

21st November 2025



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Dear Parents/carers,

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all parents, staff, and students for their incredible generosity in supporting Children in Need. We are thrilled to announce that together we raised over **£1,000!** Your contributions will make a significant difference in the lives of those in need.

Yesterday, our students looked exceptionally smart for their school photos. We can't wait to share these memories with you! Further information regarding how to purchase the photos will be sent out soon, so please keep an eye on your inbox.

Next week, our Year 3 classes will be visiting Catford and Bromley United Synagogue as part of their learning about Judaism. This visit will provide a wonderful opportunity for the children to deepen their understanding of different cultures and beliefs.

As the weather is getting colder, please remember to ensure your children bring coats, hats, gloves and scarves to school. We would kindly ask that all items are labelled with your child's name to prevent any mix ups!

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

Miss Rooney



This Weeks Class Attendance Winner

Green 6 with 98.46%

Attendance

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

Our overall attendance this week is **94.45%**

Class	Attendance	Late
Nursery	91.11%	1
Reception Green	90.77%	1
Reception Red	92.64%	2
Green 1	95.86%	2
Red 1	95.19%	2
Green 2	93.2%	3
Red 2	92.8%	2
Green 3	94.83%	2
Red 3	95.33%	4
Green 4	94.4%	2
Red 4	96.09%	0
Green 5	96%	2
Red 5	95.17%	0
Green 6	98.46%	2
Red 6	94.96%	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:



Finn G1, Chucks G2, Akindayo R2, Nevaeh R2, Deji G3, Seraphina G3, Dora R3, Jacob R3, Al-Amin G4, Ryleigh-Wrey G4, Khamello R4, Richard R4, Aliya G5, Anh R5, Derryl R5, Susannah G6, Zane G6, Mohammad K R6, Khalid R6

Golden Ticket Winners this week:



Angel G2, Jeremiah G2, Abdulhameed R2, Warzsh R2, Dior G3, Melody G3, Edric R3, Shiloh R3, Joshua G4, Victoria G4, Dairo R4, Serra R4, Adeola G5, Richie G5, Kash R5, Heritage G6, Moriat G6, Lilly R6, Lucas R6,

Values Assembly – What our learners think!



Kindness

Our assembly this week was about our core value of KINDNESS. We read a story called 'Be Kind' by Pat Zietlow Miller and discussed whether kindness always has to be big, grand gestures. Red 5 thought about the different ways they could show kindness this week and shared that they will show kindness by: helping others, inviting people to play with them, keeping their classroom tidy, helping their adults at home with chores and using people's names when talking to them.

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

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

25 November 25	RESCHEDULED: Reception to Year 6 Flu Vaccination
04 December 2025	Year 1 & Year 3 Rocksteady Concert (Only Parents of RS children)
08 December 25	Scholastic Book Fair 1– PM
09 December 25	Scholastic Book Fair 2—PM
10 December 25	Winter Fair –PM
12 December 25	Y2 Winter Performance 1
15 December 25	Y2 Winter Performance 2
16 December 25	Poetry Assembly (Y3 & 4– AM) (Y5 & 6-PM)
17 December 25	Winter Lunch/ Winter Jumper Day



NEW

Next weeks

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MENU

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

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



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

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Children in Need The Big Sleep Over!



We raised...

£1115.10

A Huge Thank You!

We want to thank all the parents and children for taking part in Children in Need—we had an absolutely amazing day! A special shout-out to Year 6 for their fun-filled sleepover; you were fantastic!

Together, we raised a staggering amount, and we could not be prouder of everyone who contributed. Your generosity and enthusiasm truly made a difference.



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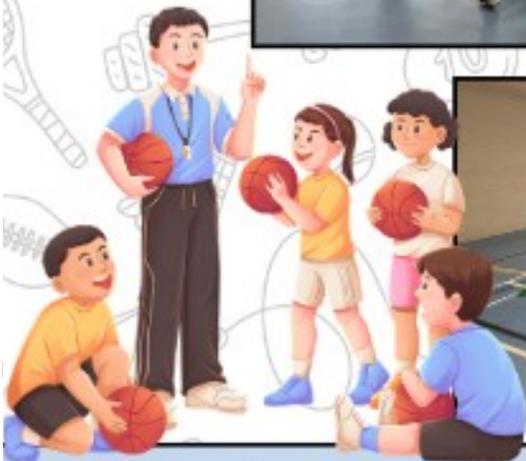
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"Sports, Smiles, and Success at the Damilola Taylor Centre"



This week, a group of our pupils took part in a Sports Afternoon at the Damilola Taylor Centre, enjoying new experiences, developing new skills and celebrating every success together. What an inspiring day!

Parent Information Cont...

SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

Come to our

BOOK FAIR

FREE BOOKS
for your school
when you buy at
the Book Fair!

A pop-up book-store
with hundreds of
books from
JUST £2.99

What are you waiting for?

Come find us
at your
Book Fair!

TIME:
3:15PM - 4:15PM

DATE: 8th December
9th December

LOCATION:
Bottom Hall

Find these characters and
EVEN MORE BOOKS online




Coffee Morning



Thursday 27th November
Community Space at 8:55am

We're hosting a Coffee Morning!

Join us for a relaxed get-together where we'll be planning our upcoming Winter Fair and organizing stall sign-ups.

It's always wonderful to see parents and carers getting involved in school events, and we'd love your help and ideas to make this year's fair a success.

Come along, share your thoughts, and get involved!



Parent Information Cont...

We Need Your Help!

We are collecting toys that light up and make noise for our young learners!

- ✓ Please bring donations to the school office
- ✓ Toys must be in good working order
- ✓ Must be well-kept and safe for young children
- ✓ Toys must be small enough to place in a small bucket



Your generosity will make playtime brighter and more fun!
Thank you for supporting our children!



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.

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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
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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*



FAMILY GAME ZONE

ALL AGES WELCOME!

PECKHAM LIBRARY
11th December
4-6PM | 5TH FLOOR

WE HAVE THE BEST GAMES PREPARED FOR YOU

Contact: joanna.wimalasuriya@southwark.gov.uk



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REGISTER INTEREST
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EMAIL:

- NAME
- ABILITY
- AGE
- CHILDS YEAR GROUP

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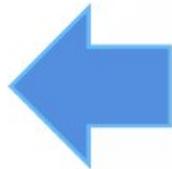
The Wave Academy CIC is asking for funding, to provide high-quality **swimming lessons** for a year, ensuring **children and adults** swim **consistently** to develop strong, lasting skills.



We will create funded **training pathways** into the leisure industry for young people (years 10-13) and unemployed adults, offering qualifications such as NPLQ Lifeguard and SEQ Swim Teacher, along with work experience.

Our aim is to **remove barriers** to swimming. We will provide swimming equipment and personal care items (swimwear, goggles, toiletries, snacks, etc.) to families in need.

Families within The Wave Academy CIC will have access to an **SEN/Education Advisor** for support with behaviour, emotional regulation and EHCPs etc. and a **Community Support Advisor** to assist with welfare, housing, and employment issues etc.



Scan the QR code or click [HERE](#)
to sign up to
VOTE COMMUNITY WAVE!!!

Or copy and paste link below

<https://engage.southwark.gov.uk/en-GB/ideas/community-wave-1>

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