

# Gordon Primary School News

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**Be the best you can be.**



## THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

Welcome back! We began this first week back after half term with a whole-school assembly about **Lunar New Year**, the beginning of **Lent** and the start of the holy month of **Ramadan**. A historic first in 163 years, these major cultural and religious events all took place within 24 hours of each other! We spoke about how people across our school, local and global communities were united in a season of fasting, reflection and new beginnings.

On Wednesday morning, we welcomed **Reception** parents for an informative **Maths Workshop** - Gordon pupils have a real love of learning and for their maths, and we saw this in action as they played enthusiastically with their parents! On Thursday, our **Year 3** attended their first swimming session at the Eltham Centre. Their behaviour was impeccable and Mrs Faiers and Miss Burrows were very proud of their effort and conduct throughout.

This morning, we were pleased to have the Smartphone Free Childhood Parent's group meet with Miss Newlove. It was wonderful to see so many families keeping this important conversation going during our **Big Gordon Playdate**. Keep an eye on the newsletter dates for the next meeting!

This morning's assembly theme was **Stand Up to Bullying!** This was led by our hard-working Friendship Ambassadors who helped us to think about how we can all become better Upstanders - someone who recognises when something is wrong and acts to make it right. We thought about how we can all be Upstanders in our school community!

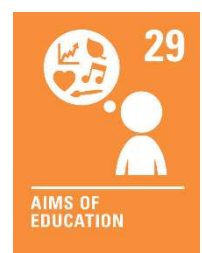
## WORLD BOOK DAY

We are very much looking forward to celebrating **World Book Day** next week 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** and **Year 4** will be on trips, and **Year 3** will be swimming. We recommend that these children wear simple costumes that they will be able to manage independently.



## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY IN SCHOOL



**Wear purple on Monday 9th March!**

**International Women's Day!**

To celebrate International Women's Day, we invite all children, parents, and families to wear purple: clothes, hats, hair bows, socks, scarves - anything purple you love

Purple is the color of respect, dignity, and equality. Let's fill our school with purple and show that we stand together to support and uplift women and girls.

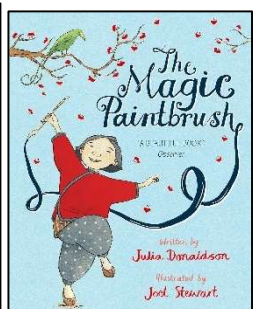
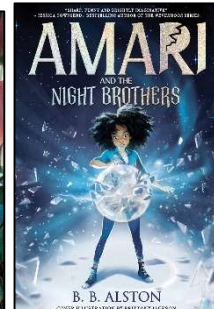
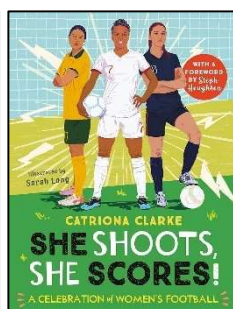
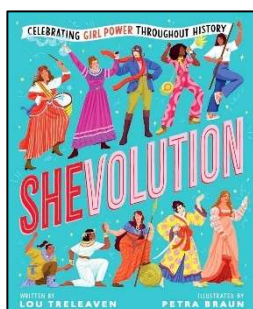
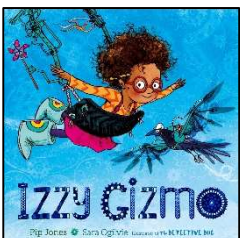
♥ Dress up!  
♥ Show your support!  
♥ Celebrate together!

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NO DISCRIMINATION

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.

Perhaps pick up one of these books about Fantastic Females at the library to enjoy stories featuring strong, powerful, smart, creative and change-making women!



## DIARY DATES

### 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
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Reception</b> Spring Walk at the Pleasaunce - <b>New date!</b>
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 <b>Year 6</b> visit to Blackheath Prep School - <b>New date!</b> <b>Year 3</b> visit to the Cutty Sark - <b>New date!</b>
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 Decorated Egg Exhibition - <b>New date!</b> 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 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Reception</b> trip to the Maritime Museum - <b>New date!</b>
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 1</b> visit to Maritime Museum

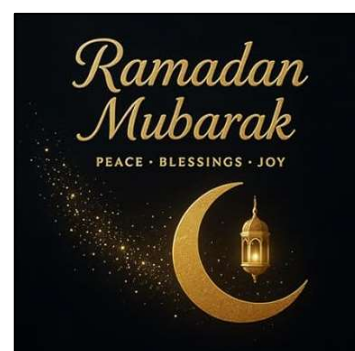
### May 2026

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

During the holy month of Ramadan, 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](#)





## BELONGING AT GORDON

Before half term we proudly hosted a whole-school playdate to celebrate **BELONGING** at Gordon.

