

# Gordon Primary School News

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## THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

As part of our ongoing work to support pupil wellbeing, the children in **Year 5** took part in an "Understanding Anxiety" workshop and **Year 4** had a "Growth Mindset" workshop this week. These were delivered by GMHST - Greenwich Mental Health Schools Team.

On Tuesday, **Year 3** went to the Horniman Museum. This supported their learning about Ancient Egypt. They took part in a workshop, handled ancient artefacts and had a great time.

We explored two themes in our assemblies this week. On Monday, we marked **Autism Awareness Month** and shared a film and a story about neurodiversity. On Friday, we talked about **VE Day** in preparation of the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary that we will be celebrating next week.

## VE DAY CELEBRATIONS



On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May we will be holding a party in the playground for all pupils. This will be in celebration of the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of **VE Day**, marking the end of the Second World War in Europe. We will have a picnic lunch, sing some songs and we invite the children to dress for the occasion by wearing red, white and blue.

All children will need a packed lunch. We sent out a link for you to order a school packed lunch if you would like one, but if you missed it, please email [office@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk](mailto:office@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk) before 5<sup>th</sup> May. Thank you.

## LET'S TALK

Next week's discussion point is inspired by this year's 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day.

**Discuss:** what is your favourite way to "keep calm and carry on"?

**Sentence stems:**

I like to ... because ...

I agree because ...

I disagree because ...

You mentioned ... but what about ...

Thank you to Ms Morton and Miss White for this week's discussion point.

## LET'S TALK!

'Let's Talk' needs your ideas. During the Summer Term we would love to include some of your ideas in our 'Let's Talk' discussions.

There will be a postbox in the foyer for you to post your ideas in or you can send them directly to Miss Kemp.

We cannot wait to see your ideas!

## DIARY DATES

### May

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Bank Holiday - school closed
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	RNLI Water Safety talks for <b>Years 5 &amp; 6 - Cancelled</b> VE Day celebration picnic
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> 12 <sup>th</sup> to 15 <sup>th</sup>	Class photographs <b>Year 6</b> SATs <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• English - Grammar, Punctuation &amp; Spelling</li><li>• English - Reading</li><li>• Maths - Arithmetic / Reasoning Paper 1</li><li>• Maths - Reasoning Paper 2</li></ul>
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Reception</b> visit to National Gallery
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> 19 <sup>th</sup> to 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Kalmia</b> Class Assembly (9:10am / 2:45pm - Middle Hall) Walk to School Week
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Peddle My Wheels - bike sale
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> 26 <sup>th</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Violet</b> Class Assembly (9:10am / 2:45pm - Middle Hall) Half term break

### June

2 <sup>nd</sup> / 5 <sup>th</sup> / 10 <sup>th</sup> / 12 <sup>th</sup>	Dance workshops - all year groups
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Vision checks for <b>Reception</b> <b>Year 6</b> trip to Bank of England Museum
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 4</b> trip to Prince Philip Maritime Collection
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Jasmine</b> Class Assembly (9:10am / 2:45pm - Middle Hall) <i>Me &amp; My Screen</i> workshop for <b>Years 4 &amp; 5</b>
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Nigella</b> Class Assembly (9:10am / 2:45pm - Middle Hall)
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Secondary School Transition workshop for <b>Year 6</b>
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Fix-A-Bike workshop
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Bluebell</b> Class to the Ecology Centre
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 6</b> to Minnis Bay
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 1</b> 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>	<b>Candytuft</b> Class to the Ecology Centre Loneliness workshop for <b>Year 5</b>

### 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> 7 <sup>th</sup> to 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Allium</b> Class Assembly Cycle training for <b>Year 5</b>
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>EYFS</b> Sports Day (morning / The Green)
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 6</b> Leavers' Performance (6pm - Sports Hall)
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 6</b> Leavers' Performance (9:30am - Sports Hall)
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 6</b> Leavers' Assembly (11am - Sports Hall) <b>Year 6</b> finish at 11:30am Last day of term - school closes at 1:30pm



May is National Walking month and we want to encourage as many children as possible to walk, cycle or scoot to school.

If you usually drive to school and can't walk the whole journey, you can still join in by parking a little further away and maybe walking at least some of the way.

Walking is one of the easiest ways to improve health and wellbeing. Starting the day with a walk to school helps children feel wide awake and ready to learn when they arrive.

