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A word from the headteacher

It has been another busy and exciting week, with children taking part in a range of educational visits beyond the classroom. Our Year 2 children enjoyed a visit to St Paul's Cathedral, which supported their learning about the Great Fire of London and provided a fascinating opportunity to explore one of London's most famous landmarks. Year 6 pupils took part in a Junior Citizenship session, where they learned important information and practical skills to help keep themselves safe as they become more independent. Meanwhile, our Year 5 children who remained in school had a fantastic visit to Mudchute Farm, learning more about animals, food production and the environment.

Our Year 5 children attending the Nethercott Farm residential have had an especially memorable week. As well as enjoying all the opportunities that farm life has to offer, they were fortunate enough to meet some very special visitors: Michael and Clare Morpurgo, along with Princess Anne. They were even featured on the ITV news! This was a truly unique experience that the children will remember for years to come.
Click the link here to watch the clip.

This morning, we held our Macmillan Coffee Morning and were delighted to see so many members of our school community supporting this wonderful cause. Thank you for your generosity and support in helping us raise money for the fantastic work of Macmillan Cancer Support.
I hope you have a wonderful weekend and we will see you bright and early on Monday morning.

Miss Rooney

Attendance

Our School attendance target **98%**
Our overall attendance this week is: **94.43%**

Registration Form	Late: Marks (Count)	Present R/C: Marks (%)
Reception Green	2	93.36%
Reception Red	0	97.03%
Green1	3	99.23%
Red1	1	96%
Green2	0	97.41%
Red2	4	92.31%
Green3	1	98.15%
Red3	7	91.85%
Green4	1	95.71%
Red4	1	98.33%
Green5	1	98.33%
Red5	1	99.57%
Green6	1	94.62%
Red6	0	94.48%





25th September 2026

This weeks class attendance Winner



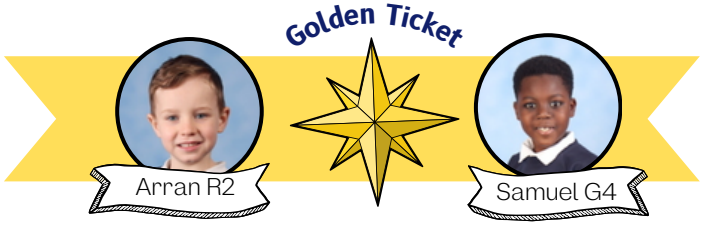
Red 5
With
99.57%



Ticket winners this week



Esther R1, Ariana R2, Janae R2, KeXin G3, Loc G3, Fatim R3, Deborah G4, Mohammed G4, Edric R4, Safron R4, Al'amin G5, Sara R5, Daniel G6, Motoyosi G6, Efe R6, Wendy R6,



Ava R1, Ethan R1, Raimond R2, Amari G3, Zeniyah G3, Abdulhameed R3, Heerabye R3, Moses G4, Kaz R4, Joy R4, Joshua G5, Lana R5, Eliud G6, Inayah G6, Ade R6, Muneerah R6



Values Assembly – What our learners think!

We focused on the core value of **ASPIRATION** this week and used the life of Pablo Picasso to help us think about what resilience is. Despite being a world famous artist now, Pablo Picasso faced many challenges to achieving his dreams during his life time – he even had to burn his paintings to keep warm! Red 3 reflected about what we can learn about aspiration from Pablo and shared, 'Pablo Picasso showed aspiration by aiming high and achieving the high goals that he set for himself. Even when he was sad, he showed resilience and inspired us to keep trying!'

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Key Dates for your Diary/Calendar

Dates	Event/Trip	Year Group
28th September 2026	Trip to Synagogue	Green 3
29th September 2026	Trip to Synagogue	Red 3
29th September 2026	NCMP (Height and Weight)	Year Reception & Year 6
30th september 2026	Trip to Maritime Museum	Year 6

Term Dates

TERM	START	END
AUTUMN 1	Thursday 3rd September 2026	Friday 16th October 2026
HALF TERM	19th October 2026	30th October 2026
AUTUMN 2	Monday 2nd November 2026	Friday 18th December 2026
CHRISTMAS	21st December 2026	4th January 2027

TAEKWONDO
WITH MASTER WILLIAMS



JOIN NOW

There are availibility in the following Taekwondo session:

Thursday AM - Y3-4

(£3.50per session- Charged Half-Termly)



Key Apps that John Donne Use

We currently use the following apps:

- Study Bugs: To report your child's illness
- Arbor: you can view your childs studentprofile and make payments to trips etc

Notice: New Changes with how we use Arbor

All consent for trips will now go through the Arbor App. We will no longer be using paper slips. When paying for your child's trip etc please ensure you select consent for your child to attend.

