

Gordon Primary School News

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THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL



It has been another busy and exciting week across the school. On Monday, our **Year 5** pupils enjoyed a visit to St Luke's Church as part of their learning, while **Year 6** travelled to Minnis Bay to take part in a memorable outdoor experience on the beach!



We were delighted to welcome families who will be joining our **Nursery** and **Reception** classes in September to our **Stay and Play** sessions. These visits provided a wonderful opportunity for the children to become familiar with their new environment, meet staff and begin building confidence ahead of starting school. Our Reception is full, but we do have spaces in our Nursery.



On Tuesday, pupils across the school took part in inspiring dance workshops delivered by the **Royal Opera House**. The sessions linked to our work on the **UN Convention on the Rights of the Child** and encouraged creativity, teamwork and self-expression. It was fantastic to see the children embracing the opportunity with such enthusiasm.

Wednesday was another busy day. It began with our **Transition to Key Stage 1** meeting for **Reception** parents, providing information and guidance to support children as they prepare for the next stage of their learning. In the evening, we celebrated the musical talents of our pupils at our excellent **Ensembles Concert**. A huge "well done" goes to everyone who took part - the audience was very impressed.



In our assembly on Monday, we learned about the story of the **Windrush** generation. The children explored the important contribution made by those who travelled to Britain from the Caribbean and reflected on the values of courage, resilience, diversity and belonging that continue to shape our community today. This linked closely to our ongoing work on **Article 2** of the **UN Convention on the**

Rights of the Child, which states that every child has the right to be treated fairly and without discrimination.

Building on this theme of no discrimination, some of our **Friendship Ambassadors** continued the discussion about **Disability Pride** that began in last Friday's assembly. Well done to **Isla, Theo** and **Heloisa** for sharing a super presentation and reinforcing the important messages of recognising, respecting and supporting people with disabilities.



This summer, children are invited to take part in the **Read to the Beat Summer Reading Challenge 2026** at their local library. The challenge encourages children to keep reading over the summer holidays by borrowing books, collecting rewards and enjoying fun, music-themed activities. Whether your child enjoys stories, comics, graphic novels, fact books or audiobooks, every book counts.

Taking part is free and is a great way to help children maintain their reading skills while discovering new authors and developing a lifelong love of reading.

To sign up, visit your local library and ask about the **Read to the Beat Summer Reading Challenge**. You can also click here: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> We hope lots of our pupils will take part and enjoy a summer full of reading

HOLIDAY FOOD & FUN - FREE SUMMER ACTIVITIES

If your child is aged 4-16 and receives benefit-related Free School Meals, they may be eligible for a free place at one of the council's Holiday Food and Fun clubs this summer.

The programme offers free holiday sessions with a wide range of exciting activities including sports, arts and crafts, music, cooking, games and outdoor adventures. As well as having fun and making new friends, children will receive a healthy meal at each session. There are also a number of inclusive clubs and specialist provisions available for children and young people with SEND.

For more information, to check eligibility and to browse the full list of holiday clubs across the borough, please [CLICK HERE](#)

HOT WEATHER UPDATE

We would like to say a huge "well done" to all of our children, who have coped exceptionally well with the high temperatures in school this week. They have shown great resilience.

The good news is that temperatures are expected to be a little lower next week. To help everyone stay as cool and comfortable as possible, the children may wear their school PE uniform for the final week of term. Please ensure that children wear their usual school PE uniform only. Football kits, non-school T-shirts and shorts that are not in school colours should not be worn.

Although we are approaching the end of term, **learning will continue until the last day**. Please send **your child to school every day next week**, so they can participate in transition activities and finish the school year with their classmates. Thank you for your continued support.

DIARY DATES

July 2026

Tuesday 14 th	Year 6 Leavers production - 6pm
Wednesday 15 th	Transition to Key Stage 2 meeting for Year 2 parents and carers - 9am Year 6 Leavers production - 9:15am Nursery visit to Avery Hill Park
Thursday 16 th	First Aid workshop for Year 6 - kindly funded by FoG Year 6 Disco First Aid workshop for Year 6 - kindly funded by FoG SATs results for Year 6 available
Friday 17 th	Last day of the term - school closes at 1:30pm (11:30am for Year 6) Year 6 Leavers Assembly - 11am

September 2026

Thursday 3 rd	Autumn term begins for Years 1 to 6 ~ Start dates for pupils attending Nursery and Reception will be shared separately with parents and carers
Tuesday 8 th	Welcome meetings for Years 1 to 5 ~ 3:25pm / 3:45pm / 4:05pm in classrooms
Monday 14 th	Secondary Transfer meeting for Year 6 ~ 6pm / Lower Hall
Wednesday 23 rd	Welcome meeting for Reception ~ 2:30pm / Lower Hall

HOUSE POINTS

Grangehill 1236

Rochester 1188

Dunvegan 1209

Nesbit 1183

Congratulations to all our pupils for their hard work and great attitudes this week. We will be announcing our final House Point Cup winners of the year next Friday!

STRENGTHENING OUR APPROACH TO SAFEGUARDING

Following the publication of recent safeguarding guidance and best practice recommendations, we have reviewed how we use photographs of pupils in our external communications.

As a result, we will no longer publish photographs that clearly identify children in the school newsletter, on our website or on Instagram. We will continue to celebrate the wonderful learning and achievements taking place across the school, but any images shared publicly will ensure that individual pupils cannot be recognised.

You may notice that photographs currently displayed on our website have been updated using AI technology so that the faces no longer resemble those of our pupils. Future images used externally will either be edited in this way or taken from angles that do not identify individual children.

