

Gordon Primary School News

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Be the best you can be.

THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

On Monday, our assembly focused on exploring **Christianity** and stories told by Jesus. We shared *the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant*, reflecting on the importance of treating others as we would like to be treated, and showing compassion, forgiveness and mercy – especially when we have received these ourselves.

Today's assembly centred on **democracy**, one of the British Values we promote in school. We discussed the history of democracy in the UK, including the Suffragette Movement and how it advanced equality not just for women but also for communities facing social or economic challenges. We also went through the election process in preparation for next Thursday's local elections.

Next Thursday, we will be holding our own school vote, when the children will choose class name themes for the 2026-2027 academic year. Staff have selected four options: authors, dinosaurs, fruit and mythical creatures. To make the experience as authentic as possible, the Middle Hall will be set up with voting booths, and **Year 5** pupils will take on the role of presiding officers, ensuring the election runs according to proper procedures.

SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD

Please join us on **Monday 11th May at 7:30pm** for an online webinar on one of today's biggest parenting challenges: **kids and their tech**. Our **Smartphone Free Childhood** parent group has organised this session with Papaya (Parents Against Phone Addiction in Young Adults), whose talks help parents and young people make informed choices about smartphones, social media and screens. This expert-led webinar will provide practical advice on delaying smartphone and social media use and establishing healthy tech boundaries within families.

FoG has kindly funded this talk. Last year's in-person talk was an extremely engaging and popular event for our families, and we hope that by running this as a webinar, even more families can join. Please see the attached flyer for full details, and join the webinar using the link below:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81121101271?pwd=2UWUCctkvbbbtFO9uTpNfktmEqHpWq.1#success>

There is also a survey. Please click here: <https://tinyurl.com/GordonSFCSurvey>

THIS WEEK'S LET'S TALK TASK

This week's conversation is inspired by our assembly on democracy:

Is it better to choose a leader by voting, or to take turns being in charge?



Firstly, I believe that ...

Furthermore, ...

I think ...

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

I agree because ...

GORDON FUN RUN - FRIDAY 8TH MAY



Our sponsored Fun Run takes place on **Friday 8th May 2026** at Eltham Park South. The children will complete a mile lap around the park (half a mile for Nursery and Reception), followed by ice poles, medals for the three fastest boys and three fastest girls in each Year, and a certificate for every child who takes part.

How to donate

Friends and family can show their support by sponsoring your child through JustGiving, helping them reach their fundraising goal via this link: <http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/gordonfunrun2026> or with cash donations by Friday 15th May. Please return sponsor forms / cash donations (in sealed envelopes) to the FOG Post Box in the school office reception. Thank you!

On the day of the run

Please check the weather. For rain, send your child with a waterproof coat. For sun, apply sun cream before school and send your child with a hat and water bottle. Children can wear shorts and t-shirts, or their PE kit.

If you would like to come to the park to cheer on your child(ren), the schedule for the day will be:

9.20am	Nursery	10:40am	Year 2
9:40am	Reception	11:00am	Year 3
10:00am	Year 4	11.20am	Year 6
10:20am	Year 1	11:40am	Year 5

In today's assembly, Mr Taylor shared how FoG have generously donated funds for new playtime equipment for the children. This wouldn't be possible without the dedication of our amazing volunteers and everyone who takes part in FoG events. Thank you for making such a positive difference in the lives of the children at our school.

CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS: TUESDAY 19TH MAY

The school photographer will be visiting us on Tuesday 19th 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. Thank you.

COMMENDATION BOOK MARK COMPETITION WINNERS

You may remember our recent bookmark design competition, created to celebrate our weekly commendation recipients. We were absolutely blown away by the creativity of over 120 entries - what an amazing effort from everyone! Choosing the winners was no easy task, but we are thrilled to announce **Polly (Crystal)**, **Charlotte (Jasper)**, **Tomas (Azurite)**, and **Veon (Coral)** as our winners. Their fantastic designs will soon be sent to the printers and transformed into special bookmarks to be treasured by our commendation winners. A huge well done to all our talented designers!

