



# RIVERBRIDGE REVIEW

Autumn Term

Week 3

22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023

Last night's PTA meeting was a good indication of the positive sense of community within Riverbridge. The PTA had set a target last year to fundraise £12 000 and it was great to find out that this target was well and truly smashed. Over £17 000 has been raised to support projects and activities across the school.

Many of the benefits are quite visible on both sites. At Knowle Green, funds have gone into the new intervention learning space (AKA 'The Blue House') and also into additional resources in each classroom. At Park Avenue, the contributions have enhanced the playground markings, part-funded the outdoor gym equipment and also added resources in each classroom space.

The role of the PTA in any school is an important one and we have been really lucky to have such a hard-working and committed team of volunteers. The PTA are always looking for additional parents to volunteer time, support and skills. I would ask all parents to consider how they can play their part in PTA events and help continue the excellent fundraising efforts seen over recent years.



4P enjoying coding



Year 6 outdoors- before the rain



Year 3 singing with Primary Robins

Continuing with the PTA – last night's AGM was the last for co-chairs Gurcharan and Tajinder Salotera. Over the past few years, they have led the PTA with tenacity and dedication. A number of the regular and exciting PTA events have been developed under their leadership – including the Christmas Pantomime that takes place each year at Matthew Arnold, 'Balti Bingo' and the 'Welcome Back' firework party. This event in particular helped to bring the community together after the challenges of Covid and continues to help bring a sense of 'togetherness'. I am very grateful for the commitment that Gurcharan and Tajinder have shown over the years and am sure that the new chair: Robyn Russell-Hughes and her team will continue to take the PTA from strength to strength. This week has seen the first of the Open Day tours for prospective parents in September 2024. These have been successful so far and we look forward to more visitors into school in the weeks to come. Should you know anyone that is looking for school spaces and would like to book on a tour – please direct them to the school's [website](#)

A letter regarding the NHS School Nasal Flu vaccination programme and e-consent was sent out earlier in the week. The vaccination is given in the form of a nasal spray and the letter provides full information. Please note that as the school is only facilitating the administering of the nasal flu immunisation all questions regarding this should be directed to the Immunisation Team using the contact details on the letter – a link to which can be found in the Dates for your diary section below.

## Preloved Uniform

Whole School

We have had a fantastic response to our preloved uniform sale. Going forward preloved uniform will be available to buy on Mondays only from the reception area at our Park Avenue Base. Please do come along and see if we can help with any of your uniform needs.

## PE

Year 4



Year 4 had great fun in PE, learning how to control muscle tensions and to show exaggerated facial expressions in order to freeze frame in the style of a James Bond action movie, as shown by 4T.

## Volunteering Safeguarding Training

Whole School

We are holding our next Safeguarding Training session on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 9am at our Park Avenue Base. The session will last approximately 90 minutes. If you're interested in applying for a much appreciated volunteer role at Riverbridge, please complete [the Google Form found here](#). This session is open to new volunteers and any parents that have started the volunteer process and are yet to attend the Safeguarding Training.

## Walking Home Permission

Year 5 & 6

From Year 5, children have the opportunity to walk home from school. If you choose for them to do so, please complete the [Year 5 Google Form found here](#) or [Year 6 Google Form found here](#) to give permission for your child to be released from the classroom at the end of the day to walk home alone. Please note any meeting points or changes to your plans need to be arranged with yourself and your child prior to the school day.

## Coding Week

Reception - Year 6

We have been celebrating Coding Week across the school. Children from Reception to Year 6 have taken part in cross-curricular coding activities, which included making music using repeated patterns, making origami animals following precise instructions and creating algorithms to help navigate across a map! The children were great thinkers, explorers and connectors!



## New Reception 2024 Intake

Whole School

If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020 you will need to apply for a school place for the Reception 2024 intake. For further information on the admissions process please go to <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/primary-junior-and-infant/apply> Online applications will open on 31<sup>st</sup> October and will close on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024. To attend one of the Riverbridge open day events where you will be able to view the Knowle Green Base [please click here](#).

## Singing Lessons

Year 3

Year 3 have enjoyed the first of their weekly singing lessons with Primary Robins. They have been learning how to properly warm up their voices and have sang some beautiful new songs as shown by 3BH.



## Outside Achievements

Whole School

Charlotte S (5W) has passed her ABRSM Grade 1 Piano Practical exam with Merit and both her family and Riverbridge are very proud of her achievement. Well done Charlotte!

