

6th March 2026



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It was wonderful to see so many children dressed up for World Book Day yesterday. The excitement around the school was fantastic, and the children thoroughly enjoyed sharing books with their buddies, alongside the many other reading-themed activities happening throughout the day.

Thank you for your support with costumes and for helping us continue to nurture a love of reading across the school.

This week has also included some memorable learning experiences beyond the classroom. Our Year 5 pupils visited the London Eye as part of their work on The London Eye Mystery. Seeing the landmark in real life added an extra layer of understanding to the story and really helped bring their reading to life.

Meanwhile, G2 had a wonderful trip to Surrey Docks Farm, where they were able to get up close with a range of animals to support their science learning. The children were enthusiastic, curious, and brilliantly behaved throughout the visit.

A reminder that our next RHE Consultation Session will take place on Friday 13th March at 2:30pm in the community space. We welcome all parents who would like to view the resources and share their thoughts. 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 3 with 98.62%

Attendance

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

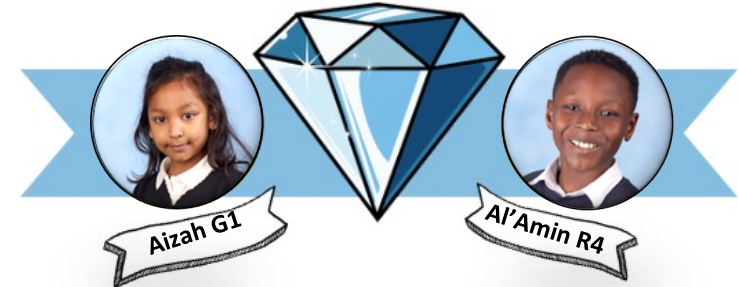
Our overall attendance this week is **96.13%**

Class	Attendance	Late
Nursery	95.9%	3
Reception Green	96.67%	2
Reception Red	96.92%	3
Green 1	96.43%	3
Red 1	97.5%	3
Green 2	92.69%	2
Red 2	95.6%	6
Green 3	93.79%	1
Red 3	98.62%	1
Green 4	93.2%	4
Red 4	98.33%	0
Green 5	95.33%	1
Red 5	97.93%	4
Green 6	97.31%	1
Red 6	95.77%	1

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

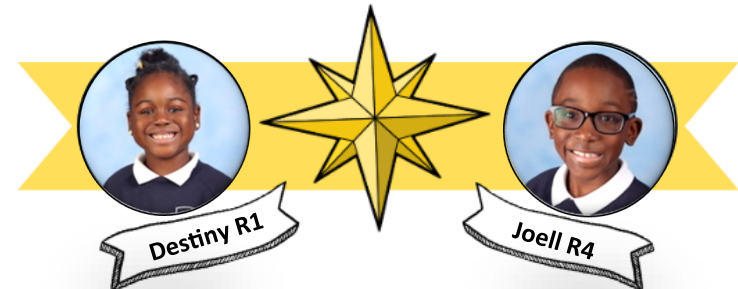


Diamond Ticket Winners this week:



Faith G1, Romeo G1, Rueben R1, Justine G2, Zeriyah G2, Mickell R2, Na'eem R2, Cheznae G3, Moses G3, Fiifi R3, Kyra R3, Eunicie G4, Lea G4, Ade R5, Efe R5, Zakeriya R5, Havyar G5, Richie G5, Muizza R6, Nia R6, Jeremiah G6, Rhama G6

Golden Ticket Winners this week:



Arran R1, Eymi G1, Fred G1, Aiden R2, Fredelyn G2, Abdulrazak R3, Grace R3, Kawthar G3, Toby G3, Eliza-Rose R4, Eunicie G4, Neriah G4, Ade R5, Ibraheem R5, Ibrahim G5, Leonardo G5, Abdul-Razak R6, Akilah R6, Aliya R6, Nevaeh G6, Princess G6



Values Assembly – What our learners think!

