

20th March 2026



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Dear Parents and Carers,
We have had a joyful and talent-filled week in school as both our LAMDA learners and our Rocksteady bands took to the stage. Our LAMDA performers impressed us all with their confidence, expression and hard work during Monday's showcase. It was wonderful to see so many family members in

the audience supporting them. We now wish all pupils the very best of luck for their LAMDA exam on Tuesday—we know they will shine.

Today's Rocksteady performance was another highlight, with our bands proudly demonstrating the musical skills they have been developing this term. We are incredibly proud of how far they have come.

A reminder that we are currently inviting parent feedback in two important areas.

Trust-wide behaviour consultation – Please complete the [online form](#) by Friday 27th March.

RHE Consultation – Parents are warmly invited to a drop-in session to view the resources on Monday 23rd March at 2:30pm in the Community Space and complete the [online form](#).

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. These opportunities are made even more special by our whole school community coming together.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend and we will see you bright and early on Monday morning for our last week in school before the Easter break.

Miss Rooney



This Weeks Class Attendance Winner

Red 6 with 99.23%

Attendance

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

Our overall attendance this week is **96.29%**

Class	Attendance	Late
Nursery	91.64%	1
Reception Green	95.56	0
Reception Red	96.62%	1
Green 1	95.71%	1
Red 1	98.33%	1
Green 2	95.77%	2
Red 2	95.2%	2
Green 3	98.52%	0
Red 3	95.86%	0
Green 4	97.6%	1
Red 4	95.83%	0
Green 5	96%	1
Red 5	97.93%	1
Green 6	93.85%	1
Red 6	99.23%	0

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

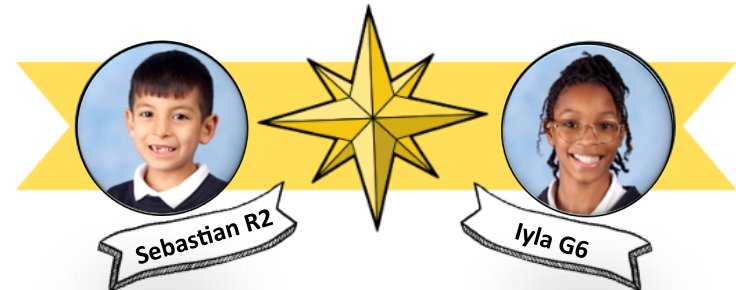


Diamond Ticket Winners this week:



Ellie-May, R2, Kaylee R2, Chucks G2, Leo R2, Deborah G3, Hamza R3, Hannah R3, Deborah G3, Chimamanda G4, Joshua G4, Ezra R4, Joell R4, Eliud G5, Caylen R5, Manha R5, Amy G6, Princess G6, Aston R6, Tomiwa R6

Golden Ticket Winners this week:



Matthew G2, Susanna G2, Vienna G2, Elaine R3, Leon R3, Mohammed G3, Mubarakah R4, Serra R4, Abdulkader G4, Ibitayo G4, Gyemfi R5, Rocsi R5, Morecambe G5, Rebecca G5, Ayomide R6, Elizabeth R6, Heritage G6,

Values Assembly – What our learners think!

We focused on our important value of resilience this week and explored how this is a characteristic that everyone needs to practice. It helps us to cope with adversity, be confident to try difficult or challenging things and helps us enjoy when things are challenging rather than giving up! The pupils in Red 6 made some excellent points about how we can use this in our learning by sharing, 'we understand that resilience will take time to develop but not giving up and asking for help when needed is a good starting point'.



Important Parent Information

Important Dates to Remember

23rd March 2026	RHE Consultation Meeting for Parents & Carers
24th March 2026	Red 1 Assembly-AM
24th March 2026	Red 1 Phonics Screening Meeting (After R1 Assembly)
25th March 2026	Green 1 Assembly– AM
25th March 2026	Green 1 Phonics Screening Meeting (After G1 Assembly)
26TH March 2026	Coffee Morning for Parents and Carers
26th March 2026	Year 1 Trip to Sydenham
27th March 2026	End of Spring Term 2—2pm Finish!

Coffee Morning Thursday 26th March 2026

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



8:45am/After Drop off
Community Space

Free NHS webinar on childhood vaccinations - for parents and carers of nursery school children

Thursday 26 March, 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm

Join us online for a free NHS webinar on childhood vaccinations for parents and carers of nursery school children. We'll cover everything you need to know to keep your little ones safe and healthy. You'll hear from NHS doctors and nurses who care for children every day.

We'll cover:

- Some of the diseases vaccinations protect against
- How vaccines work
- The routine vaccination schedule in the UK

There will be time to ask questions in a safe and open space. You can also submit a question before the event when you sign up. Please note we cannot give individual health advice.

Register to attend webinar here:
selondonics.org/childimm-Mar26

Spring 1 Term Dates

Tuesday 6th January 2026	Friday 13th February 2026
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HALF TERM

16th February 2026–
20th February 2026

Spring 2 Term Dates

Monday 23rd February 2026	Friday 27th March 2026
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HALF TERM

30th March 2026—
10th April 2026

LUNCH MENU

New Term

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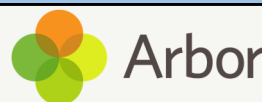
MENU



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.



In-School Book Fair Success!

Children's
Book
Project

We recently hosted an exciting in-school Book Fair with books generously supplied by The Children's Book Project! Every child had the opportunity to choose at least two books that interested them from a wonderful selection of titles.

It was fantastic to see so many children excited about reading and exploring the wide variety of books available to them. A love of reading truly starts with choice – and our pupils embraced it brilliantly!



