# Riverbridge Review

## *A message from our Head Teacher…*

This week's Parent/Carer consultations were well attended and, from some of the feedback that was shared with me and Mrs Price, very well received. These meetings are such an important part of knowing where your child is with their learning and how best to support them with moving forward. Thank you to the teachers for managing these so well and also to the parents and carers for attending.
Should you have missed your appointment - there will be opportunities in the upcoming weeks to meet with class teachers and discuss progress and next steps.

Mrs Price and I are also mindful that there will be some parents and carers with queries around Inclusion. If you would like to meet and discuss issues around SEND please email the school office and these can be arranged in the weeks to come.

Finally - following on from the meeting this week, we are sharing this year's Parent/Carer questionnaire for all to complete. This is in a link below:

Annual Parent and Carer Questionnaire

There are a number of traffic issues in the local areas that is having an impact on children arriving to school on time. Can I thank all who have amended their journey into school to allow extra time for roadworks etc. Attendance for this academic year so far is higher than it has been in previous years. I am grateful for the efforts that you are all making to ensure children are in school and on time each day. Thank you!

We are in a very fortunate position to have a fantastic PTA. In recent weeks we have been made aware that our PTA class reps and members of the PTA are being asked to find out information about leadership decisions made in school to report back to classes or individuals.

The role of the PTA reps are to build interest in events and to encourage other parents to be involved with events. It is not their role to contact the school office with concerns raised by parents and we will not be responding to collective concerns in that way. This role is one where parents can play a positive an enjoyable part in their child's school experience and this is contrary to the purpose of this role.

If you have any concerns you wish to discuss with the school leadership team please make contact individually with the school office who will ensure that the most appropriate person makes contact with you.

Finally, the results from last week's House Leader elections were shared with the children today. Well done to everyone that put themselves forward for these roles. The new leaders are shared later in the review. Everyone can be really proud of themselves.

# News of the Week...

## Hair Policy — Whole School

Please can we remind everyone that anyone with hair longer than shoulder length, should have it tied back fully while at school. Please refer to the 'Uniform' section of the school website, and familiarise yourselves with the 'Expectations for hairstyles' section - link below
https://www.riverbridgeprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Uniform&pid=65

## Watts Gallery Workshop — Year 6





Year 6 had a fantastic visit today from the Watts Gallery artists, completing their creative workshop inspired by 'Where We Belong'. The children designed and created their own terracotta tiles, using a range of meaningful symbols to represent who they are and what makes them feel part of their community. Their designs celebrated their school houses, clubs, favourite hobbies and, even Staines itself! It was wonderful to see the children express their individuality and sense of belonging through art, creating unique pieces that tell their own stories. A huge thank you to the artists from Watts Gallery for such a brilliant opportunity!

## Literacy — Year 2



2J have been using their imaginations to explore the Grove as if they were walking through a snowy winter forest. We thought carefully about what we might see, hear, smell and feel as we wandered through the winter wonderland. We stopped along the way to collect ideas and explore some exciting adverbs to help bring our descriptions to life.

## Active Travel to School Survey — Whole School

Surrey County Council would like all parents and caregivers to complete the autumn/winter Active Travel to School Survey. The feedback you provide will help inform and improve your school's travel planning, as well as the support, initiatives and resources offered by SCC's Safer Travel Team. The survey is now live and will close on the **18th December**, so please submit your responses before then. They have shared the results of their previous survey, which is shown in the image.

Parents & Caregivers Survey: https://online1.snapsurveys.com/ATTS-Parents-Carers-Autumn2026

# News of the Week...

## Lunch Ordering Process — Reception - Year 6

A reminder that all meals need to be pre-ordered via schoolgrid by 8.55am each day.

By not pre-ordering this greatly reduces the options that your child is able to have and is limited to a plain jacket potato only. 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

If your child is unwell, please can we ask you to log into schoolgrid to remove your lunch choice.

