

Gordon Primary School News

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THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

It has been another wonderful week at Gordon as we celebrated the many achievements and memorable moments of the end of the school year.

The highlight of this week was undoubtedly our **Year 6** leavers' production of *Oliver with a Twist*. A huge "well done" goes to everyone for delivering such a fantastic performance. The show was full of energy, confidence and talent, with outstanding singing and acting. Every pupil should be incredibly proud of what they achieved. We would also like to thank the staff and everyone working behind the scenes who helped bring the production to life. It was a truly memorable performance and a wonderful way to celebrate the end of our Year 6 pupils' journey at The Gordon.

Thank you to all our **Year 2** parents and carers who attended Wednesday's **Transition to Key Stage 2** meeting. We appreciate your support and look forward to working together to ensure a smooth and exciting transition into Year 3.

On Wednesday, our **Nursery** children enjoyed a visit to Avery Hill Park, where they had a wonderful time exploring, playing and making the most of the outdoor space. It was a lovely time filled with fun, curiosity and adventure.

Also, this week, our **Year 6** pupils took part in **First Aid workshops**, kindly funded by the **Friends of the Gordon**. The children learned valuable life skills and gained confidence in how to respond in emergency situations. We are very grateful to FoG for making this opportunity possible.

The celebrations continued on Thursday evening with the **Year 6 Leavers' Disco**, where pupils enjoyed spending one last special evening together. This morning, they rounded off their time at The Gordon with a moving and memorable final assembly attended by their families. It was a fitting celebration of their journey through primary school, and we wish them every success and happiness as they begin the next chapter of their education.

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](#)

KEY STAGE 2 SATS RESULTS

The publication of this year's SATs results was delayed, and we only received our pupils' results yesterday. We are delighted to share that our **Year 6** children performed exceptionally well, achieving results above the national average and the Royal Borough of Greenwich average in every subject area once again. Congratulations, **Year 6** - another fantastic achievement to add to your many successes this year!



This summer, children are invited to take part in the **Read to the Beat Summer Reading Challenge 2026** at their local library. 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

DIARY DATES

September 2026

Thursday 3 rd	Autumn term begins for Years 1 to 6 ~ Start dates for pupils attending Nursery and Reception have been 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
Tuesday 29 th	FoG Annual General Meeting ~ 6:30pm / Lower Hall

ATTENDANCE

Good school attendance is a vital part of educational success and we are delighted to be able to congratulate some of our pupils who have had 100% attendance this year! Well done:

Jessica (Beryl)	Ellis (Beryl)	Hazel (Emerald)	Erin (Jasper)
Kaia (Ammolite)	Evelyn (Sapphire)	Marnie (Sapphire)	Miriam (Sapphire)
Blossom (Rhodolite)	Eline (Rhodolite)	Leo (Azurite)	Leon (Azurite)
Anton (Nephrite)	William (Ruby)	Erin (Ruby)	Ana (Coral)
Shane (Diamond)	Oscar (Diamond)	Alexander (Diamond)	Haoxuan (Diamond)
Avery (Moonstone)	Prince (Moonstone)	Hakan (Moonstone)	Emmanuel (Sunstone)

Congratulations go to the three classes who won the most Attendance Stars this year:

1st - **Rhodolite**

2nd - **Diamond**

3rd - **Moonstone**

HOUSE POINTS WINNERS

Congratulations go to **Grangehill** House for earning the most House Points this half term and winning the House Points Cup. They had their treat for winning during playtime this morning! Well done, everyone in Dunvegan House.

WELL DONE ANA



We'd like to celebrate Ana in Sapphire Class, who has generously donated her hair to charity. What a thoughtful and selfless thing to do!

We are very proud of Ana for helping others in this way, and we hope her wonderful act of kindness inspires others to think about how they can make a difference too. Well done, Ana!



HENRY LUK KINDNESS AWARD

We are delighted to announce that, in this morning's assembly, we presented the Henry Luk Kindness Award to **Polly** in Coral Class.

Polly consistently demonstrates kindness to everyone around her. She is always willing to help, whether that's offering a hand in the classroom, supporting a friend, or volunteering for a task without being asked. She treats everyone with respect, always has a smile on her face, and listens carefully when others are speaking, ensuring that everyone feels included.

