

27th February 2026



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Kindness

Respect

Resilience

Community

Collaboration

Aspiration



Dear Parents and Carers,
I hope you all had a restful break. The children seem to have returned feeling refreshed for the short but very busy half term ahead. Although the weeks will fly by, we have a wonderful range of events and opportunities planned to support their learning.

Year 3 have started this half term with a trip to a Roman Amphitheatre at the Guildhall Art Gallery this week where they were able to bring to life their learning around the Romans. We are really proud of them as a member of the public commented on their fantastic behaviour while on the train which is a brilliant way to represent John Donne. Well done!

A reminder that our RHE Consultation Session will take place this Wednesday at 8:45am in the community space. This is an open opportunity for parents to view the new resources we will be using next academic year and to ask any questions you may have about the curriculum. Your feedback is always valued, and we encourage as many of you as possible to attend.

Next Thursday we will be celebrating World Book Day. Children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character, and the day will be filled with reading-themed activities designed to spark imagination and foster a love of books.

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 5 with 100%

Attendance

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

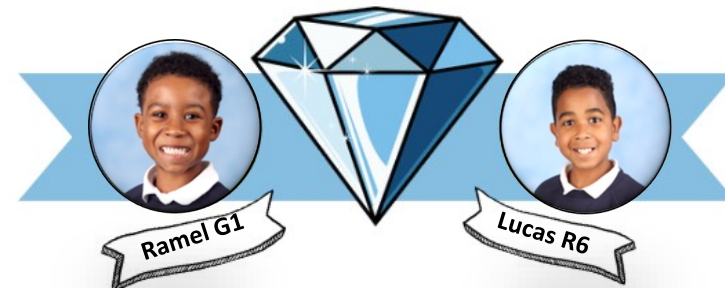
Our overall attendance this week is **94.7%**

Class	Attendance	Late
Nursery	93.95%	1
Reception Green	93.33%	1
Reception Red	96.15%	1
Green 1	93.93%	1
Red 1	90.42%	3
Green 2	92.31%	0
Red 2	91.2%	1
Green 3	96.9%	3
Red 3	97%	1
Green 4	93.2%	1
Red 4	97.08%	2
Green 5	97.67%	1
Red 5	100%	1
Green 6	96.15%	3
Red 6	95%	4

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

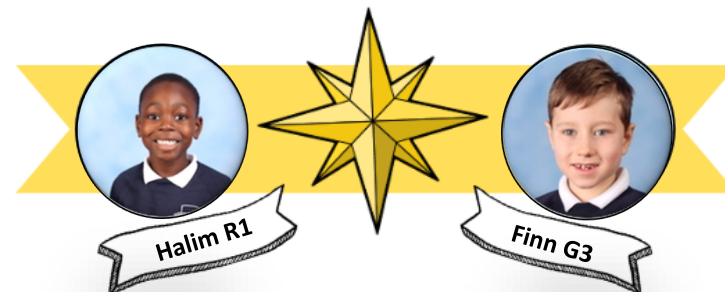


Diamond Ticket Winners this week:



Aizah R1, Yanis R1, Caelan R1, Mayra S G1, Ava R2, Yasin R2, Asma G2, Justine G2, Edric R3, Tyrese R3, Carlo G3, Dior G3, Filipe R4, Yeriel R4, Louie G4, Nathan G4m, Ava R5, Kash R5, Aliya G5, Saidat G5, Riya R6, Ventura R6, Amari G6, Habiba G6

Golden Ticket Winners this week:



Matilda R1, Deborah G1, Imani R2, Mekhi R2, Aaryan G2, Elissa G2, Amiyah R3, Sara R3, Ariah G3, Kaylee R4, Mubarakah R4, Athalia G4, Joshua G4, Adeola G5, Lina G5, Dana R5, Ezekiel R5, Akeem G6, Bella G6,

Values Assembly – What our learners think!



Respect

This week we had an in-person assembly to explore our school rules. We thought carefully about what places have rules, such as at home, school and in our community like at the swimming pool. We also thought about the reasons for each rule e.g. walking on the stairs so that we keep ourselves and others safe! What rules do you have that are important and why?

Important Parent Information

REMINDER FOR PARENTS/CARERS



All payments for Trips, Instrument hire & School Products can only be made through the Arbor App.

We no longer take cash in the office.

If you are struggling to sign in the app please come to the office for assistance.

More help can be found on our help sheet:

>>>CLICK HERE<<<

Important Dates to Remember

3rd March 2026	Y5– Trip to London Eye
5th March 2026	World Book Day!
5th March 2026	Coffee Morning for Parents/Carers–

WELCOME
•BACK•
TO
School

Coffee Morning

Thursday 5th March 2026

8:45am/After Drop off
Community Space

We would love for you to join us for a relaxed coffee morning where you can enjoy a warm drink, some light refreshments, and the chance to meet other parents and carers from our community

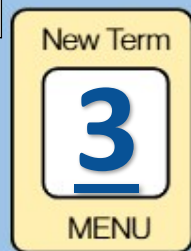
Spring 1 Term Dates

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	

LUNCH MENU



Please check next week's lunch menu by clicking the number above!

We currently use the following apps. Have you downloaded them yet?

