

Gordon Primary School News

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Be the best you can be.



THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

We would like to thank everyone who came along to the Phonics Workshop for **Reception** parents and carers on Tuesday. Judging by the positive feedback we received, it was very helpful and informative.

This has been a busy week with lots of exciting and interesting events going on: **Year 1** enjoyed their trip to St Luke's Church on Tuesday where they found out about the creation story; we had two wonderful Harvest Festival performances by the children in **Years 1, 2 and 3** who shared their brilliant singing, music and poetry recital skills! 24 children from **Years 5 and 6** participated in the Greenwich Schools Cross Country Race on Wednesday and came back with a cup and several medals! **Dahlia** Class presented a fantastic assembly about the Anglo-Saxons to their families and the rest of the school today and **Year 4** took part in a social media and wellbeing workshop.

PUMPKIN CARVING COMPETITION

BRING YOUR PUMPKIN IN TO WIN A PRIZE!
BEST DECORATED WILL GET A CASH PRIZE.
SPOOKIER THE BETTER!

MONDAY 4TH NOVEMBER
BRING YOUR PUMPKIN TO GORDON GARDEN
AT MONDAY MORNING DROP-OFF

£20 1ST PRIZE
£10 2ND PRIZE
£5 3RD PRIZE

£1 PER PUMPKIN

Entry fee

If your child will be carving a pumpkin over the half-term holiday, we would love them to enter our Pumpkin Carving Competition. It costs £1 to enter and there are cash prizes! After the competition, we will compost the pumpkins. All funds raised will be used to buy resources to support the children's use of the Gordon Garden.

HOUSE POINTS

Grangehill
1535

Rochester
1491

Dunvegan
1512

Nesbit
1597

Well done to everyone who has earned House Points this week. Next week we will announce our House Points Cup winner for this half term.

ATTENDANCE

This week we gave Attendance Star Awards to **Osmanthus**, **Kalmia**, and **Allium** classes! Well done everyone in these classes.

OPEN EVENINGS



We are looking forward to seeing you next week at our Open Evenings. Appointments will be held in the classrooms. Due to the number of appointments we have, there will be a limit of 10 minutes to each meeting. This should be enough time to discuss your child, but if more time is needed, an extra meeting can be scheduled for a later date. This is to ensure that meetings begin promptly and run to time. If your child has an EHC plan, we will make alternative arrangements for you so that there is more time to discuss your child's additional needs. Thank you.

DIARY DATES

October

Monday 21 st	School photographer - individual and sibling shots Open Evening - 3:30pm to 7pm (All year groups)
Tuesday 22 nd	Height and weight screening - Reception and Year 6 Great Fire of London workshop for Year 2 Open Evening - 3:30pm to 6pm (Nursery)
Wednesday 23 rd	Year 5 - author visit Eltham Library Open Evening - 3:30pm to 6pm (Reception to Year 6)
Thursday 24 th	SEND Coffee Morning - 9:15am (Delta Building)
Friday 25 th	Inset day - school closed
Monday 28 th	Half term holiday (until 1 st November)
Thursday 31 st	Deadline for secondary school applications (for September 2025) Year 6

November

Monday 4 th	Children return to school
Tuesday 5 th	Maths Workshop for Year 2 parents and carers - 9:00am Year 4 trip to Horniman Museum
Friday 15 th	FoG Quiz Night (adults only) - 7:00pm (Sports Hall)
Wednesday 20 th	Flu vaccinations - by nasal spray (Reception to Year 6)
Friday 29 th	Reception - Road Safety Awareness workshop

December

Monday 2 nd	Year 3 and 4 Pantomime (pm)
Tuesday 3 rd	Year 3 and 4 Pantomime (am)
Wednesday 4 th	Year 4 - Virtual workshop: Volcanoes
Thursday 5 th	EYFS Christmas Singalong (pm)
Friday 6 th	EYFS Christmas Singalong (am) Christmas Discos
Tuesday 10 th	Open session for Nursery children (January intake) - 3:30pm to 4:30pm
Thursday 12 th	Year 1 and 2 Nativity (pm)
Friday 13 th	Year 1 and 2 Nativity (am) Christmas Jumper Day Children's Christmas Lunch
Friday 20 th	Last day of the Autumn Term - school closes at 1:30pm

CHRISTMAS CARDS & GIFTS

The closing date for ordering Christmas cards and gifts is 30th October. Please see the flyer that was sent home recently and check ParentMail for more information.

