



# RIVERBRIDGE REVIEW

Autumn Term

Week 1

6<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Welcome back!

It has been great to see everyone back at school and settling into their learning so quickly. It has been particularly positive to witness how well the new Reception children have taken to school life. Lots of happy smiling faces each day at pick up – long may it continue!

The summer was a busy one around school - with a lot of improvements and adaptations being made on both sites. I am sure that anyone walking past KGB will have seen the new fencing. This adds more privacy to the school site and is also proving to help avoid distractions. Also at KGB, the Reception outdoor space has been extended by astroturfing the garden area.

At PAB, the boiler works have finished, we have created new intervention spaces and also improved the ICT, sound and lighting in the hall.

I am very grateful to both Mrs Williams and Mr Blasigh who have given up a lot of time over the holidays to ensure that these works were completed on time.

I reminded the children in today's assemblies about the need to be prepared for rainy weather. Yesterday's deluge at home time was unfortunate but I noted there were many children without coats to wear. Please make sure that your children have suitable coats with them each day that are labelled with their names.

As usual, the rainy weather made driving conditions difficult. Can we all ensure we are sticking to the speed limit of 20 mph when driving down Park Avenue. It is also essential that we are being considerate when parking around both sites.



A Warm Welcome



Enjoying Assembly



Prepared for All Weathers

School attendance has been in the news over the summer and there are new expectations and guidelines for schools to follow here.

Our school target is for all children to have attendance that is **at least 96%**. This equates to having no more than 7 days absence over the school year. We will be monitoring both attendance and punctuality closely and will be meeting with parents and carers when necessary to ensure we are meeting or beating this target. Children can only 'be their best' with their learning by being in school every day and on time for the start of the day.

A reminder that **school starts at 8.40am** on both bases and all parents and carers should be aiming to get their children through the gates at this time.

There are important 'Meet the Teacher' meetings planned for next week with more information about this below. I look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible!

Finally, a quote from a child on Wednesday: 'It's amazing how Year 1 already feels awesome!'

Here's to an awesomely successful school year!

## **Parking**

**Whole School**

Please can we start this year on a positive note in regards to parking. We understand the weather is deteriorating and walking, even a short distance, isn't so appealing but inconsiderate parking is not only unsafe for our children but also causes undue traffic issues. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

## **Uniform**

**Whole School**

Our school uniform policy has been reviewed and updated. We encourage parents to read the updated policy which can be found on our school website by following this link: [Uniform Policy](#)

## **Enrichment Clubs**

**Year 1 - 6**

Letters regarding the Enrichment Clubs on offer this term were emailed earlier today. They can also be found on our school website under the Parent Section or via the following link: [Enrichment Clubs](#). The deadline to apply for a place for your child is Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September.

## **PE Days**

**Whole School**

PE starts next week and the timetable is listed below and children are to come to school wearing their PE kit.

All earrings must be removed for PE, they cannot be covered. This is a Surrey protocol that has to be followed. Any child who has earrings in, or who cannot remove them by themselves will have to sit out of their lesson that week.

As a reminder PE is part of the National Curriculum and every child is expected to take part.

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
1C	Year 6	RTB	RG	RD
Year 2		1A	Year 4	1R
		Year 5		Year 3

## **Walking Home Permissions**

**Year 5 & 6**

Children in Year 5 and 6 have the opportunity to walk home from school if you so wish. Please bear in mind though that if permission is given, this allows the teacher to release your child from the class - any changes to days or meeting points need to be discussed between yourself and your child prior to the school day. To give your permission simply complete the Google Form found on our website or via the links below:

[Year 5 Permission to Walk Home](#)

[Year 6 Permission to Walk Home](#)

## **Boys' Football Trials**

**Year 5 & 6**

If your child is in Year 5 or 6 and would like to try out for the boys' football teams this year, there will be a set of trials coming up in the following weeks. The trials for Year 5 boys will be on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of September. The trials for Year 6 boys will be on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of September. These are taking place on PE days so the only additional kit needed is shin pads which are a necessity to take part, football socks and boots can be worn.