The menu will soon be shared for our annual Christmas Lunch which will be on Wednesday 16th December. All meals will need to be pre-ordered in advance as there will not be any jacket potatoes available on this day.

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

## PE 18th November — RHT

Please note that due to school photographs on Thursday, 18th November, there will be no normal PE session that day. Children should come to school in their full school uniform. RHT PE will take place on Friday (20th November) instead.

## Remembrance Day — Year 1



This week, Year 1 reflected on the importance of Remembrance Day by participating respectfully in the two-minute silence. The children also worked hard crafting their own poppies to honour the occasion, creating a lovely display for everyone to see.

## Celebrations — Reception

As part of our topic on celebrations this half term, we will be learning about weddings! To help involve your child's real-life experiences, we would love to see some photos. Please email us pictures of weddings that your child has attended, or even photos of your own wedding (or family member's wedding). Sharing these special memories will be a wonderful way to spark classroom discussions and bring the learning to life. Please send photos to:
receptionlearning.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk
Thank you for your support!

# News of the Week...

## Bikeability Year 6 Try it Out Days — Year 6

As part of our Year 6 enrichment programme, we are pleased to offer all pupils the opportunity to take part in cycle training tailored to their ability.

All Year 6 children will attend the Bikeability "Try-it-out" days running on Monday 16 and Tuesday 17 November, delivered by Surrey County Council. During this short session, children will receive basic cycling tuition appropriate for their cycling skills and have a ride on one of Active Surrey's pool bikes. We will be passing your child's name to SCC/Active Surrey for their register.

If your child has a bike they would like to use for the training, they are welcome to bring it in for the instructors to check it over in advance of the Bikeability Level 2 course.

Following the Try-it-out day, children will be invited to either:
Try-it-out Extra Practice – for those still developing their cycling skills (Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th November).

Bikeability Level 2 – for those ready to cycle on local roads with moderate traffic (w/c 1 December for 2 courses, and a further 2 courses w/c 12 April 2027) Bikeability Level 2 equips children with the skills and confidence to ride
independently and safely, focusing on four core areas: observation, communication, positioning, and priorities.

- All training is free of charge
- Pool bikes and helmets are available for children who do not have access to their own
- Training is delivered by qualified instructors in a risk-assessed area near the school

If your child can ride a bike and has their own bike that they can use for the Bikeability Level 2 training, please book on using this link:
https://surreycycletraining.online/public/school_training/112727/

**6B - 16th November**
**6W - 16th November**
**6K - 17th November**

Please ensure your child brings suitable outdoor shoes, a waterproof warm outdoor coat, gloves & if they are wearing a school skirt some trousers / joggers to change into.
We look forward to supporting all Year 6 children in developing their cycling skills this term.

## PE 18th November — Year 5

Please note that due to school photographs on Thursday, 18th November, there will be no normal PE session that day. Children should come to school in their full school uniform. Year 5 PE will take place on Friday (20th November) instead.

# News of the Week...

## Remembrance Day — Year 6



On Wednesday, 11th November, the school came together to observe Remembrance Day. Children from every year group decorated poppies with thoughtful words of reflection, while Year 6 pupils delivered moving poetry readings during assemblies that inspired the whole school. Additionally, a group of Year 6 representatives attended the borough-wide remembrance service at the council offices alongside members of the local community.

## 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

## Odd Socks Day — Whole School

On Monday 16th November children can come to school wearing odd socks, in support of anti-bullying week.

# Things to celebrate…

## This week's Gold Leaves…

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Lorena W | Valentina C | Evelyn N | Chrissy S |
| Frederica M | Lucas-George C | Isla M | Emilia E |
| Raga M | George EH | Emily O'N | Poppy K |
| Sienna E | Sibora L | Junior H | Ahmed-Sultan BG |
| Samuel V | Jesse L | Roshan P | Aria R |
| Zaynab Z | Vihaan R | Remi C | Aarav V |
| Jack F | George F | Kairo P | Juno C |
| Aseda P | Rico CS | Chloe M | Sriyan R |
| Jaxon S | Aiden S | Thanya T | Jacob M |
| Austin Y | Matilda M | Elodie G | Kaven P |
| Nigel C | Adam Q | Mia-Mae D | Seb M |

## This week's Rainbows…

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| Chrissy G | Ollie H | Zayn E | Biddy MR |
| Frederick P | Mia H | | |

# PTA News

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

**Christmas disco tickets now on sale!**

Tickets are on sale from today for this year's PTA Christmas discos for Years 1 to 6.

