

12th December 2025



# John Donne Primary School

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Dear parents and carers,

Thank you to everyone who supported our Winter Fair. It was wonderful to see so many families come together and enjoy the afternoon, and the atmosphere really captured the spirit of our school community. A huge thank you goes to everyone who helped make the event such a success, with particular appreciation to Ms. McDonald and Mrs. Ridgeway for their hard work and organisation.

We were also delighted to welcome the pantomime *Cinderella: Lost in Space* to John Donne today. The performances were fantastic and thoroughly enjoyed by all the children, who were captivated from start to finish. It was lovely to see so much laughter and excitement across the school.

This afternoon, Year 2 treated us to their winter performance, and what a brilliant job they did. Their confidence, enthusiasm and teamwork really shone through, and it was clear how much effort they have put into rehearsals. Thank you to all the families who were able to attend and support them.

Finally, a reminder that next week is the last week of term. School will finish at **2:00pm on Friday 19 December.**

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 98.85%**

## Attendance

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

Our overall attendance this week is **91.34%**

Class	Attendance	Late
Nursery	87.1%	0
Reception Green	90%	0
Reception Red	91.37%	3
Green 1	90.71%	0
Red 1	84.23%	5
Green 2	87.98%	2
Red 2	74.8%	2
Green 3	96.93%	1
Red 3	95.19%	2
Green 4	94.8%	4
Red 4	97.39%	0
Green 5	91.33%	0
Red 5	95.52%	2
Green 6	98.85%	3
Red 6	94.23%	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:



Halim R1, Mekhi R2, Kyra R3, Tawseef R3, Amelia G3, Ruby G3, Camilla G4, Oliver G4, Bradley R4, Jason R4, Efe R5, Nia R5, Iyla-Rose G5, Elizabeth R6, Perez R6, Bella G6, Heritage G6,

Golden Ticket Winners this week:



Rueben R1, Micheal R2, Theo R2, Ezra R3, Sarah R3, Samuel G3, Toby G3, Al'Amin R4, Hilkiyah R4, Abdulkadar Y G4, Al Amin G4, Lea G4, Diyan R5, Muneerah R5, Iqra G5, Havyer G5, Marley R6, Savior R6, Moriat G6



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### Values Assembly – What our learners think!

Our assembly this week was about our value of **COLLABORATION** and **teamwork**. Pupils had an opportunity to think about what teams they are a part of and what being a good teammate looks and feels like. We thought that Green 3's response was a fantastic example to share, they said that 'Good teamwork means helping each other, treating each other with respect, involves everyone and making sure everyone is able to have their ideas or opinions heard'. Our learners have also set themselves teamwork goals for the week ahead!

### 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



### CHRISTMAS BREAK CLOSURE NOTICE

Dear Parents/Carers,

Please note that we will be closing for the Christmas break on Friday, 19th December at 2:00pm.

There will be no After School Club provision on this day, so kindly ensure that your children are collected promptly at 2:00pm.

We will return on Tuesday, 6th January 2026.

Thank you for your cooperation and wishing you a wonderful festive season!



### Important Dates to Remember

15 December 25	Y2 Winter Performance 2
16 December 25	Poetry Assembly ( Y3 & 4– AM) (Y5 & 6-PM)
17 December 25	Reception Winter Sing-a-long Concert
16 December 25	Nursery Class party
17 December 25	Winter Lunch/ Winter Jumper Day
17 December 25	Nursery Singing Concert– PM
18 December 25	Winter Concert 'Songbirds and Sleigh bells'



**NEW**

Next weeks

**1**

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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# ANCIENT BENIN

With Green 5



This week, Green 5 showed off their knowledge on Ancient Benin. Their passion shone as they performed their hearts out on stage for the return of the Benin Bronzes back to Nigeria. They demonstrated their amazing acting, dancing and writing skills, making their teachers and parents very proud!



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# Prehistoric

## Horniman Museum Trip With Year 3

Year Three had a wonderful time at the Horniman Museum, where we took part in a Prehistoric workshop.



# "Strumming into the spotlight"

With Year 3



**Year 3** hosted an amazing ukulele concert, performing some truly catchy songs! It was wonderful to see how much the children have learned and how much they enjoyed playing.

We would like to give a massive thank you to Miss Gunn for teaching and inspiring our talented students.

A big thank you also to all parents and carers who showed their support—it means so much to the children and the school.