This week we learnt about what Geese do to work together as a community when flying. We had some incredibly reflections from our classes such as this one from Green 5, 'You need to stand up for each other and be strong. We should all honk for each other at JD so that we will keep on going and get stronger!'

Important Parent Information

MUSIC

Violin Lessons

There are currently 10 violinists at John Donne, ranging from beginner to working on Grade 1 repertoire. Here we are working on a group piece to include all levels - 'Spring Chickens!' - for the next concert.



Important Dates to Remember

16th March 2026	LAMDA Poetry Assembly—Parents of Performers only
19th March 2026	Rocksteady Concert– Parents of Performers only
24th March 2026	Red 1 Assembly-AM
26th March 2026	Year 1 Trip to Sydenham

Spring 1 Term Dates

Tuesday 6th January 2026	Friday 13th February 2026
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16TH FEBRUARY 2026

HALF TERM

TO

20TH FEBRUARY 2026

Spring 2 Term Dates

Monday 23rd February 2026	Friday 27th March 2026
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25TH MAY 2026

HALF TERM

TO

29TH MAY 2026

LUNCH MENU

New Term

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MENU



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

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

Click on either image for more information or see the office for help.



SURREY DOCKS FARM

With Green 2



Green 2 had a wonderful trip to Surrey Docks Farm, where the children learned about different farm animals and the important work farmers do. They loved getting hands-on—petting small animals and feeding the pigs, goats, and sheep. A fun and memorable day for all!

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LONDON EYE With Year 5



Year 5 were high in the sky at the London Eye on Tuesday. They've been reading *The London Eye Mystery* so it really brought the story to life for us and we got to strengthen our predictions about how the story ends!

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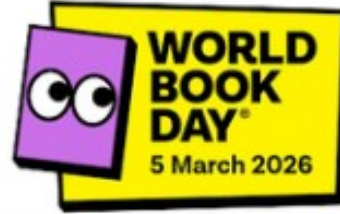
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World Book Day was a fantastic success!

Staff and children came in amazing costumes, and the effort this year was incredible. Everyone enjoyed fun book-themed activities, and a big well done to all who took part. Congratulations to our competition winners! 🎉



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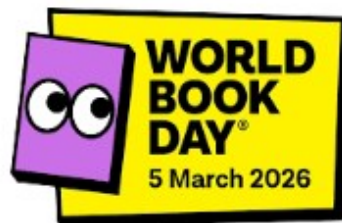
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WBD Costume Winners



KS1
Wynter R1

KS2
Toby G3

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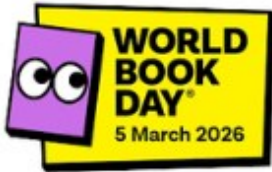
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Competition Winners

