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Gordon Primary School News

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Be the best you can be.



THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

It has been another busy and engaging week across our school community.

Wednesday was a particularly full day across the school. Our **Year 4** pupils enjoyed an exciting visit to the **Natural History Museum**, exploring the galleries to bring their classroom learning to life, while **Year 6** participated in informative **Speak Safe** talks with the police. We also marked **White Ribbon Day** and the **UN International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women**, sharing age-appropriate messages of safety, respect and kindness to ensure every community member feels safe and valued.

On Thursday, the school was buzzing with excitement for our **book swap**. We were thrilled by the generous number of pre-loved books donated by families, which allowed every child to browse the vast collection and choose free books to take home and enjoy. On Friday, we welcomed the school nursing team to administer flu vaccinations for pupils in Years 4 and 5, and the children coped very well.

In Friday's assembly, we explored the timeless messages within **Aesop's Fables**. Through these classic stories, the children reflected on three important values: working hard today to prepare for the future, remembering that no act of kindness is ever too small, and building lasting trust by always being honest.

ATTENDANCE STARS

Each week, we award **Attendance Stars** to the classes with the highest attendance. A huge well done to this week's winners:

⭐ **Bigfoot** ⭐ **Kelpie** ⭐ **Cerberus**

CHRISTMAS JUMPERS

We love seeing the children in their festive jumpers and try to give them plenty of opportunities to wear them in school.

Your child is welcome to wear a Christmas jumper on the following days:

- **Christmas Lunch:** Friday 11th December
- **Their class party**
- **Last day of term:** Thursday 17th December
- **Christmas performances:** *for children in **Nursery**, **Reception**, **Year 5** and **Year 6** only*
- **Dress rehearsals:** The teacher will let you know if your child needs to wear a Christmas jumper on the day of their dress rehearsal.

If your child does not have a Christmas jumper or does not want to wear one, they can still join in the fun by wearing any favourite jumper from home.

Year 1 Maths Workshop for Parents & Carers

Wednesday 6th January 2027

9:00am to 10:00am, Middle Hall

After a short introduction, you will join your child's class to experience a lesson firsthand and work alongside your child.

This will be a unique opportunity to find how you can support your child's maths learning at home.

OUR POLICY ON RECORDING PERFORMANCES

We are so looking forward to welcoming you to our upcoming Christmas performances and celebrating the children's hard work together. We know you are going to be impressed by their wonderful singing, acting and dancing.

To ensure we safeguard all pupils in our school community - and so that everyone in the audience can sit back, relax, and enjoy the show without a screen in the way - we kindly ask that no photographs or videos are taken during the performances.



Thank you for helping us keep our children safe and making these events special for everyone. We appreciate your support and understanding.

HOUSEPOINTS

Congratulations go to all of our pupils for their consistent hard work, kindness and fantastic attitudes towards their learning this week. It has been wonderful to see so many children demonstrating our school values both in the classroom and out on the playground, earning points for their teams along the way. Every single House Point counts towards the termly total - here is how the House Points stand so far:

Grangehill	Rochester	Dunvegan	Nesbit
852	845	852	839

NHS
South East London

Worried if your child should go to school today?

If your child seems under the weather or has been poorly, it can be difficult to know whether they should still attend school. **Healthier Together** can help you find the guidance you're looking for.

Our website is developed by local healthcare professionals – is packed with information, tips and advice for parents, including recommended recovery times from common childhood conditions.



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Find us online at: **healthiertogether.nhs.uk**

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This week's **Let's Talk** activity has been suggested by one of our pupils. Thank you, Ndeye for your great idea.

"You can't be scared of something you don't know." Do you agree? Why/Why not?

I suggest ….

I hear what you're saying, but have you considered …

I agree because …

Can you explain a little more about what you mean?

CLASS PARTIES

We will be holding our Class Parties on 14th, 15th and 16th December. Previously we have asked you to send some refreshments in for your child, but this year, due to changes in how we manage allergies in school, we will be asking you to make a small donation instead and we will be buying the refreshments. If you are able, please visit Arbor to make a donation. Thank you!

