

# Gordon Primary School News

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**Be the best you can be.**



## THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

Children across the school have been busy rehearsing for the **Gordon Dance Festival** this week. They worked incredibly hard learning and refining their routines and thoroughly enjoyed the rehearsal process. Whilst we were disappointed that the performance arrangements had to be changed due to the weather, the children embraced the opportunity to perform to one another in the Sports Hall and were a wonderfully supportive audience. We have recorded the performances and look forward to sharing them with families at our **Gordon Exhibition** later this term.

On Friday, our **Year 6** pupils took part in *Transition to Secondary School* workshops, helping them prepare for the next stage of their educational journey. The children engaged thoughtfully with the activities and gained valuable insights into what to expect in September.

Today also saw our special **Gordon 60th Anniversary** Picnic Lunch. The sunshine made a welcome appearance and children enjoyed eating their lunch outdoors with their friends. It was wonderful to see the school community coming together, and the children particularly enjoyed singing our Celebration song as part of the occasion.

In Monday's assembly, we explored our school value of **curiosity**. We discussed the importance of asking questions, being eager to learn and seeking to understand the world around us. As part of this learning, we discovered the story of **Edward Jenner** and how his curiosity and determination led to the development of vaccinations. His work has saved countless lives and continues to protect people around the world today.

In today's assembly, we marked **Refugee Week** which will be upon us soon. We followed the story of a young girl and her family who were forced to leave their home because of war. The story helped us to develop empathy and understanding for those who have experienced displacement and uncertainty. Despite the challenges she faced, the story highlighted the resilience, courage and hope that many refugees demonstrate as they build new lives and contribute positively to their communities.

## RELATIONSHIPS & SEX EDUCATION POLICY CONSULTATION

The closing date for you to comment on the **PSHE & RSE Policy** is today. However, we have extended it until 12pm on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2026. Please check your ParentMail account for a copy of the policy and send your comments to [office@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk](mailto:office@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk) Thank you!

## SEND COFFEE MORNING

If you are a parent or carer of a child with Special Educational Needs and / or a disability, we would like to invite you to join us on **11<sup>th</sup> June at 9:15am** in the Sports Hall. For more information or to confirm your attendance, please contact Mrs Cuesta: [hcuesta@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk](mailto:hcuesta@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk)



## THIS WEEK'S LET'S TALK TASK

This week's conversation is linked to our dance festival:

How does dancing make you feel, and why do you think it affects people in different ways?

Furthermore, ...

I think ...

Firstly, I believe that ...

I understand your point, but have you considered ...

One reason for this is ...

I agree because ...

Can you explain why ...



## PRIDE MONTH



### LGBT+ PRIDE

June is **LGBT+ Pride Month**, a time to celebrate diversity, inclusion and the importance of being yourself. Throughout the month, we will be encouraging our children to explore the values of respect, kindness, acceptance and understanding of others, helping to create a school community where we all feel valued and everyone belongs.

Later this month, we will hold a special assembly exploring the importance of celebrating our differences, respecting individual identities, and recognising that every person deserves to feel safe, accepted and proud of who they are. We will also be working on a whole-school art project.

On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June, we will be holding an "**Express Yourself Day**". On this special day, we invite everyone to wear their favourite colour - the colour that represents them, makes them feel comfortable and allows them to express their individuality. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to celebrate what makes them unique while recognising the individuality of others and appreciating the diversity in our community.

We look forward to marking Pride Month together and continuing to promote our school's values of respect, inclusion and belonging.

### KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

If you have a concern regarding a child's well-being, care or safety, including bullying, please contact a member of our Safeguarding Team:

- Mr Taylor - [headteacher@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk)
- Mrs Fabian - [cfabian@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk](mailto:cfabian@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk)
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Additionally, you can call Greenwich Council (020 8921 3172) or the NSPCC (0808 800 5000). In the case of an emergency where you feel a child is in immediate danger, please call 999 and speak to the police.

## REQUEST FOR SEEDS

The children who attend our **Gardening Club** are eager to get planting and growing! If you can donate a packet of seeds of any kind, we would be very grateful. Every contribution will help our young gardeners learn, explore and enjoy the rewards of growing their own plants. Thank you for your support!

### DIARY DATES

#### June 2026

1 <sup>st</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup>	LGBT+ Pride Month
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>SEND Coffee Morning</b> - 9:15am to 10:15am
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Jasper</b> Class assembly - 9:10am / 2:45pm
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Beryl</b> Class visit to the Ecology Centre
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 1</b> to British Library Vision screening for <b>Reception</b> children
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> Great Gordon Get Together - 3:20pm to 4:20pm
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Opal</b> class visit to the Ecology Centre
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Year 6</b> visit to Minnis Bay
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Welcome meeting for September Reception intake - afternoon Ensembles concert - 6pm
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 4</b> visit to Horniman Museum
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	LGBT+ Pride - Express Yourself Day <b>new date</b>
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Stock the Shelves Summer Food Drive</b> - in aid of Greenwich Food Bank
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Gordon Exhibition open - on display until Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July <b>Year 4</b> visit to National Portrait Gallery

#### July 2026

Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	EYFS Sports Day - 9:15am / The Green FoG Barbecue
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 5</b> visit to St Luke's church Stay & Play session for new families joining <b>Reception</b> in September
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Royal Opera House dance workshops Stay & Play session for new families joining <b>Reception</b> in September Stay & Play session for new families joining <b>Nursery</b> in September
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Transition to Key Stage 1 meeting for <b>Reception</b> parents and carers - 9am Annual Reports drop-in session: 3:30pm to 4:30pm <b>new date</b>
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 6</b> Leavers production - 6pm
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 6</b> Leavers production - 9:30am Transition to Key Stage 2 meeting for <b>Year 2</b> parents and carers - 9am
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 6</b> Disco

### HOUSE POINTS

Grangehill - 192

Rochester - 207

Dunvegan - 182

Nesbit - 242

Congratulations to all our pupils for their hard work and positive attitudes this week. House points have been awarded for showing kindness and respect, working hard in lessons and making positive contributions to school life. Every point reflects the effort and determination shown by our children each day. Well done to everyone who has supported their house this week!