## **Curriculum Meetings**

**Whole School**

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September we will be holding curriculum meetings for parents in Years 1-6 to attend. This is an opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and find out about the learning for the year ahead.

For Year 1, these will take place at 2:40pm and 6pm at Knowle Green Base. For Years 2-6 These will take place at 2:50pm and 6pm at Park Avenue Base. For the meetings during school time the children will be out of the classroom with other members of the staff team so that these can take place, however for the evening meetings there will not be staff available to supervise the children so please avoid bringing children along to the 6pm meetings where possible.

We look forward to seeing you all and sharing information about the exciting year ahead.

## **Panel Entry**

**Knowle Green Base**

To help solve any confusion of how the panel entry works outside the Office at KGB we have attached images below to help the three-step process:

1. Press an arrow on the key pad
2. Select with arrows which you require – School Office/ASC
3. Press the bell on the pad to connect you



## Macmillan Coffee Morning – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September

**Whole School**

We are looking forward to seeing you all at our Macmillan Coffee morning being held at our Knowle Green Base from morning drop off until 10.30am. We would especially like to welcome the parents and carers of our new families to this event.

We invite all you bakers out there to donate cakes the day before or on the day to help raise as much money as we can for this wonderful charity.

Any cakes we have left over we will sell after school in the playground at Knowle Green Base.

Lyn and Jane the Home School Link Workers are looking forward to meeting you.

## Open Days for Prospective Parents

**Whole School**

If your child was born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021 you will need to apply for a school place for the Reception 2025 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>

Online applications will open on 4<sup>th</sup> November and will close on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

To attend one of the Riverbridge open day events where you will be able to view the Knowle Green Base please click here <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/riverbridge-primary-school/e-odkbeq>

Online bookings will open on Sat 7th September from 9am.



## Parental Puzzle

**Whole School**

From Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September we would like to invite you to join us in a relaxed group, for a 10-week parenting journey exploring ways to support you to nurture your child through the puzzle that is parenting. Please see the poster attached for details and to book you place.

## Vacancies

**Whole School**

### Riverbridge Primary School is recruiting:

We are looking to appoint an Office Assistant with a 'can do' attitude who are passionate about making a difference, to join our friendly, committed, hardworking team. For more information please see:

<https://www.eteach.com/careers/riverbridgeprimary/job/school-office-assistant-1440381>

### Walton Oak Primary School is recruiting:

We are looking for two Teaching Assistants who are patient and emotionally resilient to join our friendly, inclusive and inspirational team of teaching and support staff.

For more information please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1430984>

### Darley Dene Primary School in Addlestone is recruiting:

We are seeking to appoint a highly enthusiastic, proactive, flexible and reliable individual for the role of Teaching Assistant. For more information please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1431439>

## PTA

**Whole School**

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



**PTA**  
FRIENDS OF RIVERBRIDGE

## Welcome to the new school year!

Welcome to all our new families and welcome back to everyone else! We hope you all had a fantastic summer break. Did you know that last year Riverbridge PTA raised £14,500 to support the children's learning through extra events, resources and facilities?

We are a registered charity run by parent volunteers, not the school itself, so anyone can get involved. It's a great way to support the school and get to know other parents. Why not get in touch with us at [pta.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk](mailto:pta.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk) to find out more?

You can also get updates from us every week here in the Riverbridge Review - or join our Facebook group [www.facebook.com/groups/RiverbridgePrimarySchoolPTA](https://www.facebook.com/groups/RiverbridgePrimarySchoolPTA)

## Have you joined your class WhatsApp group?

Every class at Riverbridge has a WhatsApp group for parents and carers to keep up to date with the latest PTA news. Any school concerns should be discussed with the school teacher or via the office. These are informal groups, so not set up or run by the school itself. Each one does have a PTA Rep on it who will share messages about our upcoming activities. It's also a great way to keep in touch with other parents.

