

Gordon Primary School News

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Be the best you can be!



THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

Well done to our **"Travel for Life" ambassadors** who held the **Be Bright Be Seen** sale of reflective safety items on Monday! They are doing a great job of helping to keep everyone safe on the way to and from school!

It's been a busy week for trips: **Year 2** went to St Luke's Church to support their learning on Christianity and made Christingles, **Year 5** had a Geography field trip to Eltham High Street, and **Reception** visited St Luke's Church for an interactive retelling of the Nativity.

On Tuesday, we held an Open Afternoon for the children who will be joining our Nursery in January. We are very excited about them joining us!

The highlight of the week has been the amazing Nativity performance by the children in **Years 1 and 2**. They were wonderful and everyone thoroughly enjoyed their brilliant acting and singing! Well done, children. Finally, with today's Christmas Lunch (thank you to FoG for providing crackers and for helping with serving) and Christmas Jumpers - we have had a very exciting end to the week.

DIARY DATES

December

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| Monday 16 th | Year 5 & 6 Carol Concert - Methodist Church - 3:45pm |
| Tuesday 17 th | End-of-term parties for Magnolia & Wisteria |
| Wednesday 18 th | End-of-term parties for Cosmos & Fuchsia |
| Thursday 19 th | End-of-term parties for Dahlia, Osmanthus, Nasturtium & Nigella Pantomime (in school) for EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 |
| Friday 20 th | Last day of the Autumn Term - school closes at 1:30pm |

January

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| Monday 6 th | Spring term begins - children return to school |
| Tuesday 7 th | Maths workshop for Year 1 Parents & Carers new date |
| Friday 10 th | Visit by Cliff Efford MP new date |
| Wednesday 15 th | Closing date for applications for Reception places (September 2025) Safer Neighbourhood Team meeting (6pm) |
| Monday 20 th | Osmanthus Class visit to the Linnean Society |
| Wednesday 22 nd | Dahlia Class visit to the Linnean Society |
| Tuesday 28 th | International Day / Evening (5pm to 6:30pm) |
| Friday 31 st | "Friendships & Boundaries" Workshop for Year 4 |

February

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| Wednesday 5 th | Young Voices concert (Year 6) - O2 Arena (evening) |
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ACTIVITY CLUBS

Please note that our activity clubs finish next week on Thursday 19th December.

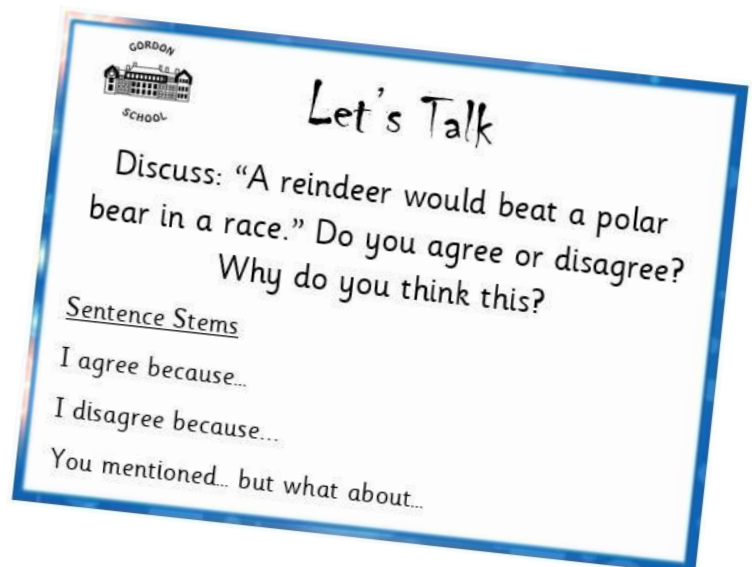
The clubs for the first Spring half term will start on Monday 6th January 2025 and are now available for booking via ParentMail.

<https://fireaway.app4food.co.uk/Home/SelectOutlet>

LET'S TALK

Hopefully you have seen the message we sent out on Tuesday regarding the work we are doing to develop the children's oracy skills. Each week we will be setting a **home learning task** - a discussion point for you to explore as a family at home. Then, during the following week we will discuss the same point in school so the children can share their thoughts. This week, we would like you to discuss the following ...

