

Gordon Primary School News

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Be the best you can be!



THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

Well done, **Year 5 & 6** for presenting a fabulous Carol Concert at the Westmount Road Methodist Church on Monday. The singing was wonderful! We celebrated the end of this term with parties for the children in **Key Stage 2** and a panto for the children in **EYFS** and **Key Stage 1**.

In Monday's assembly we talked to the children about the Jewish festival of Hanukkah. We also explored similarities between the world religions and how, despite people's differences, there are many things we all have in common.

CONGRATULATIONS MISS MAY

We are delighted to share the exciting news that Miss May has given birth to a beautiful baby boy. Mother and baby are doing very well and we look forward to seeing them both soon. We know you will join with us in congratulating Miss May!

DIARY DATES

January

Monday 6 th	Spring term begins - children return to school / nursery
Tuesday 7 th	Maths workshop for Year 1 Parents & Carers
Friday 10 th	Visit by Clive Efford MP
Wednesday 15 th	Closing date for applications for Reception places (September 2025) Safer Neighbourhood Team meeting (6pm) - Cancelled
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

Wednesday 5 th	Year 1 trip to Sea Life Centre Young Voices concert (Year 6) - O2 Arena (evening)
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For those of us who find Christmas challenging, **please do not worry alone** - there are plenty of services offering support:

- **Samaritans:** 116 123 or you can [email them here](#)
- **SANEline:** 0300 304 7000
- **National Suicide Prevention Line:** 0800 689 5652
- **CALM - Campaign Against Living Miserably:** 0800 58 58 58 or via [webchat by tapping here](#)



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RETURN TO SCHOOL

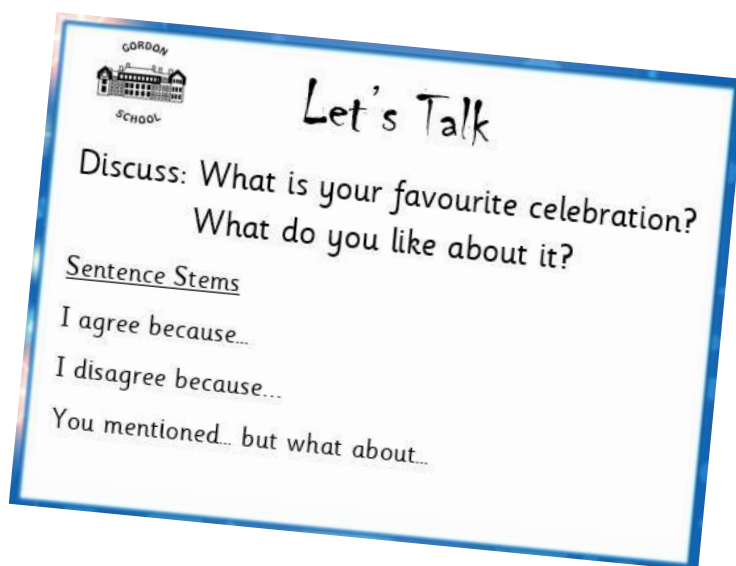
Please note that the Spring term begins on **Monday 6th January 2025**. The school will re-open for all pupils at the usual times.



LET'S TALK

Many thanks go to everyone who took part in the oracy homework last week. We will be continuing this and ask that you try to find a few minutes towards the end of the school holiday to explore our next discussion point. As before, the children will discuss this in the classroom.

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, you can now do so online via 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>

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

If you have concerns regarding a child's wellbeing, care or safety during the school holiday please 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 the police on 999.

Please remember that during term-time you can share concerns with our Safeguarding Team: Mr Taylor, Mrs Fabian, Mrs Cuesta and Ms Newlove.

100% ATTENDANCE

Congratulations go to all of the pupils who have 100% attendance for this term!

Aster (N) Benjamin, Emmeline	Bluebell (R) Noah, Saffron, Sofia, Ottilie, Benjamin, Violet, Aaron, Kristina, Rose, Adriana, Luqa, Polina	Candytuft (R) Erin, Isobel, Malaki, Rosalind
Jasmine (1) Tallulah, Oscar, Henry	Kalmia (1) Lucy, Ndeye, Reuben, Kaia, Nicholas, Henry	Allium (2) Finley, Dante, Hugo, Sienna, Leon, Sophie, Edith, Daniel, Brenie, Harrison, Lucas
Violet (2) Renee, Minnie, Finty, Poppy, Hayden, Alexandra, Aurora, Elio, Henry, Finn, Eleanor	Nasturtium (3) Angel, Hughie, Hugo, Marema, Finlay, Anton, Frederico	Nigella (3) Joshua, William, Nathan, Eliza, Erin, Jolie, Muhammad, Millie
Cosmos (4) Devran, Isabelle, Haoxuan, Emilia, Ethan, Oscar, Clara	Fuchsia (4) James, Samuel, Heath, Polly, Chloe, Tyler, Rodion, Isla	Dahlia (5) Jenson, Oliver, Hope, Freddie
Osmanthus (5) Elijah, Anna, Chloe, Jessica, Victor, Avery, Ysaline, Oscar, Nina	Magnolia (6) Ayima, Cara, Jayden, Lottie, Eleza, Albert	Wisteria (6) Matilda, Benedicta, Audrey, Molly, Noelle, Tristan, Olivia

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

We would like to thank you for your support during this past term, and take this opportunity to wish all families who will be celebrating Christmas or Hanukkah a very peaceful and merry holiday.



HOUSE POINTS

We awarded the House Points Cup to **Grangehill** House today! Congratulations go to everyone who has earned House Points! Here are the final house points for this half term:

Grangehill 1777	Rochester 1751
Dunvegan 1709	Nesbit 1724

The children in Grangehill House will receive a treat in the New Year.

ATTENDANCE AWARD

Congratulations go to **Osmanthus** Class for winning the Attendance Award. for this half term. They will receive a treat in the New Year.



Aster (N) - Chandi for taking part in discussions when interacting with others

Bluebell (R) - Noah for perseverance and patience when reading

Candytuft (R) - Spencer for his lovely attitude and willingness to complete activities

Jasmine (1) - Marnie for always being a kind friend and looking after others

Kalmia (1) - Mila for her fantastic effort and progress in phonics and reading

Allium (2) - Gabe for great contributions during class discussions

Violet (2) - Blossom for her effort and dedication when creating a moving monster

Nasturtium (3) - Aurora for her detailed, informative and beautifully presented non-chronological report

Nigella (3) - Rosa for writing a very detailed non-chronological report

Cosmos (4) - Oscar for his wonderful focus and attitude to learning and always being ready to do his best

Fuchsia (4) - Chloe for her amazingly detailed and attractive poster showing the effects of human development on the environment

Dahlia (5) - Brandon for his fantastic travel brochure for the Alps including human and physical features

Osmanthus (5) - James K for a beautifully presented information leaflet including all his learning about the Alps in geography

Magnolia (6) - Gia for producing a super leaflet about Christmas in the 1940's

Wisteria (6) - Anona for an interesting and informative review of the impact humans have on our oceans

HENRY LUK KINDNESS CUP



We were delighted to present the **Henry Luk Kindness Award** to **Jayden** in **Magnolia** Class today. Staff have been very impressed with him and said:

"Jayden is very caring to all of his classmates and to others in the playground. He will always notice if anyone is on their own and try to include them or check that they are okay. He respects other people's feelings, is patient and tries to support friends when they need help. He has all the qualities of a really kind friend."

Congratulations Jayden. We are so proud of you!



Please remember that we are a nut-free zone and the children should not bring nuts or nut-based products to school. Thank you for your support.

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