Lunch Time menu



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Reminders for Parents:

JD After school Activity clubs

Payments for clubs will be noted in the letter and will need to be paid by:

TODAY 25th September 2026

Failure to pay will result in your child being removed from the club and another child being offered a place.

Gardening Club





Jewellery Club

Film Club





JD Singers

JD After school Activity clubs... 2

Please note that children with an outstanding balance for after-school clubs from the 2025-2026 academic year will not be allocated a club place this term.

If you wish to pay any outstanding fees, please contact the school office, where we will be happy to assist you. Thank you for your understanding.

Music Lessons

If your child is interested in Piano, Violin, Guitar etc please contact:







Ms Rebecca Hollweg

07776345582

LOST PROPERTY

Please can you label your childrens belongings as we have had many missing jumpers/cardigans already. We advise you label in the collar or tag area your childs name and current Year group.

For any lost property please check the Lost & found located in the bottom hall to the far corner.









PE DAYS

Year 1: Tuesday

Year 2: Friday

Year 3: Thursday

Year 4: Tuesday

Year 5: Monday

Year 6: Wednesday



Swimming Lessons

Year 3 will be going Swimming from next week friday



Letter here!

Healthy Packed Lunches

A healthy packed lunch should include items such as a sandwich, wrap or pasta, fresh fruit and vegetables, and water. Please remember that we are a nut-free school and ask that no nuts or nut-containing products are included in lunchboxes.







Learning at JD

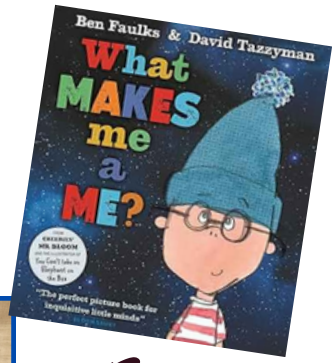
Reception

'Who are you?'






Reception have made a wonderful start to their school journey and have been settling into school beautifully. Over the past few weeks, the children have been learning about our class routines and exploring how to use the different learning spaces both independently and with their friends. As part of this term's topic, Who Are You?, we have been reading What Makes Me a Me. This has inspired lots of discussions about ourselves, our families and our interests. The children have enjoyed talking about what makes them unique and celebrating the special qualities that make each of us different.




Year 5

Taekwondo Taster Session









Year 5 had a fantastic time taking part in a Taekwondo session with our instructor. The children learned some basic moves and techniques, while also developing their balance, coordination and focus. Everyone joined in enthusiastically and really enjoyed trying something new!

Learning at JD

Year 5
Mudchute Farm





Some of our Year 5 pupils had a fantastic day out at Mudchute Farm! The children enjoyed exploring the farm, meeting a variety of animals and learning more about life on a working farm. It was a fun and memorable day, and everyone represented the school brilliantly throughout the visit.

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Coffee Morning & Cake Sale

Friday 25th September 2026





It was wonderful to welcome so many parents and carers to our recent Coffee Morning. The event provided a great opportunity for families to come together, enjoy a chat, make new connections, and strengthen our school community in a warm and friendly atmosphere.

Guests enjoyed tea, coffee, and a delicious slice of cake while spending time with fellow parents, carers, and staff. We were delighted by the positive turnout and the enthusiasm shown by everyone who attended.





