## FOG SUMMER BARBECUE

Tickets will be available from 14<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 7pm. We need lots of volunteers on the night! If you can volunteer for 1 hour or more at the event, your family will be guaranteed pre-sale tickets. Please register here: <https://tinyurl.com/BBQ26Volunteers>

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**TICKETS ON SALE SUNDAY 14 JUNE, 7PM**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!**  
Volunteer Presale closes on 12 June  
Register: [tinyurl.com/BBQ26Volunteers](https://tinyurl.com/BBQ26Volunteers)

## FOG FOOTBALL SWEEPSTAKE

World Cup 2026 is just around the corner. To get in the spirit, we'll be running the FOG Football Sweepstake. We'll throw all 48 teams in a hat and leave it to fate. Who knows - you could be a lucky winner! **£2 per entry**. Must be 18+ to enter, but your child can draw your team(s) between 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> June at 3:15pm in the KS1 playground. <https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/fog-football-sweepstake>



**FOG FOOTBALL SWEEPSTAKES**

**Entry £2**

**PRIZES**  
**£30 - FINAL WINNER**  
**£20 - RUNNER UP**  
**£10 - WOODEN SPOON**  
(WORST GOAL DIFFERENCE)

**Draw winning World Cup teams to win prizes!**

Entries must be purchased by an adult. Kids can draw a team.

## SPORTS DAYS FOR YEARS 1 TO 6

**Venue:** Blackheath Rugby Club, Kidbrooke Lane

**Date:** Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June, 9:30am - 11:30am **Years 3 to 6**

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June, 9:30am - 11am **Years 1 & 2**

The children need to come to school in their PE kit and wear a T-shirt in their house colour:

- Grangehill ~ green
- Dunvegan ~ yellow
- Rochester ~ red
- Nesbit ~ blue

If this is not possible, a plain white T-shirt can be worn instead. The children also need regular PE shorts and trainers.

The children will need to bring a named bottle of water. T-shirts must have sleeves and sun cream should be applied before school. Wearing sun hats or caps is advisable and hay fever medication should be administered if necessary.

We are all looking forward to an exciting day of sports, and greatly welcome your support to cheer the children on!

## SPORTS DAY FOR EYFS

Sports Day for **Nursery** and **Reception** will take place on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July on The Green in the Key Stage 2 playground. It will begin at 9:15am and last for 90 minutes approximately.

## Gordon Exhibition

You are invited to attend our annual exhibition, featuring work from all children in the school.

**Date:** Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June to Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

**Time:** 3:15pm to 4pm

**Venue:** The Middle Hall

## THE GREAT GORDON GET TOGETHER

The **Great Get Together** is the UK's annual celebration of everything that connects our communities, inspired by MP Jo Cox's belief that we have far more in common than that which divides us.

This year's *Great Get Together* takes place from 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> June 2026 and marks 10 years since Jo's passing. Many of us remember how, in the days that followed, people responded not with fear, but with the spirit of connection that Jo believed in so deeply. Neighbours came together, differences were set aside, and communities chose unity over division.

To celebrate this important anniversary and the strength of our own school community, we are delighted to invite families to **The Great Gordon Get Together on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June**. From 3:20pm to 4:20pm, the **Key Stage 2 playground** will be open for a free play session, giving children the opportunity to spend time with their friends while parents and carers come together and enjoy the community spirit that makes our school so special.

Children must remain under the supervision of their parents or carers throughout the event.

We look forward to seeing as many families as possible as we celebrate friendship, connection and community together.

Please see the flyer we have sent out via ParentMail for more information.

## STATUTORY TESTING

Well done **Year 4** for completing the **Multiplication Tables Check** this week. The children approached this with calm confidence and we know they have done the very best that they can. Next week, the **Phonics Screening Check** for **Year 1** and some **Year 2** pupils will begin. We wish them the best of luck.

## WELL DONE

**Crystal (N)** - the whole class for a brilliant performance at the dance show

**Beryl (R)** - Ryvan for fabulous enthusiasm and following instructions in our dance performance this week

**Opal (R)** - Jasper for using question words when finding out about caterpillars

**Emerald (1)** - Violet for always displaying such a wonderful attitude towards all areas of school life

**Jasper (1)** - Joe for his wonderful participation during our role play session when retelling the story of *Rapunzel*

**Ammolite (2)** - Kyriakos for a fabulous improvement in his handwriting

**Sapphire (2)** - Elsie for being a good friend and always looking out for others

**Azurite (3)** - Lara for knowing what to do, who to call and what to say in an emergency situation

**Rhodolite (3)** - Lukas for his enthusiasm and knowledgeable explanations in maths when talking about non-unit fractions

**Nephrite & Ruby (4)** - the whole of Year 4 for their hard work and dedication when completing their MTC this week - we are so proud of you all

**Coral (5)** - Kayanna for her fantastic focus and confidence when learning the routine and performing our Year 5 dance

**Diamond (5)** - Isabelle for her enthusiasm when practising for our Year 5 dance performance

**Moonstone (6)** - Charlie for his eagerness during the Year 6 Decade Dance

**Sunstone (6)** - Mara for her enthusiasm and commitment during the Year 6 dance performance

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