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A word from the headteacher

Dear parents and carers,

It has been another busy and enjoyable week at school, with lots of exciting opportunities for our children to develop their learning.

This week, Year 1 visited Dulwich Picture Gallery to take part in an art workshop. The children had a wonderful time exploring the gallery and creating their own artwork inspired by the pieces they had seen. It was a fantastic opportunity to develop their creativity and build on their learning in art.

Today, we are celebrating Children in Need, and it has been lovely to see so many children dressed up and joining in. Thank you to all our families for your generosity and kind donations in support of this important cause.

I would also like to apologise that our school photographer was unable to attend on Tuesday as planned. The photography session has been rearranged, and we will share further details with you in due course.

Finally, thank you to everyone who attended our parents' evenings this week. We really value the opportunity to discuss your child's progress and appreciate your continued support and partnership.

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

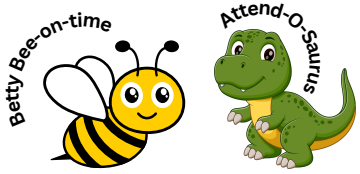
Miss Rooney

Attendance

Our School attendance target **98%**

Our overall attendance this week is: **95.74%**

Registration Form	Present R/C: Marks (%)	Late R/C Student:
Reception Green	96.25%	3
Reception Red	97.14%	1
Green1	96.92%	1
Red1	96.8%	2
Green2	94.81%	5
Red2	92.69%	2
Green3	95%	2
Red3	97.04%	3
Green4	97.24%	2
Red4	97.33%	3
Green5	93.75%	2
Red5	100%	1
Green6	97.6%	4
Red6	96.55%	4



13th November 2026

This weeks class attendance Winner



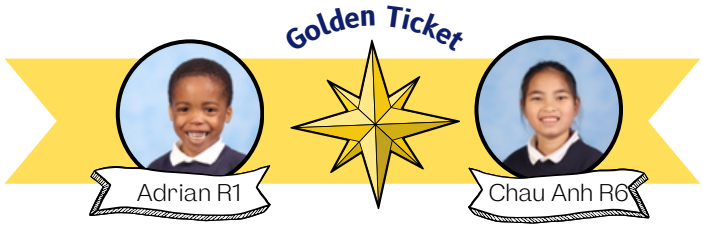
Red 5
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100%



Ticket winners this week



Malika R1, Otis R1, Amas G1, Zham G1, Rumaan R2, Maira A G2, Heerabye R3, Elijah G3, Celina G3,Ira R4, Leon R4,Nathan g5, Ryleigh-Wrey G5, Jannah R5, Vito R5, Eliud G6, Ava R6, Serenity R6



Charlotte R1, Ousman G1, Lucas G1, Dylan R2, Aaliyah M G2, Deborah G2, Zakaria R3, Nehemiah G3, Vienna G3, Melissa R4, Tyrese R4,Amelia G4, Serra R5, Raphael R5, Emmy G5, Ibitayo G5, Rocsi R6, Becky G6, Zuriel G6,



Values Assembly – What our learners think!

This week we learned about two brothers – Alistair and Jonny Brownlee – who were both triathletes. During a race, Jonny felt unwell due to the extreme heat and his brother Alistair forwent his opportunity to come third in the race to help him cross the finish line. We considered what self-less acts we could show in school this week. Red 6 reflected that 'being selfless means thinking about other people's needs and feelings before our own'.

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Key Dates for your Diary/Calendar

Dates	Event/Trip	Year Group
19th November 2026	Trip to London Zoo	Year 6
25th November 2026	Individual and Sibling Photos	Nursery & All Years



Individual Photos & Sibling Photos

Wednesday 25th November 2026



All children need to be in School uniform

Children who have PE on Monday can carry their PE kit to change into afterwards.

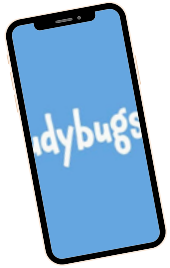
Term Dates

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

Lunch Time menu



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.

