

6th February 2026



John Donne Primary School

Tel: 020 7639 0594

Email: office@jdacademy.org.uk



Kindness

Respect

Resilience

Community

Collaboration

Aspiration



Dear parents and carers,

It has been another busy and enriching week across the school, with pupils making the most of a range of exciting learning experiences beyond the classroom. Year 1 had a wonderful day yesterday celebrating their *Palaeontology Day*, immersing themselves in hands-on activities that brought their learning to life. R3 thoroughly enjoyed their visit to the Garden Museum, where they explored plants and growing in a real-world context, while Year 6 gained valuable insights during their visit to the Imperial War Museum, deepening their understanding of history through powerful artefacts and exhibitions.

Next week is our final week of this half term before the February break, and it promises to be just as busy. There will be further opportunities for children to consolidate and extend their learning through educational visits, including Year 5 visiting the Tower of London and Year 6 visiting a Buddhist temple as part of their RE learning.

We will be hosting a DoodleMaths parent workshop on Monday afternoon at 2:30pm in the Community Space so please come along to learn about how to get the best out of Doodle maths.

We also look forward to welcoming families to the R4 class assembly on Wednesday morning.

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 3 with 100%

Attendance

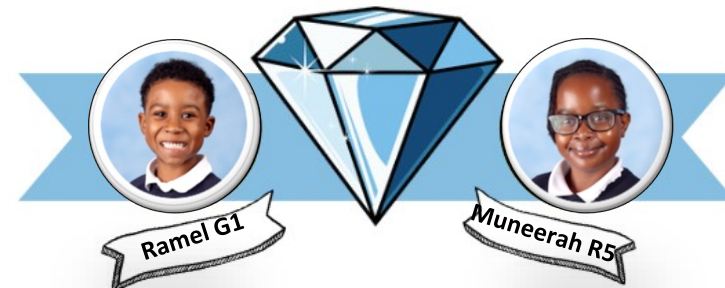
Our whole school attendance target is **97%**
Our overall attendance this week is **95.17%**

Class	Attendance	Late
Nursery	91.82%	1
Reception Green	95.19%	1
Reception Red	92.4%	0
Green 1	94.64%	1
Red 1	93.33%	0
Green 2	98.85%	1
Red 2	95.6%	3
Green 3	100%	0
Red 3	94%	1
Green 4	94%	1
Red 4	96.22%	0
Green 5	95.33%	0
Red 5	99.31%	1
Green 6	91.15%	3
Red 6	95.38%	1

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



Diamond Ticket Winners this week:



Oscar G1, Finley R1, Noah R1, Celina G2, Ezekiel G2, Malachi R2, Na'eem R2, Deborah G3, Zara G3, Elaine R3, Tawseef R3, Ayaan G4, Camila G4, Joell R4, Oliver R4, Morecombe G5, Ishmael G5, Kash R5, Jeveina G6, Amy G6, Savior R6

Golden Ticket Winners this week:



Leo G1, Faith G1, Milani R1, Zeniyah G2, Jeremiah G2, Abdulhameed R2m Kaylee R2, Moses G3, Aaliyah G3, Isaac R3, D'Angelo R3 Nathan G4, Ryleigh-Wrey G4, Janah R4, Lana R4, Leonardo G5, Iyla G5, Gyemfi R5, Efetobore R5, Kaleb G6, Eleanor



Collaboration

Values Assembly – What our learners think!

This week we read the story of the Little Red Hen, which is a popular fable, to help us think about our value of Collaboration. In the story, the Little Red Hen has to do all the work herself to make a cake as the other animals choose not to help – but – they all want to have a share of the cake once it's made!

This helped us to reflect about collaboration and rewards. Red 6 reflected that, 'It is polite to offer help when someone asks for it... if we collaborate together, we can complete tasks more efficiently and may be rewarded for our efforts. It is important to remember that if we do not play our part, it is not fair to also receive the reward'.

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

9th February 2026	DoodleMaths Parent Workshop @ 2:30pm
9th February 2026	Y5– Tower of London Trip
10th February 2026	Safer Internet Day
11th February 2026	Y6– Buddhist Temple Trip
11th February 2026	R4– Class Assembly
12th February 2026	G3– Garden Museum
13th February 2026	School Council Cake Sale@ 3:15pm
13th February 2026	Last day of Spring 1 Term! 3:15pm Finish

LUNCH MENU



Next weeks

1

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.





doodlelearning

By Discovery Education

'Back to School Competition'

DoodleMaths Back to School Competition

Friday 30th January until midnight on Thursday 12th February.

Let's get doodling and cheer on our classes!

Back to school
January 2026



**Friendly
Reminder**



**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.

Musical Appreciation



We are delighted to celebrate Mirabel and Perez, who have been recognised as advanced violinists within our school community. Their hard work, discipline, and dedication to mastering their instrument have not gone unnoticed. They stand as shining examples of what can be achieved when commitment to learning—and to the arts—is taken seriously. John Donne is incredibly proud to have them represent the school and inspire others through their musical excellence.

Kindness

Respect

Resilience

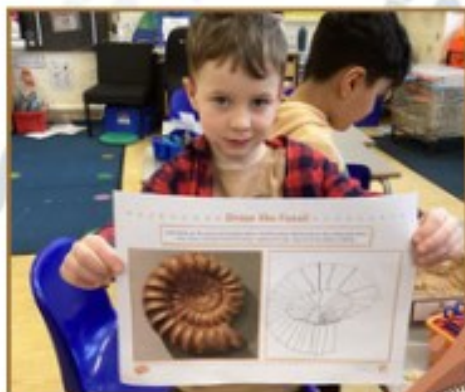
Community

Collaboration

Aspiration

Paleontology Day

With Year 1



Year One had an amazing time celebrating Paleontology Day! The children arrived dressed as scientists, explorers, and fossil hunters, fully embracing the adventure.



