

27th March 2026



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Dear parents and carers,

As we come to the end of this very short half term, it has been wonderful to reflect on just how much learning and excitement has been packed into these few weeks. Despite the quick pace, the children have shown great enthusiasm, curiosity and determination in all areas of school life.

A huge well done to our LAMDA learners, who completed their exams this week. They approached the assessments with confidence and maturity, and we are incredibly proud of each and every one of them. There is now a short—and slightly nervous—wait while we await the results, but I am sure they have all performed extremely well.

I would also like to sincerely thank parents and carers for your engagement and support with the various consultations that have taken place this half term. Your feedback is invaluable and helps us continue to shape our provision in the best interests of all our pupils.

As we head into the Easter break, I wish every family a restful and enjoyable holiday and we will see you bright and early on Monday 13th April.

**Miss Rooney**



This Weeks Class Attendance Winner

**Green 4 with 92.8%**

## Attendance

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

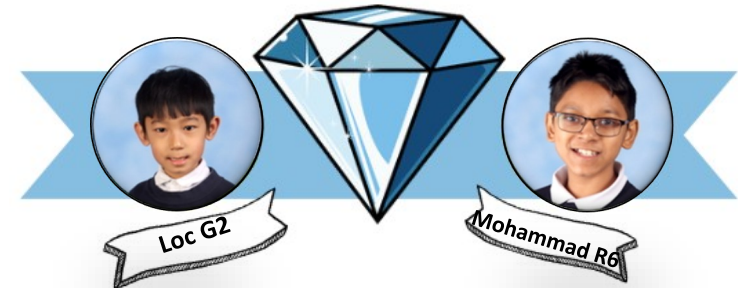
Our overall attendance this week is **89.75%**

Class	Attendance	Late
Nursery	88.4%	2
Reception Green	92.22%	0
Reception Red	86.54%	3
Green 1	90%	2
Red 1	90.42%	4
Green 2	92.69%	4
Red 2	90%	2
Green 3	90%	1
Red 3	88.62%	6
Green 4	92.8%	5
Red 4	91.67%	1
Green 5	86.67%	1
Red 5	90.34%	1
Green 6	85.38%	3
Red 6	91.54%	2

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

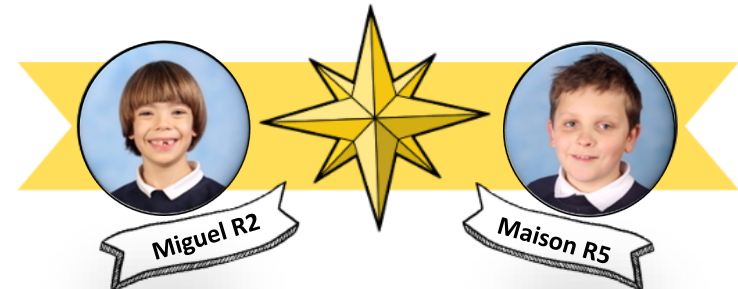


Diamond Ticket Winners this week:



Aaliyah M G1, Bouba G1, Anna R1, Milani R1, Aneira G2, Akindayo R2, Heerabye R2, Bareerah G3, Amina R3, Shiloh R3, Emmy G4, Halima G4, Kahmello R4, Serra R4, Ibrahim G5, Inayah G5, Anh R5, Ava R5, Mustapha G6, Zane G6, Amina R6

Golden Ticket Winners this week:



Finley R1, Wynter R1, Deberah G1, Jessica G1, Fatim R2, Elijah G2, Fredelyn G2, Carlo G3, Dora R3, Isaac R3, Ryleigh-Wrey G4, Osinachi G4, Wzra R4, Yeriel R4, Makai G5, Zariyah G5, Fathima R5, Riley G6, Abdulhamid G6, Baasit R6, Lucas R6



Resilience

## Values Assembly – What our learners think!

We had part 2 of our assembly about resilience this week and children had an opportunity to look at 10 top tips for resilience. Pupils then had to challenge themselves to decide which tip was the most important, which is tricky! Green 3 couldn't quite decide on one and felt that 'connect' or building healthy relationships with your family, friends and teachers and 'enjoy' because feeling content is an important aspect of trying hard!

## Important Parent Information

### Summer Term Information Sharing Meetings

We'd Love to See You There!

