



# RIVERBRIDGE REVIEW

Autumn Term

Week 9

10<sup>th</sup> November 2023

This weekend will be an important one for many of our Riverbridge families.

Diwali is being celebrated on Sunday which I know will be a colourful and enjoyable event for lots of our school community. The children have been keen to find out more about this important festival that is celebrated by millions of Hindus, Sikhs and Jains across the world. The festival itself celebrates new beginnings and the triumph of good over evil and light over darkness.

The above links well to another event also taking place this weekend. On Sunday, we will take time to stop and think during the Remembrance events taking place across the country. This is also an important time to consider the sacrifice made by others in the past to help secure the freedoms we have today.

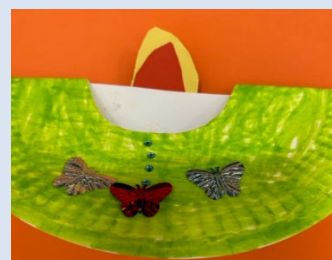
Whatever the weekend brings for you – I hope it is a positive one!



**Year 2 were treated to a  
Pantomine yesterday**



**A rainbow over Riverbridge this  
morning**



**ASC made Diya lamps and  
Rangoli patterns to celebrate  
Diwali**

This week, the children have been taking part in another competition between the 3 houses here at Riverbridge, focusing on uniform and the importance of being smart and ready for learning when at school. Different children have been spotted over the course of the week looking their best and their efforts will help contribute to points being added to the on-going competition.

This competition gives us a chance to remind children (and parents) about the expectations we have around uniform. We have a clear policy on uniform which is on the school's website:

<https://www.riverbridgeprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Uniform&pid=65>

Please help your child to understand that this is an important aspect of any school (there are very few primary schools without a uniform policy). Uniform is not optional – the expectation is that all members of the school community will make every effort to follow the policy.

I thank all families in advance for their support with this and look forward to seeing how smart the children look in their school photos next week.

Once again – can I remind families about parking considerably on Park Avenue. A local resident has shared details of a white Mercedes parking over their driveway. I am hopeful that this is a parent from our neighbouring school but if it was you – please don't do this again!

## Dinner Choices

Whole School

Now the weather is getting colder, please can we encourage you to pre-order your children's dinner choices with them via your Scopay account as we understand sometimes children need a little help to try something different from their norm. Our caterers, AIP have numerous hot choices to choose from, all of which can be viewed on your Scopay account or via our website [here](#).

## PE Amendments Next Week

Whole School

Due to school photos taking place next week, PE will be cancelled for the following classes and year groups for the w/c 13<sup>th</sup> November only: RD, RM, 1L, 1H, Year 3 and Year 4

Year 6 will be changing their PE day to Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> for next week only.

PE for all other classes and year groups will take place as normal.

Please be aware that if your child is absent from school when their photo is being taken there will sadly not be another opportunity for these to take place and only siblings who attend Riverbridge will be able to have photos together.

## Christmas Performances

Whole School

All dates, times and locations of the Christmas performances can be found in the Dates for your Diary section below. More information about ticket allocation and the booking process will be sent out as soon as it's been confirmed. Thank you for your patience with this.

## Parking for Breakfast Club and ASC

Whole School

Please can we remind parents that parking in either of the private staff car parks is not permitted before or after school.

## Cardboard Box Donations: Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Nov

Year 2

Year 2 will be making and burning model Tudor houses in DT to link with their history topic of the Great Fire of London. Please can any square cardboard boxes ideally measuring 4x4x4 inches and 6x6x6 inches be brought to class by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you.

## Stay, Play & Learn Sessions

Reception

Thank you to those parents who have booked a space in a Stay, Play and Learn session via Eventbrite. There are still a couple of sessions that have spaces if you have yet to book and all details can be found in the original email that was sent out. The Reception team look forward to welcoming you next week.

## Pantomime

Year 2



On Thursday, Year 2 were invited to Staines Prep School to watch a pantomime of Beauty and the Beast. The children had such an amazing time cheering all the characters on stage and dancing along to the songs!

## Children in Need

Whole School

Children are invited to wear a spotty item of clothing to school with their school uniform on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November in support of Children in Need. [To donate please click here](#). Alternatively, cash donations can be brought in on the day. Thank you in advance for your support.