Kindness

Respect

Resilience

Community

Collaboration

Aspiration

Paleontology Day

With Year 1 cont...



They learned about famous paleontologists like Mary Anning and David Attenborough, explored different dinosaurs, and even uncovered their own “fossils.” It was a day filled with curiosity, hands-on discovery, and plenty of excitement.



The Garden Museum

With **Red 3**

On Thursday, **Red 3** visited the Garden Museum to deepen their understanding of water transportation in plants.

During the visit, pupils observed plant structures through microscopes and took part in a practical investigation using food dye to explore how water moves through stems. The class represented the school exceptionally well; a member of the public, who was a retired headteacher, remarked that the children were among the best-behaved she had ever encountered.



Garden



Other Parent Information:

Safer Internet Day

internet
matters.org

Coming next week

Safer Internet Day is coming up in February, and we thought it was the perfect time to remind Parents and Carers about the important role you play in keeping children safe online.

To support you, Internet Matters has created a fantastic new resource called **'Set Up Safe'**. This guide helps simplify all those confusing device and tech settings, making it easier to put the right safety measures in place at home.

The guide also explains that effective online safety is all about 'layering'—setting up protections based on how your child uses their devices, rather than relying on just one tool or setting.

We hope this resource helps you feel more confident about supporting your child's online world.



For more resource's relating to online safety for your children please visit: <https://www.internetmatters.org/>

John Donne School Council is hosting a

Cake  **sale**

FRIDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2026

This Cake sale is to raise money for Seeds & Garden tools for the Garden Area in the playground!



REMINDER: CASH ONLY! SMALL CHANGE RECOMMENDED

Other Parent Information:



Free 15-week online Learning Unlimited accredited course for Southwark residents

Online English (ESOL) course

Tuesdays and Thursdays

10am-12.30pm

From 3rd March to 2nd July 2026 (term time only)

plus online Conversation Clubs



This course will take place on Zoom
Applicants should live in Southwark

To apply for a place on the course *in advance*
please use this link or QR code:

<https://tinyurl.com/2s8j25ee>

Spaces are limited so please **book soon**.

We will contact you to arrange an assessment and confirm your place on the course.



NITE
National Institute
of Teaching and Education
part of the Coventry University Group

nest
Nexus Education Schools Trust

TRAIN TO TEACH PRIMARY

with NEXUS Education Schools Trust

In Partnership with The National Institute of Teaching and Education (NITE).

Inspire Young Minds. Shape the Future. +

Are you a graduate ready to start a rewarding career in teaching?

Train to teach with Nexus Education Schools Trust and The National Institute of Teaching and Education (NITE), part of Coventry University Group.

At Nexus, you'll gain hands-on classroom experience in our schools, while NITE provides the expert training and academic support. Together, we'll help you build the skills, confidence and experience to become an outstanding primary teacher.

Why Train at a NEXUS school?



Full-time and Part-time Pathways

Training can be completed full-time over one year at five days per week, or part-time over two years at 2.5 days per week for a more flexible pathway.



Hands-On Classroom Experience

You'll be actively involved in the classroom from the start, but we'll build your responsibilities gradually to allow you to develop your practice and build confidence.



Expert Support

You'll work with mentors and teachers who know what it takes to train as a teacher. They bring years of classroom experience, practical insight and a genuine desire to help you get the best out of your training.



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



SCAN HERE

TO BEGIN YOUR APPLICATION

Take the first step towards your future in teaching.



itt@nestschools.org



020 8289 4767 ext. 125



Apply via DfE Apply

Parent Information Cont...

16TH - 20TH FEB
ULTIMATE SPORTS
FEBRUARY
HALF TERM

ARTS & CRAFTS
 SPORTS ACTIVITIES
 DANCE DRAMA
 SINGING

£30 PER LONG DAY
 07:30 - 18:00

£15 PER SHORT DAY
 10:00 - 15:00

JOHN DONNE PRIMARY SCHOOL
 WOODS RD, PECKHAM, SE15 2SW

GIVE US A CALL ON 07463 978692
 FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT
 INFO@ULTIMATESPORTSCLUB.CO.UK

Ofsted
 Registered

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?

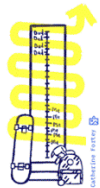
WHAT'S INVOLVED?

- 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?

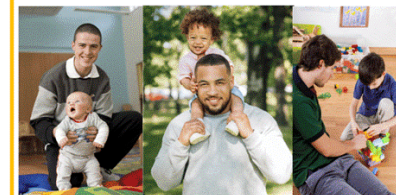
You will have the opportunity to share about your experiences of being a dad via video, audio and/or text. This will help us to influence policy and support practice in ways that has potential to benefit you and other young parents.

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.



PLEASE GO TO OUR WEBSITE TO JOIN IN:

<https://fyff.co.uk/get-involved>



Questions?
Contact us at:
FYFFteam@lincoln.ac.uk



Promo/Advertisements



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.

Southwark Council

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

Do you need this information translated?
Visit our website, where you can translate our cost of living pages into your preferred language. When you get to the homepage, scroll down to the bottom of the website, select your language, and click 'go'. Visit southwark.gov.uk/cost-of-living

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'.



Let The Kids' Table entertain the littl'uns while you relax over Sunday lunch

FREE SUPERVISED TABLE TOP FUN

at **MULTI STORY,**
Floor 6, Peckham Levels,
95a Rye Lane, SE15 4ST

Every Sunday 12-4pm

Scan here to book!

Age 3+ and free to dining customers

@TheKidsTableUK