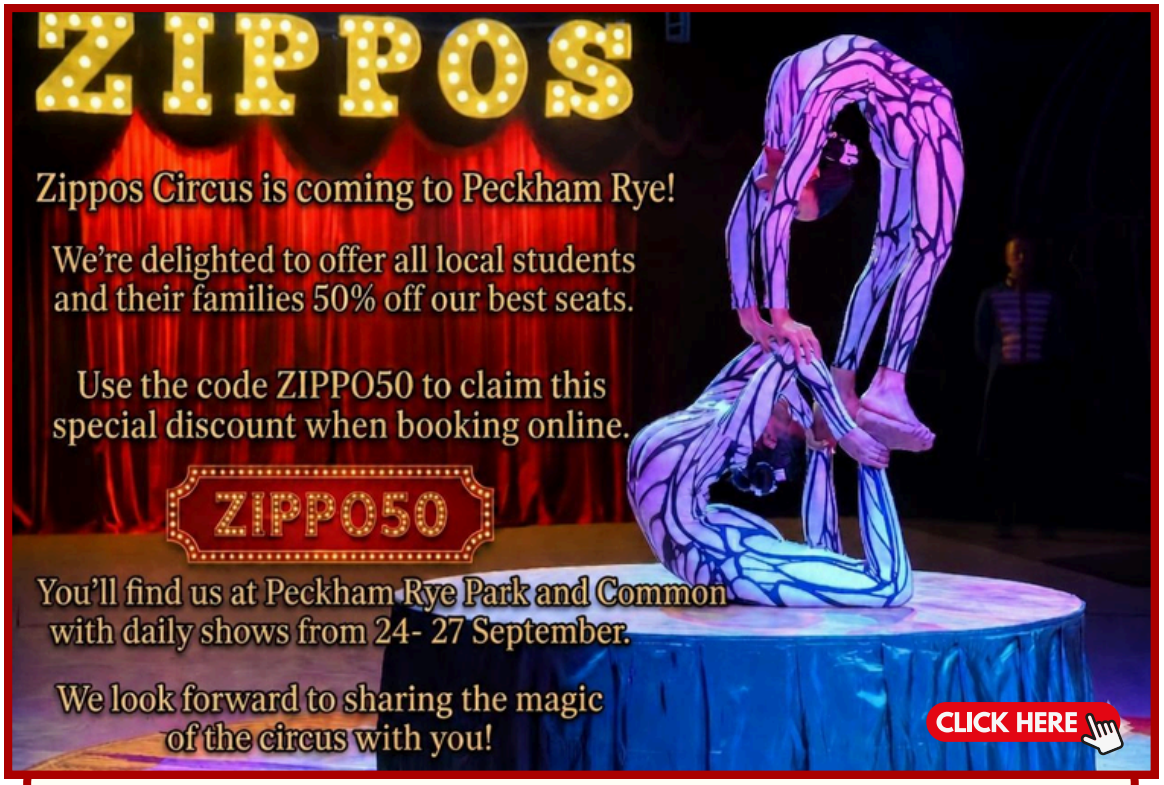




Join us for an Afterschool cake Sale to

Other Information:





Zippos Circus are visiting Peckham next week, and they always value the opportunity to connect with the communities that welcome them during our stay.

They strongly believe that all children and young people should have access to the arts and the opportunity to experience live performance. With this in mind, they would like to offer all children and their families discounted tickets for their show, hopefully helping make a visit to the circus more accessible for the local community.



Hopefully you have heard about the free Bell House Dyslexia Fair on 26th September? It's a family-focused, community event full of hands-on activities, workshops and talks, with plenty of experts on hand to offer advice to parents and practitioners. You can find out more here - it would be really great if you could share the link and information with your staff and families: https://www.bellhouse.co.uk/dyslexia-fair-2026



Family learning at Southwark Adult Learning Service

https://www.southwark.gov.uk/schools-and-education/adult-learning

Southwark Council

Family learning – autumn 2026

Come and learn as a family with us!

Family learning courses

Family learning programmes are designed to help adults develop the skills they need to support their child's English and maths and to allow families to learn together in a fun and relaxed environment.

Bring your child and participate in a wide variety of activities from pottery, fashion, using a computer, arts and crafts, dance, and sewing. We regularly run sessions after school and during the holidays for families to learn a new skill and to take time out to enjoy being creative together. Most family learning courses are free, but in some classes there's a £5 materials cost.

We also have courses to help you to support your school-aged children or grandchildren. These courses will enable you to help them do well at school and achieve more by supporting your own progress and achievement in English, maths and languages.

Courses run in various venues across the borough, including schools, children's centres, libraries and voluntary organisations, and at the Thomas Calton Centre in Peckham.

If you'd like to have a course delivered to your venue, get in touch to discuss your ideas.

Find out more!







Southwark Adult Learning Service

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Southwark Council

Family learning – autumn 2026

Title/ Course code (takes place at Thomas Calton Centre unless indicated)	Days and times	Start date	Number of weeks	Fees
Family Pottery FL6004	Monday 4pm to 5.30pm	2 November 2026	5 weeks	£5 materials fee
ESOL for families – Entry 2/3 FL6002	Monday 10am to 3pm	14 September 2026	36 weeks	£0
ESOL early help for families FL6003	Thursday 10am to 12 pm	18 September 2026	36 weeks	£0
Autumn half-term family learning activities FL6006	Monday 1pm to 3.30pm	26 October 2026	1 day	£0
Black history month celebrations FL6007	Tuesday 1pm to 3.30pm	27 October 2026	1 day	£0
Family Yoga FL6022	Tuesday 3.45 to 5.15	22 September 2026	5 weeks	£0
Paediatric First Aid for families	Monday 10am to 12pm	TBC	1 day	£0

For more information call

020 7358 2100

adult.learning@southwark.gov.uk

To enrol – complete an enrolment form on line at https://www.southwark.gov.uk/schools-and-education/adult-learning

or visit the Thomas Calton Centre Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm (during term time Monday and Wednesday until 8pm)