## Spelthorne in Bloom

Whole School

We are very proud to say that Riverbridge has won the Best School Garden award in the Spelthorne in Bloom competition. Thank you to the staff, children and volunteers who have helped looked after our school gardens. If you are able to help volunteer with a little gardening going forward, please do email the school office – we would be very grateful.

## Girls football team

Whole School

Congratulations to Pearl L who has been selected to represent Riverbridge in the Girls A football team.

## Outside Achievements

Whole School

Well done to Aarohi G who came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 25-Meter Backstroke and 4<sup>th</sup> in the 25-Meter Freestyle races in the Staines Swimming Club competitions. What an achievement!

## Vacancies

Whole School

### **Echelford School is recruiting: Your Community Needs You!**

Are you friendly, reliable, willing to work outdoors in all weathers and physically fit to ensure the safety of children and parents? Do you care about your community and have a little time to spare? If the answer is yes, we have the perfect job for you! Echelford school are recruiting for a school crossing patrol officer. For more information please visit: <https://www.eteach.com/job/school-crossing-patrol-officer-1378197>

### **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-1378206>

## **PTA**

## **Whole School**

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



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### **PTA Big Christmas Raffle launches next week**

The festive season is getting closer and it's nearly time to launch our big Christmas raffle! We already have plenty of great prizes lined up including:

- Family photography voucher from Lovelight Photography worth £198
- 4 weeks of free lessons at Pauline Quirke Academy in Windsor
- Brentford G-Tech Stadium Tour
- Free entry to Bocketts Farm, Hobbledown Heath and Kidabulous
- Free family voucher for Mr Mulligans Pirate Golf in Woking
- Games and toys, bottles of wine and much more...

Look out for full details in book bags next week, along with tickets for you to purchase. As usual, tickets cost £1 each or £10 for a full sheet. Simply fill out the blank tickets and return them to school with the correct cash in an envelope marked 'PTA Raffle'. You can sell tickets to friends and family, too. Good luck!

### **Have you got your Robin Hood Panto tickets yet?**

Tickets are still on sale for this year's Riverbridge panto, Robin Hood, on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November.

It's a professional production in a staged theatre and has been really popular for the last 2 years, so don't miss out.

There will be two performances at Matthew Arnold School at 11am and 2pm. Tickets are £7.50 per person (2 years old and under free) and there will be toy and snack stalls available.

Don't miss out - buy your tickets now from [www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge). Family and friends welcome!

### **Can you help out on panto day?**

We need volunteers to help on our toy and refreshments stalls at the Robin Hood Panto on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November. If you can help on the stalls at either the 11am or 2pm shows, please get in touch at

[pta.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk](mailto:pta.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk) or select the volunteer option at [www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge) when ordering your tickets.

### **Did you miss the deadline for ordering Christmas cards?**

As we communicated before half term, the deadline for ordering your child's Christmas cards has been extended until Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November using the online details that came home in book bags, but you will need to pay for home delivery.

Stay connected with Riverbridge PTA on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/groups/RiverbridgePrimarySchoolPTA](https://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**

Very well done to the children below who have shown super behaviour, made green choices or just tried their best to be their best.

I am sure that this will continue next week, too!

Imogen G

Cruz H

Anusha P

Viaan G	Saira P	Cleo C
Tom M	George F	Maghizhini E
Zayd R	Dominic B	Vinisha HS
Aadhya S	Sriyan R	Millar C
Harper W	Jaiden M	Maya S
Jaxon S	Alice J	JJ M
Marli M	Antonia C	Ariya P
Jackson A	Archie B	Scarlett C
Frankie L	Emil C	Amelie K
Arabella S	Mohammed A	Emily R
Ava W	Lara M	Sai Shravan C
Rebecca E	Zayan S	Kieran O
Delylah SM	Prayagh VM	Gracie B
Isla S	Jan J	Ahaan P
Nivanram A	Hannah T	Katherine CS
Laila S	Amelie P	Gethin H
Leo B (5G)	Liam S	Janiyah T
Noah T	Sriwin V	Charlotte S
Niko Z	Stephanie G	Seren B
Nancy A	Max N	Kayana B
Kayla W	Haider M	Erkin S

### Rainbow Awards

### Nursery

Thank you to all the children in Nursery that have made positive choices over the course of the week. Keep it up!

Aleyna G  
Ava M

Ayla P  
Sonny C

Rayhan C

### House Competition

### Whole School

This week's Uniform Challenge will be added up over the weekend and the results shared on Monday. I wonder which house will retake the lead?