Notices for Parents:

With the Amazing Master Williams

There are availibility in the following Taekwondo session:

Thursday AM - Y3-4

(£3.50per session- Charged Half-Termly)

Register your interest at the office

JOIN NOW

doodle Autumn Competition

Earn 250 stars in DoodleMaths between October 19th – November 20th to receive a certificate, an in-app badge and be in with the chance of winning a Doodle goodie bundle!* To enter the prize draw, ask a parent to scan the QR code or visit the following page once you've earned 250 stars: https://r7fwva4ubvq.typeform.com/autumncomp

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



Letter here!

ZUMBA®

Zumba was another fantastic success this week! It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers joining in, dancing, exercising, and having fun together. We were especially pleased to welcome some new faces to the session and hope you enjoyed being part of our growing Zumba community. Thank you to everyone who came along and brought such great energy and enthusiasm. We look forward to seeing you all again next week for more fitness, fun, and dancing!



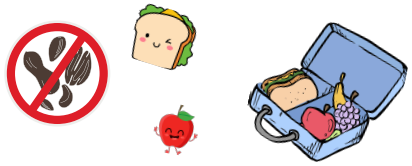


There will be NO Zumba on Friday 20th November 2026

umba will resume on: Friday 27th November 2026

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.



Events at JD

BBC Children in Need





Children in Need Day was a fantastic success! It was wonderful to see so many children taking part and showing their support. Everyone came dressed in fantastic outfits, bringing lots of colour, fun, and excitement to the day. It was especially great to see the amazing costumes worn by the people who help us every day, from superheroes to other creative characters. Thank you to everyone who got involved and helped make the day so special and memorable!











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BBC Children in Need

















Can you see the amazing costumes!
Can you spot Pudsey in the pictures?

Other Information: What else is going on...

PARENTING SCHEDULE SPRING 2027

Term starts w/c 4th Jan and runs to 25th March. Referrals made after 25th Jan (when these groups close to new members) will be placed on the Summer waitlist

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Strengthening Families Strengthen Communities
(English and Spanish - from 5th Jan)

EPEC - Being A Parent 1 -3
(Starting 12th Jan)

We also have TAP-In sessions running on Monday and Tuesday mornings throughout the term

Strengthening Families Strengthening Communities
(Arabic - from 6th Jan)

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EPEC - Being A Parent
EPEC - Baby and Us
(Starting 13th Jan)
TAP Together - online and evening
(Starting 13th Jan)

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EPEC - Being A Parent
(Starting 14th Jan)

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Southwark Fathers Group
(Starting 15th Jan)

For more information on any courses email
Parenting@Southwark.gov.uk

To make a referral visit
https://www.southwark.gov.uk/form/parenting-programme-referral

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Autism Support Team

Puberty, Relationships and Sex

FREE training for parents and carers of Autistic children / teenagers

Do you want to understand what your Autistic child is experiencing during **puberty**, help them to navigate complex **social & emotional changes** and prepare them for **safe and healthy relationships**?

Through this training session you will develop an **understanding** of:

- ✓ How autism shapes a young person's experience of puberty.
- ✓ The differences Autistic young people may have when navigating a romantic or intimate relationship.
- ✓ Touch, personal space, arousal and sex from the perspective of an Autistic young person.



You will also come away with **practical skills and activities** around supporting an Autistic person with:

- ✓ Managing their moods and emotions associated with puberty.
- ✓ Understanding 'public' and 'private.'
- ✓ Understanding different types of relationships and interactions, and how these might change during puberty.
- ✓ Strategies for managing sexual feelings, for example masturbation.
- ✓ Understanding and exploring their sexuality.

Join us for an **in-person, practical training session** on:

Tuesday 1st December
10:00am-4:30pm

Southwark Council,
160 Tooley St, SE1 2QH

Register here

Or scan the QR code →

For any further queries, please contact
autismsupportteam@southwark.gov.uk