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# Winter Fair



**Thank You for Joining Our Winter Fair!**

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who came to the Winter Fair—it was amazing to see you all!

A special thank you to all the parents and carers who hosted stalls and to everyone who participated in the activities. Your support and enthusiasm made the event truly memorable!

Congratulations to everyone who won a prize in the raffle—we hope you enjoy your goodies! Thank you again to everyone who took part and helped make the Winter Fair such a success!

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CLARA FROM

# The Nutcracker

with Nursery

Lauren from Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance visited nursery class to perform a ballet dance as Clara from The Nutcracker. She also ran a dance workshop where the children danced the snowflake dance. The children asked her lots of questions such as: How long have you been a ballerina? Have you ever danced as a fairy?



# Shopping Through Time

With Year 1



This week in history year 1 have been learning what shops were like in the past. We then role played being the shop keepers and waiting in queues.



## Parent Information Cont...

### WORKING TOGETHER TO SUPPORT FAMILIES

#### Knowing how and when to refer

When children present with challenges linked to home routines, emotional wellbeing, or early development — whether that's toileting, sleep or anxiety — these are often best addressed through a multi-agency approach. Involving the right professionals early can help families feel supported, prevent issues from escalating, and ease the pressure on schools. By connecting families with these services, schools can ensure that support is joined up and sustainable.



#### Parenting Support Programmes:

Southwark's Parenting Team offers a wide range of free programmes and drop-in sessions covering:

- Ages and Stages parenting
- Autism and ADHD support
- Bullying awareness
- Digital safety
- Emotionally Based School Avoidance
- Parenting foundations
- Parental emotional wellbeing

Families must self-refer to access this support.

You can explore the full offer here:

[Parenting Support Drop-in Sessions and Advice.](#)

#### Complex Needs Health Visits (ages 0-5):

For younger children, the Evelina London Health Visiting Service provides specialist Complex Needs Health Visits. These visits can help families of nursery and primary-aged children who may need additional health or developmental support. Referrals must be made by professionals — including schools.

[Evelina London Health Visiting Service Referrals](#)



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 **Monday 19 January**  **9:30 to 11:00**  **Grove Primary School (formerly Dog Kennel Hill) SE22 8AB**

#### What we'll cover

- How to update your CV after a break
- Where to find local part-time and flexible jobs
- 10 great career ideas including Digital, SEN, Green roles..
- The Working in Education Course with a guaranteed interview
- The skills from parenting that employers are look for
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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.

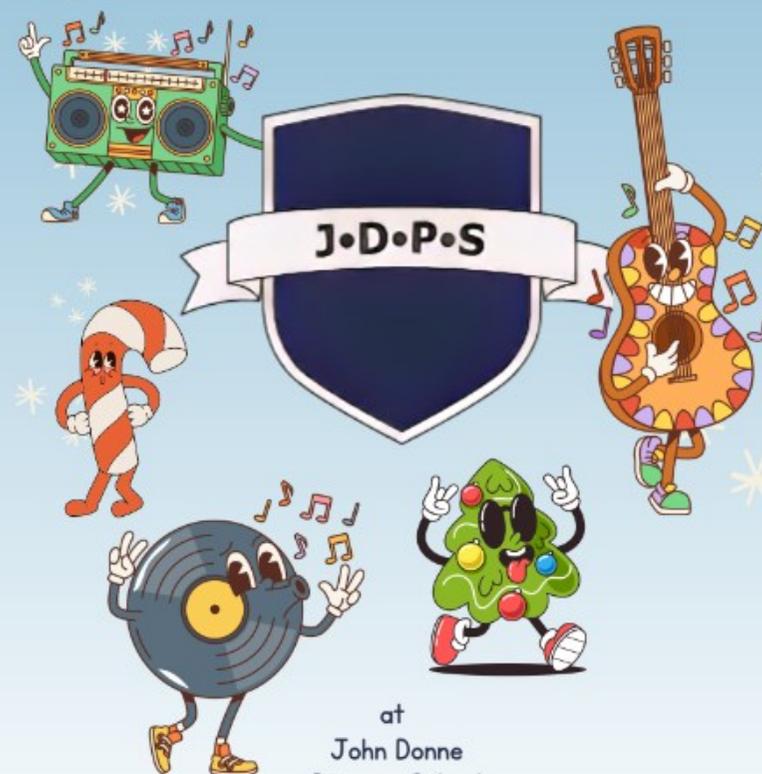
To make the day extra festive, they are welcome to wear their Christmas or winter jumpers.

