

22nd May 2026



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Kindness

Respect

Resilience

Community

Collaboration

Aspiration



Dear parents and carers,
As we come to the end of this half term, it is a great opportunity to reflect on all that has been achieved across the school. The children have shown enthusiasm, resilience and a real commitment to their learning, and we are incredibly proud of their efforts. We now look ahead to the final half term of the academic year, which promises to be another busy and exciting period.

This week, we enjoyed two fantastic class assemblies from our Year 3 children, who confidently shared their learning based on Lila and the Secret of the Rain. It was wonderful to see how they brought their learning to life, demonstrating their understanding through drama, speaking and the most wonderful singing. Thank you to all the families who joined us to support them.

Year 4 also had an enriching visit to the British Museum to support their learning about the Ancient Egyptians. The trip provided valuable first-hand experience, allowing pupils to explore artefacts and deepen their historical knowledge in a meaningful way.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend and half term break and we will see you bright and early on Monday 1st June.

Miss Rooney



This Weeks Class Attendance Winner

Green 3 with 98.28%

Attendance

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

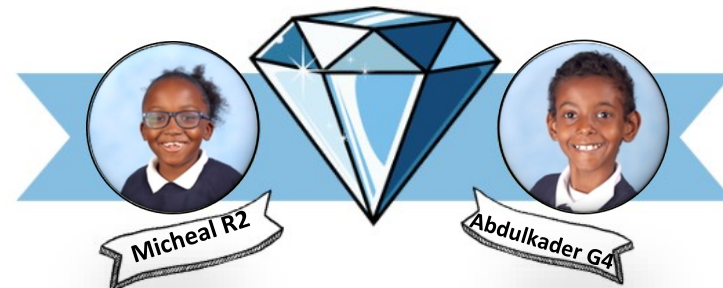
Our overall attendance this week is **95.49%**

Class	Attendance	Late
Nursery	93.81%	4
Reception Green	90%	3
Reception Red	93.46%	4
Green 1	93.93%	0
Red 1	97.5%	6
Green 2	95.93%	4
Red 2	94.8%	5
Green 3	98.28%	0
Red 3	98.28%	1
Green 4	93.6%	5
Red 4	97.92%	0
Green 5	97%	3
Red 5	96.55%	1
Green 6	95%	4
Red 6	96.15%	0

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

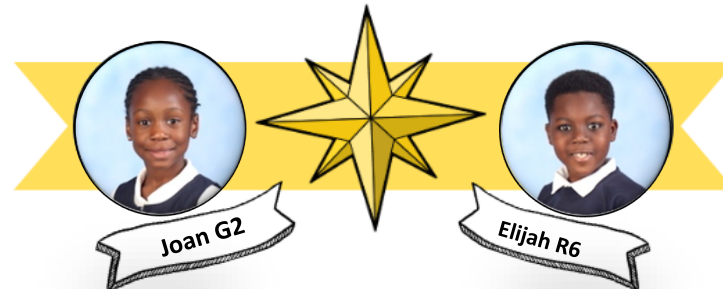


Diamond Ticket Winners this week:



Marwah R1, Rumaan R1, Angel G2, Aziz G2, Sebastian R2, Elaine R3, Raheem R3, Deji G3, Jamal G3, Hilkiyah R4, Lana R4, Al-Amin G4, Emmy G4, Caylen R5, Kash R5, Teegan R5, Ishmael G5, Saimah G5, Amina R6, Nia R6, Rhama G6, Riley G6

Golden Ticket Winners this week:



Arran R1, Caelan R1, Saviour G2, Nevaeh R2, Zakaria R2, Kayden G3, Stephanie G3, Elisha R3, Kaz R3, Louie G4, Ryleigh-Wrey G4, Annabelle R4, Vito R4, Aliya G5, Dallas G5, Anh r5, Efetobore R5, Baasit R6



Kindness

Values Assembly – What our learners think!

We explored the core value of KINDNESS this week. Our learners had an opportunity to think about what kindness is, why it is important and what it looks like in our school. We spent some time thinking about how we can show kindness and the impact this has on ourselves, others and our community. Red 5 shared that 'small acts of kindness can have more meaning than big gestures, saying hello to someone can have a huge impact on their day'.

Important Parent Information

Summer weather is here!



As the temperatures rise, please remember to take the following precautions to help keep your child safe and comfortable:

- Apply sun cream before school
- Ensure your child brings a water bottle
- No sandals or open-toe shoes
- Please ensure your child wears a sun hat

Thank you for your support in helping us keep everyone safe and happy during the warm weather!

Important Dates to Remember

1st June 2026	Start of Summer 2 term—Children return to school
2nd June 2026	Reception bus Trip
2nd June 2026	The Nest parent Workshop—Community Space
19th June 2026	Year 1 Trip—Peckham rye (PM Only)

18th June 2026—25th June 2026

Scholastic Book Fair (3 for 2)

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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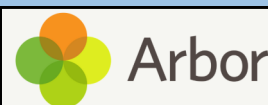
MENU



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.



Studybugs



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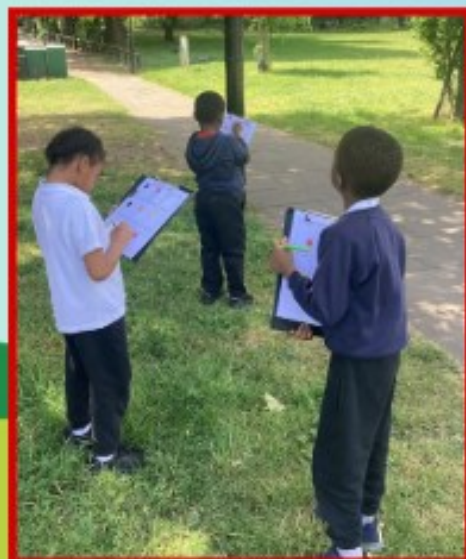
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At the Park...With Year 1



Year One had lots of fun at Cossal Park this week enjoying outdoor learning. The children worked together in teams, developing their collaboration and communication skills while taking part in exciting games and exploring nature. There was lots of teamwork, laughter and smiling faces all around!



