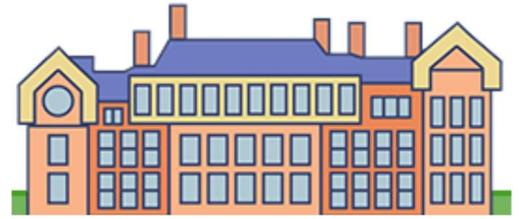


Gordon Primary School News

Headteacher: Mr Jason Taylor

Deputy Head: Mrs Charlie Fabian

Assistant Head / SENDCo: Mrs Hannah Cuesta



Be the best you can be.

THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

On Wednesday, our **Be Bright, Be Seen** sale was a big hit, with children choosing from lots of fun and reflective items to help them stay safe - thank you **Travel Ambassadors** for organising this. On Thursday, **Year 1** enjoyed a wonderful visit to St Luke's Church to support their learning about Christianity, while **Sapphire Class** had a fantastic time exploring books at Eltham Library.

Friday was also a busy day! **Reception** and **Year 6** took part in the height and weight measurement programme, and **Year 4** had an amazing day at the Natural History Museum, discovering all sorts of fascinating facts about volcanoes.

To finish the week, today's assembly focused on one of our core values - *empathy*. We had a great discussion after sharing the much-loved children's book "Not Now, Bernard."

QUIZ NIGHT

What an amazing Quiz Night we had last Friday! Congratulations to our winning team - the Berry Hill Billies. It was very close at the end, but they clinched the win with a photo-round tie-break. A huge thank you goes to Mr Taylor and Mrs Fabian for hosting the quiz — and for adding in a couple of other fun games too! Thank you also to the FOG committee for organising ticket sales and the behind-the-scenes admin, the brilliant quiz teams and everyone who donated raffle prizes. We raised over £990 for FOG, which is such a fantastic achievement!

ATTENDANCE AWARDS

Congratulations, **Moonstone, Beryl and Ruby** classes for achieving fantastic attendance last week! Your commitment to being in school, ready to learn, has earned you the **Attendance Star Awards**.

Well done to everyone for helping make every day count — keep up the great work, and let's see which classes will take the crown next week!



This week's "Let's Talk" task:

What makes someone a good learner?

I suggest

I agree because ...

I hear what you're saying,
but have you considered ...

DIARY DATES

November 2025

Wednesday 26th **Year 6** visit to London Docklands Museum
Thursday 27th Smartphone-Free Meeting for parents & Carers - 9:00am

December 2025

Monday 1st **Year 3 & 4** Christmas performance (pm)
Tuesday 2nd **Year 3 & 4** Christmas performance (am)
Thursday 4th **EYFS** Christmas Singalong (pm)
Friday 5th **EYFS** Christmas Singalong (am)
Christmas Discos
Tuesday 9th Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 11th **Reception** visit to St Luke's Church
Year 1 & 2 Nativity (pm)
Reverend Juliet visiting **Nursery** (pm)
Friday 12th **Year 1 & 2** Nativity (am)
Wednesday 17th **Year 5 & 6** Carol Concert - Methodist Church Westmount Road - 3:45pm
Friday 19th Last day of the Autumn Term. **School closes at 1:30pm.**

CLASS PARTIES

Our class parties will take place during the last week of term. We will let you know once the dates have been set.

Many thanks for your patience.

January 2026

Tuesday 6th Spring Term begin - children from **Reception to Year 6** return to school
Thursday 8th **Nursery** re-opens

CASH ONLY
TICKET SALES
24TH & 28TH NOV
KS1 PLAYGROUND
OR SPORTS HALL
(weather dependent)

FRIENDS OF THE GORDON
WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/UK/FKYG

Christmas DISCOS

FRIDAY 5 DECEMBER

RECEPTION	YEAR 1 & 2	YEAR 3 & 4	YEAR 5 & 6
2:15 - 2:45PM	3:15 - 4:15PM	4:45 - 5:45PM	6:15 - 7:30PM
Donations welcome	£5 (inc. snack)	£2.50	£2.50

SPORTS HALL | LIVE DJ | SNACKS

Christmas disco tickets are available now and can be purchased here: <https://trybooking.com/uk/FKYG> Ticket sales will close on Friday 28th November. After that date, tickets will only be available on-the-door. Full instructions for the discos will be sent by ParentMail soon.

In-person **CASH ONLY** sales will be held on Monday 24th and Friday 28th November at 3:15pm in the Key Stage 1 Playground (or the Sports Hall foyer on Friday 28th November - weather dependent).

