



Riverbridge Review

A message from our Head Teacher...

Last week's LLT Inset was a really positive opportunity to come together as 7 schools. The room was very full and we were reminded that there are 454 members of staff across the Trust. Mrs McCarthy and Mrs Kober also shared that we are collectively responsible for the education of 3206 children! We really are stronger together as a group of schools and the day was well spent!

The PTA will be keeping fingers crossed for good weather for tomorrow's Welcome Back Party. This event has always been a popular and well attended one and I am sure that this year will be as successful. As always - I thank the volunteer members of the PTA for giving up their time for the benefit of the school. I am very grateful.

There have also been a lot of children that have been putting themselves forward to represent classes and houses in different ways. Part of the year 6 leadership team were given roles on Monday - with more to follow. School Councillors have had their first meeting which is always an exciting feeling and the Eco Councillors will also be coming together soon to share their thoughts about the school environment. On top of this, next week will see the election of the House Leaders for Air, Fire and Water.

The above election will take place next Thursday. On Friday we will be hosting a visit from the local MP, Lincoln Jopp. We are looking forward to showing him around the school and also talking to him about the developments planned for the school and the challenges facing education currently. There will be more to share about this in next week's Review.

Finally, thank you to everyone for the kind donations made for this year's Harvest celebrations. It is always positive to see the items coming in for us to share with Manna foodbank. I know that they will be received with gratitude!

News of the Week...

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Whole School

Lyn and Jane would like to thank those who donated cakes and came to support us at our MacMillan coffee morning recently
We raised £34 for the amazing charity, for which they were very grateful

Outside Achievement

Year 5

Last Sunday, Elsie from year 5 took part in a charity run at Bedfont Lakes to raise money for Holly's Heroes. She completed the 5km (27.22) course brilliantly, showing fantastic determination and resilience throughout. Elsie really enjoyed the experience and was very proud to support such a worthwhile cause while challenging herself along the way.

Maths

Year 1



The children in Year 1 have been enjoying some autumnal themed provision to consolidate their maths learning this week.



Lost Property

Whole School

All unclaimed lost property will be disposed of on Friday 16th October. If your child is missing any school uniform please check lost property before this date.

Autumn Walks

Reception

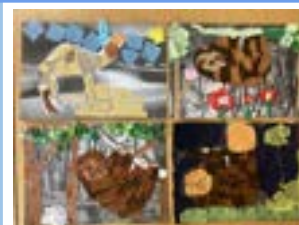


This week, Reception children went for a walk in the local park to look for signs of Autumn. The children enjoyed spotting different colours of leaves, conkers, pine cones and acorns. The children very quietly stepped across the crunchy leaves hoping to spot a squirrel. This experience will support our first piece of independent writing.

Art

Year 4

The children in Year 4 have been learning about the artist Jeanie Baker and how she uses different collaging materials and effects to make her art work. We then linked our Art work to our Geography learning by choosing either a desert biome or rainforest biome to collage. Here are some examples from 4L.



News of the Week...

Celebration Donations

Reception

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.

Reading Book Damage

Year 2

We are having a lot of damage to school reading books due to leaking water bottles in book bags. To avoid this, please keep your child's water bottle out of their book bag as these books are quite expensive to replace. Thank you for your help with this.

Science

Year 5

This week, Year 5 investigated friction and discovered how it can be helpful or unhelpful. We used a shoe and a Newton meter to measure the force needed to pull it across different surfaces. We made predictions, tested our ideas and recorded our results!



News of the Week...

Flu Vaccinations

Reception - Year 6

Children's flu vaccinations will be on the 12th and 13th November. Please see the letter for further information - <https://www.riverbridgeprimary.co.uk/riverbridge-primary/news-and-events>

Earrings

Reception - Year 6

It is a Trust-wide stipulation that school children must not wear earrings while taking part in PE lessons. Members of staff cannot remove earrings on behalf of children so a child must be able to remove their earrings independently or alternatively the earrings are removed before they come to school. Children with newly pierced ears are included in these guidelines and so are also required to remove their earrings; the duration of the lesson is not long enough to allow piercings to close over. Additionally, we are not able to allow children to take part in lessons with plasters covering earrings so it is imperative that children learn to remove/insert earrings themselves.

School Meals

Reception - Year 6

Autumn term menu is available [here](#)

Please continue to order your lunches through your School Grid account by 8.55am latest each morning

Secondary School Places

Year 6

We would like to remind all Year 6 parents, the closing date for secondary school applications is 31st October 2026.

Please refer to the poster further down the newsletter for further information.

If you would like any support with your application please contact our Home School Link Workers, Lynn & Jane.

Scopay registration letters & Parent Consultations

Whole School

We have several families particularly in nursery and reception who have not yet created their scopay/tucasi accounts

As it will soon be time to make bookings for your parent consultations with your child's teacher you will need to do this via scopay/tucasi.

If you have not yet set up your account, a copy of the registration letter will come with your child again next week. Please do create your account so you can book your appointment once they are available, as well as make any future trip payments. If you have any difficulties in setting up your account please contact the office.

