

1st May 2026



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Dear parents and carers,

There has been lots of excitement across the school this week, with children enjoying some special themed days. Our Significant Figures Day was a great success, and it was wonderful to see the effort put into such creative and thoughtful costumes of local historical figures. In Reception, Superhero Day brought plenty of energy and imagination, with children proudly showing off their outfits and engaging in fun activities inspired by their favourite characters.

We were also delighted to host our very first film night for Reception to Year 2 children. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed watching Migration together, and the event created a lovely sense of community. A big thank you to all the staff and volunteers who helped organise the evening, as well as to families for your support in making it such a success.

Finally, we are currently looking for a parent representative to join our governing body. Further information was shared earlier this week, and we warmly encourage anyone interested to get in touch. This is a valuable opportunity to contribute to the life and development of our school.

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

Miss Rooney



This Weeks Class Attendance Winner

Red 6 with 98.46%

Attendance

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

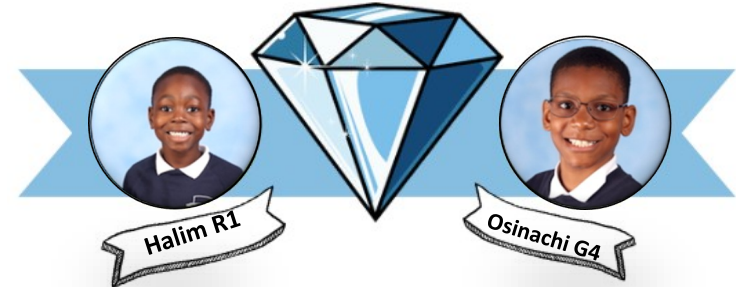
Our overall attendance this week is **94.91%**

Class	Attendance	Late
Nursery	93.55%	2
Reception Green	94.44%	2
Reception Red	89.62%	4
Green 1	90%	0
Red 1	93.33%	5
Green 2	94.81%	3
Red 2	89.6%	1
Green 3	96.33%	1
Red 3	97.24%	0
Green 4	96.4%	4
Red 4	97.92%	0
Green 5	96%	2
Red 5	97.24%	2
Green 6	98.46%	3
Red 6	98.46%	2

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

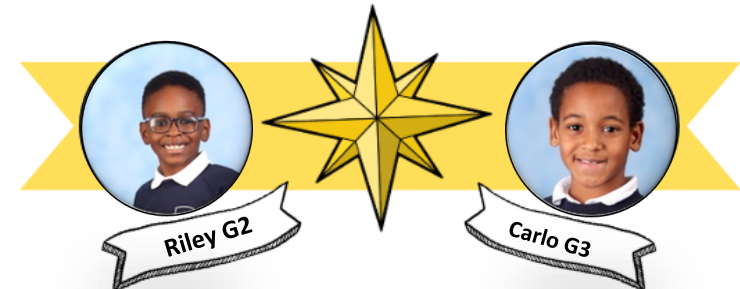


Diamond Ticket Winners this week:



Alparslan G1, Fred G1, Matilda R1, Celina G2, Ezekiel G2, Abdulhameed R2, Eva R2, Melody G3, Olivia G3, Hannah R3, Raheem R3, Janah G4, Hassanah G4, Leah G4, Eliud G5, Jayden G5, Fola R5, Serenity R5, Kaleb G6, Ayomide R6, Mirabel R6

Golden Ticket Winners this week:



Aaliyah M G1, Norah G1, Milani R1, Wynter R1, Angel G2, Heerabye R2, Leo R2, Jamal G3, Fiifi R3, Tawseef R3, Dairo G4, Joshua G4, Abdulkader G4, Mubarakah G4, Arkan G5, Saimah G5, Nia R5, Wendy R5, Jeremiah G6, Susannah G6, Nia R6, Savior R6



Aspiration

Values Assembly – What our learners think!

This week we were exploring our core value of ASPIRATION and learned about the life of the Ugandan climate activist, Vanessa Nakate. She is a wonderful example of how one person can make a huge difference, despite facing adversity and challenges along the way. Red 5 wrote that, 'Aspiration is fighting for things you believe in, even if they are not always values by others'. Have you heard of Vanessa Nakate? Perhaps you could find out more about her and share what you learn with your friends and family.

Important Parent Information

Coffee Morning

Wednesday 6th May 2026



8:45am/After Drop off
Community Space

We would love for you to join us for a relaxed coffee morning where you can enjoy a warm drink, some light refreshments, and the chance to meet other parents and carers from our community

Important Dates to Remember

6th May 2026	Year 2 V&A Museum (Printmaking)
6th May 2026	Parent Coffee Morning
8th May 2026	Year 4 Trip– Unicorn Theatre
14th May 2026	Year 5 Trip—British Museum
15th May 2026	Year 6 Trip—Crystal Palace Park
21st May 2026	Year 4 Trip—British Museum

18th—22nd May 2026 Year 6—Bushcraft Trip (for those that are going)

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
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HALF TERM

25th May 2026

to

29th May 2026

Summer 2 Term Dates

Monday 1st June 2026	Wednesday 22nd July 2026
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LUNCH MENU

New Term

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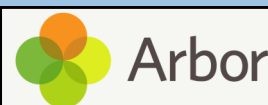
MENU



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.

