

# Gordon Primary School News

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## Be the best you can be!

### WELCOME BACK

Happy New Year! We hope you had a restful and enjoyable break! We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the wonderful Christmas gifts you gave to the staff at the end of last term. It was not necessary or expected, but very much appreciated.

We have lots of exciting things planned for the Spring Term - please see the diary dates - and check out the **Curriculum** page on our website as we have been uploading information about the children's new learning for the Spring Term.

### THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

We would like to thank all the **Year 1** parents and carers who attended the maths workshop on Tuesday. We hope you enjoyed spending time in your child's classroom and experiencing a maths lesson. If you need any support with the home learning tasks, please contact the **Year 1** teachers.

### LET'S TALK

Many thanks go to everyone who has been taking part in the oracy homework we have been setting. If you can find a few minutes to explore our next discussion point with your children, we would be very grateful. The children will be discussing this in their classrooms next week and it really helps if they have talked about it at home first.

Thank you for your support.

### PE DAYS - SPRING TERM, FIRST HALF

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Friday	Candytuft - Thursday Bluebell - Tuesday / Thursday	Monday Tuesday	Allium - Wednesday / Thursday Violet - Tuesday / Thursday
Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Tuesday Thursday	Monday Thursday (swimming - until half-term break)	Tuesday Wednesday	Monday Wednesday

Please remember that your child needs to come to school in their PE kit on their PE days. Thank you for your support.

## DIARY DATES

### January

Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Closing date for applications for Reception places (September 2025) Safer Neighbourhood Team meeting (6pm / Lower Hall)
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Osmanthus</b> Class visit to the Linnean Society
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Dahlia</b> Class visit to the Linnean Society
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Cosmos</b> Class Assembly (9:10am / 2:40pm - Middle Hall)
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Everyone Belongs Day Everyone Belongs Evening (5pm to 6:30pm)
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Nasturtium</b> Class Assembly (9:10am / 2:40pm - Middle Hall) "Friendships & Boundaries" Workshop for <b>Year 4</b>

### February

Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 1</b> visit to Sea Life Centre Young Voices concert ( <b>Year 6</b> ) - O2 Arena (evening)
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	"Growth Mindset" Workshop for <b>Year 6</b> NSPCC Number Day
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Open Evening ( <b>Jasmine Class</b> )
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Fuchsia</b> Class visit to Guildhall Roman Amphitheatre <b>Year 6</b> visit to Eltham Hill School - production of 'Chicago' - school version School Journey meeting for <b>Year 6</b> Parents & Carers (6pm / Middle Hall)
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Cosmos</b> Class visit to Guildhall Roman Amphitheatre
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	"Social Media and Wellbeing" Workshop for <b>Year 5</b> <b>Nursery</b> visit to the Cutty Sark Final swimming session for <b>Year 4</b>
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Allium</b> Class Assembly (9:10am / 2:40pm - Middle Hall)
17 <sup>th</sup> to 21 <sup>st</sup>	Half-term break
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Maths Workshop for <b>Reception</b> Parents & Carers
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	NSPCC "Speak Out Stay Safe" Workshops for <b>Years 2, 5 &amp; 6</b> First swimming session for <b>Year 3</b>

### March

3 <sup>rd</sup> to 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 6</b> School Journey
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day
6 <sup>th</sup> to 11 <sup>th</sup>	Book Fair
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Nasturtium</b> Class visit to Woodlands Farm
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Road Safety Workshops for <b>Years 1 to 6</b>
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Osmanthus</b> Class Assembly (9:10am / 2:40pm - Middle Hall) <b>rescheduled</b> "Understanding Anxiety" Workshop for <b>Year 4</b>
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Music Celebration Concert - <b>Years 4 &amp; 5</b> (2:15pm - Sports Hall)
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Music Celebration Concert - <b>Years 4 &amp; 5</b> (9:30am - Sports Hall) <b>Reception</b> visit to the Planetarium
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Nigella</b> Class visit to Woodlands Farm
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Leigh Stationers' Academy Dance Festival (evening performance)
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Open Evening 1 - 3:30pm to 7:00pm

### April

Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Open Evening 2 - 3:30pm to 6:00pm
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of the Spring Term - school finishes at the usual time
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	First day of the Summer Term - all children return



Everyone Belongs Evening



Gordon Primary School

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>  
January 2025



5pm to 6:30pm

Middle Hall



Please bring a  
dish to share!