## Vacancies

Whole School

### The Echelford Primary School is recruiting:

Are you committed and passionate about education and keen to make a difference? We are offering a wonderful opportunity to become an integral part of our exceptional community of children and adults.

We are seeking to appoint a highly motivated, proactive, flexible and reliable individual for the role of Class Teaching Assistant at The Echelford Primary School. For more information please visit - <https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1367971>

We are looking to appoint a talented individual who can assist in providing a stimulating, creative and caring environment for children within the classroom as well as those attending the After School Club. The right candidate will be joining a strong, professional team of enthusiastic staff who will work alongside, in a supportive and constructive way. For more information please visit - <https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-and-after-school-club-team-member-1367957>

We are looking to appoint a talented individual who can assist in providing a stimulating, creative and caring environment for children attending the after school club. For more information please visit- <https://www.eteach.com/job/after-school-club-assistant-1367946>

### **Darley Dene School is recruiting: Are you ambitious and keen to make a difference?**

We are seeking to appoint a highly enthusiastic, proactive, flexible and reliable individual for the role of Teaching Assistant. This is an opportunity for an individual who is patient and emotionally resilient to join our friendly, inclusive and inspirational team of teaching and support staff. For more information please visit:

<https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1369455>

## **PTA**

## **Whole School**

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



**PTA**  
FRIENDS OF RIVERBRIDGE

### **Buy your Welcome Back Party tickets before they sell out!**

Tickets for this year's Welcome Back Party on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October are selling fast – spaces are limited so please buy yours now to avoid disappointment. Join us for an evening of fun, games, food and stalls, finishing off with a spectacular professional firework display.

Tickets are £6 each (3 and under are free) and are on sale now at [www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge)

### **Volunteers urgently needed**

We are in urgent need of volunteers to help out at the Welcome Back Party.

Can you do a 45 minute slot helping out on one of the stalls or help us out with setting up and packing away? We currently only have 10 volunteers out of around 500 people attending. We can only run events like this with help from the school community, so if you can spare the time, please email

[pta.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk](mailto:pta.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk) or let us know when you buy tickets via [www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge)



### **New PTA committee elected**

After four years of energetic leadership of the PTA, raising thousands of pounds for Riverbridge, Tajinder and Gurchuran stepped down as Co-Chairs at yesterday's AGM. They would like to thank everyone at Riverbridge for the fantastic support they've had! Robyn Russell-Hughes was elected as the new PTA Chair, with Sandra Mkandi as Treasurer, Hayley Hatcher as Secretary and Chris Lean as Communications Lead. We can't wait to start another successful year of fun activities, events and fundraising for the school.

Watch this space for more details of our fundraising target and the key projects we'll be raising money for this year.

Stay connected with Riverbridge PTA on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/groups/RiverbridgePrimarySchoolPTA](http://www.facebook.com/groups/RiverbridgePrimarySchoolPTA) or get in touch at [pta.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk](mailto:pta.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk)

## **Gold Leaves**

## **Whole School**

What a lot of gold leaves this week!

It is always great to see the pride that the children show when sharing these each week. The children below can be rightly happy with the efforts they have made with their learning and I am sure these positive choices will continue next week too.

Well done!

Roshan P	Bella D	George S (RD)
Henry G	Elsie W	Esme R
Arshreet K	Adi R	Luke C
Iris E	Ditya G	Ishan K
Kairo P	Cristina B	Bernie R
Lotta C	Praneel Y	Blake M
Pippa A	Ayla G	Teddy R
Wahida Z	Poppy V	Lincoln OF
Elodie G	Adam B	Nathan BP
Mehar K	Elliot D	Ibrahim J
Annika H	Charlotte D	Val S
Mercie-Beau B	Zain S	Jess Y
Annabelle V	Jonas V	Nesia P
Abi N	Freddie K	Isla S
Alice O	Jack D	Willow S
Leo B (4V)	Laylah-Anne M	Harry S
Deena PH	Muhammad R	Devyan R
Brandon T	Alex A	Jetson L
Stephanie G	Vivien B	Jack H
Natalie H	Alice C	Charlotte S
Jakub J	Harrai S	Mara H
Dorcas A	Summer BP	Kaelem H

## Rainbow Awards

## Nursery

Well done to the children below in Hedgehogs and Rabbits that have made such a great effort with their learning this week.

