



John Donne Primary School

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Kindness

Respect

Resilience

Community

Collaboration

Aspiration

A word from the headteacher

Dear parents and carers,

It has been another busy week of learning beyond the classroom, with children taking part in exciting visits that have helped bring their learning to life.

Our Year 3 pupils enjoyed a visit to Catford Synagogue as part of their RE learning about Judaism. The children had the opportunity to learn more about Jewish beliefs, traditions and places of worship, helping to deepen their understanding of different faiths and cultures. The visit was a valuable experience and enabled the children to make meaningful connections with their classroom learning.

Year 6 also had an enriching visit to the National Maritime Museum to support their studies of Ernest Shackleton and his Antarctic expeditions. Exploring the museum's exhibits helped the children develop their understanding of the challenges faced by early explorers and brought this fascinating period of history to life. The visit sparked lots of discussion and curiosity, and the children represented the school brilliantly throughout the day.

This morning, our School Councillors had the opportunity to meet with members of the governing body. They answered a range of questions about life at John Donne and spoke confidently and thoughtfully about their experiences in school. We were incredibly proud of how articulate they were and how well they represented the views of their classmates. Their contributions demonstrated the important role pupil voice plays in helping to shape our school community.

These experiences are an important part of our curriculum, providing opportunities for children to develop their knowledge through first-hand learning. We are grateful to all of the staff who organise and support these visits, helping to create memorable experiences that inspire and engage our pupils.

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

Miss Rooney

Attendance

Our School attendance target **98%**
Our overall attendance this week is: **95.18%**

Class	Late	Attendance
Reception Green	1	93.99%
Reception Red	1	97.48%
Green 1	4	96.15%
Red 1	3	92.4%
Green 2	2	97.41%
Red 2	4	95%
Green 3	2	92.22%
Red 3	3	92.59%
Green 4	2	97.5%
Red 4	1	97.33%
Green5	3	94.17%
Red 5	0	93.48%
Green 6	1	95.38%
Red 6	0	97.59%



2nd October 2026

This weeks class attendance Winner



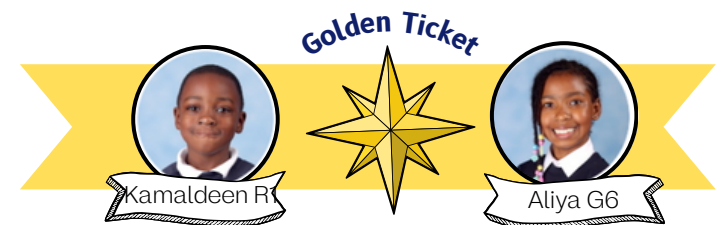
Green 2
With
97.41%



Ticket winners this week



Hamzat G1, Adrian R1, Destiny R2, Jessica G2, Lina G2, Joan G3, Paul G3, Micheal R3, Jacob R4, Joy R4, Kawther G4, Sia G4, Leah R5 Dairo R5, Dana R6, Rocsi R6, Diamond G6, Zuriel G6



Zakari G1, Esther R1, Ellis G2, Mayra S G2, Ayesha R2, Imani R3, Wurami R3, Angel G3, Ezekiel G3, Aaliyah G4, Olivia G4, Edric R4, Hannah R4, Ezra R5, Vito R5 Ibrahim R6, Manha R6

Values Assembly – What our learners think!

We focused on the core value of **ASPIRATION** this week and used the life of Pablo Picasso to help us think about what resilience is. Despite being a world famous artist now, Pablo Picasso faced many challenges to achieving his dreams during his life time – he even had to burn his paintings to keep warm! Red 3 reflected about what we can learn about aspiration from Pablo and shared, 'Pablo Picasso showed aspiration by aiming high and achieving the high goals that he set for himself. Even when he was sad, he showed resilience and inspired us to keep trying!'



Aspiration

Key Dates for your Diary/Calendar

Dates	Event/Trip	Year Group
9th October 2026	National Maritime Museum	Year 4
14th October 2026	Sports Day	Nursery and Reception
16th October 2026	Sports Day	Year 1-6

Term Dates

TERM	START	END
AUTUMN 1	Thursday 3rd September 2026	Friday 16th October 2026
HALF TERM	19th October 2026	30th October 2026
AUTUMN 2	Monday 2nd November 2026	Friday 18th December 2026
CHRISTMAS	21st December 2026	4th January 2027



Key Apps that John Donne Use

We currently use the following apps:

- Study Bugs: To report your child's illness
- Arbor: you can view your child's student profile and make payments to trips etc

Notice: New Changes with how we use Arbor

All consent for trips will now go through the Arbor App. We will no longer be using paper slips. When paying for your child's trip etc please ensure you select consent for your child to attend.

