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Kindness

Respect

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Dear parents and carers,

We have had a busy and exciting half term of learning beyond the classroom, with lots of educational visits already taking place and more to come over the next few weeks. These experiences are an important part of our curriculum and help bring learning to life in a meaningful and memorable way.

Yesterday, Year 2 visited the **Science Museum**, where they took part in *The Great Object Hunt*. This hands-on workshop supported their learning about materials. Next week, Green 6 will be visiting the **Imperial War Museum** to deepen their understanding of World War II through real artefacts and historical evidence. Red 3 will also be heading out to the **Garden Museum**, where they will explore plants and growing as part of their science learning.

A quick reminder that if your child brings a packed lunch on a school trip, our nut-free policy still applies. Please do not include any items containing nuts, including Nutella. Thank you for your continued support.

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

Green 2 with 99.62%

Attendance

Our whole school attendance target is **97%**
Our overall attendance this week is **94.93%**

Class	Attendance	Late
Nursery	88.01%	4
Reception Green	95.9%	0
Reception Red	92.4%	3
Green 1	97.86%	2
Red 1	95.42%	3
Green 2	99.62%	2
Red 2	98%	3
Green 3	95.52%	2
Red 3	97%	1
Green 4	91.2%	3
Red 4	92.17%	2
Green 5	93%	2
Red 5	97.24%	1
Green 6	91.92%	6
Red 6	99.23%	4

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



Diamond Ticket Winners this week:



Aaleyah V G1



Mirabel R6

Anna R1, Matilda R1, Luna G1, Aaryan G2, Zane G2, Fiifi R3, Shiloh R3, Carlo G3, Stephanie G3, Hassannah R4, Kaylee R4, Emmy G4, Oliver G4, Dana R5, Ibrahim R5, Jordan G5, Rebecca G5, Elijah R6, Abdulhamid G6, Bella G6

Golden Ticket Winners this week:



Yanis G1



Dora R3

Adetola R1, Yusuf R1, Aaliyah G3, Ruby G3, Raheem R3, Lea G4, Neriah G4, Ezra R4, Leah R4, Lina G5, Saidat G5, Ezekiel R5, Serenity R5, Amy G6, Yacoub G6, Amina R6, Ellise R6

Values Assembly – What our learners think!



Aspiration

Our assembly this week was about our core value of ASPIRATION. We considered what it means to have aspirations, such as 'having big dreams and working hard to make them come true'. We learnt about the life and accomplishments of the famous footballer Pele and reflected on what we can learn from him. Green 6 shared that 'being aspirational means setting goals and working hard to achieve them. It isn't enough to have big dreams, we need to put in the effort to realise them'.

Spring 1 Term Dates

Tuesday 6th January 2026	Friday 13th February 2026
16TH FEBRUARY 2026	
HALF TERM	TO
20TH FEBRUARY 2026	

Spring 2 Term Dates

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

Important Parent Information

REMINDER FOR PARENTS/CARERS

Betty Bee-on-time



School Start & Finish Times

Please remember that school starts at 8:45am and it is very important that children arrive on time so they can begin their day calmly and ready to learn. Gates open from 8:40am to help families arrive smoothly.

Being on time also includes collecting your child promptly at the end of the school day. School finishes at 3:15pm, and children should be picked up at this time. We understand that on rare occasions delays happen, but regular punctuality helps ensure the best experience and wellbeing for your child.

Thank you for your support.

Important Dates to Remember

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

REMINDER FOR PARENTS/CARERS WE ARE A 'NUT FREE' SCHOOL



We would like to remind all families that our school is strictly nut-free. This means that children must not bring in any food, snacks, or packed lunches that contain nuts or traces of nuts.

This rule also applies when providing snacks for school trips!

Please note: Nutella contains hazelnuts and should not be used in sandwiches or any other snacks brought into school.

Thank you for your cooperation in supporting our nut-free environment.

LUNCH MENU



Next weeks

3

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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By Discovery Education



'Back to School Competition'

DoodleMaths Back to School Competition

We're excited to share that all classes from Year 1 to Year 6 have been entered into the DoodleMaths Back to School Competition!



To take part, children are encouraged to complete at least 15 minutes of Doodling each day, helping them strengthen their skills, fill gaps in their learning, and avoid learning loss.

To qualify, each class must work together to stay in the Green Zone—which means achieving their target number of stars—for 14 consecutive days, from **Friday 30th January until midnight on Thursday 12th February.**

Let's get doodling and cheer on our classes!




doodlemaths

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

Keep Doodling!

doodle



Abdulkader G4 has achieved a **500-day streak** in DoodleMaths!



doodle



DoodleMaths Parent Workshop for children in Y1 - Y6.

Date: Monday 9th 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.

YOUNG WRITERS MONSTER COMPETITION

With Green 1

 Young Writers
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**MONSTER
MAYHEM**

Drawing competition
for 4-7 year-olds



The children have been busy creating their very own monsters as part of an exciting Young Writers competition. Their wonderful artwork has now been submitted to the Young Writers organisation, and we're delighted to share that every child has received a certificate for their creativity.

Even more exciting, the children have also been invited to have their monster artwork published in a real book! This is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate their imagination and artistic talent.

Well done to all our young writers and illustrators!



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THE SCIENCE MUSEUM

The Great Materials Hunt

With Year 2



On Thursday, Year 2 enjoyed a fantastic day out at the Science Museum. The children took part in the Great Materials Hunt, where they explored a range of hands-on exhibits and learned how different materials are used in our everyday lives.

The class showed amazing curiosity and enthusiasm as they investigated, asked questions, and made exciting discoveries. It was a wonderful opportunity to bring their science learning to life, and everyone returned to school buzzing with 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

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- Supportive Community**
Our schools are collaborative, encouraging and nurturing. From day one, you'll be welcomed into the team, guided and supported as you learn the ropes. You'll have the space to make mistakes, try new strategies and grow into the teacher you aspire to be.

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

- Passionate about working with children.
- Creative, patient and resilient
- Eager to make a real difference

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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 Work 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



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?

JOIN OUR UNIQUE DIGITAL RESEARCH PANEL TO SHARE
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.

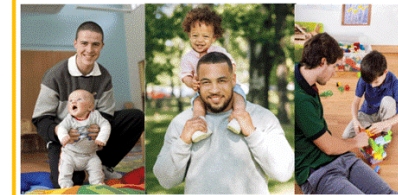
Participants will also be able to see their contributions on the website if they have given the research team consent to publish them. The responses may also appear in research reports.



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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'.

HELP WITH THE COST OF LIVING

We know that winter can be a difficult time. We're here to help with heating, food, jobs, wellbeing, and staying connected – so you feel supported every step of the way.

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