

23rd January 2026



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Kindness

Respect

Resilience

Community

Collaboration

Aspiration



Dear parents and carers,

I am delighted to share that John Donne Primary School has been recognised by the Department for Education (DfE) for the excellent outcomes achieved by our disadvantaged pupils at the end of the 2024/25 academic year. The DfE recognised that our results place us among the very best schools nationally, which is a significant achievement.

This recognition reflects the determination of our pupils, the dedication and expertise of our staff, and our strong focus on ensuring that every child is supported to succeed. It also acknowledges the impact of high-quality teaching, targeted support, and our inclusive approach to learning.

We are very grateful for the continued support of our parents and carers. Working together, we are proud of what our children are achieving and remain committed to helping every child reach their full potential.

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

Miss Rooney



This Weeks Class Attendance Winner

**Green 2 with 99.62%**

## Attendance

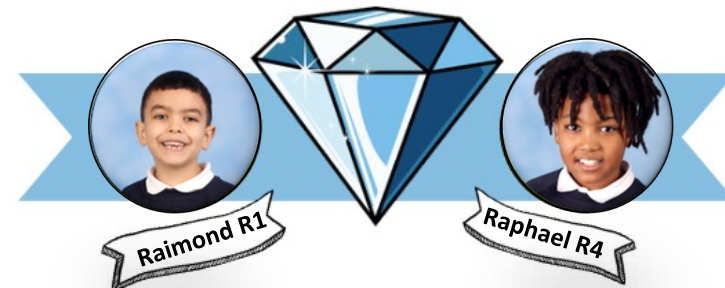
Our whole school attendance target is **97%**  
Our overall attendance this week is **95.54%**

Class	Attendance	Late
Nursery	93.06%	2
Reception Green	96.15%	1
Reception Red	92.77%	5
Green 1	95%	0
Red 1	97.5%	3
Green 2	99.62%	1
Red 2	98.4%	2
Green 3	96.55%	2
Red 3	94.67%	2
Green 4	91.6%	6
Red 4	95.22%	0
Green 5	93.33%	5
Red 5	98.97%	1
Green 6	94.62%	6
Red 6	96.15%	2

Thank you to everyone, who is making the effort to ensure their children are in school on time.

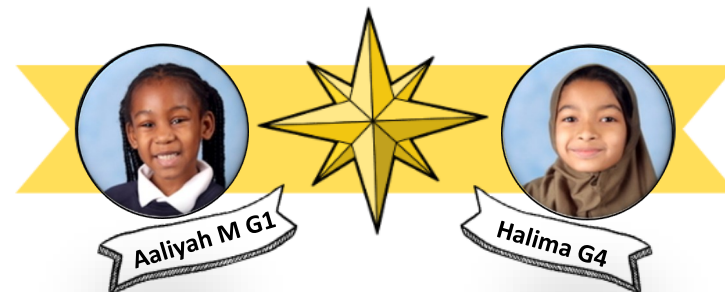


Diamond Ticket Winners this week:



Fred G1, Almaia G1, Ayesha R1, Elissa G2, Elijah G2, Malachi R2, Sebastian R2, Melody G3, Eliza G3, Grace R3, Melissa R3, Richard R4, Eunicie G4, Neriah G4, Daniel G5, Zariyah G5, Tomiwa R6, Lucas R6, Akeem G6

Golden Ticket Winners this week:



Faith G1, Marwah R1, Noah G2, Lea G2, Leo R2, Ellie-May R2, Ira R3, Edric R3, Teala G3, Ruby G3, Camilla G4, Jason R4, Kahmello R4, Makai G5, Iqra G5, Elizabeth R6, Eleanor R6, Tasneem G6

## Values Assembly – What our learners think!



Respect

Our assembly this week was about our core value of RESPECT. The pupils were given some different scenarios and challenged to think about whether the children responded or acted in an acceptable or unacceptable way. Green 5 reflected that 'no matter what happens, we can always act with Respect. Two wrongs don't make a right'.