January

Monday 6 th	Spring term begins - children return to school
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of the
Gordon **PTA**

**JOIN US FOR GORDON'S
FAVOURITE NIGHT OUT**

**QUIZ
NIGHT**

ADULTS ONLY

**Come as a team of six,
or join a team on the night!**

**Tickets
£10 per person
BYO drinks &
snacks**

**FRIDAY 15 NOVEMBER
SPORTS HALL, 7PM TIL LATE**

Tickets on sale at

www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofthegordon

COFFEE MORNING FOR PARENTS & CARERS OF CHILDREN WITH SEND



On Thursday 24th October, between 9am and 10:30am, Stella and Carol from Greenwich Parent & Carer Participation Forum will be giving a presentation at our SEND coffee morning. They will be talking about an exciting new project taking place at our school to improve the educational experience of our neurodiverse pupils to support them to achieve their potential.



GREENWICH PARENT & CARER PARTICIPATION FORUM CIC

Company no:13953720

Partnerships for the Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS)

Thursday 24th October 2024

9:00am - 10:30am - Delta Building / Gordon Primary School

You are invited to join us to hear about an exciting project taking place at Gordon Primary School.

The aim is to improve the educational experience for neurodiverse pupils in mainstream primary schools and to help them to fulfil their potential.

To achieve this your involvement is vital, so join us to hear more, and meet Stella and Carol from Greenwich Parent & Carer Participation Forum.

[HOME - Greenwich Parent Carer Participation Forum](https://www.greenwichpcpf.org)
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We are the official strategy voice for parents and carers with a child / young person with SEND 0 - 25 living in Greenwich.

We are parent-led and independent.

PE KIT

Hopefully you have seen the ParentMail message we sent out earlier this week regarding PE kit. Next half term we plan to trial a system where children wear their PE kit to school rather than change into it in their classroom.

Thank you to the parents who have contacted us with questions. We listed in the email that the children should wear black trainers. There are a few children who currently wear other colours, so during the trial period and until children grow out of their trainers, we will be flexible with the colour.

Your feedback is helpful, so if you have any questions or comments, please send them to office@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk

Thank you for your support.

BELONGING MATTERS

On Wednesday, we sent you information about the Belonging Matters programme that we will soon be working on with pupils in Years 3 to 6. There is an online survey for parents and carers and we would be very grateful if you could complete it. It should take less than two minutes. Please follow the link below.

Thank you for your support.

<https://nationalchildrensbureau.typeform.com/to/TYIiPze9>

HALF TERM DATES

Please remember that Thursday 24th October is the last day of this half term. The school is closed to pupils on Friday 25th October.

We return on Monday 4th November.



Aster (N) - Ben for being encouraging and including others in his games

Bluebell (R) - Elliott for excellent progress in phonics

Candytuft (R) - Joe for super segmenting

Jasmine (1) - Lily for being a wonderful role model who is always kind to others

Kalmia (1) - Emmie for her fantastic enthusiasm, effort and progress with her reading

Allium (2) - Johnny for great listening and for contributing to class discussions

Violet (2) - Seb for always being a great friend and looking out for others

Nasturtium (3) - Hughie for his hard work, effort and imagination when writing

Nigella (3) - Charlie M for great contribution during class discussions in English lessons

Cosmos (4) - Emma for her brilliant detailed explanation of how a food chain is constructed using scientific vocabulary

Fuchsia (4) - Jack working in the style of Cezanne - mixing colours, using short angular strokes and painting in various directions

Dahlia (5) - Ada for her enthusiasm and contributions in all lessons

Osmanthus (5) - Alice for her excellent contributions in history when exploring the spread of Christianity in Anglo-Saxon Britain

Magnolia (6) - Lexi for working hard on building her understanding and using her times tables to work out equivalent fractions

Wisteria (6) - Charlotte for her excellent model of a piece of playground equipment

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