

Gordon Primary School News

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Be the best you can be.

THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

Welcome back to school for what has already been a busy and exciting first week of the Summer Term. We hope you had a wonderful break and enjoyed some special family time.

On Wednesday, our **Year 6** pupils successfully organised and ran **Junior Enterprise Day** for children in **Years 1 to 5**. The event was a fantastic opportunity for our older pupils to showcase their creativity and leadership skills, while raising money to support their upcoming trip to the beach. Thank you to everyone who contributed and took part. The children raised over £1000 which is an incredible achievement!

Today, our **Reception** classes enjoyed a wonderful trip to the **Maritime Museum**, linked to their current topic on Journeys. The children had an engaging and memorable experience that really brought their learning to life.

Also, **Ruby Class** delivered a fantastic class assembly about Ernest Shackleton and his Antarctic exploration to their families and the other pupils across the school today. They confidently shared their work and truly impressed us all with their enthusiasm and performance skills.

Well done to everyone for a great week!



THIS WEEK'S LET'S TALK TASK

Can you find the one that is different from the others?



Firstly, I believe that ...

Furthermore, ...

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

I agree because ...

Another important point is that ...

I think ...



NEURODIVERSITY

Last Monday, we continued our exploration of **neurodiversity** in assembly and discussed how our brains think, learn and process information differently. With a focus on autism, we talked about how some people might experience sensory sensitivity or rely on clear routines. The children learned how to support others by being patient, using clear communication and showing respect. This work supports **Article 2 (no discrimination)**, of the Children's Rights, ensuring every unique mind in our school feels valued and understood.

FRIENDS OF THE GORDON (FOG) NEWS & UPDATES

We have two exciting events coming up shortly - a **cake sale** and the **annual sponsored fun run** - and we would love your help! If you can spare a little time to volunteer, please sign up to support us - your time makes a huge difference.

As always, all proceeds from **Friends of Gordon (FOG)** events go directly toward supporting the children and enhancing their school experience. Thank you for your continued generosity and support!

Cake Sale

FRIDAY 1ST MAY 3.15PM
SPORTS HALL



CAKE DONATIONS AND HELPERS NEEDED

Please email: friendsofthegordon@gmail.com



Fun Run Marshals Needed

We need help 8th May
9am to 12pm

Email: friendsofthegordon@gmail.com



DIARY DATES

April 2026

Friday 24th **Year 1** visit to Maritime Museum

May 2026

Friday 1st May FoG Cake Sale - 3:15pm / Sports Hall **new date**

Monday 4th Bank Holiday - school closed

Thursday 7th **Year 4** visit to Royal Naval College

Local elections - school open but Sports Hall will be used as a polling station

Friday 8th FoG Sponsored Fun Run - morning

11th to 14th **Year 6** SATS tests

Tuesday 12th **Year 3** visit to Horniman Museum **new date**

Friday 15th **Emerald** Class assembly - 9:10am / 2:45pm

Tuesday 19th School Photographer in to take class shots **new date**

Chamber Choir singing at Greenwich Singing Spectacular - 6pm

Understanding Anxiety workshop for **Year 4**

Wednesday 20th Parents & Carers Coffee Morning - 9am

Thursday 21st Gordon Song Contest

Friday 22nd Half term break - school closed

25th to 29th

June 2026

1st to 4th Gordon Dance Festival rehearsals

Thursday 4th Gordon Dance performance - afternoon

Friday 5th Transition workshops for **Year 6**

Gordon 60th Anniversary picnic lunch

Friday 12th **Jasper** Class assembly - 9:10am / 2:45pm

Monday 15th **Reception** visit to the Ecology Centre (class to be confirmed)

Tuesday 16th **Year 1** to British Library

Wednesday 17th Sports Day for **Key Stage 2**

Thursday 18th Sports Day for **Key Stage 1**

Friday 19th **Sapphire** Class assembly - 9:10am / 2:45pm

Junior Citizen Scheme trip to Sutcliffe Park - **Year 6**

Monday 22nd **Reception** visit to the Ecology Centre (class to be confirmed)

Wednesday 24th Welcome meeting for September Reception intake - afternoon

DEAF AWARENESS & BSL PROJECT



Royal Greenwich Sensory Service

Starting next week, our pupils will be participating in a project run by **Greenwich Sensory Services** to promote **Deaf Awareness**. This eight-week initiative is designed to build a more inclusive school environment by breaking down communication barriers and celebrating diversity.

For the next eight weeks, a specialist teacher and an interpreter will visit every classroom from **Nursery to Year 6**. During these sessions, the specialist will deliver a curriculum lesson taught through British Sign Language (BSL). Our class teachers will also be participating alongside the children, and we are all looking forward to the challenge and joy of learning a new language together.

MARKING STEPHEN LAWRENCE DAY: OUR COMMITMENT TO EQUALITY

Next week, we will be observing **Stephen Lawrence Day**. Wednesday 22nd April sadly marks the 33rd anniversary of Stephen's death and we will be honouring his legacy and memory that have become a focal point for social change, justice and the fight against systemic racism.

By marking this day, we celebrate Stephen's life and commit ourselves to creating a society where everyone can flourish and belong.

What's happening next week?