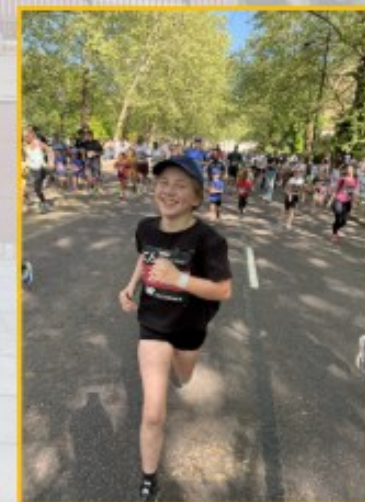
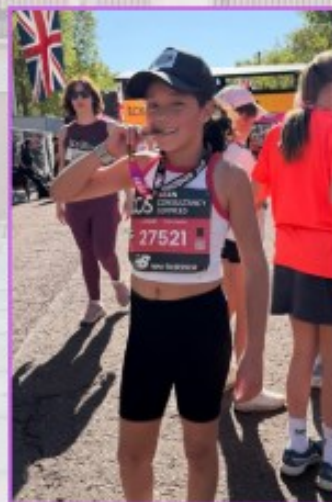


tcs MINI LONDON MARATHON 26

For the first time, John Donne Primary School proudly took part in the TCS London Mini Marathon. Our children ran one mile, completing the final mile of the official London Marathon route, which made the experience even more special. The weather was amazing and the atmosphere was full of excitement and encouragement.

All the children did brilliantly, showing determination and enthusiasm as they crossed the finish line. Each runner earned a well-deserved medal, celebrating their fantastic achievement.

We are incredibly proud of everyone who took part and hope to return next year for another great experience!



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HISTORICAL FIGURES DAY- 2026

On Wednesday, we celebrated Historical Figures Day, and it was an amazing day! Many students—and teachers—came dressed as incredible people from history. The effort and creativity on display were fantastic. See if you can guess who some of our students are dressed as!



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HISTORICAL FIGURES DAY-2026

We have some historical figures right here at John Donne Primary School! Did you know that some of our staff have been part of the John Donne community for many years? Their dedication and commitment truly make them a special part of our history. These are just a few of them. See if you recognise any of them!



20 YEARS



19 YEARS



16 YEARS



26 YEARS



15 YEARS



26 YEARS



33 YEARS



25 YEARS



19 YEARS

Film Night at John Donne

JOHN DONNE PRESENTS

MIGRATION



Film night was a great success! Children thoroughly enjoyed the adventure of Migration and had an amazing time throughout the evening. Thank you to all the parents and staff who helped make this special event happen for the first time. We hope to be back again very soon!



GIRLS GIVING RUGBY A TRY!



Thank you to Maggie from the Tiger Lillies Club for visiting our school and giving some of our girls a chance to experience what it's like to play rugby. The girls learned some great introductory skills and showed fantastic enthusiasm throughout the session. We may well have some rugby stars in the making!



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SUPER HERO DAY

With Reception



BANG!



SUPER



POW!



HOORAY!!!

KABOOM!



Reception dressed as superheroes, inspired by the book Traction Man Is Here! The children looked super and had an amazing time bringing the story to life. How many superheroes can you recognise?

Besson Street Gardens

With Green 4



Green 4 enjoyed an exciting visit to Besson Street Gardens, where they learned about different types of trees and why trees are so important for wildlife, clean air, and our planet. They explored the question of whether the UK can be considered a forest and took part in a hands-on workshop about the importance of bees, linking all their outdoor learning to their science lessons.

TO THE MOON...

With Nursery



In Nursery we have shared the books: 'Whatever next' and 'The Way Back Home'

We have been learning all about astronauts and how they travel to the moon. We know some facts about the moon such as: it's grey, there's no rain or wind, there's craters and mountains on the moon and less gravity so you can jump really high.

We helped to make a rocket and helmets so that we could travel to the moon too! Some of us created devices such as Dylan's space plug that helps the rocket fly to the moon.



Parent Information Cont...

Family Learning at the Thomas Calton
Centre

Southwark
Council

FREE activities for families – May 2026 Half Term

Theme: Bloom, Buzz and Grow

- Maths through stories
- Paper flowers
- Seed bombs
- Stuffed creatures
- Painting
- Sports/Games
- Storytime/Stay & Play

Dates: Tuesday 26th & Wednesday 27th May 2026

Time: 1pm – 3.30pm

@ Thomas Calton Centre

Alpha St London SE15 4NX

Book a place now

call 020 7358 2100

For more information, email
patricia.thomas@southwark.gov.uk



May 2026 Timetable

All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long
£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours

School Anxiety	4 May 10am
Understanding Anger	4 May 7pm
Facing Defiance	5 May 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	5 May 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	11 May 10am
Anxiety Explained	11 May 7pm
Introduction to OCD	12 May 10am
What is ACT?	12 May 7pm
Decreasing Depression	18 May 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	18 May 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	19 May 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	19 May 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	25 May 10am
Improving Family Communication	25 May 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	26 May 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	26 May 7pm
FREE Getting a Good Nights Sleep	28 May 7-8pm