We will continue to take photographs within school to celebrate learning, create displays, record memorable moments and share these appropriately with pupils and families in accordance with our existing permissions and policies.

These changes are part of our ongoing commitment to strengthening safeguarding and protecting the privacy and wellbeing of every child in our care. Thank you for your continued support.

GOODBYE MS MILLAR

We are very sad to announce that Ms Millar, our School Business Manager will be leaving us in September. She will be moving into an exciting consultancy role. She will be greatly missed and we wish her the very best of luck for the future.

SPONSORED RUN - BIG HALF MARATHON



Eight members of our school community, including staff and parents, are proudly taking on **The Big Half Marathon** on Sunday 6th September to raise funds for **Friends of the Gordon**. This fantastic challenge starts at Tower Bridge and finishes in Greenwich, following much of the first half of the iconic London Marathon route and showcasing some of the city's famous landmarks.

We are incredibly proud of our runners' commitment and determination in taking on this challenge for the benefit of Gordon pupils. If you are able to show your support with a donation, it would be greatly appreciated. Please click [here](#)! Thank you for your generosity!

A HUGE THANK YOU TO THE FRIENDS OF THE GORDON

A huge "thank you" goes to everyone involved in making last Friday's, **Summer Disco & Barbecue** such a fantastic event. These much-loved occasions bring our school community together and create wonderful memories for our children and families.

We are incredibly grateful to the amazing **Friends of the Gordon (FoG)** committee for the countless hours they dedicate to planning, organising and running these events. Their enthusiasm, commitment and hard work make such a positive difference to our school.

A heartfelt thank you also goes to all of the volunteers who generously gave up their time to help set up, run stalls, serve refreshments, tidy away and support the event throughout. We couldn't do it without you.

Thank you to everyone who came along, joined in the fun and supported FoG's fundraising efforts. Every ticket purchased, game played and refreshment enjoyed helps raise valuable funds that will directly benefit our children.

Finally, we would like to extend our sincere thanks to **Flock & Herd Butchers** for their very generous donation of the burgers and sausages. Such kindness and support are greatly appreciated.

Together, your generosity, community spirit and support continue to make Gordon Primary School a wonderful place for our children to learn and thrive. Thank you!

A FANTASTIC FUNDRAISING ACHIEVEMENT

We are incredibly proud of one of our youngest pupils, **Rosella**, who recently completed the **Race for Life 5K** and has raised over £1,000 for cancer research. Rosella showed fantastic determination, compassion and resilience throughout the event. Her wonderful fundraising effort will help support vital research and families affected by cancer.

Congratulations, Rosella, on this amazing achievement. You have shown our school values so beautifully, and we are all incredibly proud of you!

END OF TERM COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS - FRIDAY 17TH JULY

Please note that the school will close early on the last day of term, **Friday 17th July**. Collection times are as follows:

- **Year 6:** 11:30am (following the **Year 6 Leavers' Assembly**, which begins at 11:00am)
- **All other year groups:** 1:30pm

Please ensure arrangements are made for your child to be collected promptly at the revised finishing time. Thank you for your support!

ATTENDANCE

Well done to **Rhodolite**, **Jasper** and **Azurite** classes for receiving Attendance Stars this week! Your hard work and dedication to coming to school every day really shows. Keep up the fantastic effort!

THIS WEEK'S LET'S TALK TASK

This week's Let's Talk task is:

Would you rather be praised for your kindness or your talents? Why?

TRANSITION MEETING

Wednesday 15th July - 9am

Welcome to Key Stage 2 meeting for **Year 2** parents/carers

This is a short meeting (approximately 30 minutes) to support you with your child's transition into Key Stages 2. We will be sharing the practical things you'll need to know and you'll have the opportunity to ask questions. We look forward to seeing you!

SCHOOL STREETS CONSULTATION

School Streets is a national initiative where roads close to motor vehicles either partially or entirely at peak school drop-off and pick-up times between Monday and Friday.

Following engagement with residents last year, proposals have now progressed to the statutory consultation stage.

For more information and details of how to share your views please [click here](#).

Please note that any enquiries, comments or representations relating to this matter should be submitted directly to the Royal Borough of Greenwich via the link above and not to the school. Thank you.

WELL DONE

Crystal (N) - Federico for his brilliant recognition and writing of sounds

Beryl (R) - Bianca, Rebecca and Eliza for outstanding progress in letter formation

Opal (R) - Robyn, Aaron and Juliana for their enthusiasm and hard work in maths when counting 20 objects

Emerald (1) - Kyran for a super improvement with his engagement in reading

Jasper (1) - Toby for his wonderful use of list sentences when retelling the story of Rapunzel

Ammolite (2) - Ernie for his growing confidence at answering questions during class discussions

Sapphire (2) - Logan and Eva for their excellent use of vocabulary when discussing topics with their peers

Azurite (3) - Alexandra for enthusiastically taking part in the Rights for Dance workshop

Rhodolite (3) - Alexandra for inspiring others with her positive attitude and joy for learning

Nephrite (4) - Angel for super work sequencing the story of *The Bear and the Piano*

Ruby (4) - Rosa, Eden and Mason for the confident use of retrieval and inference skills to help them answer questions about a text

Coral (5) - Ana for her confident participation in group discussion at St Luke's Church when describing Christian symbols of peace

Diamond (5) - Emilia for her fantastic work on architect Friedensreich Hundertwasser in art

Moonstone (6) - Aviela for the detailed design and sewing of her Year 6 leavers' waistcoat in Design Technology

Sunstone (6) - the whole class for their fantastic sandcastle building at the beach

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