

# Gordon Primary School News

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## Be the best you can be!

### WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to a new school term. We hope you had a wonderful and restful break. We are looking forward to lots of new learning this term. Please check out the curriculum page on our website for information about the topics your child will be exploring over the coming months.

Although it's been a slightly shorter week than normal, we've been busy! On Wednesday, **Year 4** visited the Royal Naval College and took part in a *Myths & Masks* workshop on the Ancient Greeks. We celebrated St. George's Day on Wednesday and invited the children who are members of the Scouting Movement to wear their uniforms to school. On Thursday, **Fuchsia** and **Osmanthus** classes helped prepare some of the beds in the Gordon Garden, ready for planting! Thank you Alex Conway for your amazing support!



### WOW - SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL TO SCHOOL

WOW is a pupil-led initiative where children self-report how they get to school every day using the interactive **WOW Travel Tracker**. If they travel sustainably (walk, cycle or scoot) once a week for a month, they get rewarded with a badge. It's that easy!

Each year, the eleven collectable WOW badges (no badge for August) are designed by pupils in a national competition. We are delighted and excited to announce that this year, out of the many thousands of entries, a design by a Gordon pupil has been selected as one of the badges.

Congratulations go to **Clara** in **Magnolia** Class who was inspired by her love of music and created a brilliant design! We can't wait to see Gordon pupils wearing Clara's badge! Well done, Clara!



## DIARY DATES

### April

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> "Understanding Anxiety" workshop for **Year 5**  
Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> **Year 3** trip to Horniman Museum  
Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> Safer Neighbourhood Ward Panel Meeting (6pm - Lower Hall)

### May

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> **Year 4** workshop - Growth Mindset  
FoG Sponsored Fun Run - **all year groups**  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday - school closed  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> RNLI Water Safety talks for **Years 5 & 6**  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Class photographs  
12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> **Year 6** SATs

- English - Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling
- English - Reading
- Maths - Arithmetic / Reasoning Paper 1
- Maths - Reasoning Paper 2

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> **Reception** visit to National Gallery  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> **Kalmia** Class Assembly (9:10am / 2:45pm - Middle Hall)  
19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> Walk to School Week  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Peddle My Wheels - bike sale  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> **Violet** Class Assembly (9:10am / 2:45pm - Middle Hall)  
26<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> Half term break

### June

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Vision checks for **Reception**  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> **Year 4** trip to Prince Philip Maritime Collection  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> **Jasmine** Class Assembly (9:10am / 2:45pm - Middle Hall)  
*Me & My Screen* workshop for **Years 4 & 5**  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> **Nigella** Class Assembly (9:10am / 2:45pm - Middle Hall)  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Secondary School Transition workshop for **Year 6**  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Fix-A-Bike workshop  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> **Bluebell** Class to the Ecology Centre  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> **Year 6** to Minnis Bay  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> **Year 1** to Eltham Palace (tbc)  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Welcome meeting for September 2025 Reception intake  
Gordon Exhibition opens (3:15pm - Middle Hall)  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> **Candytuft** Class to the Ecology Centre  
Loneliness workshop for **Year 5**

### July

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> Gordon Exhibition closes (4pm - Middle Hall)  
Stay & Play session for September 2025 Reception intake (3:30pm)  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Stay & Play session for September 2025 Reception intake (3:30pm)  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> Stay & Play session for September 2025 Nursery intake (3:30pm)  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> **Allium** Class Assembly  
7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> Cycle training for **Year 5**  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> **EYFS** Sports Day (morning / The Green)  
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> **Year 6** Leavers' Performances (6pm - Sports Hall)



# Let's Talk

Discuss: "Cats are the best pet!" Do you agree or do you disagree? Why do you think this?

## Sentence Stems

I think that ... because

I agree because...

I disagree because...

You mentioned... but what about...

Thank you to Clara from Magnolia for the inspiration for this week's discussion point!

