

17th October 2025



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Dear parent/carers,

As we approach the end of the first half of the autumn term, I would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude for your continued support. It has been a wonderfully eventful few weeks, and your partnership in your child's education truly makes a difference.

This week, we have been excited to host drama workshops for all children, focusing on the enchanting theme of Castles, Knights & Princesses, courtesy of Perform for Schools. The children had a great time stepping in to an imaginary world, working together to create exciting stories.

Thank you to everyone who engaged in our Parent Gym session this week. They are a supportive group who deliver a fantastic programme to help parents raise happy, confident children. Please let us know if you would like any further information about the programme.

Just a reminder for our Year 6 parents, the deadline for applying for secondary schools is Thursday 31st October which falls during our half term break. Information for how to make this application can be found here.

School finishes today for a two-week half-term break, I hope you all take the time to relax and enjoy some quality moments with your families. We look forward to seeing everyone bright and early on Monday 3rd November, refreshed and ready for the exciting learning opportunities that lie ahead.

Jo Rooney



This Weeks Class Attendance Winner

Red 2 with 97.2%

Attendance

Our whole school attendance target is **97%**
Our overall attendance this week is **92.72%**

Class	Attendance	Late
Nursery	86.49%	1
Reception Green	94.81%	1
Reception Red	90.23%	3
Green 1	91.72%	3
Red 1	96.3%	2
Green 2	96.8%	3
Red 2	97.2%	2
Green 3	83.45%	2
Red 3	93.33%	1
Green 4	96.4%	1
Red 4	93.91%	0
Green 5	91.67%	4
Red 5	92.07%	0
Green 6	94.62%	3
Red 6	94.4%	1

Diamond Ticket Winners this week:



Noah R1, Rueben R1, Aiden R2, Fatim R2, Zeniyah G2, Mohammed R3, David G2, Kawther G3, Lana R4, Serra R4, Javier G4, Siri G4, Derryl R5, Maison R5, Joshua G5, Ibrahim G5, Akilah R6, Marley R6, Bradley G6, Rhama G6

Golden Ticket Winners this week:



Adetola R1, MArwah R1, Ellie-May R2, Vienna G2, Loc G2, Sarah R3, Tawseef R3, Bareerah G3, Ruby G3, Alamin R4, Richard R4, Joshua G4, Nathan G4, Divine R5, Nia R5, Makai G5, Leonardo G5, Mirabel R6, Ventura R6, Amari G6, Kaleb G6,

Important Parent Information

SCHOOL BREAK

We will be returning back on
3rd November.

Have a fantastic Half term Break!



Parents Evening

Tuesday 11th November

Thursday 13th November

Book your appointment on the Arbor Parent App. If you have any issues with the App please visit the school office.

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



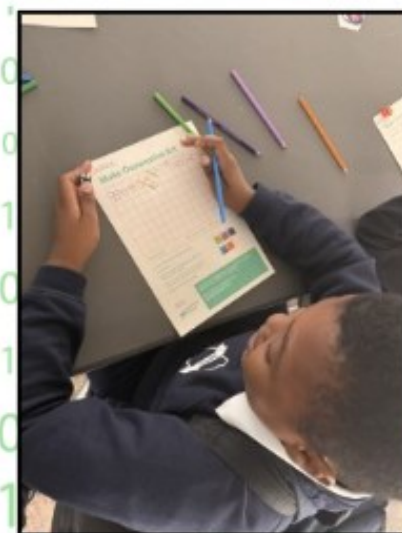
Please make sure you follow us on Instagram and Twitter, @JDPSoffice. We will be posting live updates and pictures to show what is going on within your child's school day.



Visions in Motion: The Future of Media

With Year 4

Year 4 had the wonderful opportunity to visit Copeland Gallery for a second time this half term. This time students took part in a Digital Media Day where they took part in an interactive workshop and discovered how artists use computers and interactive tools to bring creative ideas to life.



parentgym

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

The six, weekly sessions run (for two hours) from:

9:00-11:00am

on:

Wednesdays

from:

5.11.25-10.12.25

Please sign up in the School Office



WE'RE COMING TO TAKE YOUR PICTURE ON...