Article 31 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child states that all children have the right to rest, relaxation and play. As a **Rights Respecting School** we have a duty to uphold these rights and we were over the moon to see so many of you turn out in very rainy weather to play with your family, friends and wider school community!

There was a huge range of playful activities designed to connect us through joy, creativity and imagination. A special thank you to everyone who attended, to those who donated food to share and, to **Hugo** in Year 4 for sharing his love of Rubik's cubes with us all.

The playdate was a wonderful example of how our school community comes together to include everyone.



With thanks to our **Smartphone Free Childhood Parent Group**, **Eltham Library**, **Joseph O'Brien's Meditation Club** and **Chartwells** for joining us and making this such a memorable event for the community. Joe runs the Meditation Club as an after-school club- here the children do relaxation exercises, meet the breathing buddies who help them feel calm, and do a mediation to feel peaceful and happy! Please enquire at the office if you would like your child to attend.

## FRIENDS OF THE GORDON - UPCOMING EVENT

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!**

**EGGHUNT  
DRINKS  
SNACKS**

**BOUNCE  
into  
SPRING**

**INFLATABLES  
CRAFTS  
& MORE**

**INFLATABLES TICKETS  
ON SALE 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 7PM**

SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 1-4PM  
SPORTS HALL, GORDON PRIMARY

[trybooking.com/uk/FXPO](https://trybooking.com/uk/FXPO)

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!

### DECORATE AN EGG

Our annual Decorated Egg Exhibition will take place on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March**. The children's designs can be made from real eggs, toy eggs or drawn on paper. The children always amaze us with their incredible creations and we can't wait to see what they come up with this year.



This isn't a competition, there is no entry fee and there are no prizes, but we hope the children will take part for the joy of being creative!

"Let's Talk!"

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

This week we're inspired by our Stand Up to Bullying assembly!

**What small action from someone else could make a big difference to you?**

*I suggest ...*

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

*I agree because ...*



## HOUSE POINTS

Congratulations to **Rochester House** for their outstanding hard work, positive attitude and excellent behaviour. Well done to all members for their continued effort and teamwork!

Here are the totals for this term:

<b>Grangehill</b> 1440	<b>Rochester</b> 1507
<b>Dunvegan</b> 1486	<b>Nesbit</b> 1431

Grangehill House won the House Points trophy last half term and will enjoy an extra playtime together next week!

## STAFF UPDATE - MR TAYLOR'S JURY SERVICE

Mr Taylor continues his jury service next week and will not be in school. During his absence, please direct any questions via the Office or concerns to Mrs Fabian at [cfabian@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk](mailto:cfabian@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk)

## LEGO DONATIONS

As the weather begins to brighten and we look forward to more time outdoors, we are looking to replenish our KS2 playground Lego box.

If you have any Lego (bricks, baseplates, or figures) no longer being used at home, we would be incredibly grateful for any donations. Whether it's a small handful or a whole box, every brick helps!

Please drop any donations into the school office for Miss Driver.

Many thanks for your ongoing support!



**Crystal (N)** - George for amazing engagement during phonics sessions.

**Beryl (R)** - Ottily for being consistently kind this week in many areas with many children.

**Opal (R)** - William for sharing lots of good ideas with the class about why sleep is important.

**Emerald (1)** - Polina S for her fantastic hard work and effort in all areas of her learning.

**Jasper (1)** - Irum for her brilliant effort when working independently in English.

**Ammolite (2)** - Henry for his excellent ideas and focus during writing tasks this week.

**Sapphire (2)** - Oscar for becoming a more independent and resilient learner.

**Azurite (3)** - Hailey for using her inference skills when predicting.

**Rhodolite (3)** - Holly for showing so much courage and resilience during for our first swimming lesson.

**Nephrite (4)** - Ella for her fantastic work identifying fractions.

**Ruby (4)** - Adriana for her great effort in English when writing a description about the Islands relating to Shackleton's Journey.

**Coral (5)** - Sonny for his colourful comic strip representation of the Judeo-Christian story of creation in RE.

**Diamond (5)** - Aria for her fantastic work in maths comparing decimal numbers and writing fractions as decimals.

**Moonstone (6)** - Hakan for his great improvement in answering comprehension questions.

**Sunstone (6)** - Adam for his creative photomontage in the style of Hannah Hoch.

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