

# Gordon Primary School News

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**Be the best you can be.**



## THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

It's been a busy week, with Wednesday being a particularly important day for us! We proudly stood together to honour the legacy of Stephen Lawrence and participated in several moving activities:

- **A Walk for Hope, Kindness and Change:** the children took part in a walk to spread messages of kindness throughout our local area. Huge thanks go to our parent marshals!
- **Unity in Orange:** It was wonderful to see so many children, staff and parents wearing orange as a symbol of our shared commitment to justice and hope for a bright future.
- **Voices for Change:** During a powerful special assembly, we listened to inspiring equality speeches from our **Year 5** pupils and joined our voices together to sing "Never Give Up."

As a school, we are committed to promoting equality, celebrating diversity and challenging all forms of discrimination. Events like **Stephen Lawrence Day** are vital in helping our children understand the importance of equality, justice and respect for all.

**Year 1** headed to the **National Maritime Museum** today to bring their history topic to life! With a special focus on **Polar Explorers**, the children participated in an immersive workshop and had a fantastic time. As you would expect, they were wonderful ambassadors for our school.

The first week of the **Deaf Awareness** project that we introduced in last week's newsletter has been very successful. A specialist teacher and an interpreter worked alongside the **Nursery** staff to deliver a fun lesson on summer flowers and plants using British Sign Language. Next week, **Reception** will be learning sign language to accompany a song.

We marked **St George's Day** today in assembly and explored the history and legends surrounding England's patron saint. We traced the origins of George back to the 3<sup>rd</sup> century, a Roman soldier believed to have been born in modern-day Turkey. We also discussed the famous tale of St George and the Dragon, exploring how this story serves as a powerful symbol of bravery, chivalry and the triumph of good over evil.

Meanwhile, the **Gordon Garden** is set to spring into life! Alex, one of our brilliant dads, from the **Green Team** worked with some of our classes this afternoon. The children got their hands dirty planting vegetables, learning about sustainability and the joys of growing their own food.

## THIS WEEK'S LET'S TALK TASK

**Why is it important to be kind, even when no one is watching?**



Firstly, I believe that ...

Furthermore, ...

I think ...

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

I agree because ...

## 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](mailto:friendsofthegordon@gmail.com)**



## Fun Run Marshals Needed

We need help 8<sup>th</sup> May  
9am to 12pm

Email: [friendsofthegordon@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofthegordon@gmail.com)



## SUMMER TERM LEARNING

We have lots of exciting things planned for the Summer Term - please see the diary dates section below - and check out the **Curriculum** page on our website as we have been uploading information about the children's new learning for the 2026 Summer Term.

## DIARY DATES

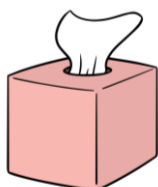
### May 2026

Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	FoG Cake Sale - 3:15pm / Sports Hall
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 - morning
11 <sup>th</sup> to 14 <sup>th</sup>	SATS tests - <b>Year 6</b>
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 3</b> visit to Horniman Museum
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Emerald</b> Class assembly - 9:10am / 2:45pm <b>Year 6</b> end of SATS celebratory visit to the park
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	School Photographer in to take class shots <b>Chamber Choir</b> singing at Greenwich Singing Spectacular - 6pm
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Understanding Anxiety</i> workshop for <b>Year 4</b>
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Parents & Carers Coffee Morning - 9am
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Gordon Song Contest
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 workshops 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)
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 1</b> to British Library
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 Junior Citizen Scheme trip to Sutcliffe Park - <b>Year 6</b>

## HAY FEVER SEASON & TISSUE DONATION



Now that spring is here, we are noticing that hay fever season has also officially arrived. To help us keep the children comfortable and focused on their learning, we would be very grateful for any donations of boxes of tissues. If you are able to spare a box or two, please drop them off at the school office or send them in with your child. Your support is greatly appreciated! Thank you!

## CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS: TUESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY

The school photographer will be visiting us on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May to take class group shots. These will be available for you to order and purchase at a later date.

If you would prefer for your child not to be included in the photograph, please contact the school office at [office@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk](mailto:office@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk). Thank you.

## FREE EMOTION COACHING SESSIONS

The Educational Psychology and Wellbeing Service is offering free Emotion Coaching sessions to the parents and carers of children aged 0-2 years.

