



RIVERBRIDGE REVIEW

Autumn Term

Week 2

13th September 2024

What a successful week in the three Reception classrooms!

It has been great to see how well the children have settled into school and how resilient they have been in managing their first full week. I have been proud of what they have achieved already and was particularly impressed when they joined the rest of KGB in today's celebration assembly. They sat brilliantly, listened carefully and made an excellent effort to 'be their best'. Very well done everyone!

It was also positive to see how many parents and carers were able to attend the 'Meet the Teacher' sessions on Wednesday. I know the teachers were glad to meet you and start to build the all-important home-school relationship. Thank you for coming!



Year 6 Mural Workshop



Join us for coffee morning on
Thursday 19th Sept



1C created jellyfish ready for their
new topic

I am hopeful that all parents and carers received the letter regarding attendance that was shared with you all on Monday. If you have not read this carefully, please do so.

As I said in this letter, there is a clear emphasis on improving school attendance in all schools across the country. One such change is around the use of Fixed Penalty Notices. I am resharing this information below for ease of reference:

Attendance & Fixed Penalty Notices

If families take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19th August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19th August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, per parent/carer per child, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996. Surrey County Council is not responsible for

authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.

Requests for exceptional leave need to be submitted via the form on our website, at least 2 weeks before the date being requested. All other exceptional leave will or will not be authorised on a case-by-case basis. A child's attendance and previous requests for leave will always be considered when making a decision.

Thank you in advance for your help in supporting your child's good attendance at school.

Swimming

Year 4

Year 4 take part in swimming lessons as part of the PE curriculum. Unfortunately, as there is a further delay in the opening of the new leisure centre, swimming lessons will now take place in the Spring and Summer term beginning in January 2025. Each class will swim for one term and letters with further details will be sent out in advance of lessons beginning.

Lost Property

Whole School

Our lost property cupboards are already full of unnamed cardigans, water bottles and accessories. Please can you take the time over the weekend to label your children's removal pieces of clothing and accessories to help us rehome lost items.

PSHE and Inclusion

Whole School

This half term, the children across the school will be working from the same puzzle piece, 'Being Me in My World'. It covers a wide range of topics, including a sense of belonging, welcoming others and being part of a school community, a wider community, and a global community; it also looks at children's rights and responsibilities, working and socialising with others, and pupil voice.

Enrichment Clubs

Year 1 - 6

Thank you for your patience whilst we have allocated the clubs - we have been inundated with applications. Please log into your Scopay account to check which club you have been allocated and to make payment as soon as possible.

Every child who applied, has been allocated 1 place in a club. Due to the number of applications the spaces have been allocated randomly which does mean your club may not have been your first choice. There are a few spaces still remaining in the following clubs, if you are interested in one of those clubs, please email the office over the weekend.

Please refer to the original club letter with information re dates, pick up points and what is needed, this can also be found on our website under the Parent Section or via the following link: [Enrichment Clubs](#).

KGB

PAB

Bollywood

Singing Yr 2 & 3

Tag Rugby Yr 2 & 3

Multisports Yr 2 3 & 4

Hockey Yr 3 4 5 & 6

Netball Yr 5 & 6

Using the Field at Lunchtime

PAB

If your child would like to use the field at lunchtime, please can they bring a change of footwear with them – but no studs please.

Medical

Whole School

Please find a link from Surrey Education Services with advice regarding illnesses:

<https://surreyeducationsservices.surreycc.gov.uk/Article/163079>

Macmillan Coffee Morning – Thurs 19th Sept 8.45am

Whole School

We are looking forward to meeting you all and especially welcoming our new parents at the first coffee morning of the academic year whilst also raising some money for this special charity.

If you are able to donate cakes or biscuits, please bring them along with you on the day or drop them to the school office. Any cakes/ biscuits left over will be on sale in the playground at KGB at the end of the school day. Jane Hughes and Lyn Lenton-Clark the Home School Link Workers hope to see as many of you as possible.

