

Gordon Primary School News

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Be the best you can be.

THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

We would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who helped make last Friday's Friends of the Gordon (FoG) **cake sale** such a success - we raised over £300. From the fantastic bakers who provided delicious treats, to the volunteers - including some brilliant **Year 6** pupils - who helped run the sale, and everyone who came along to buy cakes, your support was amazing.

On Thursday, **Year 4** pupils had a memorable visit to the Royal Naval College. They took part in an exciting workshop on Ancient Greek civilisation, bringing their classroom learning to life in a fun and interactive way.

To link in with Thursday's local elections, the children participated in our own "class name theme" election in our very own polling station! Mythical creatures were the clear favourite, winning by a landslide! Maybe we'll be seeing mermaids, unicorns and dragons in school come September! It was fantastic to see the children engaging with the democratic process and enjoying the friendly competition.

Friday was another busy day. It began with a special assembly to celebrate **V. E. Day**, reflecting on the importance of remembrance and the sacrifices made. Then, we all made our way to the FoG **Sponsored Fun Run** which saw the children taking part with huge energy and enthusiasm, raising funds for school projects and enjoying the fresh air.

Enormous thanks go to all of the volunteers, to everyone who cheered the children as they ran, to those who have collected sponsorship and the children for their incredible effort and determination! **Here are our medal winners:**

Nursery: 1 st - Zoe 2 nd - Maisie 3 rd - Abigail	1 st - George A 2 nd - Federico 3 rd - Quinn	Reception: 1 st - Rosella 2 nd - Chloe 3 rd - Eliza	1 st - Ryvan 2 nd - Ben 3 rd - Edan
Year 1: 1 st - Milla 2 nd - Emily 3 rd - Anais	1 st - Myles 2 nd - Artem 3 rd - Phoenix	Year 2: 1 st - Emily 2 nd - Ada 3 rd - Marnie	1 st - Kye 2 nd - Nicholas 3 rd - James
Year 3: 1 st - Imogen 2 nd - Blossom 3 rd - Tibby	1 st - Daniel 2 nd - Finn 3 rd - Oscar	Year 4: 1 st - Erika 2 nd - Leah 3 rd - Eva	1 st - Oscar 2 nd - Nathan 3 rd - Charlie M
Year 5: 1 st - Tara 2 nd - Emilia 3 rd - Isabelle	1 st - Teddy 2 nd - Jack 3 rd - Oscar	Year 6: 1 st - Maria 2 nd - Cerys 3 rd - Ruby	1 st - Martin 2 nd - James 3 rd - Viyan

If you haven't yet sponsored the children, it is not too late! Please follow this link to contribute: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/gordonfunrun2026> Thank you for making this morning's Fun Run such an enormous success!

ANTI- RACISM

COFFEE MORNING

Mr Taylor and Mrs Fabian will be hosting the next Coffee Morning 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. **Everyone is welcome.**

THIS WEEK'S LET'S TALK TASK

This week's conversation is:

If happiness was sold in shops, what would be on the shelves?

Firstly, I believe that ...

Furthermore, ...

I think ...

I agree because ...

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



WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

Please don't forget that it's **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.

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. Let's make **Walk to School Week 2026** a huge success!



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=2UWUCctkvbbbtfo9uTpNfktmEgHpwg.1#success>

