

Gordon Primary School News

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Be the best you can be.

THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

We have had another busy and exciting week in school! **Rhodolite Class** treated us to a fantastic assembly today, showcasing great confidence and teamwork as they shared their learning on rivers. Well done, Rhodolite Class! Meanwhile, children in **Years 5 and 6** have begun dance sessions with Calum, our Street Dance Club leader, as they prepare for the Leigh Stationers Academy Dance Festival taking place on 24th March - we're very much looking forward to seeing their routines develop.

Dance was very much in the air across the whole school this week, as classes also enjoyed lively ceilidh dancing sessions, kindly supported by a parent volunteer. The children had great fun learning the steps and moving together to the music.

We held an emergency evacuation on Wednesday to practise leaving the building quickly and safely. The children were calm, sensible and followed instructions brilliantly, exiting the school within the recommended time. Well done to everyone for taking this important practise so seriously.

GRANGEHILL ROAD GATE REPLACEMENT

On Monday 2nd February, the main gates on Grangehill Road will be replaced. This will affect drop-off and collection arrangements for families who use the Key Stage 1 playground. Full details of alternative arrangements have been shared with families via ParentMail.

Please note that access to the school office will be limited throughout the day. If you need to contact the admin team, please do so by email or phone. Parents collecting children for appointments, or those asked to collect a child, should call the office on 020 8850 5486 upon arrival at the Craighton Road gate (near the Sports Hall). A member of staff will escort your child to the gate. Thank you for your understanding.

CLUBS - If your child will be attending an afterschool club on Monday, please collect them from the Craighton Road entrance by the Sports Hall. Thank you!

THIS WEEK'S LET'S TALK TASK

This week's discussion topic is inspired by the National Year of Reading:

If you could enter the world of any storybook, which would it be, and why?



I suggest ...

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

I agree because ...

WOW BADGE DESIGN COMPETITION 2026 - WALK THE SENSES

The WOW Badge Design Competition is back for 2026, and this year's theme is **Walk the Senses!** Children are invited to submit designs for the badges awarded to WOW pupils who walk, wheel, scoot, cycle or Park & Stride to school during the next academic year. We are particularly keen for everyone to take part, as last year a Gordon pupil's design was selected as one of the 11 badges used nationally in schools - a fantastic achievement that we are very proud of!



This year's theme encourages pupils to pause and notice their surroundings on their journey to school. Designs could reflect what they see, hear, smell, taste or feel along the way - from birds singing and flowers blooming, to a tasty snack, the feel of raindrops or snow, or even spotting a rainbow in the sky.

Your child has been given an entry form and has until Wednesday 11th February to create and submit their design. All completed entries should be returned to the class teacher. Good luck!

REQUEST FOR SOCKS

We would be grateful for donations of socks in any size which we can lend to children who may need to change their footwear during the school day (for example, after wet weather or accidents).

Thank you for your continued support in helping us look after our pupils.



RUN THE BIG HALF FOR FOG!



We're inviting all members of the school community to take part in the **Big Half Marathon** on 6th September 2026 and run in support of FoG. The race starts at Tower Bridge and follows part of the iconic London Marathon route, finishing in Greenwich Park. It's a fantastic day out, great fun and a brilliant way to raise valuable funds for our school.

We can take part together as a school community group, making it an even more memorable experience. If you'd like to join us, please email Mr Taylor: headteacher@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk by Tuesday 3rd February. We'd love to have you running with us!

DIARY DATES

February 2026

1 st to 28 th	LGBT History Month
2 nd to 6 th	Maths Week
Tuesday 3 rd	Nursery tour for prospective families - 3:30pm
Wednesday 4 th	Coral Class visit to the Linnean Society
	Year 2 visit to St Luke's Church
Thursday 5 th	Reception visit to National Gallery
Friday 6 th	NSPCC Number Day - Dress Code - all things mathematical!
Monday 9 th	School Journey meeting for parents - 6pm
Tuesday 10 th	Managing emotions workshop for Year 4
Wednesday 11 th	Years 5 & 6 visit to Eltham Hill School to see production of Annie
Thursday 12 th	Final swimming sessions for Year 4
	Freshwater Theatre Group visiting Year 3
	Big Gordon Playdate (5pm - 6:30pm)
16 th to 20 th	Half term break - school closed
Wednesday 25 th	Maths workshop for Reception parents (9am to 10am)
Thursday 26 th	Year 3 swimming lessons begin
Friday 27 th	Smartphone-Free Childhood parents group meeting (9am)