Things to celebrate...

This week's Gold Leaves...



Alex H	Eden E	Eleanor R	Ava-Star E
Minha B	Isla B	Terry K	Charvik K
Chrissy S	Amirah Z	Kosmo H	Maria MR
Aadya S	Chris SC	Skylar MC S	Harry T
Floki H	Iris B	Teddy M	Emi H
Sai-Charan G	Kayenat A	Elwood C	Thanvikka N
Catherine CC	Alex R	Brandon SH	Mahdi A
Estelle E	Matilda B	Tommy M	Psalm F
Andre GS	Theo G	Maame P	Ishani M
Anandhitha S	Nick A	Esmail C	Rex C
Kubra W	Ada G	Lucas L	Emily B
Samuel F	Preston OF	Iris E	Adi R
Tallulah C	Isobel S	Aria R	Sarah M
Bella D	George S	Fern W	Aarav V



Things to celebrate...

This week's Gold Leaves...



Erick FL	Zaynab Z	Alfie H	Lucas James L
Elizabeth D	Ayla G	Mayank S	Juno C
Qamar S	Sophia Q	Evelyn S	Martha C
Lizzie D	Zoe N	Wahida Z	Curtis C
Lennon M	Joao B	Danielle D	Matilda M
Kaven P	Harshitha SD	Frankie L	Pranathi VV
William W	George E	Molly G	Mimi M
Merci Beau B	Kira P	Mila B	



This week's Rainbows...

Chidera F	Liana T	Noah DH	Aram S
Christian G	Lenny C		

PTA News

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

Can you help out at the Welcome Back Party?

This year's Welcome Back Fireworks Party is nearly here! Tickets are now sold out but we hope everyone coming has a fantastic time and enjoys the spectacular fireworks display.

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

We still need volunteers to help make the night a success - including helping to set up and pack away and volunteering to serve on stalls

You don't need to spend the whole event volunteering - simply help 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 Welcome Back Party even more special, we'd really appreciate it. Please just drop us a line at pta.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk

Cakes needed for Welcome Back Party!

Our cake stall is always popular - but we need plenty of wonderful baked creations

Can you create or donate something delicious? To donate a cake of any kind, please just bring it with you on the day - avoiding nuts. Thank you in advance for your help.

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

This week's Ps and Qs Award - which is focusing on using good manners around the school - will add points to the totals below. These will be shared with the children on Monday.



10 Points



15 Points



20 Points

Something to think about...

The theme for this week's assemblies has been linked to our '8 Great Way' of **INDEPENDENCE**.

Some of the children at KGB have been practicing becoming more independent as they leave their trusted adults at the gate and walk to the classroom doors themselves. I understand that this is more of a challenge to some than others but it is certainly a positive thing to work towards. Keep it up!

Developing independent and confident learners is a key job for us at school. There are some questions about this below which you might want to discuss over the weekend:

Talk about:

What does the word 'independence' mean to you?

What is one thing you can do completely by yourself now that you could not do when you were a baby?

If you were able to have total control over what you did over one full weekend, what would you do? How would you balance fun with the house jobs that need doing and the need for rest?

Have a great weekend! Hope to see you at the 'Welcome Back Party'!

Dates for the diary...

Autumn Term 2026

Sat 10th October	PTA Welcome Back Party
Mon 19th - Fri 30th October 2026	Autumn Half Term
Mon 2nd Nov	Children return to school
Tues 10th Nov - Thurs 12th Nov	Parent Consultation Meetings
Thurs 12th Nov	Flu vaccinations - PAB https://www.riverbridgeprimary.co.uk/riverbridge-primary/news-and-events
Fri 13th Nov	Flu Vaccinations - KGB https://www.riverbridgeprimary.co.uk/riverbridge-primary/news-and-events
Mon 30th Nov	St Andrews Day - Children who are part of a uniformed organisation can wear their uniforms
Weds 2nd Dec	PTA discos - more details to follow
Fri 18th Dec	End of term for children - no after school club
Mon 21st Dec - Mon 4th Jan 2027	Christmas Holidays

Spring Term 2027	
Tues 5th Jan	INSET DAY 4
Weds 6th Jan	Children return to school
Mon 18th Jan - Fri 22nd Jan	Year 6 residential - more details to follow
Mon 15th - Fri 19th Feb 2027	Spring Half Term
Mon 22nd Feb	Children return to school
Weds 24th - Fri 26th Feb	Year 4 residential - more details to follow
Thurs 25th March	End of term for children - no after school club
Fri 26th March - Fri 9th April 2027	Easter Holidays

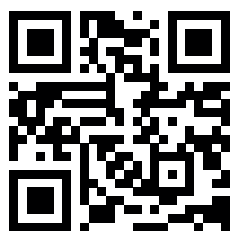
Summer Term 2027	
Mon 12th April	Children return to school
Mon 3rd May	Bank Holiday
Mon 31st May - Fri 4th June 2027	Summer Half Term
Mon 7th June	Children return to school
Tues 20th July	End of term for children - no after school club
Weds 21st July 2027	INSET DAY 5
Thurs 22nd July 2027	INSET DAY 6