Leo J

Brendon G

Estelle E

## House Competition

## Whole School

The points from last week's WOW Award were shared with the children in Monday's assembly.

It was a very close-run race with only 2 points separating first from third.

Air House was victorious and took the 20 points.

The first scores of the year are included below:



**20  
Points**



**15  
Points**



**10  
Points**

This week's 'Question of the Week' is...

## Oracy Project – Question of the Week!



This week's talk question is:

### Who is someone you really admire?

I hope you all have a great weekend!

**Paul Grimwood**

**Headteacher**

### Dates for the diary...

#### Autumn Term 2023

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Fri 6<sup>th</sup> October

Bristol Residential Trip – Year 6 [link to the letter here](#)

Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> October

Prospective Reception 2024 intake Open Morning – booking required [please click here](#)

Fri 6<sup>th</sup> October

Prospective Reception 2024 intake Open Morning – booking required [please click here](#)

Sat 7<sup>th</sup> October

PTA Welcome Back Party

Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> October

Year 6 school nurse height and weight checks

Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> October

Prospective Reception 2024 intake Open Morning – booking required [please click here](#)

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> October

Prospective Reception 2024 intake Open Morning – booking required [please click here](#)

Tues 17<sup>th</sup> October

Parent Consultations – more details to follow

Weds 18<sup>th</sup> October

Parent Consultations – more details to follow

Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> October

Parent Consultations – more details to follow

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> October

Prospective Reception 2024 intake Open Morning – booking required [please click here](#)

#### Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct – Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Oct 2023

#### Autumn Half Term

Mon 30<sup>th</sup> October

Inset day 3

Tues 31<sup>st</sup> October

Children return to school

Tues 31<sup>st</sup> October

Deadline to complete the e-consent for the Nasal Flu Immunisation Years 1 – 6 [a link to the letter can be found here](#)

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> November

Nasal Flu Immunisation Years 1 – 6

Tues 7<sup>th</sup> November

Nasal Flu Immunisation Years 1 – 6

Weds 8<sup>th</sup> November

Volunteers Safeguarding Training Session

Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> November

Individual and Sibling School Photos – more

details to follow

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> November

Individual and Sibling School Photos – more details to follow

Tues 28<sup>th</sup> November

Individual and Sibling School Photos – more details to follow

Tues 19<sup>th</sup> December

End of term for children: 1.20pm KGB, 1.30pm PAB, 1.40pm Nursery

Tues 19<sup>th</sup> December

No After School Club

**Weds 20<sup>th</sup> Dec – Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2024**

**Christmas Holidays**

**Spring Term 2024**

Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> January

Children return to school

**Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024**

**Spring Half Term**

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> February

Children return to school

Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> March

End of term for children: 1.20pm KGB, 1.30pm PAB, 1.40pm Nursery

Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> March

No After School Club

**Fri 29<sup>th</sup> March – Fri 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

**Easter Holidays**

**Summer Term 2024**

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> April

Children return to school

**Mon 27<sup>th</sup> May – Fri 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024**

**Summer Half Term**

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Children return to school

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> July

End of term for children: 1.20pm KGB, 1.30pm PAB, 1.40pm Nursery

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> July

No After School Club

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> July

Inset day 4

Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> July

Inset day 5

# DO YOU HAVE A CHILD WITH ADHD



Come and share experiences with other parents/carers and learn more about ADHD over a coffee. Primary school aged children (newly diagnosed or awaiting diagnosis). 3- week course with professionals plus the opportunity to continue peer support after the group finishes.

Please be aware that there is no childcare available during the group.

**ADHD PARENTS GROUP**

**10.30-12.30**

**TUESDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER**

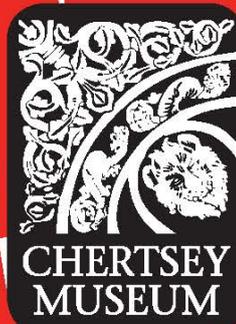
**TUESDAY 3RD OCTOBER**

**TUESDAY 10TH OCTOBER**

**THE LOCAL CONVERSATION, 112 HIGH ST, STANWELL, STAINES, TW19 7JS**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND/OR TO BOOK A PLACE CONTACT JO HERNANDEZ  
[JOANNE.HERNANDEZ@SURREYCARETRUST.ORG.UK](mailto:JOANNE.HERNANDEZ@SURREYCARETRUST.ORG.UK)**

# October Holiday Activities



## Dancing Skeleton Puppets

Tuesday 24th Oct  
11-12:30pm or 2-3:30pm  
Ages 7-12, £4

Come along to the museum to put together a wooden skeleton marionette puppet. Then decorate it to be as scary or friendly as you want!

