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# John Donne Primary School

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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to the second part of the autumn term! We hope you had a restful break and are ready for an exciting few weeks ahead.

This week, our Year 6 students visited London Zoo as part of their topic 'should animals kept in captivity?'. The trip allowed the children to engage first-hand with the subject matter. They had the opportunity to learn more about wildlife conservation and animal welfare, so do ask them about their adventures!

We are looking forward to our Parents' Evening on Tuesday and Thursday next week. This is a great chance to discuss your child's progress and share any concerns you may have. You have been emailed a link to book a timeslot with your child's teacher so please follow these instructions. However, if you are struggling to book a timeslot, please contact the office, and we'll do our best to accommodate you.

Lastly, a reminder that next Friday is Children in Need day. We encourage everyone to get involved, and you can find more information about the plans for the day and what the children can wear further through this newsletter.

I hope you all have a restful weekend and we will see you bright and early next week.

Miss Rooney



This Weeks Class Attendance Winner

**Green 6 with 99.04%**

## Attendance

Our whole school attendance target is **97%**

Our overall attendance this week is **95.81%**

Class	Attendance	Late
Nursery	95.45%	2
Reception Green	91.67%	0
Reception Red	93.07%	0
Green 1	96.55%	3
Red 1	97.69%	2
Green 2	98%	2
Red 2	99%	2
Green 3	93.97%	0
Red 3	97.08%	2
Green 4	97%	2
Red 4	84.78%	0
Green 5	97.08%	1
Red 5	96.55%	0
Green 6	99.04%	2
Red 6	99%	1

**Thank you to everyone, who is making the effort to ensure their children are in school on time. The more time a pupil is in school the more likely they are to improve their opportunity to fulfil their full potential.**

Diamond Ticket Winners this week:



Caelan R1, Finley R1, Na'eem R2, Wuranni R2, Mathew G2, Sara R3, Tyrese R3, Deborah G3, Karol G3, Eliza-Rose R4, Jason R4, Eunice G4, Victoria G4, Zack R5, Elijah R6, Mirabel R6, Amari G6, Yacoub G6, Jayden G5

Golden Ticket Winners this week:



Eva R2, Heerabye R2, Aneira G2, Fredlyn G2, Abdulrazak R3, Amina R3, Jamal G3, Kawther G3, Filipe R4, Vito R4, Athalia G4, Emmy G4, Ibrahim G5, Mohammed Bah R6, Nia R6, David G6, Kamilia G6



## Values Assembly – What our learners think!

Our assembly this week was a refresh and a reminder about our core values and school rules after the half term break. Pupils had a low stakes quiz to help remind them about important aspects of being part of John Donne. Maybe you can test your children to see if they can remember: What are our six core values? What is important to get and to give others so everyone feels comfortable? Can they give an example of a behaviour we can show for each core value around school? What everyone should do on the warning whistle at play time?

## Autumn 2 Term Dates

Monday 3rd November 25	Friday 19th December 25
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<b>CHRISTMAS</b>	<b>22 December 25 - 5th January 26</b>
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## Spring 1 Term Dates

Tuesday 6 January 26	Friday 13 February 26
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<b>HALF TERM</b>	<b>16 February 26 – 20 February 26</b>
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## Important Parent Information

### Volunteers needed

*Do you have a few hours to spare?*

Join us in the classroom and help inspire the next generation!

Whether it's reading stories, supporting small groups, or just being a friendly face—your time can make a huge impact.

- 🧐 No teaching experience needed
- 🕒 Flexible hours
- 💜 Supportive environment

Volunteer in our school today—because every child deserves a champion.

SCAN QR CODE



OR

send an e-mail to:  
volunteers@jdacademy.org.uk



### Important Dates to Remember

11 November 25	Parents Evening 1
11 November 25	Reception & Year 6 Flu Vaccination
13 November 25	Parents Evening 2
20 November 25	School Photographs (Individual and Siblings)
24 November 25	Reception & Year 6 Flu Vaccination Catch Up

## Remembrance Day

This is a reminder that Tuesday, 11th November is Remembrance Day.

As a mark of respect, the school will observe a one-minute silence during Assembly. Children are welcome to wear poppies to show their support and remembrance.

Thank you for helping us honour this important occasion.



**NEW**

Next weeks

**2**

MENU



We have a new Menu courtesy of our amazing Chef Mr Simpson! So why not take a look by clicking on the number!

We currently use the following apps. Have you downloaded them yet?

Click on either image for more information or see the office for help.



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## Parent Information Cont...



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



Individual and sibling photos only

**'STRIKE A POSE'**

## Children in Need

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025



**Wear spots, dress as a superhero or come in your own clothes in exchange for just £1 donation**

(All donations should be handed to CLASS TEACHERS)



### Cake Sale

There will also be a cake sale after school on this day... So bring some change!!



Nexus Education Schools Trust



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## Promo/Advertisements



**Mental Elf**  
Festive 5k Fun Run

South East London  
**mind**

11am Sunday 30 November  
Crystal Palace Park


**Everyone can take part – it's all about the fun!**

- Don't miss the pre-run warm up with PureGym Sydenham
- National Trust family day pass for every entry
- Raffle - prizes include designer handbags and restaurant vouchers

**Sign up today:**  
[selmind.org.uk/mental-elf](https://selmind.org.uk/mental-elf)

All funds raised directly support local people with mental health problems and dementia.

Prize for best dressed elf!  
Medal for all runners

**Southwark Independent Voice**  
*Empowering families - creating brighter futures*

**Sunshine House and CAMHs  
Autism and ADHD diagnosis pathways  
Restricted eating including ARFID plus dietician**

**Thursday 20th November 2025  
10am until 2.30pm**

**353 Rotherhithe New Road  
SE16 3HF**

*\*Please note places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.*

**The Autism & Related Disorders (ARD) pathway**

Come along and learn how to apply for an assessment: pre-assessment support available, what the process in the assessment includes and post-assessment support. This presentation including Q&A will be presented by a **Sunshine House Paediatrician, Speech & Language therapist plus clinical psychologist.**

**ADHD pathway**

Learn how to apply for an assessment: pre-assessment support what the process in the assessment entails plus post-assessment support. This presentation including Q&A will be presented by a **CAMHs Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist, Senior Clinical Specialist and Psychologist.**

**Restricted Feeding including ARFID pathway**

Learn what restricted feeding is and what support is available. Referral criteria: assessment and therapy offer. This presentation with Q&A will be presented by **Dietician, Occupational Therapist and Speech & Language therapist**

*This event is for parent carers only who live in Southwark.  
Any questions email: [info@southwarkiv.co.uk](mailto:info@southwarkiv.co.uk)*