



RIVERBRIDGE REVIEW

Autumn Term

Week 10

15th November 2024

What a very busy week for all concerned!

The week's 'Anti-Bullying Week' has seen children across the school showing random acts of kindness towards each other. This has helped us to think carefully about the feelings of others. I know that the children enjoyed taking part – and also wearing odd socks in the process!

The school photo days this week were organised with precision by the office team. Managing this process with children on three sites is always interesting and I thank the team for sorting this with minimal fuss! I am sure that you will enjoy seeing these photos when they are shared with you in the weeks to come.

Today's Children in Need celebrations have also been enjoyable with spotty children everywhere! Please see the link below if you would like to donate to this important charity.



RTB enjoying PE



6G's PTA funded Calm Corner



Remembrance Day Artwork

The recent parent questionnaire was an interesting read with many suggestions for the school to take away and consider. It was pleasing to see the percentage of parents answering the questions below with either 'strongly agree' or 'agree':

My child feels safe at Riverbridge: 100%

My child is happy at Riverbridge: 99%

I would recommend Riverbridge to others: 99%

We have started to review the answers to the final question – 'How could Riverbridge Primary School improve further?' and will hope to share some feedback regarding this in due course.

I have shared the results of the questionnaire at today's Governor's meeting. We have also had two visits from Governors this week – both of which were really positive. On Monday, as part of the annual Safeguarding Audit, Tajinder Salotera met with staff and pupils to talk about this important aspect of provision. One child shared with her the following lovely piece of feedback:

'I love my school and I feel safe here'

Our aim continues to be for all children from Nursery to Year 6 to want to say the same!

Stay, Play & Learn Sessions

Nursery

If you've yet to book your Stay, Play & Learn session please do so via one of the links below. Unfortunately, due to space in the nursery we are only able to invite one parent per child and kindly ask you to make alternative childcare arrangements for siblings.

These sessions are a great way for you to spend some time experiencing how your child is learning in the nursery and for you to join in with some fun activities.

[Stay, Play & Learn - Hedgehogs 18th November 9-10am](#)

[Stay, Play & Learn - Rabbits 20th November 1-2pm](#)

[Stay, Play & Learn - Hedgehogs 19th November 9-10am](#)

[Stay, Play & Learn - Rabbits 21st November 9-10am](#)

[Stay, Play & Learn - Hedgehogs 20th November 9-10am](#)

[Stay, Play & Learn - Rabbits 22nd November 9-10am](#)

Lumen Learning Christmas Card

Whole School



Congratulations to Madiha (3L) who's Christmas card design was successful in being chosen to be featured on the Lumen Learning Trust card this year.

All Christmas items ordered from the PTA have been delivered via your class teacher. Please email the PTA with any queries: pta.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk

Warm Welcome Venues

Whole School

Please find a link to Surrey Education Services regarding Warm Welcome venues which are open to all residents free of charge this winter [here](#).

Remembrance Day

Reception



Across the school, the children marked Remembrance Day on Monday. Year 2 and Reception made Poppies during their art lessons.



Children in Need - Donations

Whole School

Thank you to all those who have donated to Children in Need for wearing a spotty item today. Donations are still welcome via our Just giving fundraising page found [here](#). Hedgehogs are invited to wear a spotty item on Monday.

Tasting Sessions for our new lunch menu

Whole School

AIP are inviting parents to taste their new lunch menu on offer to the children this half term. Please see the Dates for your Diary section for full details.

Panto

Year 2



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

Stay, Play & Learn

Reception

The Reception team are looking forward to welcoming parents and carers at a Stay, Play & Learn session on the 26th, 27th or 29th November at 9am. This is an opportunity for you to experience a morning in Reception. As we have limited space in our classroom, we can only accommodate one parent/carer for each child and a maximum of 10 people a day.

Bookings are open via the following link, please choose your class and day and book one ticket. If more than one booking is made the second booking will be cancelled. You will receive an email confirmation for the session you have booked. <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/riverbridge-primary-school>

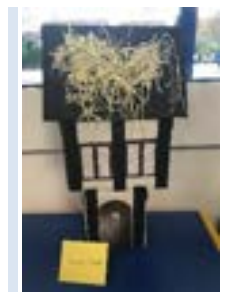
Cardboard Boxes needed

Year 2

This half term, Year 2 will be making and burning model Tudor houses in DT. This links to the children's history topic of the Great Fire of London.

For this project, each child will need cardboard boxes that they can paint white. The best boxes are square in shape and around 4x4x4 inches and 6x6x6 inches. If you are able to donate anything similar, the Year 2 team would really appreciate it! Please bring any boxes into school by Friday 22nd November.

An example of a finished Tudor house made in a previous year to give an idea of the size of the boxes can be found to the right.