## Autumn Bunting

Thursday 26th Oct  
10-11am or 11:30-12:30pm  
Ages 4-12, £3

Create a string of paper bunting. It can have a spooky Halloween theme or an autumn theme - your choice! (An adult must stay with 4 and 5 year olds.)

**Booking is essential**

Book online at

<https://chertsey-museum.arttickets.org.uk>  
or by phone: 01932 565 764

[www.chertseymuseum.org/events](http://www.chertseymuseum.org/events)

Call 01932 565764 to book your place

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# Foil

Wednesday  
25th October

THE ARTS  
&  
CRAFTS  
CLUB

# Embossing

Create your own  
autumnal picture.



7 yrs +



**Venue:** Warwick Avenue, Staines

**email** [theartsandcraftsclub1@gmail.com](mailto:theartsandcraftsclub1@gmail.com)

 @ theartsandcraftsclub



# THE MATTHEW ARNOLD SCHOOL OPEN EVENTS

**Open Evening:**  
Thursday 28th September  
6-8pm

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**Open Mornings:**  
Tuesday 3rd, 10th and 17th October  
9am and 10am

Please book open mornings via our website



[www.matthew-arnold.surrey.sch.uk](http://www.matthew-arnold.surrey.sch.uk)

**Dream Big, Work Hard, Achieve**



## No internet?

If you don't have internet access at home, why not visit your local library? Just call **03456 009 009** to book a computer and you can use the internet for free.

To request a paper application form or for all other enquiries, you can call us on **0300 200 1004**.

[surreycc.gov.uk/admissions](https://surreycc.gov.uk/admissions)



## Important dates

**30 October 2023**

You can apply online for a school place.

**15 January 2024**

Closing date for primary applications but we welcome early applications.

**16 April 2024**

Primary outcomes will be sent by post or email. If you applied online, you will receive an email in the evening with the outcome and you can also view your school offer online. If you registered for **ParentComms**, you will also receive a notification with the outcome.

**By 30 April 2024**

You must confirm whether you wish to accept or decline the place you have been offered.

**By 15 May 2024**

If you wish to appeal for a community or voluntary controlled school listed on your form, you should submit it by this date so that it can be heard by 17 July 2024. Other schools may have different appeal deadlines.

## Is your child starting school in September 2024?

If your child was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 you will need to apply for a school place between **30 October 2023** and **15 January 2024**.

### Is your child in year 2?

If your child attends an infant school you will need to apply for a place at a junior school or a primary school with a year 3 intake.

**Apply online**  
between  
**30 October 2023**  
and **15 January 2024**



## How do I apply?

- The quickest and easiest way to apply for a school place is online. Visit [surreycc.gov.uk/admissions](https://surreycc.gov.uk/admissions) to access the application form and more information on the application process and admission arrangements for Surrey schools. It is important that you consider this information carefully when you make your application.
- You can start your online application any time from 30 October 2023 but you must have completed it by **15 January 2024**.
- You can download the app **ParentComms** to your mobile device to receive notifications about your application.
- Once you have submitted your application you will receive a confirmation email.
- On **16 April 2024** you will receive an email with the outcome of your application and, if you have registered for **ParentComms**, you will also receive a notification with the outcome.
- You will need to accept or decline your offer of a school place online by **30 April 2024**.