## Important Parent Information

### 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!

### Limited Spaces Available for Taekwondo Club (PM)!



Classes are run by Master Williams

We have limited spaces for Taekwondo Afterschool Sessions:

- Thursdays – 3:15 - 4:15pm

Sessions are £3.50 per class and will be charged termly. **Classes start Prompt!** If your child is interested, please notify the school office as soon as possible. Spaces are limited—join while you can!

### Important Dates to Remember

29th January 2026	Year 2 Trip– Science Museum
4th February 2026	Green 6—Imperial War Museum
5th February 2026	The Garden Museum
5th February 2026	Year 1– Palaeontology Day (in School)
9th February 2026	DoodleMaths Parent Workshop @ 2:30pm

### 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.

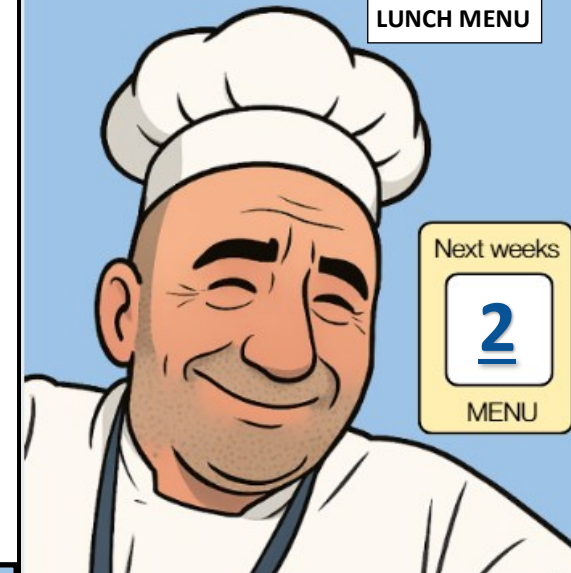
### Spring 1 Term Dates

Tuesday 6th January 2026	Friday 13th February 2026
<b>16TH FEBRUARY 2026</b>	
<b>HALF TERM</b>	<b>TO</b>
<b>20TH FEBRUARY 2026</b>	

### Spring 2 Term Dates

Monday 23rd February 2026	Friday 27th March 2026
<b>25TH MAY 2026</b>	
<b>HALF TERM</b>	<b>TO</b>
<b>29TH MAY 2026</b>	

LUNCH MENU



Next weeks

**2**

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.



# Help the Homeless!



**All donations should be brought to your child's classroom.**



The school council would like to donate any adult clothing for people who are going through Homelessness. We considered how it must be leaving in their conditions and want to offer them any clothing you may wish to donate, this includes: hats, gloves, jumpers, coats, scarfs and even blankets.



# IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM

WITH RED 6



## Exploring History at the Imperial War Museum

Our children had a fantastic visit to the Imperial War Museum, where they built on their learning about World War II. They explored powerful exhibits about the Blitz, discovering how families coped during air raids, and learned more about the Battle of Britain and the bravery of the pilots who defended the skies.

The trip brought their history lessons to life, leaving the children curious, reflective, and full of new knowledge.

## Other Parent Information:

### 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)

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**Who We're Looking For**  
We welcome graduates in all subjects who are:

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- Eager to make a real difference

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## Parent Information Cont...

### Supporting Early Speech, Language & Literacy Through Play

Friendly sessions for parents and carers, offering practical ideas to support your child's speech, language, and early literacy through play, songs, stories, and everyday activities.



### Chatter Time

A play session supporting early literacy, sharing ideas through creative activities, books, songs, and rhymes.

Tuesdays 10 am - 11:30 am  
Victory Best Start Family Hub

#### Why join?

Support early language development and school readiness, strengthen family bonds, and connect with other parents and carers.

### Early Words Together at 2

Tips on speech and language development, delivered by Link Speech and Language Therapists and an Early Years Practitioner.

Wednesdays 10 am - 11:30 am  
1st Place Best Start Family Hub  
Please check our website for dates.

# Start for Life

## Southwark

Helping you to give your child the best start in life, with support during pregnancy to the age of 5.