**60  
Points**



**60  
Points**



**60  
Points**

### Oracy Project – Question of the Week!

### Whole School

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

**Oracy Project – Question of the Week!**



This week's talk question is:

## If you could be any animal in the world, what animal would you choose to be and why?

Have a great weekend!

**Paul Grimwood**

**Headteacher**

### Dates for the diary...

#### Autumn Term 2023

Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> – Weds 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Reception Stay, Play & Learn sessions
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Girls football match
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual and sibling school photos
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Consultation Meetings – 4V
Weds 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need – wear a spotty item
Weds 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Deadline to order PTA Christmas cards
Weds 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Consultation Meetings – 4V
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual and Sibling School Photos
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual and Sibling School Photos
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Nursery Stay, Play & Learn sessions
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Freshwater Theatre visit – Year 2 more details to follow
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Prospective Reception 2024 intake Open Morning – booking required <a href="#">please click here</a>
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Boys football match
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Purple Mash Festive Card Competition deadline
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA pantomime
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> – Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 1 Stay & Learn sessions
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Verulamium Trip- Year 4 - <a href="#">link to the letter can be found here</a>
<b>Tues 28<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Boys football match</b>
Weds 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Butser Farm Trip - Year 3 <a href="#">link to the letter can be found here</a>
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Toy Workshop – Year 1
<b>Mon 4<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Christmas Performance – Hedgehogs at 2pm Nursery</b>
<b>Tues 5<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Christmas Performance – Reception at</b>

Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am KGB Hall Christmas Performance – Year 2 & 3 at 2.15pm PAB Hall
Weds 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Performance – Year 1 at 9.30am KGB Hall
Weds 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Carol Concert – Year 4 to 6 at 9.30am Staines Congregational Church
Weds 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Performance – Reception at 2.15pm KGB Hall
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Performance – Year 2 & 3 at 9.30am PAB Hall
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Carol Concert – Year 4 to 6 at 2pm Staines Congregational Church
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Performance – Year 1 at 2.15pm KGB Hall
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Carol Concert – Year 4 to 6 at 6pm Staines Congregational Church
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Performance – Rabbits at 2pm Nursery
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA Christmas Disco – Years 1-3
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA Christmas Disco – Years 4-6
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

<b>Weds 20<sup>th</sup> Dec – Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2024</b>	<b>Christmas Holidays</b>
<b>Spring Term 2024</b>	

Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Children return to school
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<b>Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024</b>	<b>Spring Half Term</b>
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Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Children return to school
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> March – Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Bowles Residential – Year 5 <a href="#">link to the letter can be found here</a>
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

<b>Fri 29<sup>th</sup> March – Fri 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024</b>	<b>Easter Holidays</b>
<b>Summer Term 2024</b>	

Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Children return to school
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<b>Mon 27<sup>th</sup> May – Fri 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024</b>	<b>Summer Half Term</b>
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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

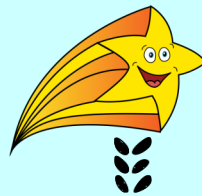
Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> July  
Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> July

Inset day 4  
Inset day 5





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**SHOOTING STAR**  
★ ENTERTAINMENTS ★

# ROBIN HOOD

**£7.50  
PER  
TICKET/  
PERSON**

## CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME

by Shooting Star Entertainments

**SUNDAY 26th NOVEMBER 2023**

**SHOW 1: 1100 - 1230\***

**SHOW 2: 1400 - 1530\***

\*Doors open at 1015 & 1330. Shows start promptly.  
Seating is first come, first served and you will be asked to  
use all seats/spaces.

There will be 50 sitting spaces for children on mats.



**HELD AT:  
MATTHEW ARNOLD SCHOOL  
KINGSTON ROAD, STAINES, TW18 1PF**

Tickets on sale 13/10/2023, 1800  
until 24/11/2023 (or earlier if sold out).



This event is open to all  
(children, adults, friends & family)

Tickets are **LIMITED**. Buy your panto tickets now at:  
[www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge)

- CHILDREN 2 YEARS OLD & UNDER ARE FREE  
BUT **MUST BE SEATED ON LAPS** (AGES 3+ MUST PURCHASE A  
TICKET) -

- CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT -

- VOLUNTEERS WILL NEED A TICKET TO SEE THE PANTO -

**TOYS &  
SNACKS  
AVAILABLE  
TO  
PURCHASE.  
CASH ONLY**

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**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED**



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