The following children's entries were highly commended:

Zoe (Crystal), **Ben (Opal)**, **Violet (Emerald)**, **Erin (Jasper)**, **Olivia (Sapphire)**, **Johanna (Ammolite)**, **Poppy (Rhodolite)**, **Mason (Ruby)**, **Renee (Rhodolite)**, **Elio (Rhodolite)**, **Sophie (Nephrite)**, **Lachezara (Coral)**, **Anna (Coral)**, **Oscar (Diamond)**, **Clara (Diamond)**, **Lilly-Eve (Moonstone)**, **Freddie (Sunstone)** and **Maria (Sunstone)**. Well done to you all!

DIARY DATES

May 2026

Monday 4 th	Bank Holiday - school closed
Thursday 7 th	Year 4 visit to Royal Naval College Local elections - school open but Sports Hall will be used as a polling station
Friday 8 th	FoG Sponsored Fun Run - morning
11 th to 14 th	SATS tests - Year 6
Tuesday 12 th	Year 3 visit to Horniman Museum
Friday 15 th	Emerald Class assembly - 9:10am / 2:45pm Year 6 end of SATS celebratory visit to the park
Monday 18 th	Walk to School Week School Council visit to Woolwich Town Hall
Tuesday 19 th	School Photographer in to take class shots Chamber Choir singing at Greenwich Singing Spectacular - 6pm
Wednesday 20 th	<i>Understanding Anxiety</i> workshop for Year 4 Year 2 visit to Greenwich Hindu Temple new date
Thursday 21 st	Parents & Carers Coffee Morning - 9am
Friday 22 nd	Gordon Song Contest Change the Rules Day - children's fundraiser new date more details to follow
25 th to 29 th	Half term break - school closed
June 2026	
1 st to 4 th	Gordon Dance Festival rehearsals
Thursday 4 th	Gordon Dance performance - afternoon

SUPPORTING CHILDREN WITH THEIR FRIENDSHIPS

We understand that friendship difficulties can be upsetting and sometimes challenging for both children and families. We kindly ask that if you have any concerns, you raise them directly with the class teacher rather than discussing them with the other child's parent. This helps us address issues fairly, maintain confidentiality and support all children in the best possible way.

Thank you for working with us to create a positive and safe environment for every child.

WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK



We are excited to announce that we will be taking part in **Walk to School Week 2026** - from 18th to 22nd 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!

CONGRATULATIONS MS MORGAN

We are delighted to let you know that Ms Morgan completed last Sunday's **London Marathon**. All of her hard work and determination when training paid off!



**CANCER
RESEARCH
UK**

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

Congratulations, Ms Morgan! We are all so proud of you!

LOCAL ELECTIONS

The Sports Hall will be used as a Polling Station on Thursday 7th May. The school is open as usual but the gate into the playground will be locked. **Please note that only the Grangehill Road and Earlsall Road gates will be open for parents and pupils on Thursday.**

COFFEE MORNING

Our next Coffee Morning will take place on **Thursday 21st 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:

Grangehill - 601	Rochester - 592
Dunvegan - 638	Nesbit - 610

ATTENDANCE STARS

This week we presented Attendance Stars to **Nephrite**, **Diamond** and **Jasper** classes. Well done everyone!

WELL DONE

Crystal (N) - Sofiia for being kind to the other children

Beryl (R) - Tinashe for demonstrating careful handling of insects on our 'wild things' hunt

Opal (R) - Aiden for showing resilience and super perseverance when making his cork boat

Emerald (1) - Ben for his thoughtful and creative description of a setting in English

Jasper (1) - Mia for her wonderful participation during our drama session

Ammolite (2) - Zach for writing a detailed set of instructions in English

Sapphire (2) - Lena for a fantastic attitude to learning in every subject, every day

Azurite (3) - Sophia F for accurately and neatly presenting data in a bar chart

Rhodolite (3) - Elio for always having a positive attitude towards learning and writing a fantastic formal letter

Nephrite (4) - Sophie for her historical explanations describing what city-states are and why they existed

Ruby (4) - Gabriele for her fantastic non-chronological report in English and her own retelling of a Greek myth

Coral (5) - Dylan for his fantastic work accurately converting units of measurement using decimals

Diamond (5) - Hunter for his great effort on becoming more confident in recalling his times tables

Moonstone (6) - Eva for her huge effort and determination to improve in all areas of the curriculum

Sunstone (6) - Oliver for always contributing to class discussions and having an excellent attitude towards his learning in all subjects

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