### What is Emotion Coaching?

Emotion Coaching is a communication model that enables parents and carers understand and talk to children, from an early age, about their emotions. This approach promotes children's emotional literacy, emotional regulation and overall wellbeing. The sessions will be run by Educational Psychologists and are designed to empower parents to:

- understand how to manage when toddlers and children experience 'big' emotions
- safely set limits in an attachment-informed way

**Training:** 10<sup>th</sup> June 2026, 9:30am-12:30pm (The Woolwich Centre)

**Optional reflection session:** 8<sup>th</sup> July 2026, 9:30am-11:00am (online)

### About the Reflection Session:

While the reflection session is optional, it provides attendees with the opportunity to:

- Reflect on Emotion Coaching techniques
- Explore real-life application in more depth with an Educational Psychologist
- Discuss any difficulties experienced when implementing the approach

You must attend the Emotion Coaching training before attending the reflection session.

If you are interested in attending these sessions, please complete the booking form by clicking on the link: <https://forms.office.com/e/jM92FYms5b>



We are excited to announce that we will be taking part in **Walk to School Week 2026** - from 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> May. This is a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to enjoy the benefits of active travel whilst helping to reduce traffic congestion around our school. **Walk to School Week** encourages children and families to walk, scoot or cycle to school instead of driving - it's a great way to stay healthy, protect our environment, build independence and connect with our community.

We encourage all families to take part, whether you walk all the way, park and stride, form a walking bus with other families, or scoot or cycle. Please plan your route in advance, allow extra time in the morning, wear bright or reflective clothing, and make it enjoyable for your children. Let's make **Walk to School Week 2026** a huge success!

## GOOD LUCK MS MORGAN

We are very excited and proud to let you know that Ms Morgan will be taking part in the **London Marathon** on Sunday. She's put so much hard work and determination into her training that we know she is going absolutely smash this challenge!



**CANCER  
RESEARCH  
UK**

Ms Morgan is running on behalf of Cancer Research UK. If you would like to sponsor her, please click [here](#).

Good luck Ms Morgan, we'll be cheering you on all the way!

## DO YOU LIKE PLAYING FOOTBALL?

A group of parents play football in The Green in our playground on Wednesday evenings, between 7pm and 8pm. If you'd like to join them, please contact Alex: 07787508226

## COFFEE MORNING

Our next Coffee Morning will take place on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May**, from 9am to 10am. We will be discussing our anti-racism work and would love to hear your thoughts. If you have questions and suggestions about any other aspects of school life, there will be time for these too. Please come along and join us.

## HOUSE POINTS

Here are the House Points collected so far this term:

<b>Grangehill - 342</b>	<b>Rochester - 332</b>
<b>Dunvegan -373</b>	<b>Nesbit - 337</b>

## ATTENDANCE STARS

This week we presented Attendance Stars to **Rhodolite**, **Ruby** and **Coral** classes. Well done everyone!

# WELL DONE

**Crystal (N)** - Mila for brilliant engagement at story time

**Beryl (R)** - Teddy for demonstrating perseverance when investigating floating shapes

**Opal (R)** - Halimatu for working so hard and making really good progress with her reading

**Emerald (1)** - Keanu for his hard work in developing his fine motor skills and handwriting

**Jasper (1)** - Esther for her fantastic effort in Phonics this week

**Ammolite (2)** - Max for his excellent attitude and enthusiasm in all his learning

**Sapphire (2)** - Nova for excellent work on fractions in maths

**Azurite (3)** - Lucas S for super listening, following instructions and carefully chopping food when making his seasonal tart in DT

**Rhodolite (3)** - Eva H for her fantastic problem-solving skills in Computing and rising to every challenge given to her

**Nephrite (4)** - Ameer for his listening and effort in History when matching Greek Gods to their symbols

**Ruby (4)** - Yannis for his excellent work when writing a re-telling of a Greek myth, using great vocabulary and expanded noun phrases

**Coral (5)** - Theo for his persuasive and exciting travel advert using modal verbs and rhetorical questions

**Diamond (5)** - Domantas for his brilliant maths work translating and reflecting polygons

**Moonstone (6)** - James for his insightful contributions to class discussions in all areas of the curriculum

**Sunstone (6)** - Maria for her excellent explanation of the process for adaptation in animals

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