

19th December 2025



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Dear parents and carers,

As we reach the end of the autumn term, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on what has been a truly wonderful first term and to thank you for your continued support. It has been a pleasure to welcome so many of you into school this week for all of our different performances. Your encouragement makes a real difference and is greatly appreciated.

I would also like to share a staffing update with you. Miss Mykels is beginning her maternity leave today, and we send her our very best wishes as she prepares for this exciting new chapter. While she will be greatly missed during her time away, we are delighted to welcome Miss Stanley, who will be teaching in G2 in Miss Mykels' absence.

Thank you, as always, for the warmth, trust and support you show our school community. I wish you and your families a restful and joyful break, and I look forward to seeing you all bright and early on Tuesday 6th January.

Miss Rooney



This Weeks Class Attendance Winner

Red 4 with 98.7%

Attendance

Our whole school attendance target is **97%**
Our overall attendance this week is **91.05%**

Class	Attendance	Late
Nursery	88.35%	1
Reception Green	93.46%	3
Reception Red	88.76%	3
Green 1	94.29%	4
Red 1	88.46%	3
Green 2	90.38%	0
Red 2	89.6%	3
Green 3	95.86%	1
Red 3	92.33%	1
Green 4	76.8%	2
Red 4	98.7%	0
Green 5	90%	3
Red 5	92.07%	2
Green 6	94.23%	5
Red 6	92.31%	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:



Aaleyah V G1, Milani R1, Elijah G2, Elissa G2, Na'eem R2, Miguel R2, Ahmed G3, Melody G3, Amiyah R3, Hannah R3, Joshua G4, Lea G4, Dairo R4, Vito R4, Janae G5, Makai G5, Zuriel G5, Fathima R5, Wendy R5, Jamal G6, Tasneem G6, Amari G6, Amina R6, Baasit R6, Ellise R6

Golden Ticket Winners this week:



Norah G1, Ayesha R1, Nala-Rose R1, Ezekiel G2, Yusuf G2, Fatim R2, Susanna R2, Mohammed G3, Karol G3, Elisha R3, Safron R3, Eunice G4, Ryleigh-Wrey G4, Janah R4, Raphael R4, Jordan G5, Saimah G5, Manha R5, Van Ha R5, Rhama G6, Aston R6, Muizza r6,



Values Assembly – What our learners think!

Our assembly this week was about our value of COMMUNITY. Pupils were encouraged to think about the different communities they are part of and what it means to be a 'good citizen'. We thought that Red 6 shared a particularly great response and wanted to share this with everyone! 'We can be good citizens by: Offering help to those who need it, show kindness and be respectful, keeping spaces tidy regardless of whether who made the mess, not discriminating against others and respecting all differences.'

Autumn 2 Term Dates

Monday 3rd November 25	Friday 19th December 25
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CHRISTMAS	22 December 25 - 5th January 26
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Spring 1 Term Dates

Tuesday 6 January 26	Friday 13 February 26
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HALF TERM	16 February 26 – 20 February 26
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Important Parent Information

NOTICE TO PARENTS
HAVE A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS BREAK AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

SEE YOU BACK ON 6TH JANUARY 2026!



Important Dates to Remember

8th January 2026	<u>Reception</u> Information meeting for Parents/carers @ 8.45am
10th January 2026	<u>Year 4</u> Information meeting for Parents/carers @ 8.45am
13th January 2026	<u>Year 5</u> Information meeting for Parents/carers @ 8.45am
14th January 2026	<u>Year 6</u> Information meeting for Parents/carers @ 8.45am
15th January 2026	<u>Year 3</u> Information meeting for Parents/carers @ 8.45am
16th January 2026	<u>Year 2</u> Information meeting for Parents/carers @ 8.45am
17th January 2026	<u>Year 1</u> Information meeting for Parents/carers @ 8.45am



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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A Midsummers Night Dream

With Year 2



What an unforgettable show! Our talented Year 2 students brought Shakespeare's classic to life with confidence and pride. Every line was spoken with clarity and passion, and the energy on stage was electric! The songs were not only catchy but beautifully sung, filling the room with joy and excitement. It was clear to everyone just how much dedication, effort, and teamwork went into making this production a resounding success. Bravo to our incredible performers—you truly left us spellbound!

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NURSERY RECEPTION

Sing-a-Long



What a magical way to celebrate the season! Our Reception & Nursery children filled the room with holiday cheer, singing their little hearts out with angelic voices and infectious festive spirit. Every note was a joy, and their enthusiasm lit up the stage!

We are so proud of their incredible performance and deeply grateful to everyone who came along to support and share in this special moment.

Poetry Extravaganza!



What an incredible showcase of talent!

Our amazing Years 3, 4, 5, and 6 students took the stage and wowed us all with their powerful performances.

Working alongside the brilliant Ms. Naomi, they brought their class poems to life with enthusiasm, confidence, and an energetic display that had everyone captivated!

A huge thank you to Ms. Naomi for her dedication and creativity in guiding the children—your hard work truly shone through in every verse and every smile.

Bravo to our young poets—you made poetry magical!

JD Winter Concert



What a Winter Concert!

Our students truly shone on stage, delivering breathtaking performances that showcased their incredible musical talent! From angelic singers to captivating instrumentalists, every moment was a joy to experience. It was clear how much effort, passion, and dedication went into making this concert such a success. A heartfelt thank you to Mrs. Batro and Mrs. Holweg for their continued support in nurturing music and instrumental skills—your guidance made this event unforgettable!

Bravo to all our performers—you made this winter sparkle with music!

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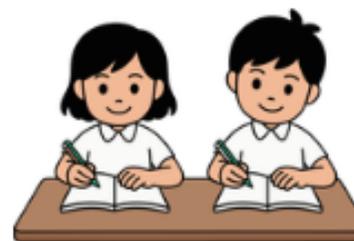
To apply for a space at John Donne primary School for reception 2026, you would need to apply through Southwark e-admissions.*

**(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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Nexus Education Schools Trust Talent Pool

Looking to extend your talents to other schools within NEST and provide more support?

NEST is now offering the opportunity for any staff wishing to increase their hours and to help provide greater support with their skills to sign up to our talent pool to be considered first for any vacancies across the Trust. All choices are yours to make, meaning you can highlight which positions you would like to work in and what schools you would be willing to commute to.

If you are interested in the chance to help make a difference and enjoy new experiences at an additional school within the Trust, please head over to MyNewTerm, create an account and search for 'Nexus Education Schools Trust' under employers in 'Find a Job' which will then allow you to sign up to the talent pool. Alternatively, you can head over to the NEST website where we have a link under staff vacancies which will direct you to our MyNewTerm page.

This is not just an exclusive opportunity to existing staff within NEST so if you know any friends or family who may be interested in this venture we would love to welcome them aboard!

Thank you for your interest!

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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
- Links to 7 local family-friendly employers
- A 5-step action plan to make it happen!

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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](#)



THE SEND HUB

Learn, share and socialise with other Southwark SENCOs at the Hub.

[Next event - 5th February, 4pm-6pm](#)

[At Alfred Salter Primary School](#)



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Le preocupan sus finanzas este invierno?
Aquí estamos para ayudarle. Acceda a nuestro sitio Web, en el que podrá traducir la información relacionada con el costo de vida al idioma de su preferencia. En la página de inicio, vaya a la parte de abajo, elija su idioma y pulse 'go'.

To get more information, visit southwark.gov.uk/cost-of-living



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