March 2026

1 st to 31 st	Women's History Month
Monday 2 nd	Secondary School National Offer Day
Thursday 5 th	World Book Day
	Nursery visit to Eltham Library
	Year 4 author visit at Blackheath Prep School
Sunday 8 th	International Women's Day
9 th to 13 th	Year 6 residential School Journey
Monday 9 th	Gordon Day Performance (Years 4 and 5) - afternoon
Tuesday 10 th	Gordon Day performance (Years 4 and 5) - morning
Wednesday 11 th	Year 2 visit to the Royal Festival Hall - <i>BrightSparks</i> concert
Thursday 12 th	Coffee & Conversation with the Senior Leadership Team - 9:15am to 10:15am
Monday 16 th	Year 5 visit to the Science Museum
Tuesday 17 th	Gordon School Band performing at Bexley Grammar School
Wednesday 18 th	Year 1 visit to Sealife Centre London
Friday 20 th	Ammolite Class assembly - 9:10am / 2:45pm
Saturday 21 st	Gordon Chamber Choir performing at Choir Festival
Sunday 22 nd	Bounce into Spring - FoG event
Monday 23 rd	Open Evening 1 - 3:30pm to 7pm
Tuesday 24 th	Leigh Stationers Academy Dance Festival - evening performance
Wednesday 25 th	Year 4 visit to Maritime Museum
	Open Evening 2 - 3:30pm to 6pm
Friday 27 th	Year 6 assembly - 9:10am / 2:45pm
	Last day of the Spring Term - school closes 3:15pm

April 2026

Monday 13 th	First day of the Summer Term - children return to school
Friday 24 th	Year 1 visit to Maritime Museum

EVERYONE
BELONGS!

BIG GORDON PLAYDATE

Thursday, 12th February

5 - 6.30PM

If you are able, please bring along a dish or snack that your family enjoys or that feels meaningful to you to share with others at the playdate!

Card games

Dressing up

Dominoes

Lego

Mindfulness

Dinosaurs

Chess

Train sets

Playdoh

Board games

...and more!

Find us
in the
Sports
Hall!

Top Trumps

Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in cultural and artistic activities.

Everyone's Invited!



REST, PLAY,
CULTURE, ARTS

COME AND SAMPLE SCHOOL MEALS AT THE BIG GORDON PLAYDATE

We're excited to invite parents and carers to join us for the **Big Gordon Playdate** - a fun, relaxed opportunity to spend time together and enjoy some activities with your children. Alongside the play, you will also have the chance to sample some of the dishes we serve at lunchtime, giving you a taste of the meals we offer to your children.

Please don't forget - the **Big Gordon Playdate** is taking place on Thursday 12th February from 5:00pm to 6:30pm! We look forward to seeing you there!



BIG GORDON BOOK SALE

Help us raise funds for our **Year 6** leavers' celebrations by coming along to the **Big Gordon Book Sale**, part of the Big Gordon Playdate. Join us in the Sports Hall on Thursday 12th February, from 5pm to 6:30pm, and browse a fantastic selection of pre-loved books for all ages, all in good condition. Prices start from just 50p, so there's something for everyone. Donations of books are very welcome and can be dropped off at the Sports Hall foyer. Thank you for your support.

THIS SCHOOL IS NUT FREE



THANK YOU
for keeping our school safe!

Our school is a nut-free environment to help keep all children safe, including those with severe allergies. We kindly ask all families to not send in any foods containing nuts.

This includes (but is not limited to): peanuts, tree nuts, peanut butter, chocolate spreads, muesli or snack bars containing nuts, pesto, satay sauces and baked goods made with nuts. Please also be mindful of products that may contain traces of nuts.

Please check ingredient labels before sending food to school. Thank you for your support.

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations go to **Azurite**, **Moonstone** and **Rhodolite** classes for achieving excellent attendance last week and earning **Attendance Star Awards**. Well done!

HOUSE POINTS

Nesbit, last term's House Points Cup winners, received their reward this week. Congratulations to Nesbit. Below are the House Points for this term so far:

Grangehill 804	Rochester 795
Dunvegan 832	Nesbit 782

NSPCC NUMBER DAY

The National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) are hosting a Number Day on Friday 6th February. To mark this, we will be holding a **Maths Week** from Monday 2nd February, participating in various maths related activities and raising funds for the NSPCC.

We will be having a special visitor joining us on Friday 6th February - mathematician David Hall who will be presenting "**dynamic and inspiring tour of maths stories and tricks, demonstrating its history, importance and uses across the world**". David will host an assembly and then run workshops for all classes from Nursery to Year 6.

We are asking for a donation of £3 for this fun day which covers the cost of the workshops and includes a donation to the NSPCC. Thank you for your support!

Finally, please remember that the children can wear maths themed clothes on Friday 6th February! Thank you!



Crystal (N) - Eliza for showing kindness and helping others

Beryl (R) - Darcie for being a kind and helpful friend

Opal (R) - Taylah for working so hard to improve her spelling in phonics sessions

Emerald (1) - Mason for his brilliant effort when working independently in English

Jasper (1) - Bethan for her fantastic effort in all areas of her learning

Ammolite (2) - Kaia for excellent multiplication work in maths this week

Sapphire (2) - Ada for a fantastic aerial-view map of our local area

Azurite (3) - Sophia S for her noticeable improvement, enjoyment and participation when learning the recorder

Rhodolite (3) - The whole of Rhodolite class for their hard work and dedication in preparing our assembly

Nephrite (4) - Dylan for his emotive, factual and moving newspaper report about the eruption of Mount Vesuvius

Ruby (4) - Eliza for her effort, confidence and progress in maths

Coral (5) - Eason for his inspirational oracy and storytelling skills when retelling a Viking saga

Diamond (5) - Ewan for his great effort in French, learning the names of fruit and recalling numbers

Moonstone (6) - Amber for creating impressive sentences using figurative language

Sunstone (6) - Eleanor for her fantastic effort when solving word problems involving ratio and proportion

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