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Kindness

Respect

Resilience

Community

Collaboration

Aspiration



Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to the summer term! I hope you all enjoyed a restful and happy Easter break. It has been lovely to see the children return to school so settled and ready to learn. This term promises to be another busy and exciting one, filled with rich learning opportunities across the curriculum.

Year 2 have already enjoyed a fantastic visit to the Horniman Museum this week to support their science learning about animals and their habitats. The children were fully engaged throughout the trip, asking thoughtful questions and making clear links between what they saw and their classroom learning. Experiences like this really help to bring learning to life.

A reminder that our information sharing meetings will be taking place over the next couple of weeks. These sessions are a valuable opportunity to meet with your child's teacher, hear about what your child will be learning this term, and find out how you can continue to support them at home. We strongly encourage all parents to attend. Information about the dates can be found further on in the newsletter.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and we'll see you bright and early on Monday morning.

Miss Rooney



This Weeks Class Attendance Winner

Green 6 with

Attendance

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

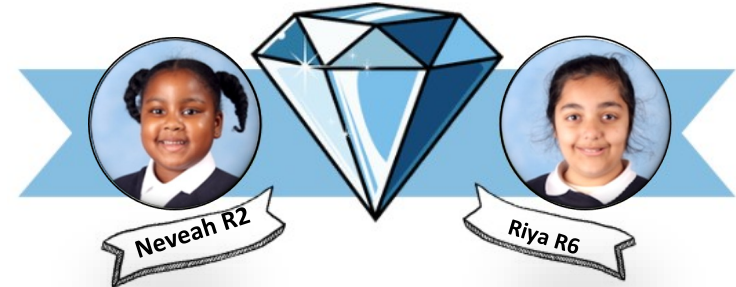
Our overall attendance this week is **93.92%**

Class	Attendance	Late
Nursery	85%	2
Reception Green	97.41%	3
Reception Red	86.92%	2
Green 1	96.79%	0
Red 1	95.42%	4
Green 2	94.78%	0
Red 2	94.4%	1
Green 3	94.33%	2
Red 3	97.93%	2
Green 4	93.2%	3
Red 4	95%	0
Green 5	88.33%	1
Red 5	95.86%	0
Green 6	99.23%	1
Red 6	96.15%	2

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

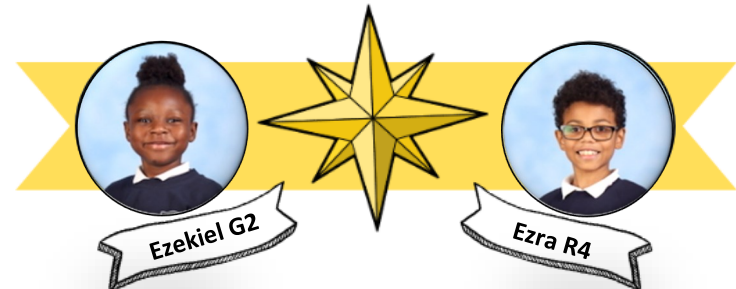


Diamond Ticket Winners this week:



Aaleyah G1, Lina G1, Janae R1, Marwah R1, Nehemiah G2, Yusuf G2, Heerabye R2, Ahmed G3, Great G3, Dora R3, Jacob R3, Oliver G4, Zion G4, Lana R4, Mubarakah R4, Iqra G5, Motoyosi G5, Teegan R5, Derryl R5, Susannah G6, Tasneem G6, Logan R6

Golden Ticket Winners this week:



Faith G1, Romeo G1, Aizah R1, Rumaan R1, Alfie G2, Imani R2, Malachi R2, Zakaria R2, Olivia G3, Sia G3, Leon R3, Tawseef R3, Al-Amin G4, Ibitayo G4, Jonah R4, Aylan G5, Lina G5, Efe R5, Hussein R5, Habiba g6, Rhama G6, Eleanor R6, Ventura R6

Values Assembly – What our learners think!



We will be back next week...

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

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 April 2026	Class Photos & Year 6 Individual photos
29th April 2026	History Significant Figures Day!
6th May 2026	Year 2 V&A Museum (Printmaking)
8th May 2026	Year 4 Trip– Unicorn Theatre

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)

Summer 1 Term Dates

Monday 13th April 2026	Friday 22nd May 2026
HALF TERM	25th May 2026 to 29th May 2026
Summer 2 Term Dates	
Monday 1st June 2026	Wednesday 22nd July 2026

LUNCH MENU

New Term



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.



Horniman Museum

With Year 2



On Thursday, we went to the Horniman Museum. We did an interactive workshop where we got to touch artefacts and learn about animals and their different habitat. We even got to explore “Voyage to the deep” exhibit and play in their amazing gardens.

Upcoming Events in School:

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



JOHN DONNE PRESENTS

MIGRATION

COST : £3.50

CLASSES - RECEPTION TO YEAR 2

DATE : WEDNESDAY 29TH APRIL

**SNACK BAG PROVIDED - POPCORN, JUICE, FRUIT,
CHEESE AND CRACKERS**

TIME : 3:15PM - 5:15PM

(COLLECTION VIA MAIN GATES- PLAYGROUND)



Parent Information Cont...



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@jdcademy.org.uk

Parent & Carer Course: Helping My Child With Writing

We are pleased to offer an upcoming course for parents and carers titled **"Helping My Child With Writing."**

The course will begin on **Thursday 23rd April** and will run until **Thursday 21st May**.

Sessions will take place **every Thursday from 9:00am–11:00am**.

This course will provide practical guidance, useful strategies, and key insights into supporting your child with their handwriting. It is also designed to boost your confidence as a parent or carer when helping your child at home.

If you would like to join the course, please register your interest by emailing:
 cmcdonald@jdcademy.org.uk

GALA PERFORMANCE
 A family friendly red-carpet event with interval drinks and ice creams included.
 Thursday 2 July 7pm
 £60-£150
 020 8969 1555
londonchildrensballet.com
 All ticket revenue from this performance supports LCB's work.

FURTHER PERFORMANCES
 Friday 3 July 7pm
 Saturday 4 July 12.30pm and 4.00pm
 Sunday 5 July 12.30pm and 4.00pm
 £18 – £55
sadlerswells.com
 020 7863 8000
 The Peacock,
 Portugal Street,
 London,
 WC2A 2HN

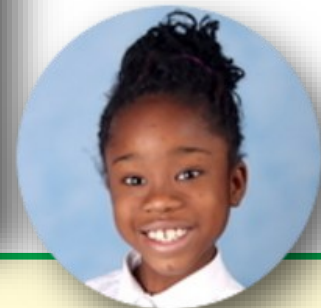
ANNE OF GREEN GABLES

Based on the charming original story by LM Montgomery, *Anne of Green Gables* follows the adventures of a spirited, imaginative 11-year-old orphan. Adopted by an elderly brother and sister, Anne gets up to endless mischief but eventually wins over the community with her endearing, compassionate and courageous nature.

ABOUT LONDON CHILDREN'S BALLET
 LCB productions are an ideal way to introduce children to ballet and classical music. Performed by an engaging all-child cast of dancers aged 9–16, their dancing and captivating storytelling make LCB ballets a sell-out success, popular with children and adults alike.

The productions are set to original classical scores and played by a live orchestra.

Peacock
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Congratulations, Folasade!

We would like to send a huge congratulations to **Folasade R5** for being part of a fantastic ballet performance, *Anne of Green Gables*. What an incredible achievement!

Please see the attached flyer for more information about the performance, and why not book some tickets to show your support and enjoy an inspiring modern ballet production.

Well done, Folasade – we are very proud of you!