# John Donne Primary School

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## A word from the headteacher

Dear parents and carers,

It has been another busy week at school, with children taking part in a range of exciting learning experiences beyond the classroom. Our Year 6 pupils enjoyed a visit to London Zoo, which supported their learning about animals in captivity. The visit provided an excellent opportunity for the children to consider both the benefits and challenges of keeping animals in zoos, helping to bring their classroom discussions to life.

Meanwhile, Year 3 visited Shakespeare's Globe Theatre to support their understanding of Julius Caesar, the play they have been studying this half term. The experience helped deepen their appreciation of Shakespeare's work and gave them a valuable insight into how the play would have been performed.

A reminder that the date for individual school photographs has changed. School photographs will now take place on Wednesday 25th November. Please make a note of this revised date.

As the weather continues to get colder, please ensure that your child comes to school with a warm coat, hat, scarf and gloves so that they can remain comfortable during breaktimes and outdoor learning. We would also be grateful if all items could be clearly labelled with your child's name. This helps us to return lost property to its owner quickly and ensures that children can stay warm throughout the school day.

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

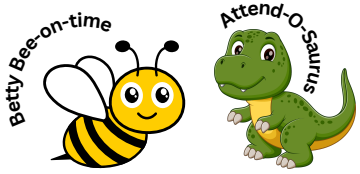
**Miss Rooney**

## Attendance

Our School attendance target **98%**

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

| Registration Form | Present R/C: Marks (%) | Late R/C Student: Students (Count) |
|---|---|---|
| Reception Green | 96.25% | |
| Red5 | 99.09% | |
| Green1 | 95.38% | 1 |
| Green3 | 96.54% | 1 |
| Green4 | 92.5% | 1 |
| Red6 | 97.93% | 1 |
| Reception Red | 92.5% | 2 |
| Red1 | 96% | 2 |
| Green2 | 95.93% | 2 |
| Red2 | 95% | 2 |
| Green5 | 96.67% | 2 |
| Red3 | 97.78% | 3 |
| Red4 | 96% | 3 |
| Green6 | 93.6% | 3 |




# 20th November 2026

## This weeks class attendance Winner



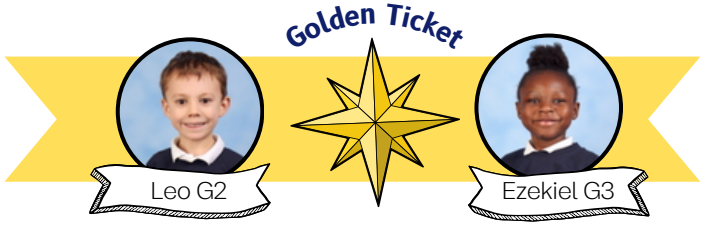
**Red 5**
**With**
**99.09%**



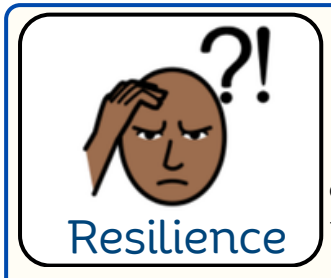
## Ticket winners this week




Iker R1, Jack R1, Mayra S G2, Adetola R2, Matilda R2, Elijah G3, Yusuf G3, Abdulhameed R3, Ezra R4, Fiifi R4, Euncie G5, Ryan G5, Al'Amin R5, Ezra R5, Morecoambe G6, Saimah G6, Anh R6, Efe R6




Brandon R1, Eliyannah R1, Finley R2, Wynter R2, Fred G2, A'Zariah R3, Micheal R3, Loc G3, Isla R4, Grace R4, Ryleigh-Wrey G4, Annabelle R5, Kaylee R5, Kara G5, Van Ha R6, Dallas G6, Motoyosi G6




## Values Assembly – What our learners think!

We focused on the value of **RESILIENCE** this week! Learners had an opportunity to consider what resilience means and looked at some different definitions. We then used a helpful diagram to consider what things are in our control and what things aren't for e.g. How I handle challenges are in my control and other people's opinions aren't. Green 1 made a fantastic reflection which was 'When I don't know how to do something I will tell myself, 'I can't do it... yet!'

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# Key Dates for your Diary/Calendar

| Dates | Event/Trip | Year Group |
|---|---|---|
| 25th November 2026 | Individual and Sibling Photos | Nursery & All Years |
| 26th November 2026 | Flu Vaccination | Reception and Year 6 |
| 27th November 2026 | Own Clothes Day | All Years |

# 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 |

# NOTICE TO ALL PARENTS/CARERS



We kindly ask that children do not bring toys, personal items, or other belongings from home into school unless requested by their class teacher.

These items can cause distractions, lead to confusion over ownership, and may become lost or damaged. To avoid any upset and help children stay focused on their learning, please ensure such items are kept at home.