Polly's kindness isn't something she is occasional - it's simply part of who she is everyday. Congratulations, Polly! We are incredibly proud of you.



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!

THANK YOU, MUSICIANS

We have had some very talented musicians play in our weekly assemblies this year. Thank you: **Yilu, Isabella, Anna, Aurora, James, Mina, Leah G, Dylan, Rosa, Erin, Alex, Erika, Anton, Finn, Leah A, Markus, Eloise** and **Joshua**.

KEEPING BUSY OVER THE SUMMER

We have sent out our **Summer Holiday Checklist** - a collection of things to do over the summer holiday. It is full of ideas for things to keep the children busy. Please check ParentMail to find a copy. Have fun!



UNIFORM FOR SEPTEMBER

School uniform is compulsory for all children from the Nursery to Year 6. We have a gender-neutral approach to school uniform and children can choose from the items listed below:

Uniform list (Nursery):

- black, navy or grey jogging bottoms/leggings
- white or navy polo-shirt
- navy school sweatshirt / jumper / cardigan
- black, navy or dark grey skirt / pinafore dress
- black shoes / trainers - no laces please
- blue check dresses (during warmer weather)
- navy or dark grey school shorts
- black boots can be worn in the winter

Uniform list (Reception to Year 6):

- black or dark grey trousers
- white shirt or polo-shirt
- navy school sweatshirt / jumper / cardigan
- black, dark grey or navy skirt / pinafore dress
- black shoes - no trainers or shoes with coloured soles and/or laces
- blue check/striped dresses (during warmer weather)
- navy or grey school shorts (during warmer weather)
- brown, navy or black sandals (during warmer weather), but they must cover the children's toes and be firmly attached at the heel - no sliders / crocs, etc.
- black boots can be worn in the winter

PE uniform:

- plain white t-shirt (no football strips / logos)
- navy blue shorts
- black trainers
- a navy tracksuit may be worn in winter (no training kits / strips / logos)

Swimming Kit: (Years 3 & 4 only)

- close fitting trunks (no beach shorts)
- one-piece costume (no bikinis)
- a swimming cap
- a towel

Please remember that the children come to school in their PE kit on the days they have PE lessons. In September, we will confirm when your child has PE.

Bags Only book bags can come into school. No back packs or ruck sacks please as there isn't enough room for them on our coat trolleys.

We respect the religion and culture of all our children. If you have any religious or cultural requests about uniform, please contact Mr Taylor.

It is very important to mark your child's clothing clearly either by sewn-in / ironed-on labels or with an indelible pen. A great deal of parents' time is wasted trying to find unlabelled items.

School uniform with the Gordon logo and book bags can be purchased from **JK Clothing, Well Hall Road.**

Non-logo uniform items may be bought from any retailer. If you choose to purchase logoed items, we recommend the book bag, sweatshirt and PE T-shirt.

Pre-loved uniform in excellent condition is also available from the FoG online shop: <https://uniformerly.co.uk/>

Orders will be available for collection on Friday 4th September.

SWIMMING LESSONS

Swimming sessions for the new **Year 4** will resume on Thursday 10th September. They will have swimming lessons until February 2027. Then, it will be the turn of the children in **Year 3** who will have lessons for the rest of the school year. Lessons take place every week on Thursday and the children will need the kit listed above.

If you have concerns regarding a child's wellbeing, care or safety, please contact our Child Protection Team: Mr Taylor, Mrs Fabian, Mrs Cuesta and Ms Newlove. Outside of school hours you can call Greenwich council: 020 8854 8888 or the NSPCC: 0808 800 5000. In an emergency please call the police on 999.

FRIENDS OF THE GORDON - A ROUND-UP OF THE YEAR

FoG has had a busy and successful year of fundraising, helped along by some wonderful weather. We'd like to say a huge thank you to all our amazing FoG helpers and parent volunteers who have helped organise and run events. We simply couldn't do it without you, and the money raised will make a real difference to the school and the children.

We'd also like to thank everyone who sorted and donated school uniforms, baked and donated cakes, or came along to support our events. Every contribution, big or small, has been greatly appreciated. Finally, we'd like to thank the staff members who have supported FoG by attending our events, helping to promote them and encouraging the children to get involved.

Everyone's continued support has played a big part in making this year's fundraising such a success.



