

# Gordon Primary School News

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## Be the best you can be.

### THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

This week has been filled with a range of exciting learning opportunities across the school.

On Monday, **Year 5** visited the **Science Museum** as part of their science topic on *Earth and Space*. During the visit, the children explored the Space Gallery and enjoyed the interactive exhibits in Wonderlab, bringing their classroom learning to life.

On Tuesday, **Year 6** attended an inspiring enterprise event at **Blackheath Prep School**, where they heard from a range of speakers and entrepreneurs from diverse industries, including film and ocean exploration. Meanwhile, **Year 3** visited the historic Cutty Sark to support their geography topic, "Where does food come from?" On Tuesday evening, the **Gordon School Band** performed at **Bexley Grammar School** and impressed the audience with their wonderful music.

On Wednesday, **Year 1** visited the **SEA LIFE London Aquarium** as part of their learning about seas and oceans, gaining a wonderful insight into this topic.

On Thursday, we hosted the **London Children's Flower Society Daffodil Competition**. Well done to all pupils who demonstrated their horticultural skills and grew such beautiful flowers. The week concluded on Friday with a fantastic assembly led by **Ammolite** Class, who proudly shared their learning about aviator Amelia Earhart as part of **Women's History Month** with their families and the other children in the school.

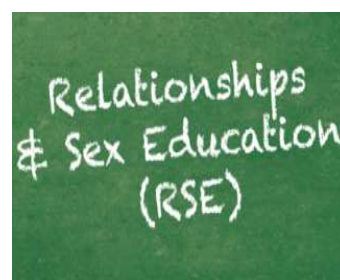
It has been a busy and enriching week, with many opportunities for pupils to learn beyond the classroom.

### OPEN EVENINGS - MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> & WEDNESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

Thank you to everyone who has already booked an appointment to meet with their child's teacher. These meetings are a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's achievement, progress, attitude and behaviour. If you have not yet made a booking, there are still appointments available.

**Relationships and Sex Education (RSE)** statutory guidance has been updated, with new mandatory requirements coming into effect from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026.

A selection of RSE resources and a parent guide will be available for you to view in the Middle Hall during our Open Evenings. These materials can also be found on the PSHE/RSE page of the school website.



During the Open Evening on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March, the school caterers will be offering samples of the meals served to children at lunchtimes. Please visit the Lower Hall to try some of the school meals.



**FREE ENTRY!**

# **BOUNCE** *into* **SPRING**

**SUNDAY 22ND MARCH 1-4PM**  
**SPORTS HALL, GORDON PRIMARY**

## **INFLATABLES**

£5 for 30 min session

## **EGG HUNT**

£2.50 each

## **CRAFTS**

Biscuit Decorating

Ceramic Painting

Draw & Animate

Design a Bag

## **HAIR BRAIDING, FACE GEMS & TATTOOS**

Friends of the Gordon will be offering:

**DRINKS**

**SNACKS**

**CAKES**

Charlie's Snack Box will be offering:

**POPCORN**

**CANDY FLOSS**

**HOT DOGS**

**CARD & CASH ACCEPTED**

## DIARY DATES

### March 2026

1 <sup>st</sup> to 31 <sup>st</sup>	Women's History Month
16 <sup>th</sup> to 27 <sup>th</sup>	The Big Walk & Wheel
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Gordon <b>Chamber Choir</b> performing at Spring Sing Choir Festival - 7pm
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Bounce into Spring - FoG event - 1:00pm to 4:00pm
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
	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>Ruby</b> Class assembly - 9:10am / 2:45pm
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 1</b> visit to Maritime Museum

### May 2026

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Bank Holiday - school closed
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 4</b> visit to Royal Naval College
	Local elections - school open but Sports Hall will be used as a polling station
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	FoG Sponsored Fun Run
11 <sup>th</sup> to 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 6</b> SATS tests
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Emerald</b> Class assembly - 9:10am / 2:45pm
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Chamber Choir singing at Greenwich Singing Spectacular - 6pm
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Understanding anxiety workshop for <b>Year 4</b>
25 <sup>th</sup> to 29 <sup>th</sup>	Half term break - school closed

### June 2026

1 <sup>st</sup> to 4 <sup>th</sup>	Gordon Dance Festival rehearsals
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Gordon Dance performance - afternoon
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Transition workshop for <b>Year 6</b>
	Gordon 60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary picnic lunch
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Jasper</b> Class assembly - 9:10am / 2:45pm
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Reception</b> visit to the Ecology Centre (class to be confirmed)
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day for <b>Key Stage 2</b>
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day for <b>Key Stage 1</b>
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Sapphire</b> Class assembly - 9:10am / 2:45pm
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Reception</b> visit to the Ecology Centre (class to be confirmed)
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Jasper</b> Class visit to the British Library
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Emerald</b> Class visit to the British Library
	Welcome meeting for September Reception intake - afternoon
	Ensembles concert - 6pm
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Gordon Exhibition open - on display until Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July



## YEAR 6 MINI ENTERPRISE DAY

This year, **Year 6** will be taking part in the *Virgin Money Make £5 Grow* mini-enterprise event to raise funds for their annual trip to the beach. Each child starts with £5, and the challenge is to turn it into even more money! The mini-enterprise event will take place on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April during the school day and is for the children in **Years 1 to 5**. We feel that this is not suitable for **EYFS** children, as they are very young and still developing their understanding of money.

