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Dear Parents and Carers,

What an exciting week we have had at school! Our students have been out and about, enriching their learning through some fantastic trips. Year 3 visited Catford Synagogue on Monday, deepening their understanding of Judaism, while our Reception children enjoyed a magical experience at the Royal Opera House, watching the enchanting ballet, The Nutcracker. Year 1 had a creative day at Dulwich Picture Gallery, participating in an inspiring art workshop.

Looking ahead, we are thrilled to invite our Year 3 parents to a special ukulele performance by Year 3 next Friday at 2pm in the lower hall. The children have been working hard to hone their ukulele skills, and we can't wait for you to see their progress!

Just a reminder about our Winter Fair on Wednesday, 10th December, after school. It promises to be a wonderful event for the whole community! If you're interested in renting a table for a stall, please do get in touch with the school office.

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

Red 1 with 98.52%

Attendance

Our whole school attendance target is **97%**
Our overall attendance this week is **92.24%**

Class	Attendance	Late
Nursery	89.84%	0
Reception Green	91.54%	1
Reception Red	93.8%	3
Green 1	93.45%	1
Red 1	98.52%	3
Green 2	83.2%	0
Red 2	86.8%	4
Green 3	92.41%	0
Red 3	97.33%	1
Green 4	91.2%	3
Red 4	97.39%	2
Green 5	90.33%	1
Red 5	90.34%	2
Green 6	93.46%	3
Red 6	93.85%	0

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:



Tanha G1, Caelan P R1, Rumaan R1, Justine G2, Aneira G2, Zakaria R2, Finn G3, Toby G3, Fiifi R3, Isaac R3, Oliver G4, Zion G4, Annabelle R4, Aylan G5, Saimah G5, Ade R5, Hussein R5, Teegan R5, Heritage G6, Iyla G6, Abdul-Razak R6, Eleanor R6, Ellise R6

Golden Ticket Winners this week:



Julia G1, Dylan R1, Marwah R1, KeXin G2, Zeniyah G2, Ava R2, Yasin R2, Aaliyah G3, Sia G3, D'Angelo R3, Melissa R3, Athalia G4, Lea G4, Joell R4, Ishmael G5, Iyla-Rose G5, Ava R5, Rocsi R5, Jevaina G6, Susannah G6, Aston R6, Riya R6

Values Assembly – What our learners think!



Our assembly this week was about our value of RESILIENCE. Classes explored an image called 'The Iceberg Illusion' which depicts what people see when people are successful above the water and then all the hard work and resilience it takes that people don't see below the water. Pupils then discussed which of the skills that people don't see are the most challenging for them and Green 2 shared that 'I think sacrifice is the most challenging because it is hard to give up things you like for something you haven't achieved yet'.

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

04 December 2025	Year 1 & Year 3 Rocksteady Concert (Only Parents of RS children)
05 December 2025	Year 3 Ukulele Concert 2.30– 3pm (Only Parents of Year 3 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

Autumn 2 Term Dates

Monday 3rd November 25	Friday 19th December 25
CHRISTMAS	
22 December 25 - 5th January 26	
Spring 1 Term Dates	
Tuesday 6 January 26	Friday 13 February 26
HALF TERM	
16 February 26 – 20 February 26	



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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Balancing and Climbing With Green 2



Green 2 has been on the move!

We've been exploring the apparatus and mastering the art of balancing and climbing. It's all about focus, strength, and determination – slow and steady!

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Dulwich Picture Gallery

With Year 1



Year 1 had an incredible adventure at the Dulwich Picture Gallery! They unleashed their creativity in a hands-on art workshop and then explored the gallery, where they were amazed by breathtaking paintings and stunning masterpieces on display.

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Parent Information Cont...

SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

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

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Come find us
at your
Book Fair!

TIME:
3:15PM - 4:15PM

DATE: 8th December
9th December

LOCATION:
Bottom Hall

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Winter Jumper Day!



Wednesday
17th December 2025

We are excited to let you know that the children will be enjoying their Winter Lunch on this day.

To make the day extra festive, they are welcome to wear their Christmas or winter jumpers.

Thank you for helping us make this a fun and cozy celebration!



Winter Lunch

Raffle Contest

TICKET
£3
STRIP



More amazing prizes to be won!

Raffle Ticket Sale:

Monday, 1st December at 3:15 PM
Bottom Hall

Grab your tickets and join the fun on:

Just £3 per raffle strip – and remember, it's Cash Only!

Don't miss your chance to win fantastic prizes and make this Winter Fair unforgettable!

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WinterLand Fair

Wednesday 10th December 2025



All Home alone children to be accompanied by an adult

No activity clubs!

Join us at the JD Winter Fair
3:15pm - 5:00pm
Raffle, Santa's Grotto, Face painting etc

Afterschool club run by Ultimate Sports will still be running.

EXIT ONLY- THROUGH THE OFFICE ONLY!



Winter Fair Stall/Tables

Want to Rent a Table at the Winter Fair? Sign Up Now!

We're excited to offer parents the chance to rent a table at our Winter Fair.
If you'd like to showcase your business or activity, please sign up today!

£15
to rent a table*



sign up at the office where more information will also be given.

*(Cash Only)

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!



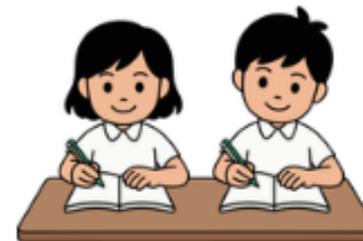
To apply for a space at John Donne primary School for reception 2026, you would need to apply through Southwark e-admissions.*

**(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 or help please see the office or you can go online to Southwark where more information can be found.

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.



THE WAVE ACADEMY
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REGISTER INTEREST FOR FUNDED SWIMMING LESSONS
EMAIL:
• NAME
• ABILITY
• AGE
• CHILDS YEAR GROUP

VOTE COMMUNITY WAVE
GIVE A SKILL FOR LIFE

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 BEQ 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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ALL AGES WELCOME!

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11th December
4-6PM | 5TH FLOOR

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Contact: joanna.wimalasuriya@southwark.gov.uk

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