

# Gordon Primary School News

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**Be the best you can be.**



## THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

This week has been a busy one across the school. Our **Year 6** pupils have been working incredibly hard during their SATs tests, showing resilience and determination throughout the week. On Tuesday, **Year 3** enjoyed an exciting educational visit to the Horniman Museum, where they explored a range of fascinating exhibits and took part in a workshop to support their understanding of the Ancient Egyptians. Today, **Emerald** Class impressed everyone with a fantastic assembly and shared this term's learning. To round off the week, **Year 6** celebrated the completion of their SATs with a well-deserved visit to the park.

## COFFEE MORNING



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

## WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

Please don't forget that it's **Walk to School Week 2026** next week. 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, scoot or cycle. Let's make **Walk to School Week 2026** a huge success!

## THIS WEEK'S LET'S TALK TASK

This week's conversation is:

**What is the best sound in the world?**

*I think ...*

*Firstly, I believe that ...*

*I understand your point,  
however have you considered ...*

*Furthermore, ...*

*One reason for this is ...*

*I agree because ...*

*Can you explain why ...*



## GORDON IS SIXTY



The original school at this site was called *Grangehill Road School* and it opened on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1902 in temporary buildings with a roll of 110 infant pupils. On 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1904, the present building was opened with an infant school on the ground floor, a boys' secondary school on the first floor and a girls' secondary school on the second floor.

The Head of the boys' school was instrumental in renaming the school *The Gordon* - after Major-General Charles George Gordon, a British Army officer who fought in the Crimean War. There was a huge rise in the numbers of pupils at the beginning of World War I due to the influx of munitions workers who occupied the hatted housing that was erected in the area. Extra corrugated outbuildings were placed in the school playground - one of which - the Delta building - named so as it was "Hut D" - still remains, following refurbishment in 2022.

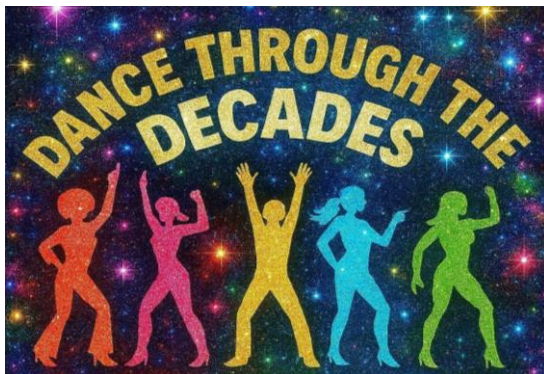
Infants from The Gordon Infant School transferred to either Deansfield or Eltham Church of England Schools when they reached junior age. The pupils then returned to the Gordon Boys' and Girls' schools for their secondary education. In 1948, the Boys' and Girls' Secondary schools merged to form a mixed secondary school.

1966  
2026  
60 YEARS

The next major change took place in 1966, when the school stopped offering secondary education and became a primary school for both infant and junior pupils. Now, in 2026, we are celebrating our 60th anniversary!

We will be holding a celebratory picnic / street party for the pupils in the playground on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June**. The children will need a packed lunch on this day. **If you would like us to provide a packed lunch for your child, please inform the office: [office@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk](mailto:office@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk) by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May.**

## DANCE THROUGH THE DECADES DANCE FESTIVAL



From 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> June, all children from **Nursery to Year 6** will celebrate our school's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary by working with a professional dance coach on a **Dance through the Decades** showcase. There will be a performance of all of the dances on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June in the afternoon. We invite parents and carers to join us for this outdoor performance. Please arrive at the Craighton Road gate from 1:45pm, queue along the staff car park and then onto Grangehill Road.