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

DIARY DATES

May 2026

11th to 14th

Tuesday 12th

Friday 15th

Monday 18th

Tuesday 19th

Wednesday 20th

Thursday 21st

Friday 22nd

25th to 29th

SATS tests - **Year 6**

Year 3 visit to Horniman Museum

Emerald Class assembly - 9:10am / 2:45pm

Year 6 end of SATS celebratory visit to the park

School Council visit to Woolwich Town Hall

School Photographer in to take class shots

Chamber Choir singing at Greenwich Singing Spectacular - 6pm

Understanding Anxiety workshop for **Year 4**

Year 2 visit to Greenwich Hindu Temple

Parents & Carers Coffee Morning - 9am

Gordon Song Contest

Change the Rules Day - children's fundraiser **new date**

Half term break - school closed

June 2026

1st to 4th

Thursday 4th

Friday 5th

Thursday 11th

Friday 12th

Monday 15th

Tuesday 16th

Wednesday 17th

Thursday 18th

Friday 19th

Monday 22nd

Tuesday 23rd

Wednesday 24th

Thursday 25th

Tuesday 30th

Gordon Dance Festival rehearsals

Gordon Dance performance - afternoon

Transition to Secondary School workshops for **Year 6**

Gordon 60th Anniversary picnic lunch

SEND Coffee Morning - 9:15am **new date**

Jasper Class assembly - 9:10am / 2:45pm

Beryl Class visit to the Ecology Centre

Year 1 to British Library

Vision screening for **Reception** children **new date**

Sports Day for **Key Stage 2**

Sports Day for **Key Stage 1**

Sapphire Class assembly - 9:10am / 2:45pm

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

Opal class visit to the Ecology Centre

Year 6 visit to Minnis Bay

Welcome meeting for September Reception intake - afternoon

Ensembles concert - 6pm

Year 4 visit to Horniman Museum

Gordon Exhibition open - on display until Thursday 2nd July

Stock the Shelves Summer Food Drive

Year 4 visit to National Portrait Gallery

July 2026

Thursday 2nd

Monday 6th

Tuesday 7th

Wednesday 8th

Tuesday 14th

Wednesday 15th

Thursday 16th

Friday 17th

Year 6 induction day at Greenwich secondary schools

Nursery visit to Maritime Museum

Stay & Play session for new families joining Reception in September

Royal Opera House dance workshops

Transition to Key Stage 1 meeting for **Reception** parents and carers - 9am

Year 6 Leavers production - 6pm

Year 6 Leavers production - 9:30am

Transition to Key Stage 2 meeting for **Year 2** parents and carers - 9am

Year 6 Disco

Last day of the term - school closes at 1:30pm (11:30am for **Year 6**)

Year 6 Leavers Assembly - 11am

EASYFUNDRAISING

Do you shop at Tesco? Please help **Gordon Primary School - Eltham** win a £1,000 donation! All you need to do is sign up to easyfundraising, then you can raise a cashback donation for us every time you shop online - at no extra cost! Then shop online at Tesco or F&F Clothing by May 31st - every shop equals some extra funding for us AND an entry into the £1,000 donation draw!

Do you shop elsewhere? New members can sign up by 10th May and we'll have a chance to win an extra £2000 donation!! Thank you so much:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/gordonprimaryschool/?utm_campaign=pmc&utm_source=whatsapp&utm_medium=social&utm_content=tesco-5000-wa1



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Sign up to easyfundraising to support us, shop at Tesco or F&F and we could be a lucky winner!

Entry closes 31st May

CHANGE THE RULES DAY

Some of our entrepreneurial Year 6 pupils have organized a **Change the Rules Day** to raise funds for decorative improvements to the toilets in the Key Stage 2 playground. On Friday 22nd May, **children in all classes** can come to school in their own choice of clothes and shoes. If they wish, they may also wear accessories such as hats in class or nail varnish and bring juice or squash in their water bottles.

To take part in **Change the Rules Day**, the Year 6 pupils are asking for a donation of £1 per child. Thank you for your support.

GOOD LUCK YEAR 6

We would like to wish our **Year 6** pupils the very best of luck with next week's SATS test. We are confident that the effort they have put into preparing for the tests will pay off and they will receive the results they deserve!

Good luck, **Year 6** - you will be amazing!

HOUSE POINTS

Here are the House Points collected so far this term! It's fantastic to see so many pupils working hard, showing kindness and demonstrating our school values to earn points for their houses. Keep up the great effort - every point counts, and the competition is heating up. Well done everyone who has earned house points this week.

Grangehill - 811	Rochester - 799
Dunvegan - 857	Nesbit - 829

ATTENDANCE STARS

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

WELL DONE

Crystal (N) - Antonia for always being helpful in the classroom

Beryl (R) - Luna for fabulous progress in reading

Opal (R) - Neve for working so hard on her phonics and developing her fluent reading

Emerald (1) - Tilly for her fantastic attitude towards all areas of school life

Jasper (1) - Daniel for his wonderful comparison of the seas in English

Ammolite (2) - Wren for an excellent piece of writing about the *Lighthouse Keepers Lunch*

Sapphire (2) - Olivia for excellent use of imperative verbs in her writing

Azurite (3) - Johnny for the great progress he has made in becoming a confident and safe swimmer

Rhodolite (3) - Eline for her wonderful and knowledgeable explanation of magnetic materials

Nephrite & Ruby (4) - the whole year group for representing our school in such an amazing way. Everyone was polite and mindful to the members of public around and were asking intriguing questions about the trip itself at the Royal Naval College. Well done all you made us proud!

Coral (5) - Olive for always trying to be the best she can be in all areas

Diamond (5) - Haoxuan for coming up with fantastic questions that archivists might ask to categorise Maya inventions

Moonstone & Sunstone (6) - To everyone in Year 6 for their fantastic efforts preparing for the SATs tests. We know they will do their very best!

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