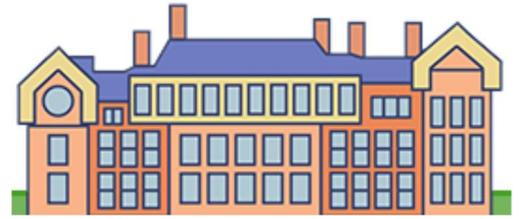


# Gordon Primary School News

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## Be the best you can be.

### THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

It has been a wonderfully festive week! On Saturday evening, our **Chamber Choir** delighted audiences with a fantastic performance alongside the Greenwich Community Choir at Eltham Park Methodist Church. On Wednesday, our talented **Year 5 and 6** pupils filled the Methodist Church with joyful singing at their Carol Concert. The celebrations continued with class parties on Wednesday and Thursday, bringing lots of smiles and fun. In Monday's assembly, pupils enjoyed learning about the story of **Hanukkah**, and a special pantomime performance of Beauty and the Beast this morning rounded off a truly special week.

### ATTENDANCE AWARD & THE HOUSEPOINTS CUP

In assembly this morning, we presented the **Attendance Award** to the class that received the most weekly Attendance Stars this half term. The winning class was **Moonstone** - congratulations!

Congratulations to **Nesbit House**, winners of the House Points Cup for this half term! This achievement reflects the fantastic effort, positive attitudes and strong teamwork shown by all members of Nesbit House throughout the term. Well done to everyone involved - a truly well-deserved success!

Grangehill 1592	Rochester 1579	Dunvegan 1561	Nesbit 1609
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This week's "Let's Talk" task:

**Is it better to give than to receive?**

**Why do you think that?**

*I suggest ...*

*I hear what you're saying,  
but have you considered ...*

*I agree because ...*

For those of us who find the Christmas period challenging, please do not worry alone - there are plenty of services offering support:

- Samaritans: 116 123 or you can [email them here](#)
- SANEline: 0300 304 7000
- National Suicide Prevention Line: 0800 689 5652
- CALM - Campaign Against Living Miserably: 0800 58 58 58 or via [webchat by tapping here](#)

## DIARY DATES

### January 2026

Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Term begins - children from <b>Reception to Year 6</b> return to school Home visits for new <b>Nursery</b> families
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Nursery</b> re-opens Maths workshop for <b>Year 1</b> Parents & Carers - 9am
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 4</b> swimming lessons continue
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Diamond Class</b> visit to the Linnean Society
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Closing date for Reception applications (to start September 2026)
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Coral</b> Class assembly - 9:10am / 2:45pm
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Year 6</b> perform at <b>Young Voices</b> concert - O2 Arena - evening
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Nephrite</b> Class assembly - 9:10am / 2:45pm
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Rhodolite</b> Class assembly - 9:10am / 2:45pm

### February 2026

Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Coral Class</b> visit to the Linnean Society
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Reception</b> visit to National Gallery
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	NSPCC Number Day
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>	FoG event - more information to follow
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	School Journey meeting for parents - 6pm
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Managing emotions workshop for <b>Year 4</b>
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Final swimming sessions for <b>Year 4</b> Everyone Belongs evening (5pm - 6:30pm)
16 <sup>th</sup> to 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Half term break - school closed</b>
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	maths workshop for <b>Reception</b> parents
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 3</b> swimming lessons begin

### March 2026

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Secondary School National Offer Day
9 <sup>th</sup> to 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 6</b> residential School Journey
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 5</b> visit to the Science Museum
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Gordon Day Performance ( <b>Years 4 and 5</b> ) - afternoon
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Gordon Day performance ( <b>Years 4 and 5</b> ) - morning

## FIREAWAY PIZZA OFFER

Please don't forget that **Fireaway Pizza, Eltham** are offering a fantastic festive treat for Gordon families and staff. Enjoy a **15% discount throughout the Christmas period** - a lovely way to celebrate the season while supporting a local business.



**fireaway Pizza Offer**  
15% Discount for Gordon Families and staff  
Valid for the festive season at Fireaway Eltham  
Discount Code: 15%DISC  
[www.fireaway.co.uk](http://www.fireaway.co.uk)

## NATIONAL POETRY DAY COMPETITION

The Royal Borough of Greenwich recently held a poetry competition to celebrate National Poetry Day, and we are delighted to share some wonderful news. **Alice** from **Moonstone Class** received a very special mention for her excellent poem!

Pupils from schools across Greenwich were invited to take part in the annual competition, which was based on the theme of **play**. They were encouraged to write any style of poem with up to 20 lines. The competition inspired many creative entries, and we are incredibly proud of all the Gordon pupils who took part. Special congratulations go to Alice for her excellent poem and well-deserved recognition!

## *The Art of Play* by Alice

*When school is done, I run outside,  
My friends all laugh and shout "let's hide!"  
The Sun is warm, the sky is blue,  
There's so much stuff we want to do.  
We play on swings and race so fast,  
We hope the day will always last.  
We jump on the grass, we climb trees,  
We laugh so much, like everything is funny.  
I cry sometimes but that's okay,  
It's just a small part of another day.  
The sky turns pink, the Moon says "hi!"  
Time to go, so I wave goodbye.  
In my dreams I'll play again,  
With my super awesome friends.*

## Year 1 Maths Workshop for Parents & Carers

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2026 ~ 9am to 10am

### Middle Hall & Classrooms

Come along, spend some time with your child in their classroom and find out how you can help develop their maths skills at home.

### KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

If you have concerns regarding a child's wellbeing, care or safety during the school holiday please call Greenwich Council (020 8921 3172) or the NSPCC (0808 800 5000). In the case of an emergency where you feel a child is in immediate danger, please call the police on 999.

Please remember that during term-time you can share concerns with our Safeguarding Team: Mr Taylor, Mrs Fabian, Mrs Cuesta and Ms Newlove.



### HENRY LUK KINDNESS CUP



We were proud and delighted to present the coveted **Henry Luk Kindness Award** to **George** in **Nephrite Class** today. Miss Niazi nominated him and said:

*George is always kind, helpful and friendly to everyone. He shares a big smile every day, helping to make our classroom a happy place. George checks in on his classmates, encourages them when things are tricky, and celebrates their successes. He makes sure no one feels left out and is a wonderful role model for kindness.*

## CELEBRATING EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to all of the pupils who have achieved **100% attendance** this term! This is a fantastic accomplishment and reflects your commitment, resilience and positive attitude towards learning. Being in school every day helps you make the most of every opportunity, and we are incredibly proud of your dedication. Well done - keep up the great work!

<b>Crystal (N)</b> George, Maya, Wilf & Eliza	<b>Beryl (R)</b> Lydia, Luna, Maeve, Ottily, Ryvan, Jude, Millie, Zahidullah, Dashiell, Jessica & Ellis	<b>Opal (R)</b> Rory, Aiden, Adriana, Robyn, Juliana, Aaron & Grayson
<b>Emerald (1)</b> Saffy, Tilly, Violet, Aaron, Rose & Hazel	<b>Jasper (1)</b> Daniel, Erin, Artem, Esther & Frankie	<b>Ammolite (2)</b> Robyn, Grace, Wren, Kaia, Mia, Nicholas & Henry
<b>Sapphire (2)</b> Miriam, Tallulah, Marnie, Tilly, Sebby & Lena	<b>Azurite (3)</b> Finley, Leo, Dante, Hugo, Lara, Tomas, Leon & Graihagh	<b>Rhodolite (3)</b> Eddie, Blossom, Minnie, Ziggy, Muhammed, Henry, Finn, Khrystyna, Eline & Adveka
<b>Nephrite (4)</b> Hughie, Marema, Finlay, Leah, Sophie, Anton, Aisha, Jacob, Frederico, Erika & Susanna	<b>Ruby (4)</b> Leo, Sia, William, Eva, Erin, Gab, Adriana, Bogdan & Millie	<b>Coral (5)</b> James, Dylan, Mina & Veon
<b>Diamond (5)</b> Pariza, Shane, Haoxuan, Alma, Alexander, Ethan, Edward, Oscar & Aria	<b>Moonstone (6)</b> Albie, Elijah, Anna, Jessica, Avery, Hakan, Matei, Orla & Amber	<b>Sunstone (6)</b> Ruby, Hazel, Isabella, Farouk & Hope

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS

We would like to thank you for your support during this past term, and take this opportunity to wish all families who will be celebrating Christmas or Hanukkah a very peaceful and merry holiday.



## SWIMMING

**Year 4** pupils will continue their swimming lessons in the New Year, with their first session taking place on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2026**. The final lesson for Year 4 will be on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February**.

After the February half-term holiday, Year 4 swimming lessons will come to an end and **Year 3** swimming lessons will begin. More information will be sent to Year 3 parents and carers closer to the time.



## FOG NEWS

Thank you to everyone who took part in the FoG Christmas Raffle and to the local businesses who kindly donated prizes. With your help we raised over £1200 for the school.

We would also like to thank everyone who came along to the Christmas Discos and all the wonderful parent volunteers who helped at the event. We raised an amazing £1089 and couldn't have done it without your support.

In addition, Mr Taylor and the Gordon staff would like to thank the FoG committee for their hard work and dedication. We are so incredibly lucky to have such a brilliant committee! Thank you, Marilyn, Sian, Jeremy and Natalie.

## TROUSERS, LEGGINGS, UNDERWEAR & SHOES

If you are having a clear-out over the Christmas holidays and come across any trousers, leggings, underwear or shoes that your child has outgrown and no longer needs, please consider donating them to us.

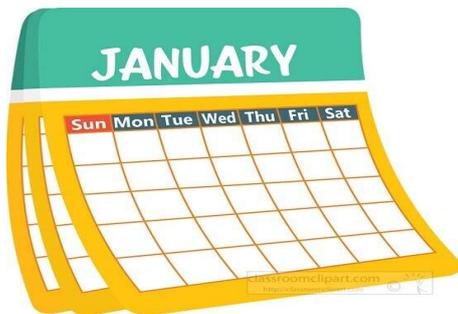
Our supplies of these items are currently very limited, and they are essential when children have accidents during the school day. We would be extremely grateful for any donations you are able to provide.

Thank you in advance for your support.

## RETURN TO SCHOOL

Please note that the Spring term begins on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026** for pupils in **Reception** to **Year 6**.

The **Nursery** will re-open on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January**.



## RECEPTION 2026 ADMISSIONS

Please note that the closing date for applications for Reception classes starting in September 2026 is **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026**.

If you need support with making your application, please visit the Royal Borough of Greenwich website, where you will find full guidance and information on applying for a primary school place. Please click here: <https://bit.ly/4pN9775>

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