Due to the scale of this whole-school event, tickets are strictly limited to two per family. Please note that this is a standing-only performance in the playground, lasting approximately 45 minutes and is weather-dependent. In the event of rain or extreme heat, the performance will move to the Sports Hall where we will not be able to accommodate an audience. For any accessibility support, please contact the school office at [office@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk](mailto:office@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk)

## DIARY DATES

### May 2026

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> **School Council** visit to Woolwich Town Hall  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> School Photographer in to take class shots  
**Chamber Choir** singing at Greenwich Singing Spectacular - 6pm  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> *Understanding Anxiety* workshop for **Year 4**  
**Year 2** visit to Greenwich Hindu Temple  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Parents & Carers Coffee Morning - 9am to 10am  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Gordon Song Contest  
Change the Rules Day - children's fundraiser  
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 to Secondary School workshops for **Year 6**  
Gordon 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary picnic lunch  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> **SEND Coffee Morning** - 9:15am to 10:15am  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> **Jasper** Class assembly - 9:10am / 2:45pm  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> **Beryl** Class visit to the Ecology Centre  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> **Year 1** to British Library  
Vision screening for **Reception** children  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> Sports Day for **Key Stage 2**  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Sports Day for **Key Stage 1**  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> **Sapphire** Class assembly - 9:10am / 2:45pm  
Junior Citizen Scheme trip to Sutcliffe Park - **Year 6**  
Great Gordon Get Together - 3:20pm to 4:20pm  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> **Opal** class visit to the Ecology Centre  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> **Year 6** visit to Minnis Bay  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Welcome meeting for September Reception intake - afternoon  
Ensembles concert - 6pm  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> **Year 4** visit to Horniman Museum  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> Gordon Exhibition open - on display until Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July  
**Year 4** visit to National Portrait Gallery

#### SEND COFFEE MORNING

If you are a parent / carer of a child with Special Educational needs, you are invited to join us on 11<sup>th</sup> May at 9:15am in the Sports Hall. For more details contact:  
[hquesta@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk](mailto:hquesta@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk)

### July 2026

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> **Year 6** induction day at Greenwich secondary schools  
**Nursery** visit to Maritime Museum  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Stay & Play session for new families joining **Reception** in September  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Royal Opera House dance workshops  
Stay & Play session for new families joining **Reception** in September  
Stay & Play session for new families joining **Nursery** in September  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Transition to Key Stage 1 meeting for **Reception** parents and carers - 9am  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> **Year 6** Leavers production - 6pm  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> **Year 6** Leavers production - 9:30am  
Transition to Key Stage 2 meeting for **Year 2** parents and carers - 9am  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> **Year 6** Disco  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Last day of the term - school closes at 1:30pm (11:30am for **Year 6**)  
**Year 6** Leavers Assembly - 11am

### September 2026

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> Autumn term begins for **Years 1 to 6** Start dates for EYFS - tbc

## EASYFUNDRAISING FOR FOG



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 31<sup>st</sup> - every shop equals some extra funding for us AND an entry into the £1,000 donation draw!

### Shop at Tesco to help us win £1,000!

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

Entry closes 31st May

### SPONSORED FUNRUN

Thanks to everyone's amazing efforts with last week's Fun Run, FoG have now raised in excess of £5000! This is such an amazing achievement which will benefit our pupils enormously. Just in case there is anyone who would still like to donate, please click here: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/gordonfunrun2026>

### RELATIONSHIPS & SEX EDUCATION POLICY CONSULTATION

Please check your ParentMail account as we have shared with you an updated draft of our PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic) and RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) Policy.

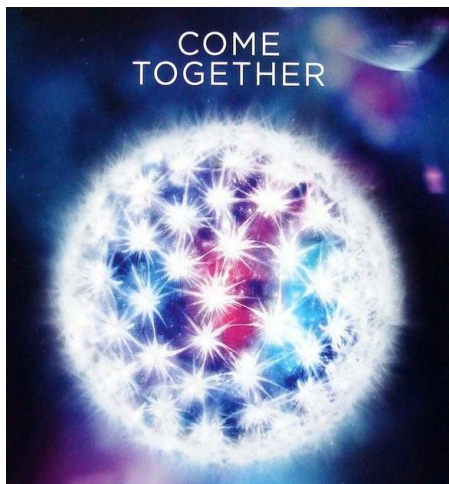
This policy has been written by school leaders to align with the most recent guidance updates from the Department for Education (DfE). Our Governing Body has since reviewed and amended the draft, and we are now moving into the parent consultation phase to gather your thoughts, suggestions and questions.