**Year 6** have planned a fantastic range of activities, including *Beat the Goalie*, *Lucky Dip*, *Bowling* and *Sponge Throwing*! There will also be a variety of prizes to be won, such as bracelets, keyrings, squishies and much more. In addition, cakes, drinks and ice poles will be available to buy.

All games and items will be priced at either 50p or £1. If you are able to support this event, please send your child in on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April with a small amount of change - **Year 6** would be extremely grateful.

Let's see how much **Year 6** can make their money grow! Thank you for your support!

### GO! HOLIDAY CLUB

We are pleased to confirm that places for **GO! Holiday Club** during the Easter break are still available to book via SchoolsBuddy [here](#).

We will be open for fun and activities on the following dates:

- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April - Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Please see the attached flyer for a full list of activities for each day, timings and prices. Please note that there have been some changes to the Wednesday trips.

If you would like any further information, please contact [go@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk](mailto:go@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk) or call 020 8050 8417 (direct line).



Following the valuable feedback received from our previous **Parents & Carers Survey**, we are pleased to have introduced several new initiatives across the school. Please take a moment to read the leaflet we have shared via ParentMail, for further details.

We will be gathering your views again during next week's Open Evenings. If you are able to spare a couple of minutes, we would greatly appreciate you scanning the QR codes displayed outside classrooms to share your feedback. Thank you!

One of the suggestions from the survey was to provide a small reward for children receiving commendations in our Friday assemblies. In response, we are inviting pupils to design a celebratory **bookmark** that will be given out on these occasions. The children have been introduced to this idea in school today, and further information has been sent via ParentMail. We would be very grateful if you could encourage your child to submit a design. The closing date for entries is 20<sup>th</sup> April.

Thank you for your continued support.

## 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!

## THIS WEEK'S LET'S TALK TASK

This week we're inspired by the fasting that takes place during Lent and Ramadan:

**What would be the hardest thing for you to give up? How would that make you feel?**



*I suggest ...*

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

*I agree because ...*



## ROAD SAFETY



We would like to remind drivers to take care when driving on the roads surrounding the school at the beginning and end of every school day. Please be mindful of children crossing the roads and avoid parking on the yellow zigzag lines, near junctions and across our neighbours' driveways. Thank you.

Please remember that the school will break up for the Easter holiday next Friday. We will close at the usual time on this day. The children are due to return to school on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April.

## BOOK FAIR

We had a very successful book fair last week, and it was wonderful that so many of you come along to support it. A huge thank you to everyone who participated and helped make it such a positive event.

Thanks to your generosity, a total of £450 was spent, which has earned £180 in commission. These funds will go directly towards purchasing new dictionaries for classrooms, helping us to extend learning and develop the children's vocabulary. Thank you!

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so  
much!

## HOUSE POINTS

Congratulations to everyone who has earned house points. Here are the totals for this term:

<b>Grangehill</b> 861	<b>Rochester</b> 931
<b>Dunvegan</b> 889	<b>Nesbit</b> 860

## ATTENDANCE

This week we awarded Attendance Stars to **Sunstone**, **Opal**, **Moonstone** and **Diamond** Classes.

The **BIG WALK & WHEEL** runs until next Friday. We are challenging children to walk, cycle or scoot to school as much as possible within the two weeks. Children will log their journeys and the class with the most active journeys will have the option to wear their own choice of shoes to school on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April.



## KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

If you have any concerns about a child's wellbeing, care or safety, including bullying, please contact a member of our Child Protection Team — Mr Taylor, Mrs Fabian, Mrs Cuesta and Ms Newlove — either in person or via [office@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk](mailto:office@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk) You can also contact Greenwich Council on 020 8921 3172 or the NSPCC on 0808 800 5000. If you believe a child is in immediate danger, please call 999.



**Keeping  
children  
safe is  
everyone's  
responsibility**

## WELL DONE

**Crystal (N)** - Eloise for brilliant concentration when drawing a picture

**Beryl (R)** - Erin for excellent problem solving in maths this week

**Opal (R)** - Rory for his excellent descriptions and engagement when playing the 'What am I?' fruit and vegetable game

**Emerald (1)** - Anais for embodying the school motto and always trying her best each and every day

**Jasper (1)** - Ousman for his wonderful effort in phonics this week

**Ammolite (2)** - The whole class for their hard work and enthusiasm when preparing for their class assembly

**Sapphire (2)** - Leo for his wonderful sentence writing in English

**Azurite (3)** - Leon for his enthusiasm and curiosity on the trip to the Cutty Sark

**Rhodolite (3)** - Renee for always being such a kind and reliable friend

**Nephrite (4)** - Erika for her effort and resilience when comparing mixed number fractions

**Ruby (4)** - Freya for her effort and resilience in all areas of her learning and for great contributions to class discussions

**Coral & Diamond (5)** - We were so impressed with the whole of Year 5 for their brilliant attitude and outstanding behaviour at the Science Museum this week

**Moonstone (6)** - Ocean for her fantastic alternative ending to *The Landlady* including *foreshadowing* and *show-not-tell*

**Sunstone (6)** - Roman for his fantastic effort when calculating different types of averages in maths

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