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Water Play! With Reception



Reception had a wonderful time exploring water play in many different ways. The children enjoyed pouring, splashing, and experimenting with different containers, watching how the water moved and changed. They used their imaginations to create fun games and worked together to share and explore. The water play was both fun and refreshing, especially in the warm weather, and brought lots of smiles and laughter to the classroom.



WALKING CHALLENGE



This week was Walk to School Week, and we were delighted to see so many children take part! It was lovely to hear about their journeys—how was it walking to school? Did you discover anything new about your local area along the way?

Walking is not only good for our environment, but it is also great for our health!

Thank you to everyone who took part. Even if you biked, scooted or hopped or jumped! We hope you enjoyed the experience and feel encouraged to walk to school even more often!

Walk to School Week

Monday 18th May – Friday 22nd May 2026



ICE LOLLY FANTASTIC



Are you feeling the heat yet? ☀️

Our Ice Lolly Sale was a huge success, and we hope we helped cool you down! It was a fantastic way to end the term—enjoying the amazing weather with plenty of fun, frosty, icy treats. Thank you to everyone who joined in and made it such a memorable afternoon!

A big thank you to our amazing parent volunteers for their support. All proceeds raised will go towards hosting more fun-filled events for our school community.

**SUMMER
ICE-LOLLY SALE**

Thursday 23rd May 2026

Ice-Pop Thursday

Friday 24th May 2026

Frosty Fun Friday

Delicious ice lollies available!

Prices up to £2.00

Small change!

**Summer
ICE LOLLY SALE!!**

Thursday Treat Day

Feel Good Friday

Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th from 2:30pm

Please bring small change

£1



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

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June 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

Understanding Anger	1 June 10am
School Anxiety	1 June 7pm
Facing Defiance	2 June 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	2 June 7pm
Anxiety Explained	8 June 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	8 June 7pm
Introduction to OCD	9 June 10am
What is ACT?	9 June 7pm
Decreasing Depression	15 June 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	15 June 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	16 June 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	16 June 7pm
Improving Family Communication	22 June 10am
Autism-Improving Communication	22 June 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	23 June 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	23 June 7pm
ADHD and Homework	25 June 7-8pm



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

FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT

INFO@ULTIMATESPORTSCLUB.CO.UK



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Parent Information Cont...



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

Topic	Date	More Info
Proactive Strategies Workshop	Tuesday 5 th May 2026	Exploring everyday proactive strategies that can support individuals, promote positive behaviour and reduce stress before difficulties arise.
Drop-in Support Session	Tuesday 12 th May 2026	The team offers advice and support for behaviours of concern, providing practical guidance and helpful resources.
Parent & Carer Support Group	Tuesday 19 th May 2026	Come along to our parent/carer group to connect, share and feel supported.
Supporting Communication Workshop	Tuesday 9 th June 2026	Exploring communication and ways to create a capable environment that better supports understanding and everyday interactions.
Drop-in Support Session	Tuesday 16 th June 2026	The team offers advice and support for behaviours of concern, providing practical guidance and helpful resources.
Parent & Carer Support Group	Tuesday 23 rd June 2026	Come along to our parent/carer group to connect, share and feel supported.



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



Parent Information Cont...



Half Term Programme

MINI MARATHON PRACTICE/HEATS

Tuesday 26th May, 2026 **Time:** 10am -1pm
 at Southwark Park SE16 2TX
 at The SurreyQuays Side

MINI MARATHON FUNDRAISING EVENT

Wednesday 27th May, 2026 **Time:** 10am-2pm
 at Southwark Park SE16 2TX
 at The SurreyQuays Side

GIVE BACK SEWING PROJECT

Friday 29th May, 2026
 at Walworth road Se17
Time: 10am-12pm

Register at Parentskills2go.org
07394662602

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Parent Information Cont...

JINA JAY CASTING

Jina Jay Casting is looking for a young boy to play a
LEAD ROLE

in an upcoming Independent Feature Film shooting in London

- Young boy
- Must be aged 7 - 10
- Encouraging applicants with Algerian, Moroccan, Tunisian heritage
- Must live in London
- Must be available from 20th July 2026 for 6 weeks
- Must be comfortable around both dogs and small birds and not allergic
- No previous acting experience required

TO APPLY

Parent/guardian please email the following to:
assistant@jinajay.com

- **Subject line: Name of applicant | AMINE Casting Call**
- Name, age, DOB, location/base, and heritage
- Recent photo
- 30 second introduction video speaking about their favourite sport/game/superhero/pet

Submission deadline: Friday 22nd May 2026

Applicants with representation should submit via their agents

Please note that this is a character driven drama with some adult themes

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>

Southwark
Council
southwark.gov.uk

LITTLE FISH THEATRE
ORIGINAL. BOLD. SCHEFFELING.

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

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MAY CAMP

Come join us for our Camp! Stay active and have fun with Football, Multi-sports, Art craft, Smoothie making, Nurf war and disco.

A great way to make friends, and try something new this Easter
(Our staff are DBS-checked and trained to support children with additional need and diabetes.)

Location: Salisbury Manor Primary School
4 Burnside Avenue, Chingford, E4 8YJ

Dates & Time: 26 & 27 May

9:30AM-3:30 PM Cost: £15 per day

Hot lunch: £5

Age: 5 - 14

(We Offer discount people on free school

Contact us)

Sign Up



07486 046938 info@mbcommunitycic.com