If you want to join your class WhatsApp group, please contact us at [pta.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk](mailto:pta.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk) and we will put you in touch with your group admin.

## Dates for your diary

We already have two PTA events confirmed for this term - please save the dates now and look out for more details of these and other activities over the next few weeks:

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October: Welcome Back Party

Our popular evening event in the school grounds to kick start the new school year, with stalls, refreshments, and fireworks!

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November: Riverbridge Panto

This year's Panto will be Cinderella, performed by a professional company. More details to follow.

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November: Riverbridge PTA AGM

We'll be holding our AGM on 14<sup>th</sup> November, where we will elect our committee for this year, set our fundraising target, and talk about plans for the coming school year. We'll also have nibbles and wine! We'd love to see as many of you as possible - if you're interested in finding out more about the PTA or even getting involved in our activities, you will be very welcome.

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

It's been a short week so there are no Gold Leaves just yet!

I have been pleased to see the number of classes that have remained on green or above over the course of this first week and look forward to seeing this continue for the rest of the academic year!

## Rainbow Awards

## Nursery

It has been great to see the existing Rabbits children return to school so calmly. It is equally great to see that there has been a Rainbow Award given already!

Very well done, Frankie!

Frankie K

## House Competition

## Whole School

The House competitions for this academic year will be in coming weeks.

This is the part of the Review where updates will be shared. I wonder which house will win the different trophies this year?

Will Water House retain the crown?



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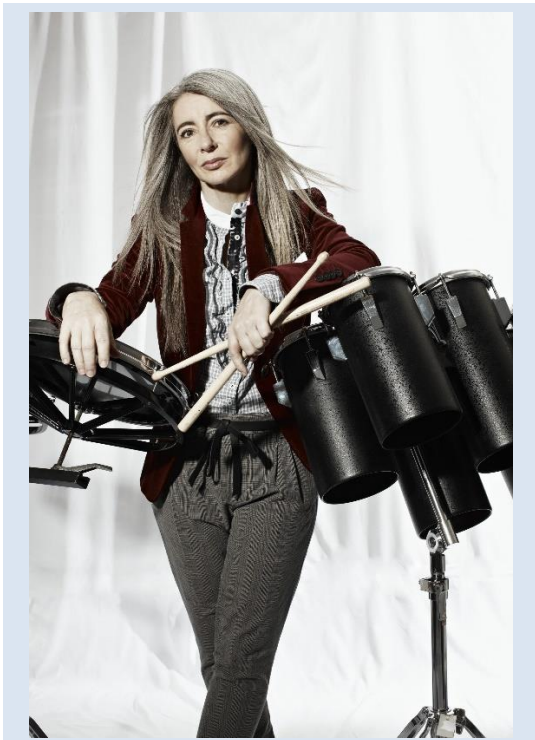
## Words of Wisdom

## Whole School

In the weekly assemblies this year, we are finding out about a range of different people from all over the world. We will find out about their achievements and how they have overcome challenges or demonstrated any of our 8 Great Ways to Being Our Best.

**Evelyn Glennie**  
**Percussionist**

This week, we have found out about the famous percussionist from Scotland: Evelyn Glennie.



We have watched her perform and also talked about how she overcame losing her hearing at the age of 12 to become one of the most successful musicians in the world. We also thought about her 'Words of Wisdom' and how they might help us to be resilient when faced with challenging learning:

*‘If I have doubts - it’s just taking that first step.*

*If I have to learn a piece of music, I begin by looking at that first phase or the first bar.*

*It's the persistence and the realisation that you can handle it in bite-size bits.’*

Hopefully your child will be able to come home each week and share their learning about the people we have discussed.

Wishing you all a great weekend.  
See you all at 8.40 on Monday!