Discos will take place on Wednesday 2 December at PAB Hall.

- Years 1-3 - 15.30-16.30
- Years 4-6 - 17.00-18.15

The fun will include a live DJ with party tunes and dancing games - along with free fun stalls offering face painting, nail painting and temporary tattoos.

Every child will also receive a goody bag with sweets and a toy. Children won't need to bring their own money as everything is included in the ticket price.

Tickets are £7 per child, available now from www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge. Please buy your child's ticket by **Monday 30 November** at 6pm.

**Nursery and Reception Christmas Party is back!**

For the younger children in Nursery and Reception, we will be holding a fun-filled Christmas Party during school hours on Wednesday 2 December, featuring children's entertainer Crazy Hazy.

Crazy Hazy will perform a one hour show in both the morning and afternoon and classes will be split between the two sessions.

Tickets are £4.50, on sale now from www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge. Please buy your child's ticket by **Monday 30 November** at 6pm.

**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!

**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 has seen quite a few things House-related! Throughout the week we have been focusing on our uniform and making sure we are looking our smartest.
I will be sharing the results in next week's Review but have reminded the children today that looking smart and being ready for learning should be a theme every week - not just one!

**60 Points**

**AIR HOUSE LEADER**
Eva W.
**AIR HOUSE DEPUTY LEADER:**
Javon S.

**55 Points**

**FIRE HOUSE LEADER**
Igor R.
**FIRE HOUSE DEPUTY LEADER:**
Logan R.

**65 Points**

**WATER HOUSE LEADER**
Eymen O.
**WATER HOUSE DEPUTY LEADER:**
Dakshi NM.

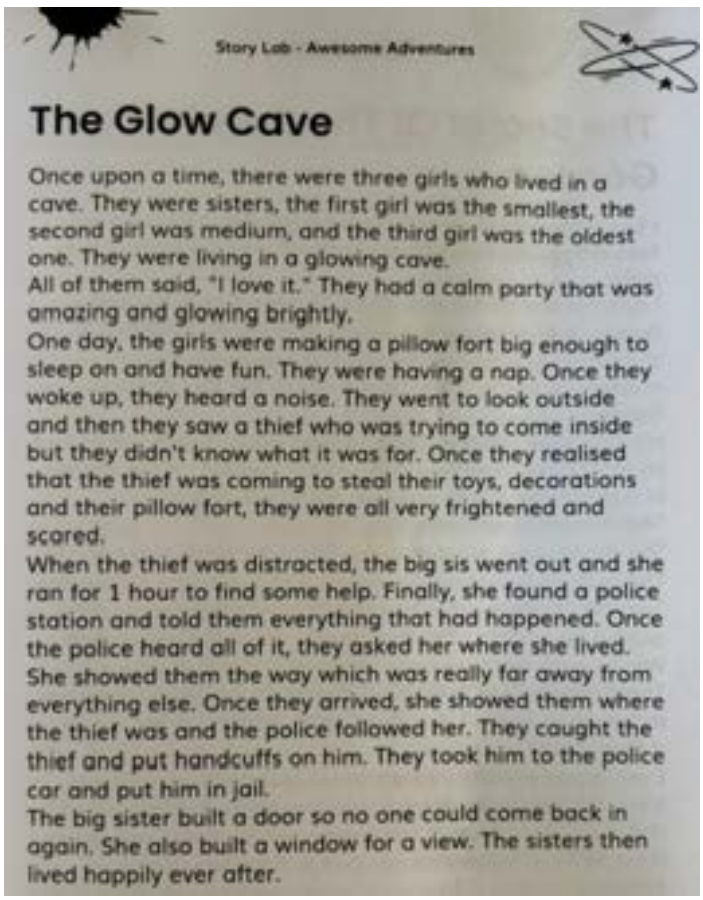
# Something to think about...