Please note that the children must not bring mobile phones or smart watches to the discos. Thank you.



THE ANTI-BULLYING QUALITY MARK - SILVER AWARD

We were visited this week by an assessor for the **Anti-Bullying Quality Mark (ABQM)**. He spent the day speaking with pupils, staff, parents, governors and leaders, as well as scrutinising our evidence. We are delighted to share that we have progressed from the Bronze Award achieved at our last assessment and have now been accredited with the **Silver Award**.



Please see below for the feedback we received from ABQM:

The Anti-Bullying Quality Mark is a national scheme which endorses how good schools are at preventing bullying. It challenges them to establish effective, sustainable anti-bullying policies and strategies.

Gordon Primary School achieved the ABQM-UK Silver Award because staff, students, governors, parents and carers demonstrated that effective policies and practices for preventing bullying have been embedded in the school community.

Parents and carers have played a significant role in the continued development of anti-bullying and belonging through their responses to consultations and active contribution to strengthening online safety and wellbeing in the school community.

We would like to thank Ms Newlove for her commitment to embedding anti-bullying within the school's inclusive and empathetic ethos, as well as her colleagues, governors, pupils and parents and carers for their hard work towards achieving the Silver Award. We hope that it recognises their efforts and inspires them to secure the Gold award in the near future.

KIDS & PHONES PARENT COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 27th November 9am
Gordon School



Join us at 9am on Thursday 27th November for a relaxed chat about children, smartphones and technology over tea and coffee.

It's a safe, non-judgemental space for parents to share experiences, worries and ideas.

Spread the word - everyone is welcome!

HOUSE POINTS

House points were awarded this week for excellent work, great attitudes to learning, fantastic behaviour, helping others and showing kindness. Well done to everyone who received them!

Here are the House Points for this term so far:

Grangehill 615	Rochester 573
Dunvegan 572	Nesbit 621

On Thursday, **Dunvegan** - our current House Points Cup holders - had their treat for winning the Cup last term. Well done, Dunvegan!

CHRISTMAS JUMPERS

There are a few opportunities for the children to wear a Christmas (or other) jumper coming up. They can wear their jumpers on the following days:

- **EYFS Christmas Singalong** - 4th & 5th December (Nursery & Reception only)
- Christmas Lunch Day - 9th December
- **Years 5 & 6** Carol Concert - 17th December (Years 5 & 6 only)
- end-of-term class parties (dates tbc)
- last day of term - Friday 19th December



A BIG THANK YOU TO KACEY'S MUM

We'd like to say a huge thank you to Kacey's mum for kindly thinking of our school and donating high-viz jackets provided by her workplace. We are truly grateful for this thoughtful gesture, which helps us keep our children safe when we go out on trips.

DAFFODIL BULBS

Thank you to everyone taking part in the annual **London Children's Flower Society** Daffodil Bulb Growing Competition!

This week, we handed out the bulbs to everyone who ordered them. Please support your child to plant their bulb and nurture it over the coming months.

In the spring, the children will be able to bring their bulbs in for judging - or send in a photo if it blooms before the competition takes place.

Good luck and happy growing!

LAST DAY OF TERM

Please note that Friday 19th December is the last day of this term and the school will close at 1:30pm.

WELL DONE

Crystal (N) - George for being so caring to the other children

Beryl (R) - Eliza for her initiative and patience when teaching children how to zip up their coats

Opal (R) - Shiblian for helping other children on the equipment in the playground

Emerald (1) - Robin for always setting a wonderful example to his peers with his superb behaviour for learning

Jasper (1) - Isaac for his brilliant attitude towards his learning

Ammolite (2) - Mia for a super effort with her handwriting, showing diagonal and horizontal joins

Sapphire (2) - Aary for being a kind, caring and supportive friend

Azurite (3) - Hugo for giving examples of how indigenous peoples use the Amazon's resources

Rhodolite (3) - Alexandra for her fantastic use of personification and hyphenated phrases for description

Nephrite (4) - Angel for her great attitude to all her learning

Ruby (4) - Adriana for trying her best when writing interview questions based around our classroom book.

Coral (5) - Reuben for demonstrating amazing dexterity and attention to detail when sewing as well as helping others in the class

Diamond (5) - Emma for her fantastic science work investigating friction

Moonstone (6) - Jess for her positive, enthusiastic approach to school and all areas of the curriculum

Sunstone (6) - Alex for his excellent use of vocabulary and different sentence structures when writing an explanatory text

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