Everyone Belongs!  
One community. Many stories.

We are looking forward to our "Everyone Belongs" Evening. This will be an informal event where we will be celebrating the many cultures represented by families in our school.

Please dress for the occasion! We would love to see families wearing the clothes that reflect their culture and identity. We are also hoping that lots of families will be willing to share some food with us. If there is a particular dish that your family loves, we would be honoured if you could make it for us! Please list the ingredients and remember we are a nut-free school.

If you are feeling adventurous and would like to perform a dance, sing a song, play an instrument, tell a story or demonstrate a sport, please feel free.

There will be fun activities for the children and lots of opportunities for adults to chat and make new friends! We hope you will be able to join us!

If you would like to contribute a dish or demonstrate an activity, please let us know by emailing [office@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk](mailto:office@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk)

# 🌟 Start the Year by Supporting Gordon Primary School! 🌟

This year, every time you shop online, you can help raise free donations for Gordon Primary – at no extra cost to you! 📦

We've partnered with **easyfundraising**, which means over 8,000 retailers will donate to our cause whenever you shop. From everyday essentials to special purchases, every shop you make in 2025 can make a real difference!

🎉 **Special Bonus Alert!** For the next two weeks, if we can get 10 or more supporters to sign up, we'll earn an extra £1 donation for every new supporter! 💰

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👉 Sign up here today! <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/cause/gordonprimaryschool/> Let's start the year off strong and make every shop count for Gordon Primary. Thank you for your support!

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## RECEPTION PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021, they are due to start Reception in September 2025. Applications can be made via this link: <https://bit.ly/3UyklvB> The closing date is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

**APPLY NOW**

## SPARE CLOTHES

Occasionally, children have accidents in school and need a change of clothing. Our stocks of spare clothes are very depleted in the Foundation Stage. If you have any spare trousers, joggers, jumpers or sweatshirts at home, we will very gladly take them off your hands!

Please take your donations to a member of the EYFS team or hand them in at the office. Thank you for your support!



## HOUSEPOINTS

<b>Grangehill</b> 181	<b>Rochester</b> 173
<b>Dunvegan</b> 179	<b>Nesbit</b> 140

Well done to everyone who has earned House Points for their super behaviour and fantastic work this week.



**Aster (N)** - Lily for using a paintbrush with confidence to explore colour and colour mixing

**Bluebell (R)** - Sofia for her enthusiasm and passion for writing this week

**Candytuft (R)** - Finn for his super questions about phonics terminology

**Jasmine (1)** - Oscar for brilliant application of his phonics knowledge when writing

**Kalmia (1)** - Lucy for her fantastic effort in phonics and superb improvement in reading

**Allium (2)** - Tomas for a great effort with his handwriting

**Violet (2)** - Finty for her thoughtful responses in maths using key vocabulary

**Nasturtium (3)** - Dylan for his thought-provoking and considerate contributions in RE discussions

**Nigella (3)** - Sia for her detailed character description in English, and for being a positive role model in class

**Cosmos (4)** - Alma for sensory details and figurative language in her writing

**Fuchsia (4)** - Heath for respectfully discussing who he thought had the most impact when ordering events of the Bible

**Dahlia (5)** - Alex for his great work, including punctuation for parenthesis in his writing

**Osmanthus (5)** - Anna for working hard, listening to feedback and producing high quality work across the curriculum

**Magnolia (6)** - Gustave for excellent contributions to discussions in History when looking at censuses

**Wisteria (6)** - Matthew for his fantastic work transforming and improving various sentence structures

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