Parenting Puzzle

Whole School

The Home School Link Workers Team are running a ten-week course to support and help with all those little questions which come with raising a child. See the poster attached at the end of the newsletter and call to chat or book a place with Linda Lenton-Clark 07825 742508 or Jane Hughes 07766 385113.

Art

Year 6

In October 2023, some Year 5 and 6 children attended an art workshop with local artist, Suroj. During the workshop the children helped to design a mural painted by Suroj in Staines. The mural will be officially unveiled by the Mayor of Spelthorne, Cllr Med Buck, on Monday 7th October at 11am.

We would like to extend the invite to you and the students involved in the workshop to attend. The opening event will be held at the Mural which is next to the Elmsleigh surface car park.

Data Protection

Whole School

Privacy Notice for Pupils, Parents and Carers

Under data protection law, individuals have a right to be informed about how the school uses any personal data that we hold about them. We comply with this right by providing 'privacy notices' (sometimes called 'fair processing notices') to individuals where we are processing their personal data. Our Lumen Learning Trust privacy notice for pupils, parents and carers explains how we collect, store and use pupil & parent/carer personal data. This document can be found via this link: <https://www.lumenlearningtrust.co.uk/about-us/lumen-learning-trust-policies/general-data-protection-regulation-gdpr>.

Your child's profile name within Google Classroom

Your child will automatically be provided with their own personalised profile to enable them to access Google Classroom as part of their educational experience at our school. This is a fantastic online tool that allows a virtual learning environment to connect teachers and classmates from any location. Additionally, both in certain and uncertain times it ensures that we can provide a safe, secure and reliable way to continuously deliver education. You can read more about our remote learning offer, how and why we use Google Classroom and the security of your child's data by visiting our school website and navigating to Curriculum > Online Learning.

Each child has a unique profile which represents them in the online classroom, this is comprised of a name tag. Only the individuals in the virtual class can view this profile and all members of a Classroom are bound by the Lumen Family Acceptable Use of ICT Agreement and E-Safety Rules. For clarity purposes their name tag is comprised of their forename and surname. However, if you would like your child's profile name to show only the first initial of their forename and full surname, please do contact our school office who can action this for you.

Sharing data and information with NHS Surrey to support children to access local health and wellbeing services

Surrey Children's Community Health Provider, Children and Family Health Surrey request regular information from us about our children to support planning and delivery of school-based health screening at different points of a child's life. Information provided to them by the school is Name, Gender, Address and DOB. Assurances have been received from the Service that this request is in accordance with Government guidelines and adheres to the required Data Protection standards. If you would like further information please refer to <http://childrenshealthsurrey.nhs.uk>. <https://childrenshealthsurrey.nhs.uk/about-us/privacy-policy>

Holiday Activities and Food Programme HAF vouchers

Surrey County Council have partnered with HolidayActivities to support the delivery of the Holiday Activities and Food programme (HAF), a scheme which offers free school holiday club places to children entitled to Free School Meals (FSM). This means that we automatically distribute HAF vouchers to all our eligible families via the free HolidayActivities platform without families having to request the vouchers. Vouchers will be sent via email to the same parent who currently receives the holiday time FSM vouchers. If your child is eligible for free school meals and you would like to check the contact details for the individual who will be receiving the vouchers, please contact the school office as soon as possible. For more information about HolidayActivities, please see their website: <https://www.holidayactivities.com/>.

Weekend Fun

Whole School

Brentford FC are offering children the opportunity to watch Brentford Women's team v Clapton Women FC on Sunday, 29th September 2024, Kick-off 14:00 for free when accompanied by an adult – tickets are priced at £2 per adult. <https://www.eticketing.co.uk/brentfordfc/EDP/Event/Index/551?position=1#>

Nature Makers is a charity that runs classes and events for children to connect with nature and through creative activities for more information please see www.nature-makers.co.uk. The charity is proposing to run free nature days for children at Laleham Park Hub to hear more visit www.lalehamparkhub.org