## What else do I need to know?

- You should contact schools directly if you'd like to arrange a visit.
- You can name up to four schools on your application form, in the order that you prefer them. Where possible the local authority will allocate a place at one of these schools.
- Schools will not know where you have ranked them on the application form so the order of your preferences does not disadvantage you.
- The local authority has a duty to provide a place for your child but it does not have to be at one of your preferred schools.
- If your child is attending a nursery attached to a school, you must still apply for a reception place as there is no automatic transfer.
- If your child is leaving year 2 of an infant school, you can only apply for schools which have an intake at year 3.
- If you have an older child already at the school, you must still apply for a younger child.
- If you have more than one child applying for a school place, you must make a separate application for each of them.
- If you live in Surrey you must apply to Surrey, even if the schools you list are outside Surrey.
- Some schools may need you to submit a supplementary information form in addition to the application form. Find out more about supplementary information forms at [surreycc.gov.uk/admissions](https://surreycc.gov.uk/admissions).
- If you are registered for council tax you must supply the name of the borough or district and the council tax account number for the property where your child normally lives. Otherwise you will be asked to provide evidence of where your child lives.
- When applying online you must make sure that you press 'submit' at the end of your application and that you receive a confirmation email which sets out your preferences and confirms your application reference number.
- If you do not receive a confirmation email you should check your application to ensure its status has been changed to 'submitted'.
- If you write to us or submit information to support an application, remember to include your child's name, date of birth and application reference number (if you applied online).
- If your child has an education, health and care plan, there is a separate process and you will receive more information from your child's SEND Case Officer.

# Riverbridge Primary School



The Headteacher and staff would like to invite prospective parents (Reception 2024 intake) to come and view the school.

Riverbridge Primary School is proud to serve the local community and we would like to share all that is good about the school with you.

Please come and see our exceptional learning environments and our spacious school grounds.

Tours will last approximately 1hr.

We very much look forward to seeing you!

Thurs 21st Sept  
Fri 22nd Sept  
Thurs 28th Sept  
Fri 29th Sept  
Thurs 5th Oct  
Fri 6th Oct  
Thurs 12th Oct  
Fri 13th Oct  
Thurs 19th Oct  
Fri 20th Oct

To book a place <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/riverbridge-primary-school-68850693623>

Knowle Green Base, Staines Upon Thames, TW18 1AJ

Telephone: 01784 227960 Email: [office.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk](mailto:office.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk)



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# CUSTOMER NOTICE

## Parking Information



### **Spelthorne Leisure Centre** **Customer Parking Update - Utility Services** **Installation** **September 2023**

Dear Customer,

Please be aware of the upcoming traffic disruption scheduled to take place for the continuing works of the new Spelthorne Leisure Centre.

Week Commencing 25th September, there will be the new Spelthorne's utility installation services taking place as follows:

- Week commencing 25.09.2023, the first trenches will be dug around at the key utility points. One way priority access will be utilised (same as now) so there should be minimal change to leisure centre members.
- Week commencing 02.10.2023, the remaining trenches will be dug, and cabling installed. Unfortunately, the connection point to the existing power network is on the far side of the Knowle Green and as such it is likely that a 4-way traffic control system will be installed at the cross junction of Spelthorne Leisure Centre, Knowle Green and health centres across the road
- To maintain access to the disabled car park, a separate entrance will be created which will provide temporary access.

At the conclusion of works, the original entrance to the disabled car park and the leisure centre will return to its current access points.

Disruption is expected to last 2 to 3 weeks and communications will be updated when possible. Due to the nature of the works being power infrastructure works, please be aware that changes to timelines can occur at

short notice however we will endeavour to update all users as soon as possible.

We do apologise for the inconvenience this may cause and thank you for your patience whilst works are ongoing.

Spelthorne Leisure Centre Team

[ASK A QUESTION >>](#)

# CUSTOMER PARKING AT SPELTHORNE LEISURE CENTRE



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**PTA**  
FRIENDS OF RIVERBRIDGE

ALL family & friends welcome.  
Come to enjoy fun, games, food & drink!



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OR PURCHASE AT:  
[www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge)

# WELCOME BACK PARTY 2023

INCLUDES:

**£6**

TICKET ENTRY PER PERSON (ABOVE AGE 3)

PROFESSIONAL FIREWORKS DISPLAY BY TOTAL PYRO  
ENTERTAINMENT BY DISCOZ.COM



**SATURDAY 7TH OCTOBER  
1700–1930**

PLEASE NOTE ALL ATTENDEES AND VOLUNTEERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO BUY A TICKET TO THIS EVENT

AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE ON THE NIGHT:

**BBQ, BAR & INDIAN STREET FOOD  
TOYS & GAMES STALLS**

PURCHASES AT STALLS VIA CASH ONLY. CREDIT CARD ACCEPTED AT BBQ & BAR

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

TICKETS ON SALE FROM SUNDAY 17th SEPTEMBER 1200  
UNTIL THURSDAY 5th OCTOBER 1800,  
UNLESS THE EVENT SELLS OUT PRIOR.

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**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED**



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