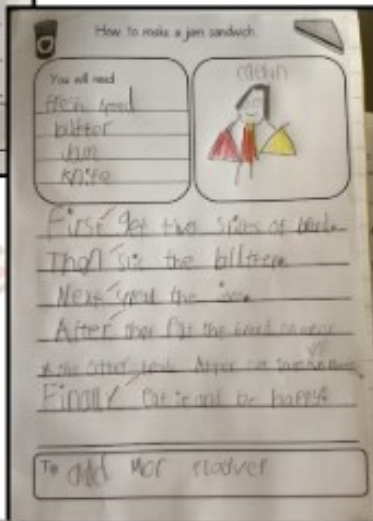
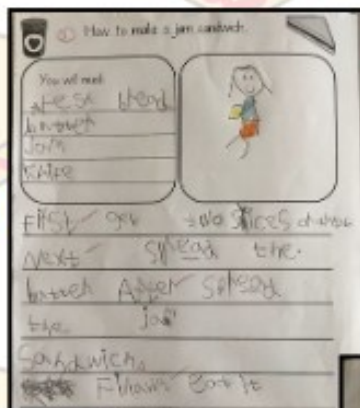
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Follow the Instructions!

with Year 1

This week in English Year 1 have been learning about instruction writing. On Monday, they made their own jam sandwiches and today they wrote instructions on how to make a jam sandwich. These pictures are of Year 1 students, making and eating their sandwiches. They were delicious!! Finally we were able to write at our instructions using sequencing adverbs and imperative verbs.



SURREY DOCKS FARM With Red 2

Red 2 went on an exciting visit to Surrey Docks Farm. We learned about orchids, beehives, chickens, cows, pigs, goats, and sheep. We discovered what each animal produces and the importance of farmers and what they provide for our community. We even got to pet the ferrets, guinea pigs, chickens, and rabbits, and feed the pigs, goats, and sheep.



Music

at JD



This week in Music, we had lots of fun celebrating the Lunar New Year. We played our rhythm sticks and listened to a story about how the zodiac came to be.

During the story, we sang songs and learned about the importance of pulse. We also learned about different instruments, including a Chinese instrument called 'The Guzheng'.





YOUNG VOICES

Concert 2026

JD Singers Choir Shine at Young Voices!

JD Singers had an unforgettable night at this year's Young Voices concert at the O2 Arena! Joining around 8,000 other children, our singers performed with fantastic energy—singing, dancing, and representing our school with pride.

It was especially lovely to see the choir reunite with friends they made in previous years, as well as make lots of new ones. The children had so much fun and their enthusiasm lit up the whole evening.

A huge thank you to all the adults who supported the trip—we couldn't have done it without you.

Parents who would like to relive the night (or enjoy it for the first time!) can purchase [it here](#).



THE GUILDHALL

with Year 3

Year 3 visited the Guildhall Art Gallery to take part in an exciting Roman workshop inside the Roman amphitheatre.

During the visit, the children learned more about the site and explored a range of fascinating Roman artefacts.

They also enjoyed taking part in a short performance, recreating a gladiator battle, which brought their learning about Roman history to life.



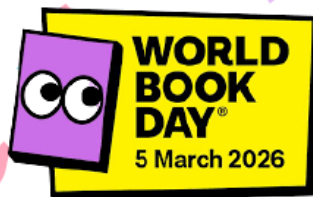
Drawing Club



This week in drawing club we have been looking at Luna New Year. We made dragons and draw pictures of the animal zodiacs.



Other Parent Information:



COME AND JOIN IN THE CELEBRATION!

JDPS MASKED READER



DRESS AS YOUR FAVOURITE



BOOK CHARACTER

JDPS BOOK COVER COMPETITION



JDPS BOOKS QUIZ



BUDDY READING



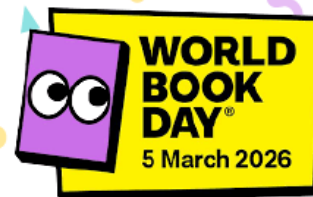
WORKSHOPS & MASTERCLASSES



Here at John Donne we are celebrating World Book Day!
We have some amazing activities planned!



LOTS OF PRIZES TO BE WON!



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COMPETITION & QUIZZES!

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JDPS BOOKS QUIZ



JDPS BOOK COVER COMPETITION



Children can enter the quizzes and competitions by clicking on the circles. Prizes to be won!

**ALL ENTRIES MUST BE ENTERED BY:
WEDNESDAY 4TH MARCH 2026**

DRESS AS YOUR FAVOURITE



BOOK CHARACTER

THURSDAY 5TH MARCH 2026

Children can come to school dressed as their favourite Book Character.

Prizes can be won for best dressed children!

Other Parent Information:



Free 5-week Learning Unlimited course for parents and carers

Helping my Child with Writing

Thursdays 9am-11am

From 23rd April to 21st May 2026

John Donne Primary School
Woods Road, London SE15 2SW



What will I get from attending the course?

- You will find out how children learn to write
- You will learn how you can help them with their writing at home.
- You will make fun writing games and activities to play with your child
- You will have the opportunity to share experiences and ideas with other parents.

How much does it cost?

The course is free.

Where can I get more information or sign up for the course?

Contact **Cindy McDonald** at John Donne Primary School on 020 7639 0594 or cmcdonald@idacademy.org.uk



Southwark Parenting Team

Being a parent can be very rewarding. However, we know that starting a family and bringing up children can be difficult.

There are times when any parent or carer needs some extra support.

We offer a range of free parenting programmes from babies to young adults.

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Parent Information Cont...



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.



March 2026 Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Improving Family Communication	2 Mar 10am
Autism - Improving Communication	2 Mar 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	3 Mar 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	3 Mar 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	9 Mar 10am
Understanding Anger	9 Mar 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	10 Mar 10am
Facing Defiance	10 Mar 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	16 Mar 10am
Anxiety Explained	16 Mar 7pm
Introduction to OCD	17 Mar 10am
What is ACT	17 Mar 7pm
Raising Self-Esteem	23 Mar 10am
Decreasing Depression	23 Mar 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	24 Mar 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	24 Mar 7pm
FREE Anxiety Based School Avoidance	26 Mar 7-8pm