Family Event

Whole School

Riverbridge families are invited to an opera performance this Sunday 17th November at 7pm at St Peter's Church, Staines. To book your ticket please visit [here](#)

Vacancies

Whole School

Walton Oak Primary School is recruiting

Do you have a passion for Early Years teaching? We are looking to recruit an Early Years Teaching Assistant who is not afraid to immerse themselves in the children's play. We are looking for someone who can be flexible and support learning in a creative way. For more information please visit:

<https://www.eteach.com/job/early-years-teaching-assistant-1449982>

The Echelford Primary School is recruiting:

We are looking to recruit a term-time Office Assistant to join our friendly, dedicated team, Monday – Friday 1.15pm- 5pm. We are looking for a professional, motivated individual to join the administration team in our busy school office. For more information please visit: <https://www.eteach.com/job/school-office-assistant-1452979>

PTA

Whole School



PTA
FRIENDS OF RIVERBRIDGE

Buy your Riverbridge Panto tickets now

Tickets for this year's Riverbridge panto 'Cinderella' are on sale now.

The panto, presented exclusively for our school community by Shooting Star Entertainment, will be performed at 1.30pm on Sunday 24th November at Matthew Arnold School. Unlike previous years, there will only be one performance, with a maximum of 250 tickets available, so please book fast to avoid disappointment.

Tickets are £7.50 each with under-2s free, sitting on parent's laps. Seating will be allocated on a first come first served basis. You can order your tickets from www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge - and if you are able to help out on day with setting up, serving on a stall or clearing away, you can volunteer while buying your tickets.

Riverbridge PTA sets £16k fundraising target

At our AGM on Thursday 14th November, we set a new fundraising target of £16,000 for this school year, matching the amount we raised last year. All this money goes back into the school to fund extra events, resources and facilities to support the children's education. Last school year, the PTA funded more than £18,000 worth of these projects.

At the AGM we also elected the following committee members for this school year:

- Chair: Robyn Russell-Hughes
- Treasurer: Sandra Mukandi and Ricardo Bernadino
- Secretary: Lisa Bond
- Communications: Chris Lean
- PTA events: Cindy Crawford
- Graphic design: Ekaterina Moteva

The PTA belongs to the school community and if you are a parent or carer, you're automatically a member. If you'd like to get actively involved in any capacity, please get in touch with us at

pta.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk



Gold Leaves

Whole School

I have, once again, enjoyed speaking to the children who have got to gold this week. It is fascinating to hear the words that have been written about them and also for the children themselves to say what they have done over the course of the week that has made them feel proud.

I am sure that the parents and carers of the children below are as proud of them as we are here at school!

Matilda B	Emma B	Poppy RW
Samuel V	Deborah M	Aadhira C
Leo J	Lucas L	Darius Jr CB
Arshreet K	Alice T	Cleo C
Finlay M	Chloe W	Claire W
Mrittika M	George S	Jovana J
Penny P	Rio Joseph GT	Freya AB
Aya C	Yug M	Harper W
Blake M	Aya HJ	Charlotte L
Lucas B	Thomas W	Yahya BT
Matilda W	Curtis C	Ollie B
Ariya P	Nathan BP	Shiphrah M
Gabriela R	Roman S	Tommy S
Amelia B	Arjun M	Adam Q
Daniel G	Archie B	Leo H
Igor R	Annabelle V	Abigail N
Lexy A	Ahaan P	Prayagh VM
Cara LS	Angela B	Roland A
Fawz A	Olaf J	Tejas T
Laila S	Matilda P	Zeenia D
Ahmad B	Richie S	

Rainbow Awards

Nursery

Well done to the children in Hedgehogs and Rabbits who have made a positive effort in the Nursery this week.

Keep it up!

Rosealiyah CB

Lilac M

Syed Wasay N

House Competition

Whole School

Despite being an interesting week uniform-wise due to additional spots or odd socks, the focus for the week has been on looking smart and well presented.

The first Uniform Challenge of the year has taken place and the results will be announced on Monday. Which House will be leading the way this time next week?



**55
Points**



**67.5
Points**



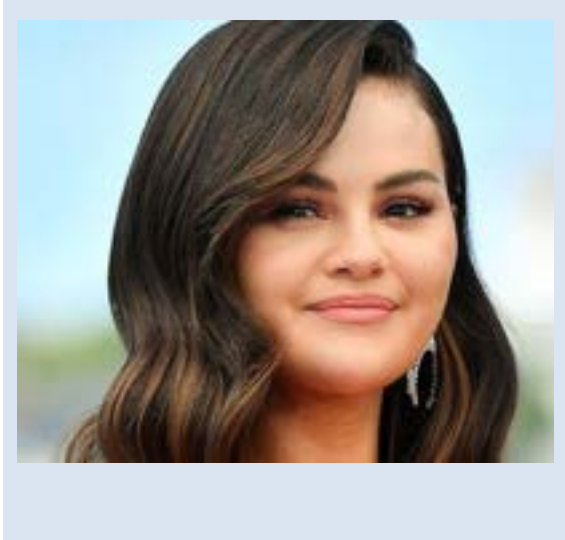
**57.5
Points**

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.

Selena Gomez
Actor



On Monday we introduced this week's important theme of 'Anti-Bullying Week'. In the assemblies we found out about the famous actor and singer Selena Gomez.

She is popular and well-respected but, as the result of a significant amount of on-line unkindness and cyber bullying, has also struggled with her mental health and emotional wellbeing.

We talked about the importance of being kind to others, not just face-to-face but also on-line. We also discussed the need to stand up against hatred of any forms.

