

Gordon Primary School News

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THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

MATHS WEEK

We had a fantastic time during Maths Week, which was full of fun activities and exciting competitions for everyone to enjoy. The children loved taking part in our whole-school maths bingo game, with **Opal Class** coming out on top – well done to them!

We were also thrilled to welcome **Mathemagician David Hall**, who wowed pupils with his lively, maths-inspired assemblies and interactive workshops, showing just how fun and magical maths can be. The children were enthralled! Thank you, David!

A huge **thank you** goes to everyone who supported **NSPCC Number Day** by donating and dressing up in brilliant maths-themed outfits. Your generosity and creativity really helped make the day such a success.

WHAT ELSE HAVE WE'VE BEEN UP TO?

- **Tuesday:** We welcomed prospective families for a Nursery tour at 3:30pm.
- **Wednesday:** **Coral Class** enjoyed a visit to the Linnean Society where they took part in a workshop on *Life Cycles* in support of their science topic: *Living Things*. Meanwhile, **Year 2** developed their understanding of Christianity by visiting St Luke's Church.
- **Thursday:** **Reception** had a fantastic visit to the National Gallery linked to their topic: *Wonderful World*.



In our assembly on Monday, we marked the beginning of **LGBT+ History Month** and linked it with **National Storytelling Week** through the life and work of **Oscar Wilde**. Pupils learned about his importance as an author and storyteller, and we shared one of his most well-known children's stories, *The Happy Prince*.

The story tells of a beautiful statue of a prince who appears happy on the outside but, with the help of a swallow, gives away the jewels and gold that cover him to help people in need. Through their kindness and selflessness, the prince and the swallow show the importance of caring for others, even when it means making sacrifices.

This links closely to our ongoing work in school around **kindness, respect and inclusion**. We talked about how everyone is different, and how those differences should always be respected and celebrated. Pupils were encouraged to think about how we can all play our part in making our school a welcoming and respectful place for everyone.

It was a thoughtful and engaging assembly that encouraged pupils to reflect on empathy, compassion and the power of stories to help us understand one another better.

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!**



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, 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!

DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION (DfE) VISIT - BELONGING IN ACTION

This week, we were delighted to welcome representatives from the Department for Education to our school to learn more about the work we are doing to promote belonging across our community. We shared how pupils are given a strong voice and real responsibility through leadership roles such as the School Council, Ambassadors, Head Pupils and House Captains, helping them feel valued, heard and connected to school life.

We also discussed our current research on racial literacy, alongside ongoing training to strengthen staff understanding of, and support for, our neurodivergent pupils. In addition, we shared our wider pupil engagement and wellbeing work, including our collaboration with the National Children's Bureau.

The visitors were keen to hear about our belonging events, which bring pupils, families and staff together, and the ways we work collaboratively with other schools to share good practice.

We were proud to share our work and grateful for the opportunity to reflect on how our school community continues to place belonging at the heart of everything we do. We were also delighted to be asked by the DfE to contribute as a case study in their upcoming framework for schools on Engagement and Wellbeing, recognising the commitment and collaboration of our whole school family.

**Please come along and see *Belonging in Action* at our
BIG GORDON PLAYDATE next Thursday!**

THIS WEEK'S LET'S TALK TASK

This week's discussion topic is related to **Maths Week** and **Number Day**.

What is the best number? Why do you think this?



I suggest ...

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

I agree because ...

DIARY DATES

February 2026

1 st to 28 th	LGBT History Month
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 Year 3 visit to Eltham Library - author talk
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 - from 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 - from 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
Wednesday 15 th	Junior Enterprise Day - Year 6
Friday 24 th	Year 1 visit to Maritime Museum

May 2026

Thursday 7 th	Year 4 visit to Royal Naval College
Friday 8 th	FoG Sponsored Fun Run
11 th to 14 th	Year 6 SATS tests

EVERYONE BELONGS!

Thursday, 12th February

BIG GORDON PLAYDATE

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!

Lego

Chess

Card games

Train sets

Dominoes

Mindfulness

Playdoh

Dressing up

Rubiks workshop

Board games

Dinosaurs

Top Trumps

Dance

Learn to plait

Also joining us ...

...and more!

Find us in the Sports Hall!

BETTER Libraries

SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD

Chartwells

BIG GORDON BOOK SALE

Greenwich MHST

Everyone's Invited!

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.



MATHS Workshop FOR PARENTS Reception

Wednesday 25th February 2026, 9am - 10am

Middle Hall & Classrooms

Spend some time with your child in their classroom. Find out how you can help develop maths skills at home.

We will be introducing some fun home-learning activities and resources, and we hope that every child will have an adult in attendance.

GREENWICH NEIGHBOURHOOD GROWTH FUND - FINAL CHANCE TO VOTE

We're thrilled to have been shortlisted for vital funding and need your support. Please help our school and pupils by voting for our "Together with Nature Eco Classroom" project.

To vote, please click the link bit.ly/4rxKpb5, scroll down to the Zone 1 projects, select "Together with Nature" (listed 14th), and then click "I'm Done" at the top right to register your vote.

Every vote truly counts, so we'd be grateful if you could also share the link with family and friends. Thank you for supporting our school community.



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 1070	Rochester 1052
Dunvegan 1093	Nesbit 1046

YEAR 6 MEETING

We would like to remind the parents and carers of children in **Year 6** that a meeting about the residential school journey to Liddington in Wiltshire, will take place at 6pm on Monday 9th February. Important information about the trip will be shared, and it is essential that a parent or carer attends for each child who will be participating.

HALF TERM BREAK

Please remember that the half term break is coming up. The school will be closed from Monday 16th to Friday 20th February. The children return on Monday 23rd February.

SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD

The next Smartphone Free Childhood meeting for parents will take place on **27th February at 9am in the Sanctuary Room**. We will be discussing how we can continue to work together to support children's wellbeing, safety and positive relationships, as well as sharing guidance and next steps for families. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.



Crystal (N) - Benjamin for super listening when writing his name

Beryl & Opal (R) - The whole year group for their outstanding behaviour on the school trip

Emerald (1) - Diana for her fantastic effort in phonics this week

Jasper (1) - Esther for demonstrating super independence when partitioning numbers in maths

Ammolite (2) - Louie for improved fluency when doubling numbers to 15

Sapphire (2) - Sebby for the determination and effort he has put into his maths learning this term

Azurite (3) - Edith for her neat and informative scientific diagrams showing which materials are reflective

Rhodolite (3) - Theo for his outstanding skills and resilience in computing when digitally formatting

Nephrite (4) - Courtney-Mai for her super explanation of what happens to the product when a factor is made 10 times bigger

Ruby (4) - Anandini for making excellent progress in swimming

Coral (5) - James for his creativity and artistry when creating a pop-up book in DT

Diamond (5) - Markus for his great contributions in history when discussing the impact of the Viking invasions

Moonstone (6) - Albie for his fantastic writing using figurative language when describing the hound from *Hound of the Baskervilles*

Sunstone (6) - Ruby for her excellent work forming algebraic expressions in maths

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