- **Monday assembly:** We will begin the week with a special assembly to introduce Stephen's story and the importance of the day.
- **Classroom discussions:** Throughout the week, teachers will lead age-appropriate lessons using and adapting official resources from the *Stephen Lawrence Day* website. We understand this is a sensitive and upsetting story; our staff will handle these discussions with care, focusing on hope, change and fairness without causing upset or fear.
- **Wednesday's walk for equality:** On Wednesday, pupils will take part in a short walk around our local roads to share with our local community the important messages of hope, kindness and change as part of Stephen's legacy. Our walk will finish with a sharing assembly in the Sports Hall with time for reflection, some speeches written by **Year 5** and singing.

This work is a core part of our commitment as a **rights-respecting school**. We are specifically focusing on **Article 2 - no discrimination** - and the principle that every child should have their rights respected and differences celebrated.

A huge thank you!

Thank you to all the parents and carers who responded to our request and sent in cardboard, canes and batons. We have a fantastic supply now. The children will be using these materials in class to create placards and posters to carry during our walk on Wednesday.

Marshals

We are now looking for parent and carer volunteers to support us as marshals along the route. Marshals will have an important role in helping us to run this event smoothly and safely by guiding pupils, assisting us with road crossings and helping us organise placards at the end. If you are available to help, please email Miss Niazi: nniazi@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk by the end of Monday 20th April and we will provide you with more details about our walk.

Wear something orange

We are encouraging everyone to wear something orange on Wednesday to symbolise hope, unity and a commitment to creating a fairer society. The colour orange represents the positive legacy of Stephen, a talented student who had a bright future as an architect.

Further discussions on anti-racism

If you would like to talk to us about Stephen Lawrence Day or other aspects of anti-racism, please do not hesitate to get in touch. We are currently in the process of reviewing our Anti-Racism Policy and would appreciate your input. We will be sharing the updated draft with you soon. Additionally, our next **Parent and Carer Coffee Morning** on Thursday 21st May (9am) will focus on anti-racism and we welcome everyone to come along.

ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS

Huge congratulations go to **Coral Class**, our Attendance Award winners for the last half term! To celebrate their fantastic commitment to coming to school every day, the children enjoyed a well-deserved special treat today. Well done, Coral Class - keep up the brilliant work!

PARENT/CARER GROUP

HELPING YOUR CHILD WITH FEARS AND WORRIES

Oxleas
NHS



Greenwich
MHST

Mental Health in Schools Team



EVERY FRIDAY MORNING
9:30am -11:00am

ONLINE - FOR 8 WEEKS
START DATE: 5th June 2026

Sessions will cover the following:

- Understanding how worry affects your child
- Awareness of the fight /flight /freeze response
- Learning about worry and recognising the difference to support your child
- Problem solving and developing strategies to manage worry
- Facing fears and exposure planning
- Coping with uncertainty
- Developing a toolkit of strategies to support you and your child

HOW TO JOIN AND REFER:

Send an email to oxl-tr.gmhst@nhs.net
with the following information:

- Your child's name, School and date of birth
 - A few sentences to explain your child's current challenges e.g., worries about joining clubs/ School/ social events/ performance *etc*
- Your details: name, address and contact number

YOUTH OPERA PROGRAMMES

The Royal Opera House are inviting young singers aged 8-11 (on 1st September 2026), to apply to join their **Young Voices** programme and **Youth Opera Company**. These are **free** and offer an exciting opportunity for young people to develop their singing, performance skills and confidence.



Young Voices (Ages 8-9)

This is a six-month singing training programme aimed at developing vocal skills and musical understanding, with performance opportunities in showcases at the Royal Opera House.

Youth Opera Company (ages 9-11)

This is a multi-year programme offering all-round training in the performing arts. Members develop vocal technique, language, stagecraft, musical literacy and creative skills. They also have opportunities to create and perform their own new operas, and to audition for the **Children's Chorus**, who perform in productions on the Royal Opera House main stage.

You can find out more and apply here: [RBO Youth Opera Programmes](#)

Applications close at midnight on Sunday 10th May. If you have any questions, or need support completing the application form, please contact: youthopera@roh.org.uk.

WELL DONE

Crystal (N) - Poppy for super engagement in rhyme time

Beryl (R) - Ellis for consistently trying her best in all areas of classroom life

Opal (R) - the whole class for great engagement in their trip to the Maritime Museum

Emerald (1) - Elliott for his fantastic effort and dedication towards all areas of his learning and wider school life

Jasper (1) - Leo for his wonderful and thoughtful "W" sentences in English

Ammolite (2) - Pippa for her fantastic descriptive writing about the story *Flotsam*

Sapphire (2) - the whole class for great work and learning this week

Azurite (3) - Leon for his perseverance, determination and neatness when learning to cross-stitch sew in DT

Rhodolite (3) - Penny for her positive attitude when approaching tricky problems and working hard in her writing

Nephrite (4) - Oscar for his fantastic work converting improper fractions into mixed numbers

Ruby (4) - the whole class for their amazing effort in putting together and performing a fabulous class assembly

Coral (5) - Jack for always being focused and ready with thoughtful ideas to share in class discussions

Diamond (5) - Emilia for her fantastic maths work solving missing angle problems

Moonstone (6) - Anna for her fantastic ideas when writing a poem with an extended metaphor

Sunstone (6) - Bridget for her excellent work using different types of graphs to answer questions in statistics

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