

13th March 2026



# John Donne Primary School

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Kindness

Respect

Resilience

Community

Collaboration

Aspiration



Our LAMDA learners are now in their final preparations for their upcoming exams on Tuesday 24th March. The children have been working incredibly hard to learn and perfect their poems, showing real commitment and confidence. They will be performing their pieces on Monday 16th March at 2:15pm in the lower hall for their year groups and for family members. We hope to see many of you there to support them and wish them the very best of luck ahead of their exam.

We also look forward to welcoming families to our Rocksteady performance next Thursday morning at 9:15am, also in the lower hall. Our school bands have been rehearsing enthusiastically each week, and this will be a fantastic opportunity for them to showcase their musical learning and perform in front of a supportive audience. These events are always uplifting moments for the children, and your presence makes a real difference.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It is wonderful to see our pupils growing in confidence, creativity and independence through such enriching opportunities.

Have a wonderful weekend and we will see you bright and early on Monday morning.

**Miss Rooney**



This Weeks Class Attendance Winner

**Red 1 with 98.33%**

## Attendance

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

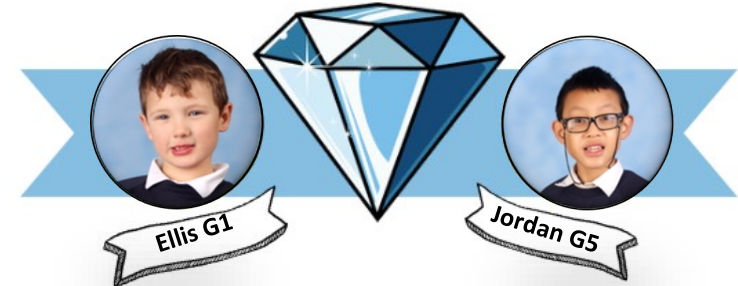
Our overall attendance this week is **95.16%**

Class	Attendance	Late
Nursery	94.03%	0
Reception Green	92.96%	1
Reception Red	90%	6
Green 1	97.86%	3
Red 1	98.33%	5
Green 2	91.92%	1
Red 2	94.4%	6
Green 3	98.33%	0
Red 3	97.24%	1
Green 4	96.8%	5
Red 4	94.17%	1
Green 5	93.33%	3
Red 5	95.17%	1
Green 6	95.77%	4
Red 6	96.92%	1

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

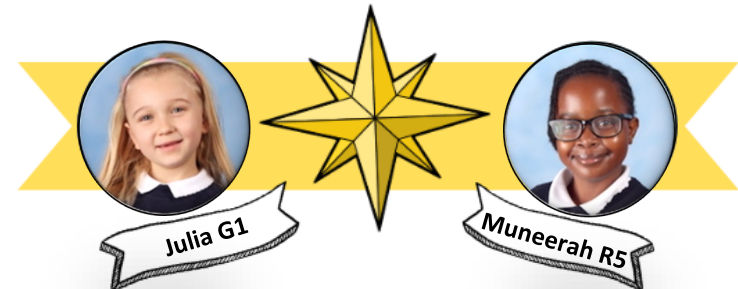


Diamond Ticket Winners this week:



Oscar G1, Meriem R1, Rumaan R1, Lea G2, Noah G2, Micheal R2, Wurami R2, Aaliyah G3, Mohammed G3, Elisha R3, Kaz R3, Ayaan G4, Joshua G4, Richard r4, Vito R4, Inayah G5, Fola R5, Serenity R5, Ak-eem G6, Princess G6, Marley R6, Mohammed Bah R6

Golden Ticket Winners this week:



Fred G1, Arran R1, Raimond R1, Joan G2, Justine G2, Eva R2, Warsh R2, Toby G3, Zara G3, Ezara R3, Mohammed R3, Hilkiyah R4, Oliver R4, Athalia G4, Siri G4, Bridget R5, Aylan G5, Makai G5, Amina R6, Perez r6, Bella G6, David G6

## Values Assembly – What our learners think!



Aspiration

Our assembly this week focused on our core value of Aspiration. Learners explored what it means to be aspirational and had some time to think about what their aspirations for the future are. In our school, our learners are aspiring to become: archaeologists, police officers, footballs, nurses, a parent, pilots, artists, vets and ice-skaters!

## Important Parent Information



### Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Information Meeting

We would like to invite you to a short information meeting about the **Year 1 Phonics Screening Check**. This session will explain what the check involves, how it is administered, and how you can support your child at home in the lead-up to June.

To make it convenient for families, the meeting will take place straight after each class assembly:

**Red 1 (R1): Tuesday 24th March**  
**Green 1 (G1): Wednesday 25th March**

The meeting will last approximately 15–20 minutes.

What the session will cover:

- What the Phonics Screening Check is
- Examples of real words and “alien” (nonsense) words
- How you can help at home
- Time for questions
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We strongly encourage all parents to attend, as this will help you feel fully prepared and informed ahead of the check.