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



# Winter Lunch

# SLEIGH BELLS & SONGBIRDS



at  
John Donne  
Primary School

THURSDAY 18TH DECEMBER  
2.00 PM

## Parent Information Cont...



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.

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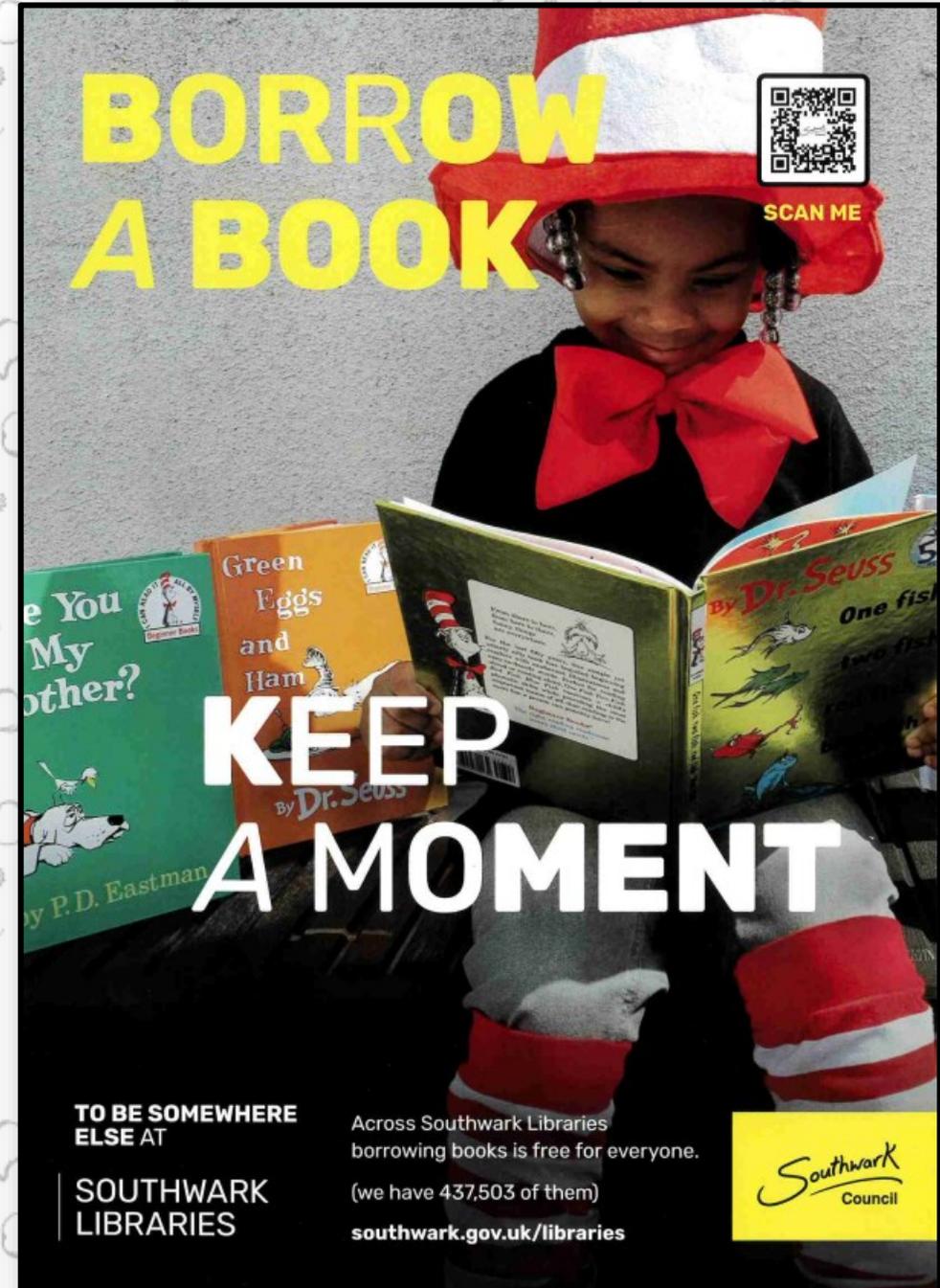
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