FOG funding 2025-26

Total funds raised: £32,000

including £9,205 kindly donated by Euroclear/KBF to the Sensory Garden

Total funds committed to the school : £37,668

What we've put money towards this year:

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| • School IT Upgrades (£25,000) | • Colouring Pens & Pencils (£324) |
| • Sensory Garden (£9,205 kindly donated by Euroclear/KBF) | • Gordon Garden Seeds & Plants (£250) |
| • Year 6 First Aid Training (£600) | • Junior Travel Ambassadors Be Bright Be Seen event (£202) |
| • KS2 Playground Resources (£500) | • PAPAAYA Parent Workshop "Let's Talk about Kids and their Tech" (£150) |
| • Year 6 Leavers' Yearbooks (£450) | • New Reception Welcome Bags (£92) |
| • Green Team Compost (£434) | • Christmas crackers (£86) |
| • Christmas Crafts (£375) | |

FOG ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The FoG AGM will take place on Tuesday 29th September at 6.30pm in the Lower Hall. Everyone is welcome! Please look out for more details in September. Information about the roles of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary can be found [here](#).

NAME LABELS

If you're regularly hunting for lost school clothing, you might want to invest in some name labels! We recommend two companies:

- **Easy2Name** name labels, FoG earn 20% commission from easy2name.com if you use the code FR-GORDON_20, and you will receive free delivery.
- **Stikins** name labels, FoG earn 30% commission from stikins.co.uk if you use our fundraising number: 23134

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Help us build our Gordon Birthday Box!

We love making sure every child feels seen, valued, and celebrated. A birthday is a wonderful milestone, and we want to ensure that if a child is at school on their special day, they feel a deep sense of belonging and excitement within our school community. To help us celebrate together, we are introducing a brand new 'Birthday Box' when we return in September!

How It Will Work

On their birthday, children will be invited to visit the school office before registration. They will get to choose a special item from the Birthday Box to wear proudly for the rest of the day. At the end of the day, they will return the item to the box so it's ready to bring joy to the next birthday child.



How You Can Help

To get our Birthday Box ready for the new school year, we are kindly asking for donations of small, reusable celebratory items. If you have any spare or would be willing to donate, we would love items such as:

- Birthday sashes
- Birthday badges (clip-on or pin-free preferred)
- Fun birthday hair bands or headbands
- Party hats or crowns

Please drop any donations off at the main office when we return in September. Thank you so much for your continued support in making our school an inclusive and joyful place for all our children!



SUMMER HOLIDAY WELLBEING SUPPORT

The summer holiday can feel like a lonely time for some people, especially as the school is not available to offer support in the usual way. If you feel like you need some support over the coming weeks, you can access Greenwich borough's **Live Well** website [HERE](#). It includes lots of advice on a range of topics.

You may also be interested in the following telephone numbers:

"It's alright to ask for help"

SAMARITANS

116 123



WELCOME MEETINGS

We will be holding Welcome Meetings for **Years 1 to 5** on Tuesday 8th September. They will take place three times - 3:25pm, 3:45pm and 4:05pm so you can attend meetings for more than one year group if necessary.

There will be a meeting for **Year 6** on Monday 14th September at 6pm (including information about SATS and secondary transfer) and a meeting for **Reception** on Wednesday 23rd September at 2:30pm.

THANK YOU, EVERYONE

We would like to express our immense gratitude for your support this year. To everyone who has volunteered in school - accompanied us on trips - attended social events, Open Days and Evenings, productions and concerts - taken on the requests we've put in the newsletters - supported fund-raising initiatives - participated in groups such as the *Friends of the Gordon*, the *Green Team*, the *Reading Team* and the *Year 6 Leavers' Committee* - and supported their children with home learning - we say an enormous **THANK YOU!** We hope you have a wonderful summer holiday! Take care and stay safe and (for most of you) we'll see you in September!

BALANCE BIKES



Do you have a balance bike tucked away at home that your child has outgrown? If so, we'd love to give it a new lease of life!

We're looking for donations of good-quality balance bikes to support our younger children as they develop their confidence, balance and coordination. If you have one that is no longer needed and would be happy to donate it to the school, we'd be very grateful.

If you can help, please keep your balance bike safe over the summer and then either take it along to the school office or speak to a member of staff. Thank you for your support!

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