We're looking forward to welcoming parents and carers to our summer term information sharing meetings. These sessions are a great opportunity to find out what your child will be learning this term and to ask any questions you might have.

#### What will the meetings cover?

At these meetings, you'll be able to:

- Find out about your child's learning – We'll share details about the topics and themes your child will be exploring in the summer term
- Hear about important whole school events – We'll update you on key dates and activities happening across the school
- Learn about class trips and visits – We'll give you information about any planned educational visits for your child's year group
- View our relationships and sex education (RSE) plans and resources – You'll have the opportunity to look at the materials and lesson plans we'll be using for RSE teaching this term

All meetings take place in our Community Space (next to Green Reception classroom) from 08:45 - 09:15

Reception	Wednesday 15th April
Year 1	Thursday 16th April
Year 2	Friday 17th April
Year 5	Monday 20th April
Year 4	Tuesday 21st April
Year 3	Thursday 23rd April
Year 6	Friday 24th April

### Important Dates to Remember

27th March 2026	End of Spring Term 2—2pm Finish!
13th April 2026	Summer 1 Term Starts
16th April 2026	Year 2 Trip to Horniman Museum
27th April 2026	Class & Y6 Individual photos
29th April 2026	History Significant Figures Day!

### Key Dates Next Term!

18th June 2026	Beach Trip—Reception, Year 1 & Year 6
25th June 2026	Beach Trip—Year 2, 3, 4 & 5
3rd July 2026	Parent Information Day (No School)
8th July 2026	Summer Fair (After School)

### 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.



# MARK YOUR CALENDARS: HISTORY DAY IS BACK!

Wednesday 29th April 2026

Get ready to step back in time! Following the success of last year's event, we are excited to announce our 2nd Annual History Day on Wednesday 29th April 2026. This year's theme is "Local Legends," where we'll celebrate the incredible people from our own community and country who made history. We invite all students to come to school dressed as a significant historical figure—bonus points for choosing a local hero! It will be a day filled with fun activities, storytelling, and a whole-school costume competition. We can't wait to see our "Local Legends" come to life!



## CELEBRATE THE HEROES FROM OUR OWN BACKYARD!

### COME DRESSED AS YOUR FAVORITE "LOCAL LEGEND" OR SIGNIFICANT HISTORICAL FIGURE!

**ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:**

Storytelling, Games & Competitions!

**WHOLE SCHOOL  
COMPETITION WITH  
EXCITING PRIZES!**

**DATE:  
WEDNESDAY 29TH APRIL**



# Red Nose Day

Thank you to everyone who took part in Red Nose Day!  
It was great to see you all wearing red and enjoying the loombands and cakes!

**We raised... £312.25**

## Join the Doodle Spring Challenge!

1st - 30th April

Earn exclusive pin badges and  
certificates by Doodling 'little and often'



Scan the QR code or visit  
[doodlelearning.com/challenge](https://doodlelearning.com/challenge)  
to find out more



  
**doodlemaths**

**doodle**



**Heerabye R2 has  
achieved a 500-  
day streak in  
DoodleMaths!**



**doodle**

Between the 1st April and the 30th April, we invite students to join the exciting  
Spring Challenge – the DoodleMaths Challenge.

Children need to earn 450 stars and use DoodleMaths for  
7 days\* between the 1st April - 30th April. Parents at  
home can print keep track of their child's progress by  
downloading our [free tracker sheet](#).

More information can be found by clicking the image---->



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# THE CONTINENTS OF THE WORLD With Red 1



Red 1 have been learning about the Continents of the World!  
Well done on hosting such an informative and amazing assembly!

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# Sydenham Woods

With Year 1



Year 1 had a wild time in Sydenham Woods today! 🌿 Exploring the local wildlife and enjoying the great outdoors. So many discoveries made! 🐞 ✨


## Parent Information Cont...

# 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 23<sup>rd</sup> April to 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup> March to 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:

**EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB**  
30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH - 10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

£30 PER LONG DAY  
7:30 - 18:00

£15 PER SHORT DAY  
10:00 - 15:00

ARTS & CRAFTS    OUTDOOR TRIPS    SPORT ACTIVITIES    DANCE DRAMA

**PACKED WITH FUN!**

John Donne Primary School  
Woods Rd, SE15 2SW

07463 978692    Info@ultimatesportsclub.co.uk



## 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](mailto:PBSTeam@southwark.gov.uk)

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