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>

We are looking to appoint an enthusiastic and creative Teaching Assistant with a 'can do' attitude who is passionate about making a difference, to join our friendly, committed, hardworking team

<https://www.eteach.com/careers/riverbridgeprimary/job/teaching-assistant-1441588>

We are looking to recruit an Early Years Teaching Assistant with a Level 3 Childcare qualification to work in our Nursery. The candidate must be someone who is passionate about making a difference, to join our friendly, committed, hardworking team

<https://www.eteach.com/careers/riverbridgeprimary/job/teaching-assistant-1441598>

Saxon Primary School is recruiting:

We are looking to recruit a fixed term Teaching Assistant with a passion for creating lifelong learners, committed to inclusion and equality and has a high expectation of themselves and every child. This is a part time role, 22.5 hours per week, term time only (39 weeks per year), to be worked 8:30am to 1:15pm Monday to Friday. This role is a fixed term position for 1 year. For more information please see:

<https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1440882>

Darley Dene Primary 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. For more information please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1440532>

Walton Oak Primary School is recruiting:

Walton Oak is looking to appoint a Teaching Assistant. This is a part time, term time role, working 22.5 hours a week, Monday to Friday (8.30am to 1pm). The successful candidate will join a hard working and dedicated team of teachers and support staff, who are committed to improving outcomes for children in their care.

For further information please visit <https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1440908>

We are recruiting an Early Years Teaching Assistant (22.5 hours per week, 8.30am to 1pm), term time only (39 weeks per year), Monday to Friday. We are looking for somebody who is not afraid to make mud pies and, if asked to be a zoo keeper, can jump into role and immerse themselves in the children's play. We are looking to appoint somebody who can be flexible and support learning in a creative way. For further information please visit <https://www.eteach.com/job/early-years-teaching-assistant-1440904>

PTA

Whole School

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



PTA
FRIENDS OF RIVERBRIDGE

Plans under way for this year's Welcome Back Party

The annual Riverbridge Welcome Back Party is on Saturday 19th October - so make sure you save the date for stalls, entertainment, refreshments and fireworks! We started planning at this week's PTA meeting and there will be more details about how to buy tickets coming soon...

Have you joined your class WhatsApp group?

Every class at Riverbridge has a WhatsApp group for parents and carers. 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 and we will put you in touch with your group admin.

Thursday 14th November: Riverbridge PTA AGM

We'll be holding our AGM on 14th 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 or get in touch at pta.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk

Gold Leaves

Whole School

It has been great to see the children coming to the different offices this week to share their Gold Leaves with members of the leadership team. I have been impressed with how well they have explained their learning and the pride they are showing in their achievements.

Very well done everyone!

Maame-Foussa P	Mahdi A	Bonnie C
Luke D	Samuel V	Kenzie R
Swaylee J	Esme R	Aarav V
Isobel S	Maryam P	Elizabeth D (2C)
Ishan K	Ayla G	Crew L
Rosa B	Ruhaan S	Lotta C
Jaxon S	Evie-Rose H	Harshvardhan Y
Henry B	Wahida Z	Nathan BP
Aiden S	Rowan A	Poppy K
Utsav S	Jake T	Raziel O
Cara LS	Abi N	Leo B (5T)
Joseph W	Ahmad R	Rebecca E (5T)
Isobella CS	Bella S	Hussain H
Kate C	Aarav P	Stephanie G
Mason M	Taylor K	

Rainbow Awards

Nursery

Well done to the children below for having a successful week in Nursery.

Keep it up!

Harry T

Nancy L

House Competition

Whole School

Next week sees the first House competition of the school year.

I wonder which house will be victorious?



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Points



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Points



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Points

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.

Melita & Isabel Wijsen
Environmentalists



This week, we have talked about sisters: Melita and Isabel Wijsen from the Indonesian island of Bali. We have found out about how, as teenagers, they campaigned for the banning of single use plastic bags on the tropical island.

We heard about the struggles they faced and how they forced themselves to not give up.

Their 'Words of Wisdom' were certainly useful:

‘To all the children of this beautiful but challenging world: go for it!