### YOUNG GREENWICH - HAVE YOUR SAY

The Royal Borough of Greenwich (RBG) is inviting children, young people, families, and professionals to take part in a consultation to help shape the future of *Young Greenwich* and the services it offers. This is your chance to share ideas and suggestions on how RBG can improve services and make them more accessible for everyone.

**Please follow the link to complete the survey- your say will be greatly valued.**

[Have Your Say Today - Young Greenwich - Commonplace](#)

On the landing page you will see four different tiles corresponding to different surveys for:

- Young people
- Professionals
- Parents & carers

### SPONSORED FUN RUN

Enormous thanks go to everyone who supported this morning's Fun Run. To the FOG committee who organised the event, the parents, carers and community volunteers who supervised the children around the course, the spectators who cheered so enthusiastically, everyone who collected sponsorship or agreed to sponsor the children, and the children themselves for participating with such energy - we want to say **thank you and well done!** Next week we'll announce the top three boys and girls for each year group and update you on how much we have raised.





Gordon Priamry School is committed to the values of equality, diversity and inclusion, and we are proud to have signed the Royal Borough of Greenwich Equality and Equity Charter.

**FAIRER SAFER ACCESSIBLE INCLUSIVE**

## Royal Borough of Greenwich Equality and Equity Charter

Everybody counts – a pledge for equality across Royal Greenwich

Royal Greenwich is a vibrant borough with a growing diverse population. We share an ambition to create a fairer, safer, accessible and inclusive borough where everyone feels they belong, has a voice and an equal opportunity to succeed and thrive.

### We are committed to making a real difference by:

- ▶ making Royal Greenwich a welcoming borough where everyone feels they belong
- ▶ inspiring trust and confidence in all the borough has to offer
- ▶ recognising, valuing and celebrating diversity
- ▶ listening to and understanding the diverse needs of all people
- ▶ building good relations and understanding between people
- ▶ creating a fairer borough through promoting inclusion, participation and equal access
- ▶ challenging discrimination, harassment, bullying, hate crime and victimisation
- ▶ eliminating barriers, encouraging a growth mindset, raising aspirations and creating opportunities for growth beyond limit.

### As an organisation we will:

- ▶ actively promote equality
- ▶ work with partners and the community to make our information, services and products more accessible and inclusive
- ▶ put equal opportunity at the heart of our recruitment, employee development and service delivery
- ▶ continually review the diversity of our workforce and ensure it's representative of our local community across all levels
- ▶ address all allegations of discrimination, harassment, bullying and victimisation
- ▶ promote good relations between people from different backgrounds
- ▶ share good equality practice with our partners
- ▶ measure and share our progress and success.

### HOUSE POINTS CUP

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

<b>Grangehill</b> 332	<b>Rochester</b> 394
<b>Dunvegan</b> 295	<b>Nesbit</b> 285

Well done everyone!

### ATTENDANCE AWARDS

This week we awarded **Nigella**, **Nasturtium** and **Magnolia** classes for their excellent attendance. Well done, everyone!

### VAPING AND SMOKING

For the health and safety of the children and their families we ask that you refrain from vaping or smoking while waiting outside the school gates. Thank you for your support.



Please remember that Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May is a Bank Holiday and the school is closed.

**BANK HOLIDAY**

## Well done!

**Aster (N)** - Federico for his brilliant singing and joining in enthusiastically during carpet sessions

**Bluebell (R)** - Polina V for giving an excellent description of a contrasting environment

**Candytuft (R)** - Mia for being helpful and kind to a new member of the class

**Jasmine (1)** - Alyssa for her fantastic use of adjectives when describing the sea

**Kalmia (1)** - Kaia for her superb attitude to all areas of school life and for the brilliant example she sets to others with her dedication, enthusiasm and kindness

**Allium (2)** - Noemi for great effort in her work on fractions

**Violet (2)** - Theo for always showing great enthusiasm to all areas of his learning

**Nasturtium (3)** - Isabella for her enthusiasm and fantastic behaviour on our trip to the Horniman Museum

**Nigella (3)** - Eva for trying really hard in her maths work relating to fractions on a number line

**Cosmos (4)** - Markus for his fantastic effort improving his handwriting and editing skills

**Fuchsia (4)** - Rodion for reading, calculating and saying different amounts of money in French

**Dahlia (5)** - Adam for his great effort writing a description of the Amazon using a variety of sentence structures

**Osmanthus (5)** - Ocean for her excellent focus and concentration when trying yoga

**Magnolia (6)** - Finn for excellent team spirit and encouragement of others in PE

**Wisteria (6)** - Nina for her excellent emotive portrait in the style of Käthe Kollwitz

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