Riverbridge Review

A message from our Head Teacher…

Today we had the pleasure of hosting our local MP, Lincoln Jopp. He came and met with Mrs Price and myself and also spoke with our Head Prefects, Eeshan and Ayla. As we toured the school, we were able to see examples of children learning and also talk through the current developments that the school are working on. Mr Jopp appeared to enjoy the visit and is keen to return in the future if he can. Thank you to everyone for making this visit a positive one.

Earlier in the week, Mrs Sansom, the Chair of Governors came into school to conduct the annual Safeguarding Audit. This is an opportunity to talk about this essential aspect of school, discuss the expectations and understanding of staff and also speak with children. This was a positive visit and one that has offered up some useful next steps for us to consider.



The above will be discussed in more detail at next week's Governors meeting. This will be a useful opportunity to talk about the current strengths of the school and also those areas for development. There may be more to share about this in future Reviews.

Next week's Parent/Carer Consultations will be an essential way to help support your child at school. You will have an opportunity to find out about their current progress, what they need to work on and how we can work together to do so. If you haven't made an appointment - or you are unable to attend next week - please contact the office who will be able to find you an available slot!
Also next week, we will be sharing the annual Parent/Carer Questionnaire which we hope will be completed by the vast majority of you. Watch this space!

Evenings can be noisy at this time of year! Firework displays, both professional and those in back gardens are a regular feature. I am sure that there will be many families watching these over the weekend and there is some information regarding firework safety attached to the end of this week's Review. If you do attend an event (or host your own), please do so safely!

Some of the firework displays will be in celebration of Diwali. This is a celebration that very many of our families will take part in. To everyone that will be enjoying this: Happy Diwali!

News of the Week...

History — Year 2

This half term, Year 2 children will be making a Tudor House as part of our history topic about the Great Fire of London. We are looking for cardboard boxes around the size of a shoe box or small amazon box to make them. If you have some boxes like these, please send them in with your child by 18th November 2026. Thank you!

Remembrance Day — Whole School

All children that are part of a uniformed organisation such as Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Squirrels, Beavers,Cubs and Scouts or similar are invited to wear their uniform on Remembrance Day on Wednesday 11th November – please note school shoes are to be worn.

Tag Rugby Tournament — Year 5 & 6



On Tuesday 3rd November, a group of Year 5 & 6 pupils represented the school at a Tag Rugby tournament hosted by Matthew Arnold School and led by Noel from the Rugby Football Union.
Throughout the afternoon, both teams showcased our core values, demonstrating fantastic teamwork and resilience under pressure.
After battling through the heat stages, both the boys' and girls' teams earned a spot in the finals against Ashford Park. The boys secured a brilliant 5–3 victory, while the girls showed immense grit in a thrilling extra-time finish, ultimately clinching a 4–3 win.
Congratulations to everyone who took part!

Science — Year 5



Before half term, 5HB worked incredibly hard designing and building mechanical grabbers. They applied their knowledge of forces, pulleys and linkages and had to show resilience throughout the building stages.



Room on the Broom — Nursery



Nursery have been reading Room on the Broom this week. As part of their learning the children made their own potions and really enjoyed singing around the cauldron.

News of the Week...

Diwali — Whole School

We would like to wish those who are celebrating a bright and joyous Diwali!



Art — Year 1



The children in 1DB have enjoyed creating fireworks through colourful fork painting.

Reception — Bonfire Night



In RAF class this week we created our own firework rockets after listening to a story called 'Sparks in the Sky'. We listened carefully, followed each instruction and really enjoyed the process of creating our own rockets. As we made them we talked about our own experience of bonfire night and how to make sure we are safe around fire and fireworks.

Packed Lunches — Year 2- 6

To help reduce food waste and support parents and carers in monitoring what their children are eating, we will be encouraging children to take their packed lunch waste home with them. Children who bring a packed lunch should take home any uneaten food, packaging and rubbish. Excessively messy items, such as yoghurt pots, will continue to be disposed of in school.
Thank you for your support with this.

Home School Agreements — Nursery, Year 1-6

At the end of the newsletter you will find our Home School Agreement, please could you read this ahead of your parent consultation meeting, as you will be asked to sign this when you meet with your child's teacher. A hard copy will be on the teacher's desk ready for you to sign and return. Thank you for your support with this.

Enrichment Clubs — Year 1- 6

This is a reminder that if your child attends Film Club, Year 1 Football or Urban Dance, they will not be running next week due to parent consultation meetings. All other clubs will be running as usual.

News of the Week...

Children in Need/World Diabetes Day	Whole School

We are showing our support for Children in Need and World Diabetes Day, on Friday 13th November. All children are welcome to wear something spotty, or blue, or a combination of the two! Please note this can be incorporated into their uniform or as a suitable accessory.

Parent Consultation Evenings	Whole School

If you haven't already booked your child's parent consultation meeting, please contact the school office by Monday 9th November.