Lunch Time menu

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Next weeks Menu



Reminders for Parents:



TAEKWONDO
WITH MASTER WILLIAMS

Free Taster Sessions!!!
Thursday 8AM - For Years 3 & 4

Please contact Miss McDonald for more information or to
sign up for your free session.



Swimming Lessons

Year 3 will be going Swimming
from next week friday



Letter here!

PE DAYS

Year 1: Tuesday

Year 2: Friday

Year 3: Thursday

Year 4: Tuesday

Year 5: Monday

Year 6: Wednesday



Music Lessons

If your child is interested in
Piano, Violin, Guitar etc
please contact:



Ms Rebecca Hollweg

07776345582

LOST PROPERTY

Please can you label your childrens belongings as we
have had many missing jumpers/cardigans already.
We advise you label in the collar or tag area your
childs name and current Year group.

For any lost property please check the Lost & found
located in the bottom hall to the far corner.



Healthy Packed Lunches

A healthy packed lunch should include
items such as a sandwich, wrap or
pasta, fresh fruit and vegetables, and
water. Please remember that we are a
nut-free school and ask that no nuts or
nut-containing products are included
in lunchboxes.



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Celebrate Black History Month

Celebrate Black History Month with us!

Explore inspiring stories, remarkable Black composers, family activities, reading recommendations and local events. Pupils and families are encouraged to learn, create and celebrate the achievements and contributions of Black people throughout history, with opportunities to take part in our Black History Month competition too.

[Read More](#)

Other Information:



Box Office Tickets £10
(Online and phone booking fees apply)

**RADIO LOLLIPOP'S
TALENT SHOWCASE**

*** Charity Fundraiser ***
(Registered charity number: 280817)

GREENWICH THEATRE
Crooms Hill, London SE10 8ES

FRIDAY 2 OCTOBER 2026

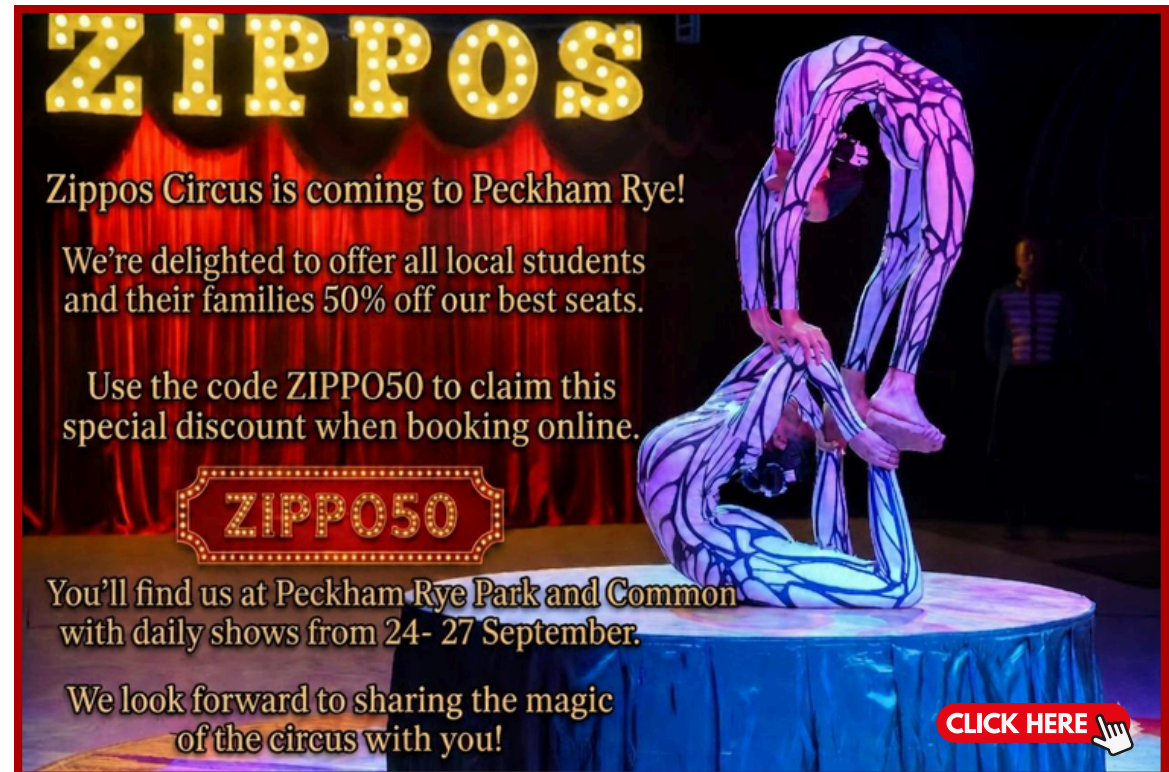
Doors 6:00pm Starts 7:15pm Ends 9:45pm

Join us for a night of live music,
fun, and entertainment!

