

8th May 2026



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Kindness

Respect

Resilience

Community

Collaboration

Aspiration



Dear parents and carers,

It has been another busy and enriching week across the school, with a number of exciting educational visits taking place. Our Year 2 children thoroughly enjoyed their trip to the V&A Museum, where they explored printmaking as part of their art curriculum. The hands-on experience provided them with inspiration and a deeper understanding of artistic techniques. Meanwhile, Year 4 pupils had a wonderful opportunity to visit the Unicorn Theatre today to watch a performance of A Midsummer Night's Dream. The production brought the play that they studied in Year 2 to life and the children really enjoyed it.

A reminder that we are currently seeking a parent representative to join our governing body. This is a fantastic opportunity to contribute to the strategic development of the school. The deadline for nominations is 12pm on Wednesday 13th May, so please do get in touch if you are interested and return any nominations to office@jdacademy.org.uk. Finally, we would like to wish our Year 6 children the very best as they begin their SATs tests next week. They have worked incredibly hard and are well prepared. We are very proud of them and know they will do their best.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend and we'll see you bright and early on Monday morning.

Miss Rooney



This Weeks Class Attendance Winner

Red 3 with 99.14%

Attendance

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

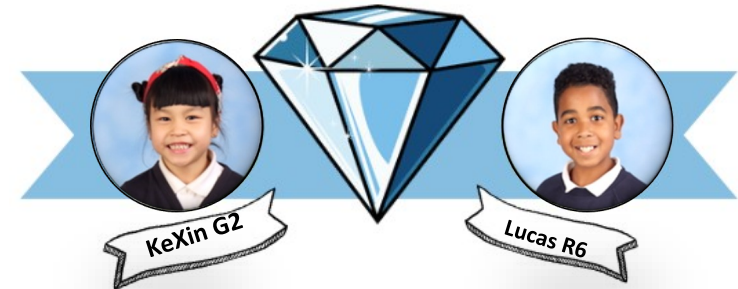
Our overall attendance this week is **95.67%**

Class	Attendance	Late
Nursery	91.84%	1
Reception Green	95.37%	3
Reception Red	98.56%	5
Green 1	96.88%	2
Red 1	94.27%	3
Green 2	91.2%	2
Red 2	94%	1
Green 3	93.33%	1
Red 3	99.14%	2
Green 4	98%	2
Red 4	96.88%	
Green 5	95%	2
Red 5	97.41%	2
Green 6	97.12%	3
Red 6	96.63%	1

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

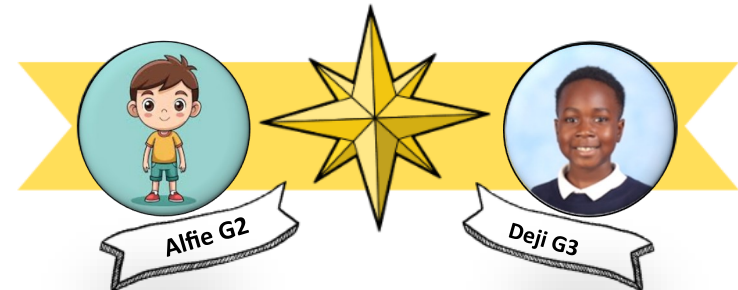


Diamond Ticket Winners this week:



Arran R1, Caelan T R1, Ramel G1, Jessica G1, Fatim R2, Aidan R2, Fredelyn G2, Isla R3, Shiloah R3, Kayden G3, Stephanie G3, Ezra R4, Leah R4, Javier G4, Neriah G4, Ava R5, Bridget R5, Diamond G5, Havyar G5, Akilah R6, Kamilia G6, Mustapha G6

Golden Ticket Winners this week:



Dylan R1, Janae R1, Finn G1, Mayra S G1, Heerabye R2, Theo R2, Angel G2, Melissa R3, Kyra R3, Deborah G3, Kaylee R4, Vito R4 Athalia G4, Camilla G4, Ade R5, Fathima R5, Adeola G5, Elias G5, Aston R6, Ellise R6, Abdulhamid G6, Bella G6.



Resilience

Values Assembly – What our learners think!

Our value this week was RESILIENCE! We looked at some possible definitions of what this means, such as bouncing back when things are tricky or don't go our way. We explored some different scenarios and had to decide whether it did or didn't show resilience. Green 4 shared some of the phrases they use to help them when learning feels tricky such as 'I can do this!', 'I will never give up', 'I can't do this... yet!'. Have you shown resilience this week? How?

Important Parent Information

Hayfever season is here.



Please take the following precautions to ensure your child is comfortable and able to learn effectively during this time:

- Ensure your child takes any prescribed hayfever medication before school.
- Provide tissues for your child if needed.
- Inform the school office if your child suffers from severe hayfever symptoms.
- Encourage your child to wash their hands and face regularly to reduce pollen exposure.
- If your child's symptoms become unmanageable during the school day, we may need to contact you.

Thank you for your support.

Important Dates to Remember

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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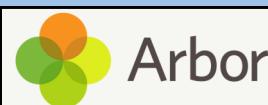
MENU



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.



Learning about life cycles, healthy eating and nature

With Reception



Reception have been busy planting salads and vegetables as part of their growing projects. They had to move 4,000 kilos of soil before they could plant anything. They are going to need to eat all of that spinach they are now growing



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

Parent Information Cont...



FREE
YEAR 6
LITTLE FISH THEATRE
SUMMER PROGRAMME
FOR SOUTHWARK CHILDREN
27TH JULY - 7TH AUG
2026 (MON-FRI)
AT RYE OAK PRIMARY
SCHOOL

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO
BOOK A PLACE FOR YOUR CHILD
EMAIL: INFO@LITTLEFISHTHEATRE.CO.UK

BOOK NOW BY CLICKING THE LINK BELOW
OR SCANNING THE QR CODE

<https://tinyurl.com/27fentfr>



ART **DRAMA** **Music** **DANCE**

LITTLE FISH THEATRE
ORIGINAL. BOLD. COMPASSION.

Southwark Council
southwark.gov.uk



Free 5-week Learning Unlimited course for parents and carers

Best Start for School

Thursdays 9am-11am

From 11th June to 9th July 2026

John Donne Primary School
Woods Road, SE15 2SW



What will I get from attending the course?

- Information to help you support your child when he/she starts school
- An understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage 2
- Information about the school day, learning through play and your role as a parent of a school-aged child
- 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 on the course?

To book a place contact [Cindy McDonald](mailto:Cindy.McDonald@jdacademy.org.uk) on 020 7639 0594 or email cmcdonald@jdacademy.org.uk



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26TH-29TH MAY 2026

MAY HOLIDAY CLUB

£15 PER SHORT DAY
10:00 - 15:00

£30 PER LONG DAY
07:30 - 18:00

PACKED WITH FUN



ARTS & CRAFTS



OUTDOOR TRIPS



SPORTS ACTIVITIES



DANCE DRAMA

JOHN DONNE PRIMARY SCHOOL
WOODS ROAD, SE15 2SW

GIVE US A CALL ON 07463 978692

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