JDPS BOOK COVER COMPETITION

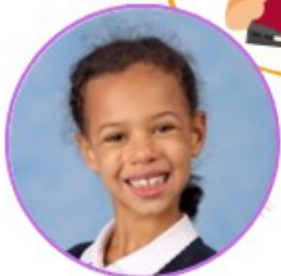


JDPS MASKED READER



KS1

KS2



Eva R2



Tasneem R6

JDPS BOOKS QUIZ



KS1

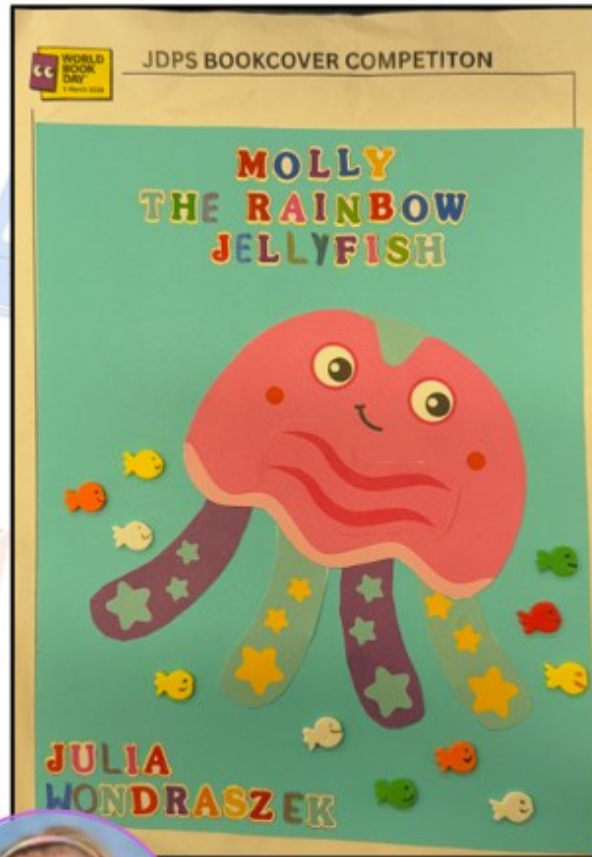
KS2



Raimond R1



Logan G6



KS1
Julia G1



KS2
Akeem G6

KS1 Runners Up - Ava R2, Leo G1
KS2 Runners Up - Logan G6, Amari G6

Other Parent Information:

The London Mini Marathon



Feel like running a Marathon?

We have secured 25 places for children on the London Mini Marathon on Saturday 25th April. Start time to be confirmed soon.

This is a 1 mile run. walk or stroll on the final mile of the real London Marathon Course, the day before thousands of runners take part in the real Marathon. The finish line is on the Mall outside Buckingham Palace.

You do not need to be a super runner to take part. You just need to be ready to enjoy yourself. Children will need to be brought to the start line by an adult and children in Reception, year 1 and year 2 will need to be accompanied by an adult on the run. If you do not think you will be able to do this then there will be adults from the school to help with this. You will just need to get them to the start line and collect them at the finish line. A group will meet at Queens Road Peckham if you want to travel together.

Not only will this be a fun thing to do, but for every child that finishes, the school will be given £10. This can be spent on new PE equipment.

All children will also get a Medal to show they have taken part.

If you would like to know more about the event then you can take a look at the London Mini Marathon Website

<https://www.londonmarathonevents.co.uk/mini-london-marathon>

If you would like your child to take part then please can you let the office know. We can collect a list of the names and then randomly select 25 children to make it as fair as possible. Please submit your child's name by Friday 13th March

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

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.

scan QR code for more info



Parenting@southwark.gov.uk



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Other Parent Information:



PBS UNIVERSAL SESSIONS

A space for parents and carers of people with additional needs
No diagnosis needed!

Come along to:

Learn more about caring for a child or young person with Autism Spectrum Disorder or Learning Disability

Meet other parents and carers

Speak with Positive Behaviour Support Workers

Light refreshments provided



ANN BERNADT FAMILY HUB

29 Chandler way
London
SE15 6DT



12:30PM - 2PM

See timetable on back of this leaflet



FOR ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT: PBSTeam@southwark.gov.uk

Topic	Date	More Info
Understanding Behaviour Workshop	Tuesday 10 th March 2026	Focus on understanding behaviours of concern and exploring practical support strategies.
Drop-in Support Session	Tuesday 17 th March 2026	The team offers advice and support for behaviours of concern, providing practical guidance and helpful resources.
Parent Carer Support Group	Tuesday 24 th March 2026	Come along to our parent/carer group to connect, share and feel supported.
EASTER HOLIDAYS		
Emotional Regulation Workshop	Tuesday 14 th April 2026	Focus on understanding emotional regulation in young people and ourselves and developing practical strategies to support wellbeing and reduce escalation.
Drop-in Support Session with the <u>Young Southwark Sexual Health team</u>	Tuesday 21 st April 2026	The PBS team and Young Southwark Sexual Health team will be offering advice, support and guidance, along with providing helpful resources. https://www.turning-point.co.uk/services/young-southwark-sexual-health
Parent Carer Support Group	Tuesday 28 th April 2026	Come along to our parent/carer group to connect, share and feel supported.