*Thank you for your continued support.*

### Important Dates to Remember

16th March 2026	LAMDA Poetry Assembly—Parents of Performers only
18th March 2026	Red Nose Day Loom Band Sale—After School
19th March 2026	Rocksteady Concert— Parents of Performers only
20th March 2026	Red Nose Day— Wear It Red (Children can wear anything Red for £1)
20th March 2026	Red Nose Day—Cake Sale—After school
23rd March 2026	RHE Consultation Meeting for Parents & Carers
24th March 2026	Red 1 Assembly-AM
24th March 2026	Red 1 Phonics Screening Meeting (After R1 Assembly)
25th March 2026	Green 1 Assembly— AM
25th March 2026	Green 1 Phonics Screening Meeting (After G1 Assembly)
26th March 2026	Year 1 Trip to Sydenham
27th March 2026	End of Spring Term 2

### 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.



# Learning place value up to 50

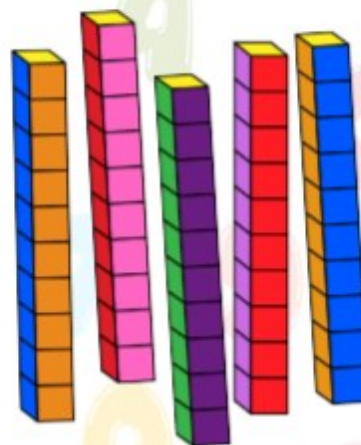
With Year 1



# 50

This week, Year 1 explored place value up to 50 through an interactive guessing game. Working in pairs, students used tens and ones blocks to represent secret numbers, helping them visualize the structure of two-digit totals.

Please encourage your child to identify the "tens" and "ones" in everyday numbers, such as house numbers or numbers on the bus.



Other Parent Information:

# Red Nose Day

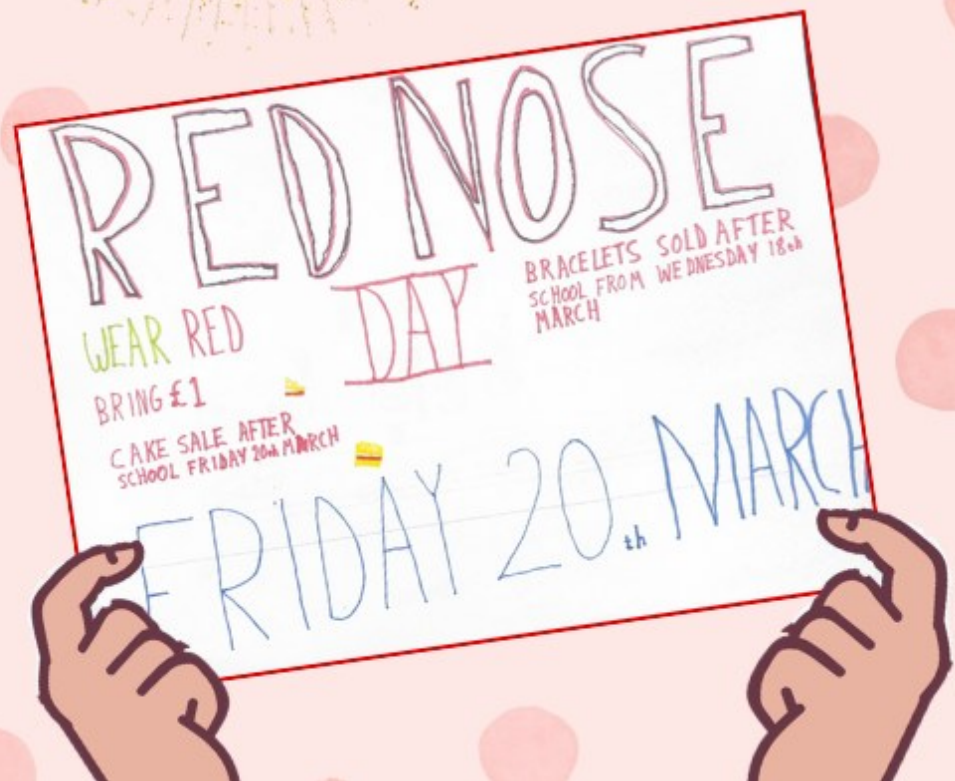
**Loom Band Sale**  
**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March**  
 Afterschool



**Wear it Red!**  
**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March**  
 Bring £1!



**Cake Sale**  
**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March**  
 Afterschool



## Parent Information Cont...



# 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
- SCULPTURE
- DRAWING
- COLLAGE
- 3D MODEL
- ORIGAMI
- DIGITAL ART
- **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.

### How to Submit:

Students can submit their artwork to Mrs Wild by

**30 March 2026.**

After all artwork is submitted, a small number of children will be selected to attend a special Exhibition Opening event. The exhibition will be open to the public in the atrium from 21–23 April.


## 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/1wGaMXGd7H>



Southwark



## 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

## 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:

**REGISTER YOUR INTEREST FOR FREE TICKETS TO MILLWALL LIONESSES' MATCH AGAINST SUTTON UNITED.**



Millwall Lionesses host Sutton United on Sunday 29th March 2026 at 1:30pm and we are offering free tickets participants and families.

This is an expression of interest, not all participants will receive a ticket to attend due to availability. You will be emailed a week prior to confirm tickets.

Click here to register your interest--->>>

Register Here!



## 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.