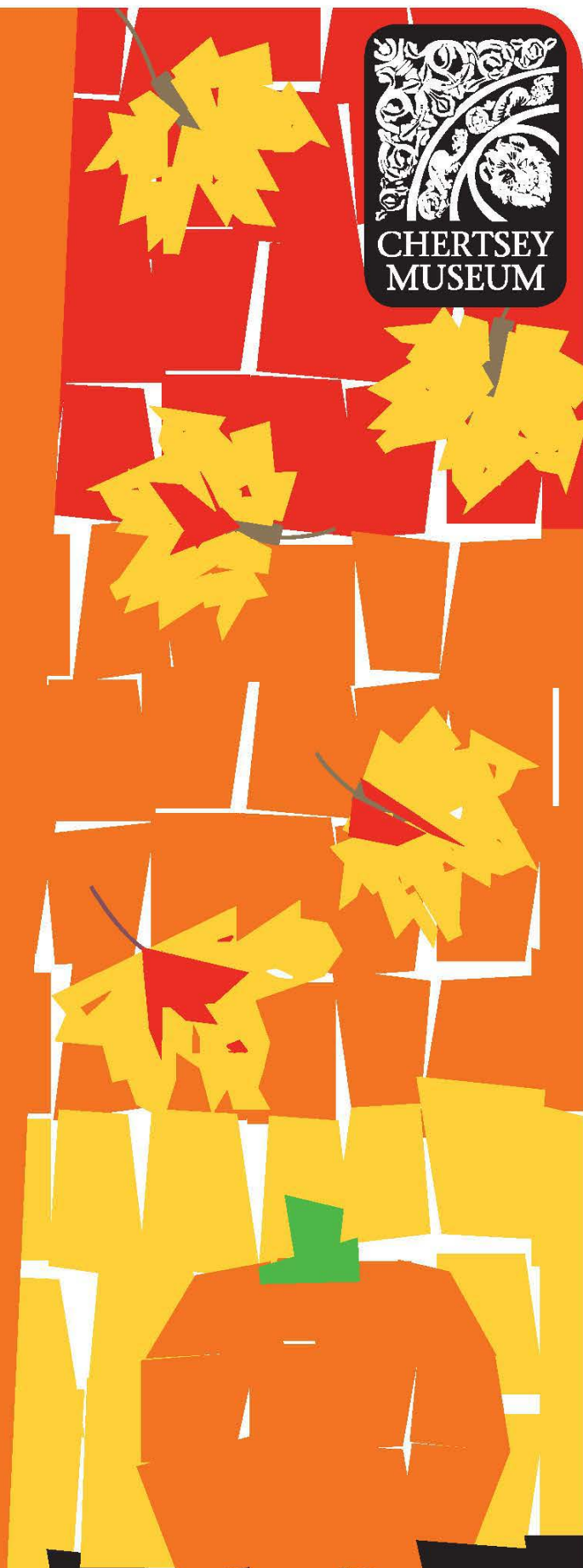
Thursday 29th Oct
11am-12pm or 2-3pm
Ages 5-12, £4.00
Turn a small box into a monster Frankenstein head to decorate your house!

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/organizations/friends-of-chertsey-museum>

Or phone: 01932 565 764

All 5 year olds must be accompanied.



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Saturdays: Oasis Church, Spring Rd, Feltham, TW13 7JA

9am: ages 4-7

10.10am: ages 8-11

11.20am: DK YOUTH THEATRE ages 11-17

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School Date.....

Student's Name.....

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