*Thank you for your support and cooperation.*

## 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.

## Year 2 Winter Production

**Thursday 17th December at 2:00pm**

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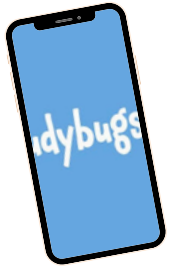
**Friday 18th December at 9:00am**

**Bottom Hall**

## Lunch Time menu Next Week..




## 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.

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# Notices for Parents:




## PE Days

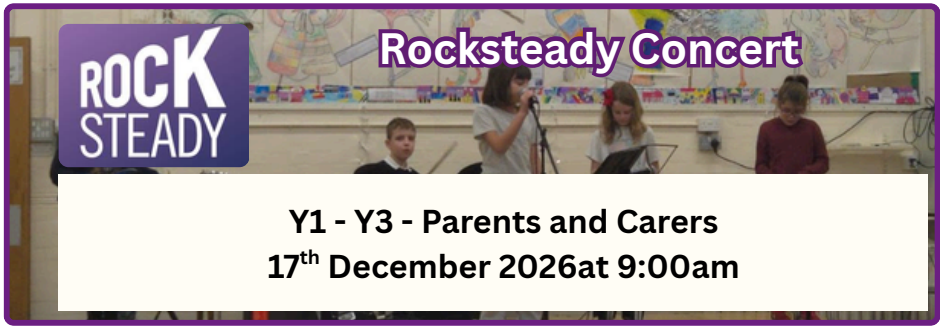
**Year 1:** Tuesday
**Year 2:** Friday
**Year 3:** Thursday
**Year 4:** Tuesday
**Year 5:** Monday
**Year 6:** Thursday



## Swimming Lessons

Next class coming soon!





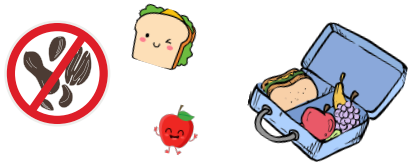

## Rocksteady Concert

**Y1 - Y3 - Parents and Carers**
**17th December 2026at 9:00am**

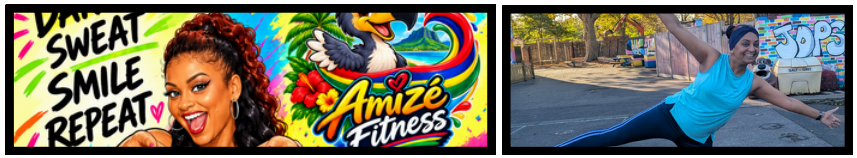



## Healthy Packed Lunches

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.



ZUMBA




**There will be NO Zumba on Friday 20th November 2026**
**Zumba will resume on: Friday 27th November 2026**

E.W. TAE KWON DO

**With the Amazing Master Williams**

JOIN NOW

There are availibility in the following Taekwondo session:

**Thursday AM - Y3-4**

**(£3.50per session- Charged Half-Termly)**

Register your interest at the office

# Coffee Morning with the Mayor of Southwark











We were delighted to welcome The Mayor of Southwark, Claire Shepheard, and two local councillors to our recent Coffee Morning to discuss pollution and how we can work together to keep our local area clean and safe for everyone.

Parents took part in positive and productive discussions, sharing ideas on how to create a healthier environment for our children and families. Our School Councillors also had the opportunity to meet the Mayor and proudly present their fantastic posters on pollution, sharing their ideas for making the local community a better and greener place to live.
A huge thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to this important conversation.

# Learning at JD

## The Ice Palace

**With Year 4**



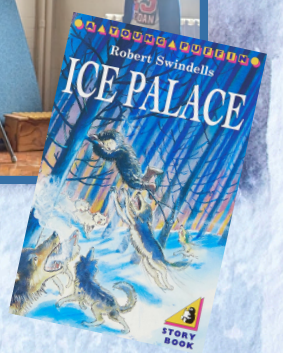













Dear Diary

This week in English, Year 4 will be writing a diary entry based on The Ice Palace. To help bring the story to life, the children have been acting out key events and exploring the characters' thoughts and feelings. This has helped to build their confidence and develop their oracy skills by encouraging them to discuss, perform, and explain their ideas. We are looking forward to seeing the children use these experiences to create imaginative and detailed diary entries.

# 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

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

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

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

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

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

**T**
EPEC - Being A Parent
(Starting 14th Jan)

**F**
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

## One to One support for you and your family

Our Community Family Workers offer tailored support for you and your family. Support can be provided through a one-off appointment or weekly sessions over six Sessions, depending on your needs. The team also has close links with many other organisations in Southwark and can act as a gateway for children and their parents/carers to get longer-term support, where that is needed

The idea is that children, parents & carers can access support within the hub and access support early.



**We offer support in;**
Health and well-being, home and money, boundaries and behaviour, education and learning, SEND, routines, family relationships, access to services and parenting

For children 0-19 years and their parents/carers (up to 25 with SEND)

**Rye Oak Best Start Family Hub Whorlton Road SE15 3PD**
**0203 848 5780**
**childrenscentre@ivydale.southwark.sch.uk**

BEST START IN LIFE | FAMILY HUBS

## 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

# Other Information: What else is going on...

## Family Navigator Drop In

face to face, telephone and virtual appointments at Ann Bernadt SEND Family Hub

MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS 9.30 - 3.pm

SATURDAYS 9:30 -1.PM



29 Chandler Way
Peckham
SE15 6DT

MON-SAT
0207 525 0252

VIRTUAL APPOINTMENTS PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL

Are you a parent/carer?
you can receive support, advice and guidance from our experienced team of our family support team and early years practitoners on well-being, parenting, education, benefits, child development and more. We also have community groups on early years child, bonding and infant feeding

Families with children
0-19 years and up to 25 years for SEND

VISIT - WWW.PPRNCFC.CO.UK

Email: childrenscentre@ivydale.southwark.sch.uk

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## INCREDIBLE YEARS AUTISM PROGRAMME

The Incredible Years Autism Programme provides practical, evidence-based strategies to support children's language, social skills, emotional regulation, and school readiness. It helps parents and carers build confidence, strengthen relationships, and better support their child's development through consistent, positive approaches.

Starting
Wednesdays 10-12
13th January (12 weeks)
Term Time only

CHILDREN 2 -7 YEARS

Book your place



Or for more information, contact 02038485780
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