

26th September 2025



# John Donne Primary School

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**Dear Parents and Carers,**

The Autumn term is well and truly under way now and feels like it is flying by, I can't believe we have been back at school for a whole month! Your children are flourishing in their new year groups and stepping up to the new challenges both in their learning and how they conduct themselves in and around our school and local community.

It has been an exciting week for learning experiences both in and outside of school. Our Year 6's attended the Southwark Junior Citizenship event, we have had lots of pupils write and deliver their manifestos for the school councillor positions and Year 3 have been sharpening up their scraffito, tonking and impasto skills in their Van Gogh inspired expressive art pieces. Some of our Year 5's and 6's have been enjoying farm life at Nethercott Farm and we can't wait to hear all about their adventures when they return later today. Our Year 5's in school have had an incredible week being together and also had the opportunity to visit Mudchute farm on Tuesday.

To help us keep all our pupils safe, we kindly ask that parents and carers do not access the school building outside of office hours, even if your child attends breakfast or after-school club. For health and safety reasons, all entry to the school site must be during our usual opening hours unless otherwise arranged with staff. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in keeping John Donne Primary School a safe environment for everyone.

Next week we have The Nest delivering workshops to pupils in Years 1 – 6. I wanted to take this opportunity to remind you of the FREE Parent Workshop on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 08:45 in our Community Space. This really is a fantastic opportunity to get some tips, advice and strategies to use to support your children and I would recommend everyone to attend if you are able to. They also have free biscuits!

We hope you and your families have a restful weekend however you plan to spend it. See you next week!

**Mr James**  
Deputy Headteacher



**This Weeks Class Attendance Winner**

**Red 4 with 100%**

## Attendance

Our whole school attendance target is **97%**  
Our overall attendance this week is **95.71%**

Class	Attendance	Late
Nursery	96.85%	0
Reception Green	94.81%	1
Reception Red	98.13%	4
Green 1	90.56%	0
Red 1	96.43%	3
Green 2	92.4%	0
Red 2	92.74%	2
Green 3	95.16%	3
Red 3	98.62%	1
Green 4	98.15%	4
Red 4	100%	1
Green 5	96.43%	1
Red 5	96.33%	0
Green 6	95.77%	1
Red 6	93.2%	0

**Diamond Ticket Winners this week:**



Norah G1, Ariana R1, Wynter R1, Celina G2, Mathew G2, Abdulhameed R2, Malachi R2, Warzch R2, Jamal G3, Kayden G3, Edric R3, Elisha R3, Eunicie G4, Victoria G4, Joell R4, Yeriel R4, Diyan R5, Zariyah G5, Abdulhamid G6, Yacoub G6, Tomiwa R6

**Golden Ticket Winners this week:**



Alparslan G1, Mayra S G1, Arran R1, Dylan R1, Lea G2, Nehemiah G2, Fatim R2, Finn G3, Isla R3, Hannah R3, Kara G4, Louie G4, Annabelle R4, Kaylee R4, Daniel G5, Manha R5, Habiba G6, Mark G6, Aliya R6, Mohammad K R6



Resilience

## Values Assembly – What our learners think!

This week, our pupils were thinking about Resilience and the things that are within our control such as our goals and things that are out of our control such as the past or other people's actions.

We think Red 6 had a great response to this discussion:

**'Though we can't change the past, we can learn from those mistakes and hope to impact the future more positively. Resilience helps us to strive for the right outcomes. We want to focus primarily on what we can control in the hope that it impacts everybody else around us positively'**

## Important Parent Information

### NOTICE TO PARENTS/CARERS



Any scooters/bikes brought onto the school ground will not be the responsibility of the school.

Please ensure your child's name is on their bike/scooter.

Please can you park bikes/scooters in the areas provided.



### NOTICE TO PARENTS/CARERS



Can you please ensure that all your children's belongings have their name and class in/on it.



Also if you do happen to have someone else's belongings can you please bring it back into the school so that we can reunite it their owner.