Make that difference.

We are not telling you it’s going to be easy.

We’re telling you it’s going to be worth it!’

Have a lovely weekend and see you all again at 8.40 on Monday!

Paul Grimwood
Headteacher

Dates for the diary...

Autumn Term 2024

Mon 16th September

Enrichment Clubs begin for Year 1 – 6

Mon 16th September

Reception 2025 Open Day Tour

Tues 17th September

Year 6 Boys’ Football Trials

Tues 17th September

Reception 2025 Open Day Tour

Weds 18th September

Year 5 Boys’ Football Trials

Thursday 19th September

Macmillan Coffee Morning 8.45am – 10am KGB

Mon 23rd September

Reception 2025 Open Day Tour

Tues 24th September

Reception 2025 Open Day Tour

Thursday 26th September

10 Week Parenting Group starts

Mon 30th September

Reception 2025 Open Day Tour

Tues 1st October

Reception 2025 Open Day Tour

Mon 7th October

Reception 2025 Open Day Tour

Tues 8th October

Reception 2025 Open Day Tour

Mon 14th October

Reception 2025 Open Day Tour

Tues 15th October

Reception 2025 Open Day Tour

Sat 19th October

PTA Welcome Back Party - more details to

follow

Mon 28th Oct – Fri 1st November 2024 **Autumn Half Term**

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

Mon 23rd Dec – Fri 3rd January 2025 **Christmas Holiday**
Spring Term 2025

Mon 6th January Children return to school

Mon 17th Feb – Fri 21st Feb 2025 **Spring Half Term**

Mon 24 th February	Children return to school
Fri 4 th April	End of term for children: 1.20pm KGB, 1.30pm PAB, 1.40pm Nursery
Fri 4 th April	No After School Club

Mon 7th April – Mon 21st April 2025 **Easter Holidays**
Summer Term 2025

Tues 22nd April Children return to school
Mon 5th May Spring Bank Holiday

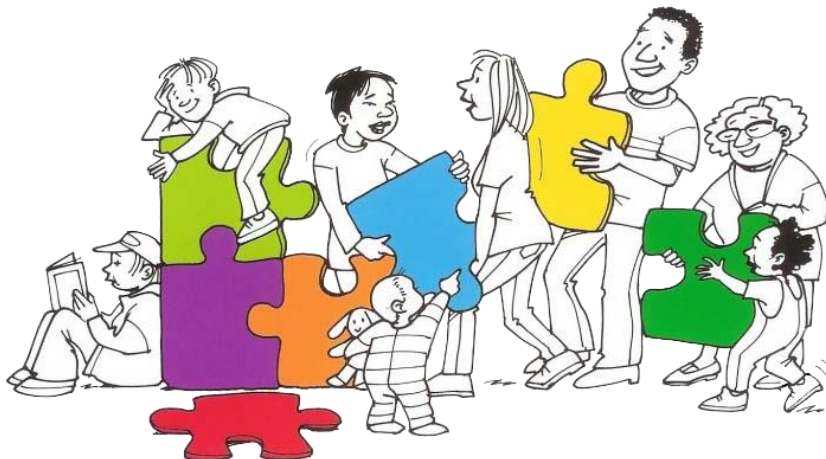
Mon 26th May – Fri 30th May 2025 **Summer Half Term**

Mon 2 nd June	Children return to school
Fri 18 th July	End of term for children: 1.20pm KGB, 1.30pm PAB, 1.40pm Nursery
Fri 18 th July	No After School Club
Mon 21 st July	Inset day 4
Tues 22 rd 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 26th, October 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th November 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th and December 5th



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Fire Station

Open Day

15th September 2024 11am - 4pm

Special Educational Needs 10am - 11am



Surrey Fire and Rescue Service



Halliford Colts FC

Little Lionesses



For Girls in Reception – Year 5

Wednesday Nights

4.55pm till 5.55pm

Matthew Arnold School,

Kingston Road, Staines, TW18 1PF

£5 Per Session Pay

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