This week it is something to read first - then think about!

Writing is such an important part of school life and it is great when children complete additional writing tasks that they can be proud of.

Maryam (2H) wrote a short story that has been published in a book!

The story is shared with you for you all to read. Well done Maryam!



Story Lab - Awesome Adventures

## The Glow Cave

Once upon a time, there were three girls who lived in a cave. They were sisters, the first girl was the smallest, the second girl was medium, and the third girl was the oldest one. They were living in a glowing cave.
All of them said, "I love it." They had a calm party that was amazing and glowing brightly.
One day, the girls were making a pillow fort big enough to sleep on and have fun. They were having a nap. Once they woke up, they heard a noise. They went to look outside and then they saw a thief who was trying to come inside but they didn't know what it was for. Once they realised that the thief was coming to steal their toys, decorations and their pillow fort, they were all very frightened and scared.
When the thief was distracted, the big sis went out and she ran for 1 hour to find some help. Finally, she found a police station and told them everything that had happened. Once the police heard all of it, they asked her where she lived. She showed them the way which was really far away from everything else. Once they arrived, she showed them where the thief was and the police followed her. They caught the thief and put handcuffs on him. They took him to the police car and put him in jail.
The big sister built a door so no one could come back in again. She also built a window for a view. The sisters then lived happily ever after.

**Have a great weekend!**

# Dates for the diary…

## Autumn Term 2026

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| 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 |

# Dates for the diary…

| Autumn Term 2026 | |
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| Mon 7th Dec | Hedgehogs Christmas Performance - KGB - 2-2.45pm |
| Tues 8th Dec | Yr 2&3 Christmas Performance - PAB - 9.15-10am |
| Tues 8th Dec | Yr1 Christmas Performance - KGB - 2.30pm |
| Weds 9th Dec | Reception Christmas Performance - KGB - 9.15-9.45am |
| Weds 9th Dec | Yr 2&3 Christmas Performance - PAB - 2.30pm |
| Thurs 10th Dec | Yr 2&3 Christmas Performance - PAB - 9.15-10am |
| Thurs 10th Dec | Reception Christmas Performance - KGB - 2.30pm |
| Fri 11th Dec | Yr1 Christmas Performance - KGB - 9.15am |
| Fri 11th Dec | Rabbits Christmas Performance - KGB - 2-2.45pm |
| Tues 15th Dec | Yr 4,5&6 Christmas Performance - Church - 2-2.45pm |
| Weds 16th Dec | Yr 4,5&6 Christmas Performance - Church - 6-6.45pm |
| Weds 16th Dec | Yr 4,5&6 Christmas Performance - Church - 9.30-10.15am |
| Fri 18th Dec | End of term for children - no after school club |
| Mon 21st Dec - Mon 4th Jan 2027 | Christmas Holidays |

| Spring Term 2027 | |
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| 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 | |
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| 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 | |
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| 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 |

# FIREWORK & BONFIRE SAFETY TIPS

FROM THE FIREMAN SAM TV SHOW AND CHILD ACCIDENT PREVENTION TRUST



**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 #6**

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

**TIP #7**

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

**TIP #8**

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

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FRIENDS OF RIVERBRIDGE





ENTRY £4.50 ONLY

**NURSERY AND RECEPTION CHRISTMAS PARTY IS BACK!**
Scan the QR Code (below) or buy your tickets at:
**www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge**

**Ticket includes:**

**A FUN CHILDRENS SHOW WITH GAMES & MUSIC BY**

**CHILDRENS ENTERTAINER CRAZY HAZY!**

## WEDNESDAY 2 DECEMBER 2026

**Knowle Green Base during school hours**

The teachers will take the children to the show and bring them back to their class afterwards.