### NOTICE TO PARENTS/CARERS



Could parents/Carers update the office If your child has any medical, Dietary requirements or needs. This is very important as we want to ensure your child gets the right care and treatment.

Please download the Arbor Parent App to receive updates on information and payments portal for clubs and trips.

For further information on how to download the app on your phone please [Click here>>>>>>>>](#)



If your child is unwell or sick please call the office or register their sickness through Study bugs:

**Studybugs**

### Term Dates

Autumn 1	Tuesday 2nd Sept	Friday 17th Oct
Half Term	20th Oct	31st Oct
Autumn 2	Monday 3rd Nov	Friday 19th Dec



Click link

[WEEK 2](#)

Please make sure you follow us on Instagram and Twitter, @JDPSoffice. We will be posting live updates and pictures to show what is going on within your child's school day.



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# FROM CITY STREETS To COUNTRY TREATS



This week, our Year 5 and 6 pupils swapped classroom walls for open fields during their unforgettable trip to Nethercott Farm. From sunrise egg collections to apple-picking adventures, the children rolled up their sleeves and got stuck into real farm life. They learned all about the animals, the rhythms of rural work, and how a working farm operates.



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Though the days were filled with hard work, the rewards were sweet—literally! Fresh eggs and hand-picked apples became the ingredients for delicious, homemade meals. It was a week of learning, laughter, and lasting memories.



Monday 26th September



**MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT**

**Coffee Morning**

**COMMUNITY SPACE FROM 8:45AM**

Save the date and Join us for our Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning, where you can be apart of something amazing!

There will be plenty hot drinks, biccies and cake to help raise money for a great cause.

Hope to see you there!



**COMING  
SOON**

## Taekwondo Lessons

Taekwondo lessons will start a new club running in the afternoon time from next term on a Thursday. If your child wishes to attend please could you register your interest at the office.

Spaces are limited so it is on a first come, first serve basis.

Classes are £3.50 per session and will be charged per term

**Autumn 2:**  
Years 5 - 6

**Spring Terms 1 & 2:**  
Years 3 - 4

**Summer Terms 1 & 2:**  
Years 1 - 2



# Lost Property



## A Huge Thank You to Our Parent Volunteers!

We'd like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the wonderful parent volunteers who generously gave their time to help clean, organise, and transform the lost property area. Their efforts have made it a much more accessible and welcoming space for everyone.

Going forward, we kindly ask all parents to be mindful when searching for their child's lost belongings. Please treat the area with care and respect so we can maintain the improvements and continue to make it a helpful resource for our school community.

Thank you for your continued support!

- The Lost Property is located in the Main Hall (Bottom hall in the far corner) ○

# Lost Property



**Lost Property will be stationed outside\* in the playground every Friday from 3:15pm.**

At the end of each term any remaining lost property will be donated or disposed of.

\*If the weather is not good then the Lost property will be moved into the bottom hall

# parentgym



Sign Up

## Six-week programme overview

Parent Gym is a course of six workshops: each session lasts two hours and is packed with practical tips and techniques to make family life easier and help your children thrive.

- Fun and interactive sessions, with a weekly 'mission' to practise at home
- Rooted in scientific research
- A great chance to meet and chat with other parents

Each week's session covers one of these key topics:

01 / Week

### Chat

**How to communicate**  
Get you and your child talking and listening in a positive way every day.

02 / Week

### Love

**How to show you care, in the right ways**  
Boosting your child's confidence, with a balance between closeness and independence.

03 / Week

### Behave

**How to be consistent in setting boundaries**  
Bring calm to your family with rules and routines that really work.

04 / Week

### Care

**How to raise healthy children**  
Keep yourself and your family healthy and happy with good sleep, eating and exercise.

05 / Week

### Discover

**How to encourage learning**  
Help develop healthy learning habits with your child, including managing screen time.

06 / Week

### Together

**How to build a family support network**  
Keep your family feeling happy, supported and loved.

## Still looking for a reason to take part?

Around **10,000** parents have already participated

**96%** of those surveyed would recommend to other parents

### Parents' feedback

"I am calm... the family is happier... It is amazing how a course can change your life."