Monday 14th December	Tuesday 15th December	Wednesday 16th December
Year 5	Nursery & Reception	Year 6
	Years 1, 2, 3 & 4	

CALENDAR

November 2026

Monday 30th	**Years 3 & 4** performance of ***Grimm the Pantomime*** (2:00pm)

December 2026

Tuesday 1st	**Years 3 & 4** performance of ***Grimm the Pantomime*** (9:30am)
Thursday 3rd	**EYFS** ***Christmas Sing-along*** (2:30pm)
Friday 4th	**EYFS** ***Christmas Sing-along*** (9:15am)
	FoG Christmas discos
Tuesday 8th	Ballet performance of *Princess & the Pea* for pupils
Thursday 10th	**Years 1 & 2** performance of ***Baubles*** (2:15pm)
Friday 11th	**Reception** visit to St Luke's Church
	Christmas lunch / Christmas Jumper Day
	Years 1 & 2 performance of ***Baubles*** (9:30am)
Wednesday 16th	**Year 5 & 6** Carol Concert - Westmount Road Methodist Church - 3:45pm
Thursday 17th	Last day of Autumn term – school closes at 1:30pm

January 2027

Monday 4th	First day of the Spring Term – **Reception to Year 6** return to school
Tuesday 5th	First day of the Spring term for **Nursery**
Wednesday 6th	Maths workshop for **Year 1** parents / carers – 9am
Friday 15th	Closing date for **Reception** (September 2027) applications
	Nessie Class Assembly – Middle Hall 9:00am / 2:45pm
Wednesday 20th	**Year 6** visit to Natural History Museum



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS DISCOS

To buy tickets, please click HERE. (Please note, our ticket site, Zeffy, offer FoG free services and ask ticket buyers for a tip to cover their costs. This is voluntary.)

Ticket sales close on 30th November. After this date, tickets will only be available on the door, on the day of the discos.

We need volunteers! If you can spare some time, please register HERE. Thank you!

Please note, after-school clubs won't run on 4th December, although Go! Club will be open as usual. Please see our *Disco Instructions* (sent out via Arbor) for more details.

Donate a ticket to help FoG offer free tickets to families that might appreciate a little help at this time of year. These are "pay what you can" to allow you to decide how much you can donate. Our tickets vary from £2.50 to £5. Any tickets donated will be recorded by FoG and allocated by the school office.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN

If you have a concern regarding a child's well-being, care or safety — including concerns about bullying —please contact a member of our Safeguarding Team: **Mr Taylor, Mrs Fabian, Mrs Cuesta, Ms Newlove,** and **Mrs Warner**. You can also report concerns externally to **Greenwich Council** (020 8921 3172) or the **NSPCC** (0808 800 5000). In an emergency where a child is in immediate danger, please call **999**.

LUNCH MENU

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to reach out following our announcement about exploring a Halal menu for our lunches. Your input is an important part of this process. We are currently reviewing every response and gathering answers to the questions you've asked. As soon as a decision is finalised, we will share it with you, including a response to the key points raised during this process.

THANK YOU

We have recently received some very kind and generous donations from our parents, and we want to share our heartfelt gratitude.

Thank you to: Samuel and Finley's dad for replacing the football nets on the Green; to Harry's mum for providing lots of tulip bulbs for the children to plant around the school, and to all of the parents who have donated books via our **LoveReading4Kids** wish lists. If you would like to donate, please click **here**.

All of these kind actions help make our school a better place for our pupils. We truly appreciate your support and cannot thank you enough!

LAST DAY OF TERM – EARLY CLOSING

Please note that the school closes at 1:30pm on Thursday 17th December.

Congratulations!

Mermaid (N) – Adem for his enthusiasm in Nursery activities

Baku (R) – Emrys for wonderful 'noticing' skills when exploring the composition of 4

Otsu (R) – Savannah-Rose for working really hard with her letter formation and handwriting

Firebird (1) – Erin for using 'and' to join two ideas together when writing an information page influenced by *10 things I can do to help my world*

Kelpie (1) – Emmie for always being ready to learn and for the dedication she shows to school life

Jabberwock (2) – Ousman for his excellent effort and independence when writing a diary entry

Pegasus (2) – Anais for always being an excellent friend to everyone and showing kindness in the playground and classroom

Cerberus (3) – Cara for writing a fabulous description of a rainforest using figurative language

Nessie (3) – Henry for his effort describing the Sukkah in RE

Bigfoot (4) – Renee for being thoughtful, kind and always ready to help anyone who needs it

Griffin (4) – Hugo for his thoughtful use of personification when describing a setting

Dragon (5) – Anton for his amazing description of a snow leopard using relative clauses and scientific vocabulary

Werewolf (5) – Eva for her fantastic effort and contributions to all class discussions

Chimera (6) – Lily for demonstrating a brilliant work ethic and positive attitude, resulting in significant progress

Medusa (6) – Archie for clear structural layout of his spy gadget design explanation