

24th April 2026



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It has been another great week across the school, with children fully engaged in purposeful and enjoyable learning. Nursery and Reception children have especially loved spending time in our newly revamped nursery garden, where they have been exploring the different learning zones, taking part in imaginative play, and developing their communication and physical skills through outdoor activities. The excitement and curiosity shown by the children has been wonderful to see.

Our Year 4 pupils have also had an excellent start to their fortnightly visits to Beson Street Gardens. These sessions provide valuable opportunities for hands-on learning, linking closely to their science curriculum and deepening their understanding of the natural environment. We are delighted to be able to enrich classroom learning through real-world experiences such as these. Thank you to all parents and carers who attended the recent parent information-sharing meetings with your child's teacher; your ongoing partnership and support are greatly appreciated. We would also like to thank you in advance for your support with our upcoming Early Years and Key Stage 1 film night next week, which we are sure will be a fun and enjoyable event for all.

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

**Green 1 with 99.29%**

## Attendance

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

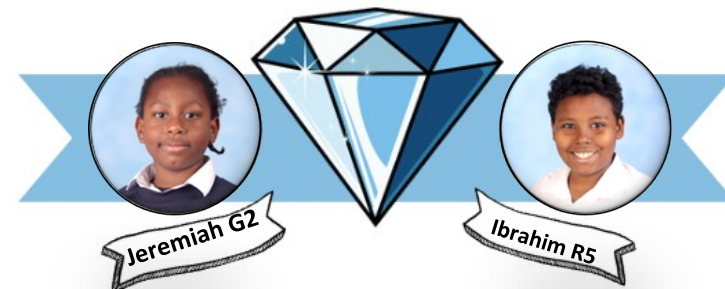
Our overall attendance this week is **96.08%**

Class	Attendance	Late
Nursery	88.68%	1
Reception Green	98.15%	1
Reception Red	92.69%	4
Green 1	99.29%	0
Red 1	94.58%	6
Green 2	97.04%	0
Red 2	95.2%	5
Green 3	97.33%	0
Red 3	98.62%	0
Green 4	95.6%	5
Red 4	97.5%	0
Green 5	92.33%	1
Red 5	98.97%	1
Green 6	97.69%	6
Red 6	98.46%	2

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



Diamond Ticket Winners this week:



Alfie G2, Malachi R2, Na'eem R2, Deji G3, Kayden G3, D'Angelo R3, Tyrese R3, Eunice G4, Neriah G4, Kaylee R4, Kahmello R4, Havyar G5, Ibrahim G5, Aliya R6, Tomiwa R6, Mark G6, Princess G6

Golden Ticket Winners this week:



Mekhi R2, Na'eem R2, Warzsh R2, Riley G2, Zane G2, Hannah R3, Joy R3, Sia G3, Stephanie G3, Oliver R4, Raphael R4, Emmy G4, Ryleigh-Wrey G4, Diyan R5, Iyla-Rose G5, Richie G5, Lilly R6, Perez R6, Nevaeh G6, Zane G6



### Values Assembly – What our learners think!

Our values assembly this week was around our core value of community and looked at some different ways of defining what community means such as 'Community means looking out for one another, working together, and understanding that everyone belongs.' Pupils then had an opportunity to think about how they could show our value this week. Green 1 shared that they will show community by 'helping others when they are hurt, playing with someone if they do not have anyone to play with and sharing our resources with each other'.

## Important Parent Information

### Class Photos & Year 6 Individual Photos



**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

All children need to be in School uniform

Children who have PE on Monday can carry their PE kit to change into afterwards.

### 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
11 May 2026 To 14 May 2026	

### 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
<b>25th May 2026</b>	
<b>HALF TERM</b>	
to	
<b>29th May 2026</b>	
<b>Summer 2 Term Dates</b>	
Monday 1st June 2026	Wednesday 22nd July 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.



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Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April - Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April

3:15pm - 3:40pm



Last Chances to buy tickets to 'Film night'.

Tickets are £3.50

Parents can purchase the tickets in the school playground at pick up!

Cash Only!

# Rugby Trial Session

Monday 27th April 2026

3:30-4:30pm



We're excited to welcome Maggie from Tiger Lillies Rugby Club for a free rugby taster session for girls and their mums on Monday 27th April, 3:30-4:30pm.

Come along and give it a go!  
Please let the office know if your interested!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

# HISTORY DAY!

Wednesday 29th April 2026



Our 2nd Annual History Day takes place on Wednesday 29th April 2026! This year's theme is "Local Legends." Students are invited to dress as a historical figure, with fun activities and a costume competition throughout the day.

JOHN DONNE PRESENTS

# MIGRATION

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Reception, Y1, Y2



Snack bag provided - popcorn, juice, fruit, cheese and crackers

Time : 3:15pm - 5:15pm

(Collection via main gates- Playground)

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



## Parent Information Cont...



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](tel:02076390594) or [cmcdonald@jdacademy.org.uk](mailto:cmcdonald@jdacademy.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@jdacademy.org.uk](mailto:cmcdonald@jdacademy.org.uk)