*Parent, Morningside Childrens Centre*

"I'm sleeping through the night for the first time in years."

*Parent, Boxgrove Primary School*

"Parent Gym has worked wonders for me and my family. It's not about who's a good or bad parent – it just gives you lots of ideas to overcome difficulties in parenting."

*Parent, Mount Stewart Junior School*



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### THE NEST PARENT & CARER WORKSHOP – RAISING RESILIENCE: BUILDING A GROWTH-FOCUSED HOME

We are really excited to continue our partnership with the Nest's School Engagement Team who offer free wellbeing and mental health support sessions for pupils, staff and our families.

Our first Parent and Carer Workshop will take place on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September. This session offers parents and carers a space to share successes and discuss barriers when it comes to developing resilience in children. The workshop includes practical, evidence-based strategies that can be used at home to support children's resilience, including emotion coaching and encouraging a growth mindset. The session also touches on the importance of self-care for parents and carers.

The session will begin after drop off at 08:45 in The Community Space (classroom next to Green Reception class). We hope to see you there!

THE NEST



# LONDON LEGENDS

## Basketball School

From Year 4 to Year 7

Training Every Thursday & Saturday

Come join our community sessions and join our programme.



Scan the QR and register your place!  
Or for more details contact:  
Coach Rey - 07740 401324



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Parent Skills 2Go  
Community Interest Company

BASIC UNDERSTANDING OF

# AUTISM & SEND

(SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS & DISABILITIES)

ISSUES FOR BLACK AND MARGINALISED FAMILIES

(5 WEEKS ONLINE PROGRAM)

Monday 6th October 2025

TIME: 6:00PM - 7:00PM (ONLINE)

FOR DETAILS & TO REGISTER  
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AFTER  
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## FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT COURSE

AT HARRIS ACADEMY BERMONDSEY  
55 SOUTHWARK PARK ROAD, SE16 3TZ

**STARTS MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

Ages 6 & 7 - - - - 4.30pm - 6pm

Ages 8 & 9 - - - - 4.30pm - 6pm

Ages 10 & 11 - - - - 4.30pm - 6pm

Children are Coached in the own Age Groups

Dear Parents, we are pleased to announce due to huge success of Football Coaching Course in Bermondsey for over 10 years we can announce our **New Weekly Football Development Courses Held on Mondays at Harris Academy Bermondsey**

- The Course is taught by our Team of F.A and UEFA Qualified Professional Coaches who are all DBS Certified and First Aid Trained.
- Children are Coached in small dedicated coaching groups.
- Each Session is based on a core element of Football, i.e. Close Ball Control, Passing, Dribbling, Shooting, Attacking and Defending etc.
- Sessions are held on the 3G All Weather Pitch therefore children can wear Trainers or Football Boots and must be dressed for the weather.
- Regular Weekly Sessions to build Confidence and Core Skills in a safe, controlled and **Fun Environment with Monthly Competitions where Medals and Awards can be Won**
- We pride ourselves on small, concentrated coaching groups to ensure all children are always engaged therefore spaces are limited and allocated on a first come first served basis.

Price - £15 per session Charged at £45 every calendar month

To Book Your **Child's Free Trial Place**

Text/Whatsapp: HAB and Your Email Address

To [07398442907](tel:07398442907) or Call [0208 088 4221](tel:0208 088 4221)

[www.footballcoachinguk.com/mondayfootballatharris](http://www.footballcoachinguk.com/mondayfootballatharris)



## All My Love is Bubbling Over



On Saturday 4th October 2.00-4.00pm  
Buchan Hall TRA, Buchan Road, Nunhead, SE15 3HQ

For more information and to book  
Use the QR code below  
[www.bookpebble.co.uk/activities](http://www.bookpebble.co.uk/activities)  
[www.margaretsmusicltd.com](http://www.margaretsmusicltd.com)  
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