Selena's words of wisdom below were really useful to us all and also helped us to remember the aim of the week – 'Random Acts of Kindness':

*'You are not defined by a photo, by a like, by a comment.
That does not define you.
I want you to know that the trick is to focus on the love.'*

I hope that the weekend is a good one for you all.

Paul Grimwood
Headteacher

Dates for the diary...

Autumn Term 2024

Mon 18th November

Children in Needs - wear a spotty item: Hedgehogs

Mon 18th November

Reception 2025 Open Day Tour

w/c 18th November

Nursery Stay, Play and Learn

Tues 19th November – Fri 22nd
November

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

Tues 19th November

**AIP Parent Taster Session from 3.10pm in the KGB
playground**

Weds 20th November

**AIP Parent Taster Session from 3.20pm in the PAB
playground**

Sun 24th November

PTA Panto at 1.30pm

w/c 25 th November	Reception Stay, Play and Learn
Tues 26 th November	Freshwater Theatre Great Fire of London Visit – Year 2
Fri 29 th November	Enrichment Clubs end for Year 1 - 6
Fri 29 th November	Ufton Court Trip – Year 4 link to the letter found here
w/c 2 nd December	Year 1 Family Learning – more details to follow
Weds 4 th December	Butser Ancient Farm Trip – Year 3 a link to the letter can be found here
Mon 9 th December	Christmas Performance – Hedgehogs pm – more details to follow
Tues 10 th December	Christmas Performance – Reception am / Yr 2&3 pm – more details to follow
Weds 11 th December	Christmas Performance – Yr 4,5,6 am & pm / Yr 1 am / Reception pm – more details to follow
Thurs 12 th December	Christmas Performance – Yr 2&3 am / Yr 4,5 &6 am / Yr 1 pm – more details to follow
Fri 13 th December	Christmas Performance – Rabbits pm – more details to follow
Weds 18 th December	Christmas Jumper Day – more details to follow
Weds 18 th December	Christmas lunch – more details to follow
Thurs 19 th December	Open Classrooms – PAB – more details to follow
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
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Spring Term 2025

Mon 6 th January	Children return to school
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Mon 17th Feb – Fri 21st Feb 2025	Spring Half Term
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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
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Mon 7th April – Mon 21st April 2025	Easter Holidays
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Summer Term 2025

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

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

Fri 18th July

Mon 21st July

Tues 22rd July

Nursery

No After School Club

Inset day 4

Inset day 5



Present exclusively
for our Riverbridge School community.

CINDERELLA

When: 24 Nov 2024

Doors open: 12:30 pm

Start: 13:30 pm

Finish: 15:00 pm



Only
one show

£7.50



Children under 2 go free,
on parents' lap.



Places are limited, so book now before they are sold out

Where: Matthew Arnold School Theatre, Kingston Road, Staines



Light refreshments will be available to purchase
before the show and during the interval. All
stalls are **cash** only.


There are 200 tiered and 50 seats on mats and seats will be allocated on
first come, first served basis. You will be asked to use all available seats.
Under two year olds, will need to be on parents laps.





All children must be accompanied by an adult.

PTA <http://www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge>

PARENT TASTER SESSION



Join the AiP team on
Tuesday 19th November
at Riverbridge Knowle
Green Base, to try a taste
of some of our yummy
new Autumn/Winter menu
and ask us any questions
you may have!



PARENT TASTER SESSION



Join the AiP team on
Wednesday 20th
November at Riverbridge
Park Avenue Base, to try
a taste of some of our
yummy new Autumn/
Winter menu and ask us
any questions you may
have!



Christmas *gift appeal*



Every year, Home-Start brings the magic of Christmas to children throughout Spelthorne with thoughtfully curated gifts. Your donation would enable us to create personalised gift packages tailored to each family's needs. Beyond toys, your support could provide essentials like warm coats, socks, vests, and books—the possibilities are endless.

To make a difference, please visit
www.justgiving.com/campaign/spelthornexmas



“The christmas bag was a massive help with the stress of not being able to get things for the kids, very much appreciated and loved by the children. The smiles are worth everything”

*donate
here* →





Junior Hockey Taster Sessions

As part of Ashford Hockey Club's schools outreach, in conjunction with London Hockey we are offering 6 FREE hockey sessions – come along and give HOCKEY a try!

Training times

Boys U10 to U18 – Tuesdays 18:00 – 19:30

Girls U12 to U16 and Mixed U10 – Thursdays 18:00–19:30

Everyone U14 training – Sundays 09:30–11:00

Junior Matches are played on Sundays.

Join us today



Short Lane, Stanwell, Staines, TW19 7BQ
www.ashfordhockeyclub.co.uk

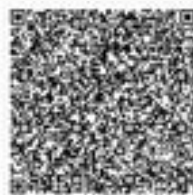
hockey taster session

Any Junior Session

- Ages 6 – 14 years
- No experience necessary

register for free trial by emailing
recruitment@ashfordhockeyclub.co.uk

OR scan me to book



Valid until March 2026

*valid for six sessions

Hockey taster session
Any Junior Session
Valid until March 2026