LAMDA Poetry Assembly

Hosted by Miss Naomi

This week, Ms. Naomi, our amazing poetry teacher, hosted a wonderful assembly showcasing the poetry performances of our talented LAMDA students. The children shared the pieces they will be performing for their upcoming LAMDA exams, and they were absolutely fantastic! Every child who participated shone bright – they spoke clearly, confidently, and each poem was truly captivating. Their hard work, creativity, and dedication were evident in every performance. We wish all our students the very best in their upcoming exams. We couldn't be prouder of you!



ROCK STEADY

SRPING 2026



Rock Steady Showcase!

What a rocking performance from our students who take Rock Steady lessons! It was fantastic to see how much progress they've made — their confidence, rhythm, and stage presence were truly impressive.

We may even have a couple of future superstars to watch out for!



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Wade E.W. Tae Kwon Do

Congrats!



Eunice G4, Emmy G4, Joell R4, Kahmello R4, Dalro R4, Vito R4, Athalla G4, Jevaina G6, Logan R6, Nia R6, Eleanor R6

for achieving their Taekwondo belts (White Stripe / Yellow Stripe) and receiving their certificates!

We are all incredibly proud of your hard work, dedication, and commitment. **Keep it up!**

We look forward to seeing you continue your Taekwondo journey and achieve even more milestones!

Red Nose Day

Loom Band Sale

Wear it Red!

Cake Sale

What a fantastic day we had celebrating Red Nose Day! It was wonderful to see so many children Wear It Red and show their support for such an amazing cause.

A huge thank you to all parents and carers who contributed and helped make the day such a success!

We hope all the children who purchased Loom Bands are enjoying their colourful creations, and those who bought cakes enjoyed their sweet treats!

Thank you for helping us make a difference.



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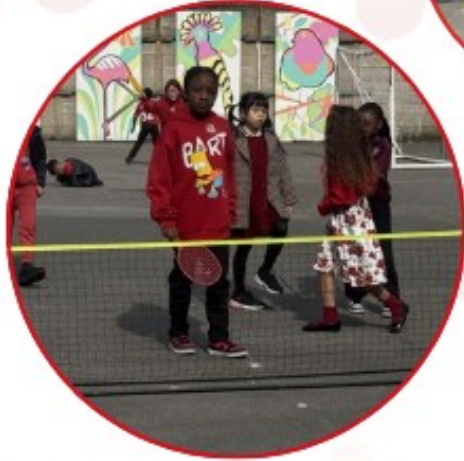
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Thank You!




Other Parent Information:

AUTISM COFFEE MORNING

April is **Autism Acceptance Month**. Join Southwark's Autism Support Team (AST) for a coffee morning to celebrate with us.

- ✓ Meet the Autism Support Team
- ✓ Speak to local services available to you and your family
- ✓ Connect with other parents of Autistic children

 **Thursday**
16 April, 2026

 **9:30 AM**
11:30 AM

 **Park College, 5**
Kennington Park
Place, SE11 4AS

RSVP

Please let us know if you're coming so that we can plan accordingly!



Use the QR code above, or follow this link:
<https://forms.office.com/e/1wGgMXGd7H>





Session for Parents/Carers on the proposed SEND Reform



The [SIAS Team](#) & [SIV](#) are delivering a presentation to help you understand the proposed changes to the SEND system and the government White Paper. We will also be supporting you to respond to the consultation with your views.



SESSION DETAILS

- Date: Thursday 23rd April 2026
- Time: 10am - 1pm
- Where: Links Community Centre, SE16 3HF
- Refreshments Provided
- SIAS Team Presentation 11am - 12pm, with consultation support afterwards

CONTACT

For more information contact the [SIAS Team](#)

✉ sias@southwark.gov.uk

☎ 020 7525 3104



THE BIG AUTISM ART EXHIBITION



TO CELEBRATE **AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH**, WE ARE HOLDING AN ART EXHIBITION OF ARTWORK MADE BY YOUNG AUTISTIC PEOPLE IN SOUTHWARK.

DO YOU WANT TO SUBMIT YOUR ARTWORK?

YOUR ARTWORK COULD BE A...

- PAINTING
- DRAWING
- 3D MODEL
- DIGITAL ART
- SCULPTURE
- COLLAGE
- ORIGAMI
- **ANYTHING!**

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR ART

GIVE IT TO YOUR SCHOOL SENCO BY
20.03.26
OR
DROP IT OFF AT SOUTHWARK COUNCIL,
160 TOOLEY ST (SE1 2QH) BY **13.04.26**

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR ARTWORK WITH YOUR NAME, AGE, SCHOOL AND A PARENT EMAIL ADDRESS. IF YOU CAN, WRITE A SHORT PARAGRAPH ABOUT YOURSELF AND YOUR ARTWORK.

EXHIBITION
OPEN TO ALL

22-24 APRIL, 2026

SOUTHWARK COUNCIL, 160 TOOLEY ST, SE1 2QH

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE EMAIL AUTISMSUPPORTTEAM@SOUTHWARK.GOV.UK

The Big Autism Art Exhibition

We are excited to share that The Big Autism Art Exhibition will feature artworks created by autistic children from across Southwark. We warmly invite autistic pupils from our school to submit their artwork for inclusion.

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



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.



Other Parent Information:

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST FOR FREE TICKETS TO MILLWALL LIONESSES' MATCH AGAINST SUTTON UNITED.



Millwall Lionesses host Sutton United on Sunday 29th March 2026 at 1:30pm and we are offering free tickets participants and families.

This is an expression of interest, not all participants will receive a ticket to attend due to availability. You will be emailed a week prior to confirm tickets.

Click here to register your interest--->>>

Register Here!



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.