**Paul Grimwood**  
**Headteacher**

## Dates for the diary...

### Autumn Term 2024

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> September

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Tues 10<sup>th</sup> September

Weds 11<sup>th</sup> September

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**Deadline to apply for Enrichment Clubs**

Existing Hedgehogs return. New Hedgehogs children start date to be advised separately

**Year 6 Boys’ Football Trials**

**Year 5 Boys’ Football Trials**

**Year 1 Curriculum Meeting 2.40pm & 6pm at KGB**

Weds 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 2-6 Curriculum Meeting 2.40pm & 6pm at PAB
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Enrichment Clubs begin for Year 1 – 6
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Reception 2025 Open Day Tour
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 6 Boys' Football Trials
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> September	Reception 2025 Open Day Tour
Weds 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 5 Boys' Football Trials
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	Macmillan Coffee Morning 8.45am – 10am KGB
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Reception 2025 Open Day Tour
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> September	Reception 2025 Open Day Tour
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	10 Week Parenting Group starts
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Reception 2025 Open Day Tour
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Reception 2025 Open Day Tour
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Reception 2025 Open Day Tour
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Reception 2025 Open Day Tour
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Reception 2025 Open Day Tour
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Reception 2025 Open Day Tour
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> October	PTA Welcome Back Party - more details to follow

<b>Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Oct – Fri 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024</b>	<b>Autumn Half Term</b>
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Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Inset day 3
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Children return to school
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Reception 2025 Open Day Tour
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Reception 2025 Open Day Tour
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA AGM - more details to follow
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Reception 2025 Open Day Tour
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> November – Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Bristol Residential Year 6 – <a href="#">link to the letter here</a>
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA Panto - more details to follow
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Enrichment Clubs end for Year 1 - 6
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> December	End of term for children: 1.20pm KGB, 1.30pm PAB, 1.40pm Nursery
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> December	No After School Club

<b>Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec – Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2025</b>	<b>Christmas Holiday</b>
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**Spring Term 2025**

Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Children return to school
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<b>Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Feb 2025</b>	<b>Spring Half Term</b>
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Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Children return to school
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Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> April	End of term for children: 1.20pm KGB, 1.30pm
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PAB, 1.40pm Nursery

Fri 4<sup>th</sup> April

No After School Club

**Mon 7<sup>th</sup> April – Mon 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025**

**Easter Holidays**

**Summer Term 2025**

Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> April

Children return to school

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> May

Spring Bank Holiday

**Mon 26<sup>th</sup> May – Fri 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

**Summer Half Term**

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Children return to school

Fri 18<sup>th</sup> July

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

Fri 18<sup>th</sup> July

No After School Club

Mon 21<sup>st</sup> July

Inset day 4

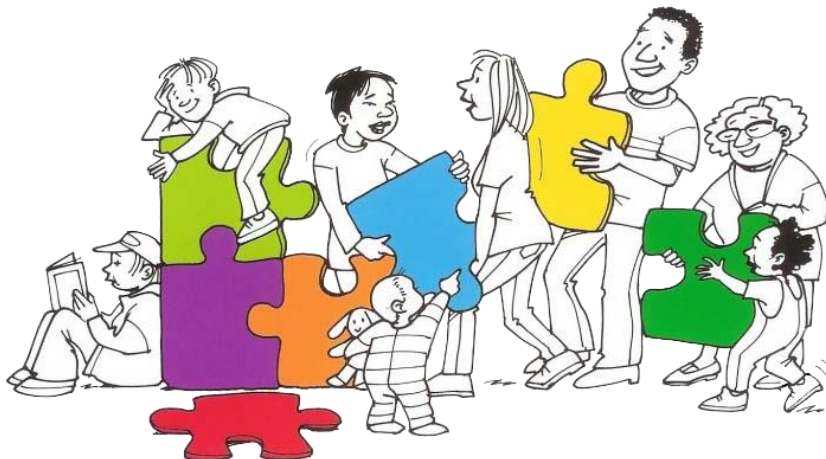
Tues 22<sup>rd</sup> July

Inset day 5

# Come and find out how to get the best out of family life

Over the 10-week Parenting Puzzle Nurturing Programme, you will look at lots of different topics, including:

- Understanding why children behave as they do
- Recognising the feelings behind behaviour (ours and theirs)
- Exploring different approaches to discipline
- Finding ways to develop co-operation and self-discipline in children
- Learning the importance of looking after ourselves



To find out more about the Parenting Puzzle Nurturing course and book yourself a place contact

Jane Hughes (HSLW) at Riverbridge on 07766 385113

Linda Lenton-Clark (HSLW) at Riverbridge on 07825 742508

Course will be run at our Knowle Green Base from 9.15am-11.15am on Thursday mornings on the following dates

September 26<sup>th</sup>, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> November 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and December 5<sup>th</sup>







# Heritage Open Day

Royal Holloway, University of London

Egham, Surrey, TW20 0EX

**Sunday 15 September, 9.30am-4.30pm**

Go to a special children's talk on our amazing paintings and find university mascot Colossus the Bear on a family trail around campus.

[royalholloway.ac.uk/events](http://royalholloway.ac.uk/events)



heritage open days

# Autumn Clear-out?

Sign up to sell at the NCT Nearly New Sale

- ✓ Declutter baby & children's items you no longer need or use
- ✓ Make some extra money
- ✓ Support a local charity

Register now to sell at the next NCT Nearly New Sale on Sunday 20th October.

How does it work?

1. Register as a seller: [linktr.ee/NCTSAE](https://linktr.ee/NCTSAE)
2. Label the items you want to sell, you choose the prices
3. Drop everything off on the morning of the sale
4. We will organise all of the items into categories and sizes and sell them for you
5. After the sale, collect any unsold items
6. Approximately 3 weeks after the sale you will receive your money directly into your bank account

contact us for more info!

@ [NNS.SAE@NCT.org.uk](mailto:NNS.SAE@NCT.org.uk)

f [www.facebook.com/NCTSAE](https://www.facebook.com/NCTSAE)

www.NCT.org.uk/branches/staines-ashford-egham



Pre-loved parent, children's & baby clothing, toys & equipment

Sunday 20th October 2:15-3:15pm

St James Senior Boys' School, Ashford TW15 3DZ

Charity Number: 801395

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SALE  
Bag a bargain

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**HOME  
START**  
Spelthorne

Could you spare 2-3 hours per week to support a local family?

We're looking for empathetic, non-judgemental individuals to provide practical and emotional support to young families across Spelthorne.

At Home-Start we believe all children deserve the best start in life. Our home-visiting volunteers empower parents and build their self-confidence so that they can make choices to give them and their children better opportunities.

Full training is provided, we will give you the tools you need to make a difference. Our training course is fun and informal. We have both online or in-person options to suit you and your availability.

Our next training course starts 17th September, contact us today to find out more!

EMOTIONAL SUPPORT



PRACTICAL SUPPORT



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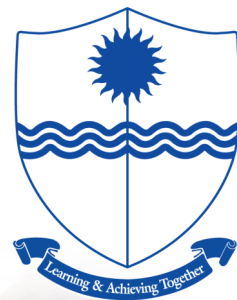


Call now 01784 463200

[info@home-startspelthorne.org](mailto:info@home-startspelthorne.org)

# SUNBURY MANOR SCHOOL OPEN EVENING

For admissions to Year 7 in September 2025



## Thursday 19th September 2024

### 5:30pm – 8:30pm

Sunbury Manor is delighted to invite you to our Open Evening where you can find out more about Sunbury Manor School and how we can support your child on the next stage of their educational journey.

Our new Headteacher, Mr Lee, will give talks at 6:00pm and 7:00pm, which will be followed by the opportunity to view the school or have a guided tour from one of our students. Talks are on a first come, first served basis due to capacity in the Main Hall. No advanced booking is necessary.

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