#### How to provide feedback:

- **Via Email:** Please send any comments to [office@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk](mailto:office@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk) by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June. If you require a personal response, please let us know.
- **Anonymous feedback:** If you would prefer to remain anonymous, you may post your written feedback in the letterbox located in the school foyer.

As a reminder, our curriculum resources were available for viewing during last term's Open Evenings. You can also find this information in the Curriculum section on the school website [www.gordonprimary.co.uk](http://www.gordonprimary.co.uk) and for your convenience, we have also attached the Scheme of Work we follow to this message. Thank you for your support.

### GORDONVISION SONG CONTEST



Inspired by the Eurovision Song Contest — the famous song competition that has enthralled and excited millions since 1956 — we are excited to announce that next Friday we will be holding our very first **Gordonvision Song Contest**! Each year group will perform a Eurovision song, past or present, and the children will have the chance to vote for their favourite performance.

The children are busy learning the song words and, in some cases, practising accompanying dance routines. We are looking forward to seeing all of their fantastic performances and we will announce our first Gordonvision winners in next week's newsletter!

# Enter our **Super Draw** Win a £1,000 IKEA Gift Card

OR £1,000 CASH PRIZE



Sign up to our page on **Your School Lottery** to have a chance of winning the £25k Jackpot, £1k Super Draw or our school's cash prize. More players mean bigger cash prizes! Each ticket you buy makes a huge impact! <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/gordon-school>

## CONGRATULATIONS MINI-MARATHON RUNNERS



Last Sunday, Aurora, Chloe, Leah, Robyn, Sophie, Toby and Yilu took part in a 2.62 mile charity run in Royal Greenwich Park in support of Community Hospice.

The children raised over £800. We are incredibly proud of their effort, determination and support for such a worthwhile cause! Well done, children, you are amazing!



## 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.



As a nut-free school, we kindly ask all parents and carers to check packed lunch ingredients carefully and ensure that no foods containing nuts, or items that may contain nuts, are brought into school.

Thank you!

## HOUSE POINTS

With just one week to go before we announce the next House Points Cup winners, the competition is really heating up! Good luck, children! Keep demonstrating all of those wonderful values that make our school so special!

Grangehill - 1031	Rochester - 1049
Dunvegan - 1079	Nesbit - 1074

## ATTENDANCE STARS

This week, we presented Attendance Stars to **Opal**, **Jasper** and **Ruby** classes. Well done to everyone in these classes!



**Crystal (N)** - Quinn for his really lovely attitude in school this week

**Beryl (R)** - Maeve for her wonderful description of an imaginary journey

**Opal (R)** - Grayson for his excellent use of mathematical language explaining pairs of numbers that make 10

**Emerald (1)** - Anais for being such a supporting, encouraging and kind friend during partner work

**Jasper (1)** - Aliu for his excellent perseverance when creating a paper boat

**Ammolite (2)** - Grace for her imaginative ideas when writing a news article

**Sapphire (2)** - George for his engaging input on the carpet

**Azurite (3)** - Dara for her enthusiasm and determination in all areas of learning

**Rhodolite (3)** - Ellie for using adventurous vocabulary when writing a biographical fact-file

**Nephrite (4)** - Aurora for her effort when using long-division with 3-digit numbers

**Ruby (4)** - Harry for his amazing effort in writing a non-chronological report about a Greek God

**Coral (5)** - Ana for a fantastic effort in all areas, as well as a huge improvement with handwriting and punctuation

**Diamond (5)** - Jasmine for her excellent observations and use of scientific vocabulary when explaining her findings

**Moonstone & Sunstone (6)** - The whole of Year 6 for a fantastic effort and positive attitude during SATs week



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