Individual and sibling photos only 'STRIKE A POSE'

THE CHEER LONDON ALLSTARZ

Y2-6 Friday Breakfast Club

Sign up is now LIVE! Don't miss the chance to be part of John Donne Primary Schools - First EVER Cheer Team!

Make the NEW School Year One to CHEER about!

With NEW classes at your School!

TAKE PART IN THE FASTEST GROWING SPORT IN THE UK

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

FRIDAY BREAKFAST CLUB 8AM-8.40AM

AUTUMN HALF TERM 2 2025 (6WK)

@ John Donne Primary School

YEAR 2-6 SIGN UP

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO : WWW.CHEERLONDONALLSTARZ.COM/SCHOOLS



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



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OCTOBER HALF-TERM FOOTBALL HOLIDAY CAMP



St Paul's Sports Ground, Rotherhithe, SE16 5EF



10am-3pm



Monday 27th October - Thursday 30th October



£12 per day or £40 for four days

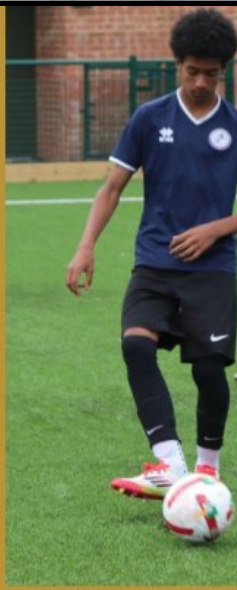


Age 5-13 year-olds



Contact: Nfarrell@millwallcommunity.org.uk/
07932877303 for more information

Register here or visit:
<https://tinyurl.com/3zxy8uvh>



OCTOBER HALF-TERM MULTI-SPORTS HOLIDAY CAMP



The Lions Centre, Bolina Rd, SE16 3LD



10am-3pm



Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October



£12 per day or £50 for five days



Age 5-13 year-olds



Contact: Epoole@millwallcommunity.org.uk/
07958026876 for more information

Register here or visit:
<https://tinyurl.com/dn7wy4ph>





November Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom, 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Raising Self Esteem	3 Nov 10am
Decreasing Depression	3 Nov 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	4 Nov 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	4 Nov 7pm
Improving Family Communication	10 Nov 10am
Autism - Improving Communication	10 Nov 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	11 Nov 10am
Supporting A Child with ADHD	11 Nov 7pm
FREE ADHD Kids & Homework	13 Nov 6-7pm
Understanding Anger	17 Nov 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	17 Nov 7pm
Facing Defiance	18 Nov 10am
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	18 Nov 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	24 Nov 10am
Anxiety Explained	24 Nov 7pm

Family Learning at the Thomas Calton Centre

Southwark
Council

Monday 27th October 13.00-15.30

Family Learning Festival: Story Power

- arts & crafts
- puppet-making
- stay & play
- painting
- creative writing
- making books
- music & dance
- storytelling



Tuesday 28th October 13.00-15.30

Black History Arts & Cultural Crafts Fun Day

- storytelling from around the world
- arts & crafts
- stay & play
- song & dance
- music
- painting
- cultural displays

FREE!

Contact: adult.learning@southwark.gov.uk

07539 233 779

or 0207 358 2100

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EDUCATION



CAMP GREEN HORIZON

Monday 27th - Thursday 30th October 2025
9.30am - 2pm

Would you like to learn more about the natural world this half term? Would you like to spend time with animals and wildlife?

Join us at The Farm for a jam-packed week of...

Crafts | Games | Gardening | Conservation



FREE* | Ages 8 -14 years

Can't make the 2pm pick up? For £10 a day, join games club until 5pm

For more info and to sign up, email:
education@vauxhallcityfarm.org

*This opportunity is aimed at students from low-income households or who receive benefit-related free-school meals.



Online English (ESOL) Course

FREE 15-week Entry level/Level 1 online accredited courses for Southwark residents



Classes will be on

Two mornings per week at 10am—12.30pm
(Days of classes will depend on your level)

6th October 2025 - 6th February 2026
(term-time only)

plus online Conversation Clubs

This course will take place on Zoom.

Applicants should live in Southwark

To apply for a place on the course *in advance*
please use this link or QR code:

<https://tinyurl.com/2v3zn2za>

Spaces are limited so **book soon**.

We will contact you to arrange an assessment and confirm your place on the course.