Autumn Term 2027	
Weds 1st Sept	INSET DAY 1
Thurs 2nd Sept	Children return to school
Friday 1st Oct	INSET DAY 2
Monday 18th - Friday 29th Oct 2027	Half Term
Tues 21st Dec 2027	End of term for children - no after school club
Spring Term 2028	
Tues 4th Jan 2028	Children return to school
Mon 14th - Fri 18th Feb 2028	Half Term
Thurs 30th March	End of term - no after school club
Summer Term 2028	
Tues 18th April	Children return to school
Mon 29th May - Fri 2nd June	Half Term
Thurs 30th March	End of term - no after school club

Is your child starting school in September 2027?

If your child was born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023 you will need to apply for a school place. You can apply between **2 November 2026** and **15 January 2027**.

If you live in Surrey, you can find out all you need to know about school admissions and apply online at surreycc.gov.uk/admissions or you can call us on **0300 200 1004**.



Applying on time will give your child the best chance of getting one of your preferred schools.

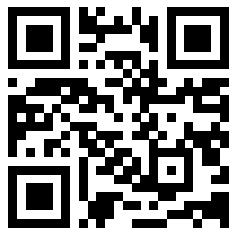
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and 15 January 2027



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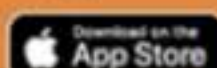
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What to expect:

- Mindfulness time with ponies
- Pony care
- Riding and Mounted games
- Connect with arts and nature
- Make new friends

Dates:

26th and the 29th Of October 2026

Time: 8:30 am -1:00pm

 **Hillcrest Farm Riding School,
Horsham RH13 6NX**

Book Now

Spaces limited to 10 children per day

£115 per child per day £30 deposit

By purchasing a ticket via eventbrite you are paying a £30 deposit. You will be invoiced for the balance 1 week before the event

Links for Booking

26th October

29th October



We are an inclusive team and warmly welcome children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) we celebrate diversity and are committed to providing a supportive environment where every child can thrive.



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Need fun, reliable childcare this holiday? Let your kids get creative the eco-friendly way through my EcoKids Craft Camps

I'm Jacqui, a Furniture Artist, a keen upcycler, former Assistant Headteacher and I love to teach. I've helped over 60 adults and nearly 40 children this year upcycle household items saving them from landfill.

Features and Benefits

- ✓ Small class sizes (max 8) so your children can learn a new skill
- ✓ A new upcycling craft is taught daily leaving with a beautifully upcycled item.
- ✓ Additional craft activities available using recycled materials
- ✓ Learn about sustainability and the circular economy
- ✓ Fully inclusive environment with an experienced SEN teacher
- ✓ 15 years teaching experience as well as development of the art curriculum in schools.
- ✓ Stunning studio on the banks of the River Thames, Shepperton.
- ✓ Half Day and Full Day Craft Camps are available with the option to extend the day to suit you (additional cost).

October Half Term Camp dates:
Week 1 - 20th to 22nd October
Week 2 - 26th to 30th October

£30 half day EcoKids Craft
Camps 10am-12.30pm.

£55 full day EcoKids Craft
Camps 10-3pm

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Camps run on a two week timetable with a different upcycling activity every day

What's on - Week One

Tuesday 20 October — Sustainable Autumn Wreaths

Get creative with our sustainable autumn wreaths made using fabric offcuts! Please bring a piece of fabric from home to keep things sustainable.

Wednesday 21 October — Trainer Glow-Ups & Shoe Upcycling

Bring your trainers back to life! Using decoupage and paint, children will give a pair of shoes a festive glow-up ready for the Christmas season. Please bring a pair of shoes to upcycle.

Thursday 22 October — Foraged Pine cone Table Decorations

A beautiful seasonal table decoration made from foraged pinecones. Children are welcome to bring a pine cone they've found themselves, but plenty will also be available on the day.

What's on - Week Two

Monday 26 October — Sustainable Autumn Wreaths

Back by popular demand! Another chance to make a beautiful autumn wreath using fabric offcuts. Please bring a piece of fabric from home to keep things sustainable.

Tuesday 27 October — Preloved Jewellery Making

Turn preloved jewellery into something new! Please bring a piece of jewellery with you, ideally with larger beads that are already threaded, ready to be transformed.

Wednesday 28 October — Pencil Case Upcycling from fabric

A no-sew, no-zip pencil case made from fabric offcuts, glued together and ready to fill with pens! A fun, simple upcycling project for all ages.

Thursday 29 October — Painted Pumpkin Pots

Paint your own terracotta pot ready for mini pumpkins! Children take home pumpkin seeds to plant in spring, watch them grow and hopefully have their very own mini pumpkins by next Halloween.

Friday 30 October — Trick-or-Treat Bowl/Tin Can Upcycling

Bring a bowl or tin can from home and transform it into your very own Halloween trick-or-treat basket — ready for a night of sweet collecting!

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