Thank you for your support.



Year 1 Maths Workshop for Parents & Carers

Tuesday 7th January 2025
9am to 10am

Middle Hall & Classrooms

Come along, spend some time with your child in their classroom and find out how you can help develop their maths skills at home.

CHRISTMAS DONATIONS



Every year, after the children's performances we ask for donations and we have always been very appreciative of your kindness and generosity. Some years, the donations go towards a nominated charity and other years, your donations go to our **School Fund**. This year we are collecting for our School Fund. If you would like to make a donation, please go to the payment section in ParentMail.

We use the School Fund to pay for many resources and events for the children, some of which are linked to our performances.

The School Fund helps pay for commercially produced scripts and backing tracks, music licences, props, set and costumes. If you can, please support us so we can continue our long-standing tradition of outstanding performances. Thank you!

FAMILIES INFORMATION SERVICE

The **Families Information Service** provides free advice and support to families in Royal Greenwich with children up to the age of 19 (or up to 25 for those with special educational needs or disabilities).



You can contact the Families Information Service about:

- childcare - including registered childminders, nurseries, pre-schools, breakfast and after school clubs, and holiday play schemes
- free early learning sessions for 2, 3 and 4 year olds
- benefits and funds to help pay towards childcare costs
- starting at a primary school or moving from primary to secondary school
- activities and groups for children and young people
- registering as a childminder
- local and national family support services

Support available

There is also support available to help you to manage your child's behaviour, help if you are experiencing domestic abuse or if you or a family member need support with health matters.

FREE HOLIDAY CLUB PLACES THIS WINTER

Children aged 4 to 16 who are receiving benefit related free school meals can get a free holiday club space this winter through Royal Greenwich's **Holiday Food and Fun** programme.

From sports sessions to arts and crafts - there is something for everyone! Please click on the link for more information: <https://bit.ly/3WHvIWB>

LAST DAY OF TERM



Please remember that **Friday 20th December** is the last day of the Autumn term. The school will close at 1:30pm.

The Spring term begins on **Monday 6th January 2025**. The school will reopen for all pupils at the usual times.



HOUSE POINTS

Here are the house points that have been awarded so far this half term:

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| Grangehill 1488 | Rochester 1490 |
| Dunvegan 1468 | Nesbit 1445 |

Well done everyone who has earned House Points this week.

ATTENDANCE AWARDS

This week we gave Attendance Star Awards to **Dahlia**, **Osmanthus** and **Jasmine** classes. Well done!

PE KIT

Thank you for your support while we trialled the children coming to school in their PE kit on their PE days. We feel this has worked well. It has reduced anxiety for some children who do not like changing in the classroom and has increased the amount of time the children are active. We appreciate the feedback you gave us via the online survey and it is very clear that this is popular with you too! Therefore, we will continue with this approach moving forward.



Please remember that the children should be wearing navy blue shorts / tracksuits, white t-shirts and black trainers. If your child's trainers are a different colour, please don't rush out and buy new ones; it is absolutely fine to wait until they have grown out of them.

Thank you for your support.



Aster (N) - Riley for great engagement and brilliant effort during group activities

Bluebell (R) - Violet for her wonderful attitude to learning and general enthusiasm for classroom life

Candytuft (R) - Esther for her super engagement in phonics this week

Jasmine & Kalmia (1) - everyone for the fantastic part they played in our Nativity with their beautiful singing and fabulous dancing

Allium & Violet (2) - the whole of Year 2 for their fantastic Nativity! They have all worked so hard and are real superstars.

Nasturtium (3) - George for his enthusiasm and attention to detail when cooking his seasonal tart

Nigella (3) - Nathan for excellent attention to detail when solving division questions using skip counting

Cosmos (4) - Pariza for her fantastic effort across all areas of her learning

Fuchsia (4) - Rory for his informative and eye-catching poster about the advantages and disadvantages of living near a volcano

Dahlia (5) - Roman for his effort when writing a police report on the disappearance of a character from *The London Eye Mystery*

Osmanthus (5) - Aoife for her excellent effort and concentration in French, when using adjectives to describe monsters

Magnolia (6) - Justin for showing creativity and initiative when solving word problems in maths

Wisteria (6) - Edith for her detailed and interesting report on Christmas during the Blitz

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