

16th January 2026



# John Donne Primary School

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Kindness

Respect

Resilience

Community

Collaboration

Aspiration

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been another wonderful week of learning at John Donne and the weather hasn't hindered this!

We are excited to share that next week, [The Nest](#) will be delivering some workshops for both our children and for you, parents and carers, focused on how being online can affect children's mental health.

The children's workshop will focus on the positives and challenges of being online at an age-appropriate level. The children will have the opportunity to reflect on what they do online and the different emotions that may come up on and off the screen. They will be looking at how they can develop healthy habits online and for the older children will also explore the links between social media and self-esteem.

The parent and carer session will take place on Tuesday, 20th January at 8:45am in the Community Space. This session will provide practical strategies for managing digital use, setting healthy boundaries, and encouraging open communication with your children. During the workshop, parents and carers will have the opportunity to reflect on their child's online habits, discuss safety concerns, and explore ways to model positive digital behaviour.

We look forward to seeing you there and working together to ensure our children have a safe and positive online experience!

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 99.2%**

## Attendance

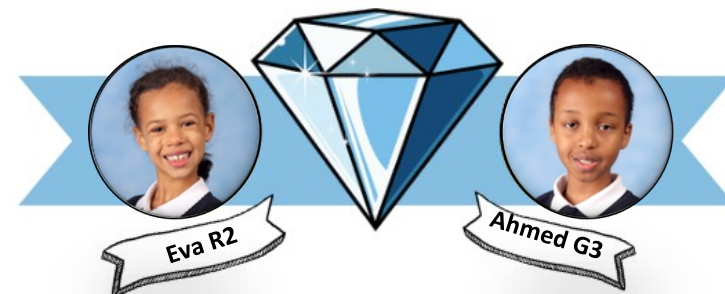
Our whole school attendance target is **97%**

Our overall attendance this week is **94.13%**

Class	Attendance	Late
Nursery	92.72%	4
Reception Green	92.59%	0
Reception Red	84%	3
Green 1	91.79%	4
Red 1	99.2%	4
Green 2	96.54%	2
Red 2	92.8%	2
Green 3	96.55%	3
Red 3	94%	4
Green 4	88.8%	6
Red 4	95.65%	2
Green 5	96%	2
Red 5	97.24%	1
Green 6	96.92%	5
Red 6	96.54%	1

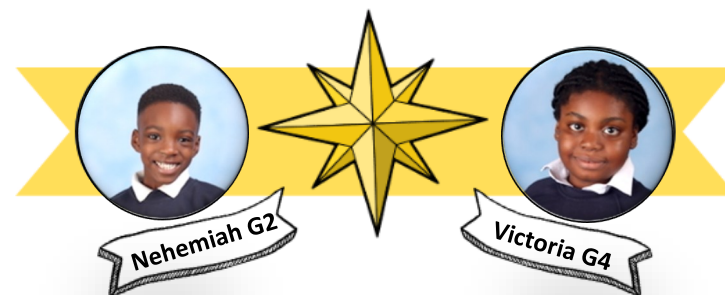
Thank you to everyone, who is making the effort to ensure their children are in school on time. The more time a pupil is in school the more likely they are to improve their opportunity to fulfil their full potential.

Diamond Ticket Winners this week:



Abibat G1, Lina G1, Meriem R1, Janae R1, Joan G2, Zane G2, Zakaria R2, Karol G3, Joy R3, Leon R3, Abdulkader G4, Chimamanda G4, Joshua G4, Lea G4, Annabelle R4, Janah R4, Joshua G5, Saimah G5, Fola R5, Maison R5, Mark G6, Tomiwa R6

Golden Ticket Winners this week:



Finn G1, Ramel G1, Ayesha R1, Liam R1, Celina G2, Loc G2, Aiden R2, Theo R2, Ariaah G3, Finn G3, Mohammed R3, Safron R3, Louie G4, Lana R4, Raphael R4, Inayah G5, Eliud G5, Ade R5, Hussein R5,



## Values Assembly – What our learners think!

Our assembly this week was about our core value of COMMUNITY. Children had the opportunity to consider why we have rules at school and what school would be like without them. We also discussed other places we know that have rules and why these are important such as; the park, the swimming pool, roads and at work. We decided that rules are there to: keep everyone safe, to be fair, to ensure everyone can learn and so we can work together as a community.