### Download the Start for Life brochure

Packed with essential resources for parents and caregivers. Useful information in one place to help you find a wide range of local support and services.



## Parent Information Cont...



### Positive Behaviour Support Universal Offer

Information for Families



#### What is Positive Behaviour Support (PBS)?

**Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) is a person-centred approach to supporting people who display behaviours of concern.**

PBS aims to understand what behaviours of concern are telling us so that the person's needs can be met in better ways.

PBS involves supporting the person to have a better life, treating them with dignity and respect.

We recommend strategies and tools based on the strengths, needs and interests of your family.

Overall, the aim is to improve the quality of life of the individual and their whole support network.

#### PBS Core Values

**Values Led** - We promote respect, dignity, inclusion and working in partnership. We do not support punishment, unnecessary restriction or other harmful methods.

**Promoting Quality of Life** - We aim to give the right support at the right time so that life is meaningful for the person and their family.

**Understanding Behaviour and Meeting Needs** - We use different methods to work out what people's behaviour means, and improve the support a person needs.

**Making Systems Worker for the Person** - Giving the right support may mean changing the way a person is supported and training carers and staff. This makes sure that support will work well for the person.

#### What do we offer?



##### Drop in sessions

We speak to parents and carers who want help with general or specific concerns about a young person's behaviours. We can offer advice to professionals about undertaking direct work.

We give recommendations for things to try and offer resources that might help.

#### When and where can you find us?

The AAD PBS Team host sessions at the Ann Bernadt Family Hub.

The sessions run from 12:30pm-2pm on Tuesdays.

**Ask a member of staff for a timetable to find out when the next session is or email us at [PBSTeam@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:PBSTeam@southwark.gov.uk)**



##### Bite-size Workshops

We offer short workshops to parents, carers and professionals. This provides an opportunity to learn about topics in more detail while the young person is not present.



##### Parent & Carer groups

We will be offering short workshops to parents and carers. This gives parents and carers an opportunity to learn about topics in more detail while their child is not present.



## Parent Information Cont...

# Advicenow

## Helping you with life's legal problems

Advicenow is a national legal education and advice charity supported by the Ministry of Justice.

Our free online legal resources are user-centred, reliable and supportive.

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## ARE YOU A YOUNG DAD LIVING IN THE UK?

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YOUR EXPERIENCES OF BEING A YOUNG DAD!

FOLLOWING  
YOUNG  
FATHERS  
FURTHER



“Following Young Fathers Further” is a research project about what it is like to be a young dad.

We would love to hear from you!

Your stories can help people to understand what life is like for young dads and to make support better for young dads in the future.

### WHO WE ARE LOOKING FOR?

Are you a young dad or dad-to-be?

Aged 16-25 years old?

Living in the UK?

Want to share your experiences of life as a young dad?

### WHAT'S INVOLVED?

Participation is completely voluntary. You should only take part if you want to and are happy to.

We will ask you to fill in an online consent form.

We will regularly put up videos asking simple questions. You will be able to respond by text, audio, or video.

You can answer whichever questions you want to.

You can choose if you want your answers to be made public on the website or kept private just for the researchers to see.

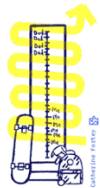
All research conducted by the University of Lincoln is looked at by an independent group of people, called a Research Ethics Committee. The ethics reference number is 2023\_0828.

You are free to withdraw from participating through the website, or via email, at any point.

### WHY GET INVOLVED?

You will have the opportunity to share about your experiences of being a dad via video, audio and/or text. This will help us to influence policy and support practice in ways that has potential to benefit you and other young parents.

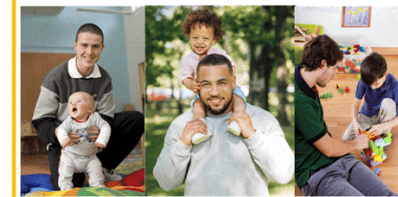
Participants will also be able to see their contributions on the website if they have given the research team consent to publish them. The responses may also appear in research reports.



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