Book your tickets at
<https://tinyurl.com/RL-TalentShowcase26>

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CLICK HERE!



ZIPPOS

Zippos Circus is coming to Peckham Rye!

We're delighted to offer all local students and their families 50% off our best seats.

Use the code **ZIPPO50** to claim this special discount when booking online.

You'll find us at Peckham Rye Park and Common with daily shows from 24- 27 September.

We look forward to sharing the magic of the circus with you!

CLICK HERE

Zippos Circus are visiting Peckham next week, and they always value the opportunity to connect with the communities that welcome them during our stay.

They strongly believe that all children and young people should have access to the arts and the opportunity to experience live performance. With this in mind, they would like to offer all children and their families discounted tickets for their show, hopefully helping make a visit to the circus more accessible for the local community.



FREE EVENT

10am to 4pm
doors open at 9.45

SATURDAY 26th September

DYSLEXIA FAIR 2026

EXPERT ADVICE • WORKSHOPS • TALKS • CAFE

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[CLICK HERE](#)

Hopefully you have heard about the free Bell House Dyslexia Fair on 26th September? It's a family-focused, community event full of hands-on activities, workshops and talks, with plenty of experts on hand to offer advice to parents and practitioners. You can find out more here - it would be really great if you could share the link and information with your staff and families:

<https://www.bellhouse.co.uk/dyslexia-fair-2026>



Join the fun. Book now.

Activ Camps has been a trusted childcare option for families for over 20 years, providing exhilarating multi-activity experiences for children aged 4-14, in a safe, inclusive, active and fun environment.

Enjoy GIANT inflatables, swimming, terrific tag games, archery, dodgeball and much more, run by fun-loving, fully trained and Enhanced DBS checked staff. **Activ Camps** will make this a holiday to remember.

Your child will come home happy and exhausted, with amazing memories and new friends!

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Drop off early and pick up late
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Pay with childcare vouchers and tax-free childcare.

Amazing discounts for siblings, full weeks and more.



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Scan the code to find your nearest camp.

Ofsted registered, outstanding inspection results.
See our website for more details.
Swimming available at selected venues.



Non-stop fun

Family learning at Southwark Adult Learning Service

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/schools-and-education/adult-learning>



Family learning – autumn 2026

Come and learn as a family with us!

Family learning courses

Family learning programmes are designed to help adults develop the skills they need to support their child's English and maths and to allow families to learn together in a fun and relaxed environment.

Bring your child and participate in a wide variety of activities from pottery, fashion, using a computer, arts and crafts, dance, and sewing. We regularly run sessions after school and during the holidays for families to learn a new skill and to take time out to enjoy being creative together. Most family learning courses are free, but in some classes there's a £5 materials cost.

We also have courses to help you to support your school-aged children or grandchildren. These courses will enable you to help them do well at school and achieve more by supporting your own progress and achievement in English, maths and languages.

Courses run in various venues across the borough, including schools, children's centres, libraries and voluntary organisations, and at the Thomas Calton Centre in Peckham.

If you'd like to have a course delivered to your venue, get in touch to discuss your ideas.

Find out more!



Southwark Adult Learning Service

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/schools-and-education/adult-learning>



Family learning – autumn 2026

Title/ Course code (takes place at Thomas Calton Centre unless indicated)	Days and times	Start date	Number of weeks	Fees
Family Pottery FL6004	Monday 4pm to 5.30pm	2 November 2026	5 weeks	£5 materials fee
ESOL for families – Entry 2/3 FL6002	Monday 10am to 3pm	14 September 2026	36 weeks	£0
ESOL early help for families FL6003	Thursday 10am to 12 pm	18 September 2026	36 weeks	£0
Autumn half-term family learning activities FL6006	Monday 1pm to 3.30pm	26 October 2026	1 day	£0
Black history month celebrations FL6007	Tuesday 1pm to 3.30pm	27 October 2026	1 day	£0
Family Yoga FL6022	Tuesday 3.45 to 5.15	22 September 2026	5 weeks	£0
Paediatric First Aid for families	Monday 10am to 12pm	TBC	1 day	£0

For more information call

020 7358 2100

adult.learning@southwark.gov.uk

To enrol – complete an enrolment form on line at <https://www.southwark.gov.uk/schools-and-education/adult-learning>

or visit the Thomas Calton Centre Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm (during term time Monday and Wednesday until 8pm)