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Dear parents and carers,

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended our parents' evenings this week. Your involvement is invaluable, and it means so much to our staff and, most importantly, to your children. It was great to hear how proud you are of our child's achievements as you were leaving. Please rest assured that any missed meetings will be rescheduled and your child's class teacher will be in touch to organise that.

It was truly wonderful to see so many children dressed up to celebrate Children in Need today. They all look great in their costumes and were delighted to show off during assembly. We have a cake sale after school, where your continued support will make a significant difference—so do come along and indulge in some delicious treats!

Additionally, our Year 6 students are eagerly looking forward to their sleepover this evening, all in the name of raising money for Children in Need. I am proud of their initiative and compassion.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and we will see you bright and early on Monday morning.

Miss Rooney



This Weeks Class Attendance Winner

Green 4 with 96.95%

Attendance

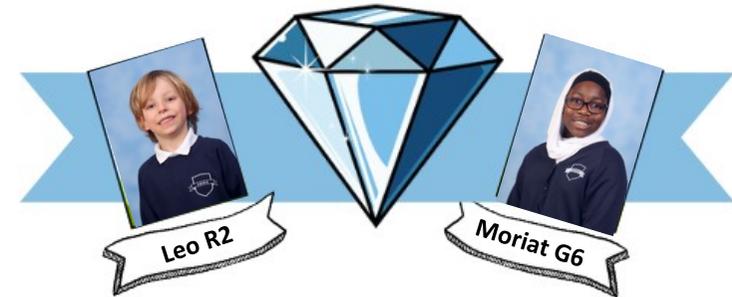
Our whole school attendance target is **97%**

Our overall attendance this week is **96.5%**

Class	Attendance	Late
Nursery	95.11%	2
Reception Green	88.89%	2
Reception Red	94.88%	1
Green 1	96.55%	6
Red 1	98.15%	0
Green 2	93.6%	4
Red 2	99.6%	6
Green 3	97.93%	3
Red 3	97.67%	1
Green 4	98.8%	1
Red 4	94.78%	0
Green 5	97%	1
Red 5	98.62%	0
Green 6	96.92%	1
Red 6	98.8%	2

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:



Abibat G1, Romeo G1, Celina G2, Sebastian R2, Cheznae G3, Dior G3, Ezra R3, Kha'zaelen R3, Abdulkader G4, Al-Amin G4, Lana R4, Mubarakah R4, Eluid G5, Iqra G5, Gyemfi R5, Serenity R5, Kaleb G6, Akilah R6, Baasit R6

Golden Ticket Winners this week:



Leo G1, Lea G2, KeXin G2, Malachi R2, Kaylee R2, Carlo G3, Deji G3, Ira R3, Hamza R3, Chimanda G4, Lea G4, Athalia G4, Ezra R4, Janah R4, Joshua G5, Lina G5, Ade R5, Caylen R5, Abdulhamid G6, Bradley G6, Ellise R6, Logan R6



Respect

Values Assembly – What our learners think!

Our assembly this week was about our core value of RESPECT as well as thinking about the tag-line for anti-bullying week this year which is 'power for good'. We discussed what bullying is and isn't, where it can happen and what we should do if we witness or feel that we are the targeting of bullying. We also thought about ways we could be more inclusive in our class – what ideas does your child have?

Autumn 2 Term Dates

Monday 3rd November 25	Friday 19th December 25
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CHRISTMAS

22 December 25 -
5th January 26

Spring 1 Term Dates

Tuesday 6 January 26	Friday 13 February 26
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HALF TERM

16 February 26 –
20 February 26

Important Parent Information

Important Dates to Remember

20 November 25

School Photographs
(Individual and Siblings)

24 November 25

Reception to Year 6 Flu Vac-
cination

NOTICE TO PARENTS/CARERS

This is a reminder to consent or decline the flu vaccination for your child by clicking the link below:

[Click here for Flu Jab Form](#)



Please complete the form by midnight on

**Wednesday 19th
November - Midnight**

If you have already submitted an application, you do not need to do it again.

NEW

Next weeks

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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.



Studybugs

Parent Information Cont...

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@jdcademy.org.uk



To apply for a space at John Donne primary School for reception 2026, you would need to apply through Southwark e-admissions.*

**(If you live in another borough other than southwark you would need to go through their e-Admissions portal)*

The deadline for
Reception- September 2026 applications is:

Thursday 15th January 2026

If you fail to submit your application by this date you risk not being given a space at John Donne Primary.



The link to make an application is:

<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>

If you require any assistance of help please see the office or you can go online to Southwark where more information can be found.

Children in Need Poster Competition

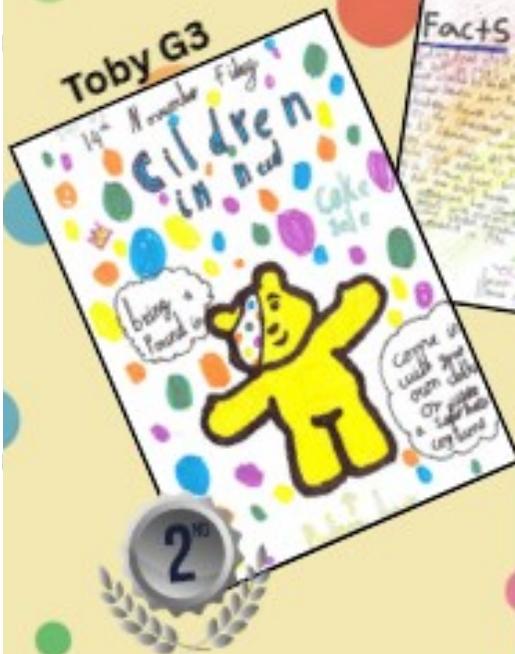
Nathan G4

1st

Eva R2

1st

Toby G3

2nd

Nevaeh G6

3rd

And now... drumroll please 🥁

Congratulations to our winners! Your posters stood out and truly captured the essence of Children in Need.



A massive thank you to everyone who took part. Your designs didn't just decorate walls—they showed what community spirit looks like.

Well done to all of you—whether you won or not, you made this event unforgettable.

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Children in Need Day

Today, our school came alive with color, creativity, and kindness as we celebrated Children in Need in style! From amazing costumes to Pudsey Bear outfits and even some fabulous own-clothes looks, the energy was incredible.

A huge thank you to everyone who joined in the festivities—you made the day unforgettable. We can't wait to see just how much money we raised together for this amazing cause.

And that's not all... Year 6's big sleepover at school kicks off tonight! We're looking forward to hearing all about their adventure in next week's newsletter—stay tuned!



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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

Prize for best dressed elf!
Medal for all runners

Sign up today:
selmind.org.uk/mental-elf

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




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*



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