## 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

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volunteers@jdacademy.org.uk



### Important Dates to Remember

20th January 2026	<u>Nest Parent/Carers Workshop @ 8:50am (Community Space)</u>
22 January 2026	Coffee Morning– Welcome Back @ 8:50am (Community Space)
9th February 2026	DoodleMaths Parent Workshop @ 2:30pm

### 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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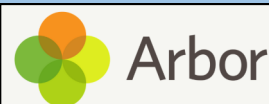
**HALF TERM** 16 February 26 –  
20 February 26



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.





# doodlelearning

By Discovery Education

## Your Top Doodlers!



Jessica G1  
Abdulhamid R2  
KeXin G2  
Sam R3  
Finley R1  
Isaac R3  
Susanna R2  
Heerabye R2  
Riley G2  
Na'eem R2  
Cheznae G3  
Elaine R3  
Abdulkader G4  
Filipe R4  
Lea G2  
Nevaeh G6  
Aliya R6

Amiyah R3  
Adetekunbo R5  
Inayah G5  
Nathan G4  
Toby G3  
Jordan G5  
Jevaina G6  
Finn G1  
Joshua G5  
Ava R2  
Iqra G5  
Aaryan G2  
Amari G6  
Grace R3  
Gyemfi R5  
Marley R6  
Lucas R6



# doodlemaths

Studies shows by Doodling 10-15minutes a day, your child will improve his/her Maths skills. So...

**Keep Doodling!**

doodle

**Adetokunbo R5** has achieved a  
**750-day streak** in  
DoodleMaths!

**Grace Lim** has achieved a  
**365-day streak** in  
DoodleMaths!

doodle

### DoodleMaths Parent Workshop for children in Y1 - Y6.

**Date:** Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026  
**Time:** 2:30pm

Please email the office if you are interested in attending and we will add you to our sign-up sheet.

## Other Parent Information:



### 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>

## John Donne Coffee Morning

We would like to invite you to our upcoming Parent Coffee Morning.



**Date:** Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2026  
**Time:** 8:50am  
**Where:** Community Space

We hope you can join us for a cup of tea or coffee, light refreshments, and friendly conversation. Your presence and input are always greatly valued, and we look forward to spending this time together.

## 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!

## Parent Information Cont...






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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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## Family Financial Resilience Partnership sessions at Rye Oak Best Start Family Hubs



There is a great new session from the Citizen advice team starting at Rye Oak every Wednesday morning from 9.30am-12.30. There is also the opportunity for families to contact the service for remote advice and guidance.

The Family Financial Resilience Partnership (FFRP) is a Greater London Authority-funded programme designed to help low-income families with children access free, high-quality social welfare advice so that their income meets their everyday needs.

An adviser from Citizens Advice Southwark will be providing advice to families registered with Southwark's Best Start Family Hubs. They can explore your situation holistically to see if they can help immediately on the day, book you for a further appointment or perhaps refer you to a specialist. They will look at ways to maximise your income and address wider social welfare issues you might be facing, such as immigration, employment, childcare support and housing.

Families can email Gabriel Crozier, who I have copied or email us on [childrenscentre@ivydale.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:childrenscentre@ivydale.southwark.sch.uk)

## Parent Information Cont...



Department  
for Work &  
Pensions

In partnership with



**FAMILY  
HUBS**

### DWP Family Community Work Coach in Southwark

Hosted by Charlie - Southwark Family Community Work Coach



**Date:** Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> of  
January 2026

**Location:** Ann Bernadt  
Children & Family Hub, 29  
Chandler Way, Peckham,  
SE15 6DT.

**Time:** 10:00am - 12:00pm

#### A session designed specifically for our partners in Southwark to focus on:

- All queries relating to DWP Benefit
- Childcare and Employment
- Better Off in Work discussion
- Are you receiving the correct benefits?

**Building a joined-up future for Southwark's families.**

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**Southwark Council**

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