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

Now that the warmer weather is (hopefully) on its way, please remember that the children can wear shorts and summer dresses to school. On non-PE days, the children can wear black, navy or grey school shorts (no PE shorts please). Summer dresses need to be blue, but we do not have a preferred style or design. Brown, navy or black sandals may be worn in the summer, but they must cover the children's toes and be firmly attached at the heel.

## WORKSHOP - LET'S TALK ABOUT OUR KIDS AND THEIR TECH

We would like to thank everyone who came along to the "Let's talk about our kids and their tech" workshop on Thursday with Ruth from PAPAYA (Parents Against Phone Addiction in Young Adolescents). It was wonderful to see all age groups represented! The impact that smartphones and social media are having on children is more prevalent than ever and it was useful to look at some of the evidence around this, hear how it is impacting our community and discuss ways in which we can safeguard our children. As a school, we received some incredibly helpful feedback and are looking forward to following up on the workshop with our parent ambassadors! If you were unable to attend but would like to receive the presentation, please contact Ms Newlove: [lnewlove@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk](mailto:lnewlove@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk)

## ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to the 32 children who have 100% attendance for the Autumn and Spring terms. Can you keep it up until the end of this academic year?

Aster (N)	Bluebell (R)	Candytuft (R)	Jasmine (1)	Kalmia (1)
Halima	Aaron Kristina Otilie Sofia	Malaki		Henry Kaia Nicholas
Allium (2)	Violet (2)	Nasturtium (3)	Nigella (3)	Cosmos (4)
Sienna	Elio Minnie	Finlay	Eliza Millie William	Emilia Oscar
Fuchsia (4)	Dahlia (5)	Osmanthus (5)	Magnolia (6)	Wisteria (6)
Sammy Tyler	Freddie Isabella Jenson	Avery Aviela Elijah Jessica Matei Ysaline	Cara Eleza	Olivia

## HOUSE POINTS CUP

Here are the House Points for the first week of this new term:

<b>Grangehill</b> 128	<b>Rochester</b> 145
<b>Dunvegan</b> 116	<b>Nesbit</b> 101

Well done everyone!

## SPONSORED FUN RUN

FoG's annual sponsored Fun Run will be taking place next Friday in Eltham Park South. You are welcome to come along and cheer the children on! The starting times for each year group are below. Please be aware that they are approximate so please arrive a few minutes before the times listed to avoid missing any of the action!



We thank you in advance for supporting this event and would appreciate if you could encourage friends and family members to sponsor your child.

- 9:20am      Nursery
- 9:40am      Reception
- 10:00am    Year 1
- 10:20am    Year 2
- 10:40am    Year 3
- 11:00am    Year 5
- 11:20am    Year 6
- 11:40am    Year 4

Please send your child to school in their PE kit for the Fun Run.

## Well done!

**Aster (N)** - Rebecca for sequencing the main events in the story 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'

**Bluebell (R)** - Keanu for an excellent description of the local environment

**Candytuft (R)** - Isobel for super progress in phonics sessions

**Jasmine (1)** - Miriam for always being a great role model to her peers and showing kindness

**Kalmia (1)** - Ema for her superb concentration and attitude to learning this week.

**Allium (2)** - Tibbi for great sentences using adjectives, nouns and verbs to describe the title page of 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch'

**Violet (2)** - Isabella for her improved handwriting and trying hard to join letters

**Nasturtium (3)** - Bryn for his fantastic use of vocabulary and reasoning skills on unit and non-unit fractions

**Nigella (3)** - Eden for positive contributions in the classroom and excellent presentation of work

**Cosmos (4)** - Ronnie for his fantastic character description using similes

**Fuchsia (4)** - Archie for converting between kilometres and meters including fractions and decimals

**Dahlia (5)** - Aanya for her excellent oracy skills in science lessons

**Osmanthus (5)** - Ysaline for her excellent oracy skills especially this week when discussing solids and liquids in science

**Magnolia (6)** - Samantha for a carefully created graffiti tag in art

**Wisteria (6)** - Ava for her excellent work making links between different mathematical topics.

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