There is no need to print your ticket as we will provide the booking list to the teachers





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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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# Disco Party

ENTRY £7.00 ALL INCLUSIVE

**TICKET INCLUDES DISCO, SWEET BAG, TOY AND STALLS**

**DISCOS ARE BACK!**
Scan the QR Code (below) or buy your tickets at:
**www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge**

**A live DJ will keep the music going with dancing games and party tunes! Each child will receive a goody bag with sweets and a toy**

**Fun stalls - nail painting, face painting, and temporary tattoos will be free of charge**

**DEADLINE FOR TICKET PURCHASES IS MONDAY 30 NOVEMBER AT 6PM**

WEDNESDAY 2 DECEMBER 2026

**Park Avenue Base Hall (Years 1, 2 & 3): 15:30 - 16:30**

Teachers will take children straight to the disco from their classroom when school finishes. They can bring a change of clothes to get changed before the disco. Collection is at 4.30pm from the PAB School Hall.

**Park Avenue Base (Years 4, 5 & 6): 17:00 - 18:15**

Collection from PAB Hall

Children must be collected. They will NOT be allowed to go home alone.

**IF YOU ARE ABLE TO VOLUNTEER, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SIGN UP THROUGH PTA-EVENTS WHEN YOU BOOK YOUR TICKETS**





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# *Winter Fun Starts Here!*

Looking for free, fun-filled activities to keep the children entertained and active this winter?

Club4 is back for winter break 2026 with an exciting inclusive programme of funded holiday activities and healthy meals for children and young people who receive **Targeted Free School Meals.**

Eligible children from **Reception to Year 11** can enjoy up to 4 days of activities, including:

- Pantomime trips and festive experiences
- Animal Encounters and Outdoor Adventures
- ⚽ Sports, games and active adventures
- Performing arts, music, dance and creative workshops
- Dedicated teen activities and exciting days out
- SEND sessions and family activities

Whether your child loves being active, getting creative, performing on stage or trying something completely new, there's something for everyone to feel included and welcome.

Bookings open at **4pm on Tuesday 24 November!**

**Beat the rush** and register your interest now to receive a booking reminder one hour before bookings open!

Club4 FUN FRIENDS FOOD FITNESS

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BEST START IN LIFE

ACTIVE SURREY

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

**https://eequ.org/club4activesurrey**

We're pleased to see so many children and young people excited about our Club4 Winter activities!

Club4 is all about giving children the chance to have fun, try new experiences, make friends and enjoy healthy meals during the holidays. We want as many families as possible to benefit from these opportunities.

As places are funded and often in high demand, attending the sessions you book, helps us make sure every available place is used by a child who can enjoy and benefit from the programme.

Please only book sessions that your child is able to attend.
If your plans change, cancel your booking on Eequ as soon as possible so another child can take the place.

By letting us know when you can no longer attend, you're helping another Surrey child access a fun, safe and enriching holiday experience.

Thank you for helping us make Club4 available to as many families as possible this Winter.








## Parent Highlights

*"We really enjoyed the family session activities, as we were able to enjoy some quality time as a family and have fun together."* ***Parent***

*"My children really enjoy attending these clubs in the holidays. It's a lovely way for them to make friends and get out of the house socialise and try new activities."* **Parent**



*"I was very impressed with the range of clubs available. My daughter has SEND needs and it gave the family much needed respite in the holidays. I can't thank you enough."* **Parent**

*"The club has really helped build our sons confidence and reliance in making new friends and trying out new experiences"* **Parent**

SURREY ARTS



# GET PLAYING Music

## LESSONS AVAILABLE – BOOK NOW!

## VOICE LESSONS

- During the school day
- Weekly lessons
- Lessons from £10.40*
- Financial assistance subject to meeting eligibility criteria

*Price is for group lessons, availability varies by school

FIND OUT MORE HERE

surreycc.gov.uk/music

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**THU 19 NOV @ 7PM**

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