Stay, Play & Learn Sessions	Reception

We would love to invite parents and carers to join us for a special 'Stay, Play and Learn' session to see your child in their learning environment. These sessions will run from 8:35am to 10:00 am on Tuesday 24th November, Wednesday 25th November, and Friday 27th November. To ensure everyone has a meaningful experience and due to space limitations, we kindly ask that one parent or carer attends per session and that no siblings join us. Please also note that mobile phones are strictly not permitted during the sessions. We look forward to welcoming you into the classroom to share in your child's learning.
From the Reception Team

Tuesday

RAF Stay, Play & Learn Tues 24th November 8:35am-10am

RG Stay, Play & Learn Tues 24th November 8:35am-10am

RHT Stay, Play & Learn Tues 24th November 8:35am-10am

Wednesday

RAF Stay, Play & Learn Wed 25th November 8:35am-10am

RG Stay, Play & Learn Wed 25th November 8:35am-10am

RHT Stay, Play & Learn Wed 25th November 8:35am-10am

Friday

RAF Stay, Play & Learn Fri 27th November 8:35am-10am

RHT Stay, Play & Learn Fri 27th November 8:35am-10am

RG Stay, Play & Learn Fri 27th November 8:35am-10am

Things to celebrate…

This week's Gold Leaves…

Ozzy R	Amy G	Yassir A	Mahadeesh M
Frederica M	Bea P	Kosmo H	Lucas-George C
Velin P	George W	Ava M	Amar T
Ella M	Ralf K	Avyukt A	Ayaan B
Nahzan O	Nora HJ	Mason B	Sofia E
Heebatullah A	Vincent W	Isobel S	Ishanaa S
Angelina C	Vihaan R	Ethan H	Rihaansh P
Jaiden M	Yunus A	Lincoln O'F	Matilda W
Jaxon S	Nathan BP	Zion M	Tyler F
Elliot D	Coen M	Sabrina H	Oliver TS

This week's Rainbows…

Arlo DH	Eevee L	Ruth M	Isabelle K
Marc D	Zohal A		

PTA News

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

Order Christmas cards designed by your child by Saturday 7th November

Don't forget you only have until tomorrow, Saturday 7th November, to order Christmas cards and other merchandise based on your child's design, with free delivery to school.

Samples came home in book bags before half term, with instructions for how you can order packs.

If you order by Saturday 7th November the PTA will also get a 20% commission on orders, helping us to raise money for the school.

It will still be possible to order after this date - but you will need to pay for home delivery.

We hope you enjoy your child's artwork. If you have any questions regarding the order process, please email pta.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk

Save the date: Christmas Discos and Nursery/Reception Party

This year's PTA Christmas discos will take place on Wednesday 2 December at PAB Hall - 15.30-16.30 for Years 1-3 and 17.00-18.15 for Years 4-6.

On the same day, during school time, we will also be running a Christmas party for nursery and reception children.

Save the date in your diary - tickets will be on sale from Friday 13th November.

Join the next PTA meeting

Our next PTA meeting will be at 7pm on Monday 16th November, at The Retreat pub on Laleham Road. Come along to find out more about our plans this year and perhaps get involved. Everyone is welcome!

Clothes recycling bin

Some of you may have noticed our clothes recycling bin in the car park is currently full. We will have a collection next week so there will be space once again to drop off your garments. The PTA receives a donation for every kilogram collected.

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

Before half term, children at Park Avenue took part in some Inter House competitions as part of their PE lessons.
The results of these are shared in today's assemblies. Fire House secured their first trophy of the year - closely followed by Air and Water.
The updated scores are much closer as a result!

60 Points **55 Points** **65 Points**

Something to think about...

This weekend, very many families may be attending firework displays. Thls may be linked to Bonfire Night or Divili (or both!)
Whatever you are doing, it is important to be safe around fireworks.
We shared some resources with the children today and I felt it sensible to share some of them with you all!
If you do see some fireworks this weekend, enjoy!



See page 11

Bonfire Night: How to stay safe around fireworks

Wishing you all a great weekend!

Dates for the diary…

Autumn Term 2026

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
Fri 13th Nov	Children in Need/World Diabetes Day support
Monday 16th Nov	Odd socks day
Weds 18th Nov	Individual & Sibling photos - KGB
Thurs 19th Nov	Individual & Sibling photos - PAB
Friday 20th Nov	Odd socks day for Rabbits
Tues 24th Nov	Reception Stay, Play & Learn
Weds 25th Nov	Reception Stay, Play & Learn
Weds 25th Nov	Year 3 Butser Farm Trip
Thurs 26th Nov	Year 2 Freshwater Theatre
Fri 27th Nov	Reception Stay, Play & Learn
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
Fri 31st 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
Fri 14th July	End of term - no after school club
Mon 17th July	INSET DAY 3
Tues 18th July	INSET DAY 4
Weds 19th July	INSET DAY 5

FIREMAN SAM

FIREWORK & BONFIRE SAFETY TIPS

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DID YOU KNOW?

Fireworks are exciting, but they can be very dangerous. Listen to your grown-up about where is a safe place to stand.



