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Kindness

Respect

Resilience

Community

Collaboration

Aspiration

Dear parents and carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to our new term! I hope you all had an enjoyable and maybe restful break. The children certainly seem to have returned with a lot of enthusiasm and energy.

Each year group are now starting new units of work some with learning questions so make sure to ask them what they have learnt so far...

- Nursery and Reception are starting a very creative project this half term focusing on Expressive Art and Design
- Year 1 – *How much impact can one person make?*
- Year 2 – *What makes different countries so special?*
- Year 3 – *How have communities in the past helped human advancement?*
- Year 4 – *What is the difference between surviving and thriving?*
- Year 5 – *Why were the monarchs of the past so important?*
- Year 6 – *How did conflict impact our local area in World War II?*

Thank you to the parents in Year 5 and Year 6 who have attended our information sharing meetings this week. Next week will host the remaining sessions all running from 8:45am-9:15am in the community space. We hope to see as many of you there as possible as it is a great opportunity to meet your child's teachers, get key information about their learning and any trips etc. Thank you for your support with this.

Please check the Important Parents information for the dates of your child's class information Sharing Meeting.

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

Miss Rooney



This Weeks Class Attendance Winner

Red 4 with 98.91%

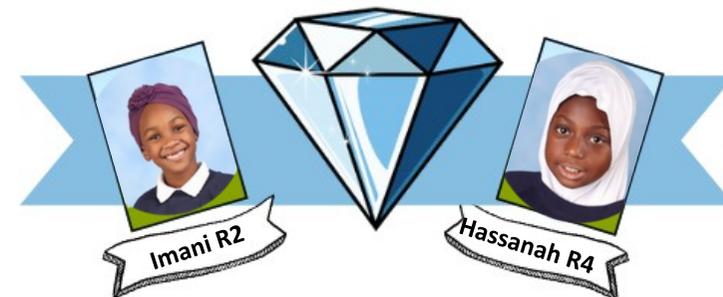
Attendance

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:

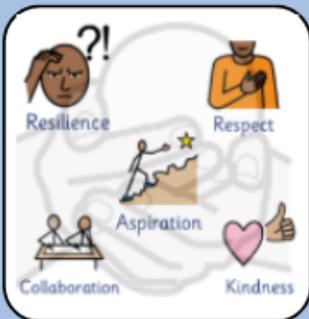


Destiny R1, Mickell R2, Amina R3, Sarah R3, Ariah G3, Dior G3, Ibitayo G4, Oliver G4, Mubarakah R4, Nialanier R5, Rocsi R5, Aliya G5, Joshua G5, Lilly R6, Mohammed K R6, Kamilia G6, Princess G6

Golden Ticket Winners this week:



Noah R1, Aneira G2, KeXin G2, Heerabye R2, Wurami R2, Tyrese R3, Jacob R3, Great G3, Mohammed G3, Dairo R4, Kaylee R4, Athalia G4, Kara G4, Elias G5, Janae G5, Dana R5, Gyemfi R5, Marley R6, Perez R6, Mark G6, Riley G6, Zane G6



Values Assembly – What our learners think!

Our assembly this week was an opportunity to revisit what values are, why they are important and why we have them at our school. Learners had an opportunity to reflect and choose a value they would like to show more of this year, almost like a new year's resolution. In Red 2 class, learners shared that they would like to focus on resilience by working hard on personal goals such as drawing and not giving up, even when it gets tricky.

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.

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OR

send an e-mail to:
volunteers@jdacademy.org.uk



Important Dates to Remember

12th January 2026	<u>Reception</u> Information meeting for Parents/carers @ 8.45am
13th January 2026	<u>Year 4</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 1</u> Information meeting for Parents/carers @ 8.45am
20th January 2026	<u>Nest Parent/Carers Workshop</u>



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.



Parent Information Cont...



Parent Workshop: Screen, Scrolls & Self-Esteem: How the online world affects mental health

Tuesday 20th January 2026
8:45-9:30 in our Community Space

We are thrilled to continue working with The Nest Wellbeing Charity, who offer free wellbeing and mental health support to families within Southwark. Our second Parent/Carer session offers practical strategies for managing digital use, setting healthy boundaries, and encouraging open communication. Parents and carers will reflect on their child's online habits, discuss safety concerns, and explore ways to model positive digital behaviour. The session will also highlight where to find further support to help children thrive both online and offline.

We are encouraging parents and carers to show their interest in attending the meeting by signing up using this link so we can make sure we have enough resources etc: It is quick and easy to do!

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SIGN UP USING LINK BELOW:
<https://forms.gle/EhAiTz8z4prADjeDA>

Limited Spaces Available for Taekwondo Club (AM)!



Classes are run by Master Williams

We have limited spaces for Taekwondo Morning Sessions:

- Wednesdays – Years 5 & 6
- Thursdays – Years 3 & 4

Sessions are £3.50 per class and will be charged termly.

Classes start 8:00am Prompt!
If your child is interested, please notify the school office as soon as possible. Spaces are limited—join while you can!

NOTICE TO PARENTS/CARERS

Can you please ensure that all your children's belongings have their name and class in/on it.



Also if you do happen to have someone else's belongings can you please bring it back into the school so that we can reunite it their owner.



Parent Information Cont...

In Partnership With



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!

Please direct any queries to recruitment@nestschools.org



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A **FREE** event for parents

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A CAREER CHANGE? OR JUST
NEED A CONFIDENCE BOOST?**

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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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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](#)



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](#)



Alfred Salter
Primary School

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Southwark Council

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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'.



BANJI'S CLASS
PERFORMING ARTS GROUP
BACK FOR A 3RD YEAR! AS SEEN ON BRITAIN'S GOT TALENT!
STARTS MARCH 2026

EVERY SUNDAY
1:00PM - 4:00PM
5 MIN WALK FROM VAUXHALL STATION, SE11

TRAIN IN DANCE, SINGING & DRAMA, + STAR IN YOUR OWN MUSIC VIDEO!

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