

# Gordon Primary School News

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## THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

We began the week with a whole-school assembly to mark **Children's Mental Health Week**. This year's theme: *This Is My Place*, encouraged us to reflect on the importance of belonging – recognising that everyone should feel valued, included and connected within our school community. We spoke about how important it is to talk to trusted adults if we are feeling worried or overwhelmed.

We were joined in the assembly by Joe, who runs our **Meditation in Stillness** club. He led the children through calming breathing exercises and simple physical strategies to help regulate emotions and manage moments when they might feel anxious or overwhelmed. The children engaged brilliantly and were keen to practise the techniques.

It has certainly been a busy week across the school. On Monday evening, we welcomed **Year 6** parents for the School Journey meeting. On Tuesday, our **Year 4** pupils attended a *Managing Emotions* workshop, which provided practical guidance and strategies to support them. We also marked **Safer Internet Day** with assemblies and classroom activities focused on staying safe online.

On Wednesday, **Years 5 and 6** visited Eltham Hill School to watch a fantastic production of *Annie*. The children were impeccably behaved and thoroughly enjoyed the performance.

Thursday marked the final swimming session for **Year 4** – well done to all the children for their progress and perseverance in the pool. Also on Thursday, Freshwater Theatre Group visited **Year 3** to enrich their topic on **Rivers**, bringing learning to life through drama and storytelling.

We were also delighted to host our **Big Gordon Playdate** on Thursday, and it was wonderful to see so many families attending. Thank you to all the staff and visitors who put so much time and effort into making it such a fun and successful event. Special thanks go to the families who donated a favourite dish – the food was delicious!

This morning's assembly focused on **Lent**. We explored the history and cultural importance of **Pancake Day** and discussed what the season of Lent means for Christians, focusing on themes of reflection, sacrifice and preparation.

After such a busy week, we are all ready for a break next week. We hope you have a wonderful time with your children, and we look forward to seeing you again on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

## STAFF UPDATE – MR TAYLOR'S JURY SERVICE

Mr Taylor will be on jury service after half term and will not be in school for a couple of weeks from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. During his absence, please direct any questions or concerns to Mrs Fabian at [cfabian@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk](mailto:cfabian@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk)



Each year, **International Women's Day** is celebrated on 8<sup>th</sup> March. As this falls on a Sunday this year, we will be marking the occasion in school on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March.

We would love everyone to join in by wearing something purple to show their support. We will hear the stories of some truly inspirational women in our assembly and we have invited a special guest to speak with the children about her own journey and achievements.

### WORLD BOOK DAY

We are very much looking forward to celebrating **World Book Day** on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March — a wonderful opportunity to share our love of reading!

To make the week even more exciting, we will be hosting a **visiting Book Fair** in school. You will be able to pop in after school to browse and purchase books if you wish. Every book you buy helps us too as we earn commission on all sales, which goes directly towards keeping our classrooms stocked with lovely new books for the children to enjoy.

On **World Book Day** itself, children are invited to come dressed as their favourite **book character**, or they may join in with our **Bedtime Story** theme by wearing nightwear such as pyjamas, onesies or dressing gowns. We can't wait to see the fantastic costumes and celebrate a shared love of stories together!

On World Book Day, **Nursery**, **Year 3** and **Year 4** will be on trips. We recommend that these children wear simple costumes that they will be able to manage independently.

## DIARY DATES

### February 2026

1 <sup>st</sup> to 28 <sup>th</sup>	LGBT History Month
16 <sup>th</sup> to 20 <sup>th</sup>	Half term break - school closed
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Maths workshop for <b>Reception</b> parents (9am to 10am)
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 3</b> swimming lessons begin
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Smartphone-Free Childhood parents group meeting (9am)

### March 2026

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

### April 2026

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	First day of the Summer Term - children return to school
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Junior Enterprise Day - <b>Year 6</b>
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 1</b> visit to Maritime Museum

### May 2026

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

## RAMADAN FASTING POLICY

With the holy month of Ramadan approaching, we are aware that some of the older children in the school may wish to mark this special time by fasting for some or all of the month.

For information about how we aim to ensure there is a safe environment for children who choose to fast, please see our policy and click on this link: [Ramadan Fasting Policy](#)

## FRIENDS OF THE GORDON - UPCOMING EVENT



Join us on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March from 1pm to 4pm for an afternoon of fun, laughter and community spirit at our exciting **Bounce into Spring** event!

There'll be plenty to enjoy, including fantastic inflatables, an egg hunt, creative crafts and much more. Treat yourself to delicious refreshments with drinks and snacks available throughout the afternoon – including hot dogs, popcorn and candy floss.

**Inflatables tickets go on sale on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm** – be quick, as spaces are limited!

We're also looking for lots of volunteers to help make the event a success. As a thank you, volunteers who can give an hour or more of their time will receive access to **pre-sale tickets**.

If you are able to help, please register: <https://tinyurl.com/Bounce2SpringVolunteers> Thank you!

# MATHS

# WorkShop

FOR PARENTS

# Reception

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2026, 9am - 10am

Middle Hall & Reception 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.



### THIS WEEK'S LET'S TALK TASK

This week's discussion topic is related to the **Big Gordon Playdate**.

**What is your favourite game, why do you like it and how does it make you feel?**

*I suggest ...*

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

*I agree because ...*

## ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to **Moonstone Class** for their excellent attendance this term. They won more Attendance Stars than any other class and are the proud recipients of this term's **Attendance Award**. A great achievement!

## HOUSE POINTS

Congratulations to **Grangehill House** for their outstanding hard work, positive attitude and excellent behaviour, earning them the **House Points Cup** for this term – a fantastic achievement. Well done to all members of **Grangehill** for their continued effort and teamwork!

Here are the totals for this term:

<b>Grangehill</b> 1271	<b>Rochester</b> 1259
<b>Dunvegan</b> 1257	<b>Nesbit</b> 1247

## HENRY LUK KINDNESS CUP



We are delighted to share with you that this morning, we presented the coveted **Henry Luk Kindness Award** to **Eliza** in our Nursery.

Mrs Cullum, who nominated Eliza said: *Eliza has shown real kindness, care and empathy to the new children who started nursery in January. She noticed straight away if they were upset and invited them to play with her. At transition times she looked out to see if they needed help or support. She showed awareness that they may not always understand, so took their hands to show them where to go.* Congratulations Eliza, we are so proud of you!



**Crystal (N)** - Bodie for brilliant engagement in 'squiggle whilst you wiggle'

**Beryl (R)** - Darcie for being a kind friend and positive role model

**Opal (R)** - William for being kind and inviting children to play with him when they are sad

**Emerald (1)** - Rose for trying hard to work independently on her learning

**Jasper (1)** - Toby for his great contributions during class discussions

**Ammolite (2)** - Ema for working hard on her beautiful joined up writing

**Sapphire (2)** - John for his effort and determination when sculpting a clay dragon

**Azurite (3)** - Dante for using a variety of formatting features to make an advert look striking, attractive and eye-catching

**Rhodolite (3)** - Seb for his wonderful improvising and debating skills during our workshop with the Freshwater Theatre

**Nephrite (4)** - George for his emotive and thoughtful diary entry as a Roman soldier invading Briton

**Ruby (4)** - Millie W for writing a diary entry about being invaded by Roman soldiers

**Coral (5)** - Veon for a fantastically crafted mystery story using a variety of techniques to create suspense

**Diamond (5)** - Teddy for his effort and perseverance when working with decimals

**Moonstone (6)** - Miles for fantastic use of prepositional phrases in English

**Sunstone (6)** - Joey for his excellent effort when writing a descriptive narrative using figurative language

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