SPARKLERS

TIP #1

Keep your sparkly sparkler safely away from other people and don't run with them.

TIP #2

Once sparklers are finished, put them into a bucket of water, don't pick them back up.

TIP #3

Wear your gloves when you hold sparklers and keep them away from your body.



BONFIRES



TIP #4

Stand at a safe distance from the bonfire and stay close to the grown-ups.

TIP #5

Don't be tempted to throw things into the bonfire or poke at it with sticks.

FIREWORKS



TIP #7

If you're going to a firework display, hold hands with your grown-up and stay with them all the time.

TIP #6

Leave your dressing up clothes at home on fireworks night, wrap up warm instead.

TIP #8

Put toys and phones away when you're out and about so you can focus on keeping safe and having fun!

Our Vision

Riverbridge Primary School puts the children's needs at the heart of its provision. Our whole school community is committed to enabling the children to become successful lifelong learners and happy, fulfilled adults who can make positive choices about their future.

Parental Conduct

For our Home School Agreement to work and help to ensure the best outcomes for our children, everybody needs to respect the professional relationships required in schools.

Our staff work to the highest expectations of professional conduct and are held to account should their behaviour fall short of our expectations.

We therefore ask that all parents frame questions and concerns in a calm and respectful manner to prevent parental behaviour becoming an issue in itself.

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Knowle Green Base: Knowle Green, Staines TW18 1AJ
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Name of Pupil: _____

Riverbridge Primary School

Home School Agreement

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Parents/Carers

I agree to:

- Make sure my child is at school on time and collected on time.
- Help my child to keep the behaviour expectations set by the school.
- Support my child in understanding the school's behaviour management policy including how to respond appropriately to reasonable requests.
- Help my child to achieve a minimum 95% attendance figure through regular attendance at school and through working with the school to resolve any concerns or difficulties my child may have.
- Inform the school promptly if there are any problems that may affect my child's attendance or learning.
- Speak to the class teacher in the first instance if I have a concern and use the appropriate escalation policy to achieve a resolution to that concern, rather than via other means (e.g. social media).
- Help my child to be organised about the equipment they need.
- Make sure my child wears the correct uniform.
- Support my child with home learning and other learning opportunities e.g. listening to my child read.
- Attend parent-teacher conferences.
- Respect & trust the decisions made by the school regarding my child's provision, including allocation to classes.
- Read and respond when necessary to communication which comes from the school e.g. weekly newsletters.
- Follow the expectations for parental conduct.

Signed _____

Name _____ ***Date*** _____

Pupils

I agree to:

- Always try to behave in a way that helps us all to achieve our very best.
- Respond appropriately to reasonable requests.
- Help my parents or carers to help me arrive in school on time.
- Always wear the correct school uniform.
- Always try to complete home learning to the best of my ability and bring it back to school at the right time.
- Tell my teacher if I have a problem in school.
- Always try to make sure I have the right equipment in school on the right days e.g. PE kit, book bags etc.

School

We agree to:

- Help the children understand expectations of behaviour which ensures a safe, happy and successful learning environment at all times.
- Offer a broad, balanced and differentiated curriculum that meets the needs of every child.
- Ensure that home learning tasks are given on an agreed day and reflect your child's learning needs.
- Celebrate individual children's efforts, achievements and successes.
- Ensure children's physical and social well-being at all times.
- Fully discharge our Safeguarding responsibilities with sensitivity and rigour.
- Create an environment where children feel they are listened to.
- Welcome parents into the life of the school and give them every opportunity to play an active part in their children's education.
- Create an environment that supports open, honest, constructive dialogue about each child's performance and achievements, whilst respecting confidentiality issues.

Signed 

Mr. P. Grimwood, Headteacher

Rotary Staines

2026 Annual Book collection is now done

Thank you Riverbridge school students, parents and teachers for supporting Staines Rotary campaign to provide second hand books for Ghana's 'Children Love To Read' initiative.

Every book has made a difference







This is our biggest donation to date

The donated books have been sorted and packed by the Phoenix Project in Ashford and already on its way to Accra in Ghana. Accra Rotarian's will then coordinate and distribute all books to target schools, libraries and under resourced communities in the area.

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TUESDAY • ENGLEFIELD GREEN
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10:30 am

WEDNESDAY • CHERTSEY
Riverbourne Club
1:00 pm

THURSDAY • STANWELL
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11:30 am

FRIDAY • ASHFORD
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11:00 2 – 3 years (with parent)	**1** space remaining
11:30 3 – 4 years (without parent)	**WAITING LIST**

THURSDAY

10:00 3 – 12 months (with parent)	**3** spaces remaining
10:30 1 – 2 years (with parent)	**3** spaces remaining
11:00 2 – 3 years (with parent)	**2** spaces remaining
11:30 3 – 4 years (without parent)	**2** spaces remaining

FRIDAY

10:00 2 – 3 years (with parent)	**2** spaces remaining
10:30 3 – 4 years (with parent)	**3** spaces remaining

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Saturday 21st November
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