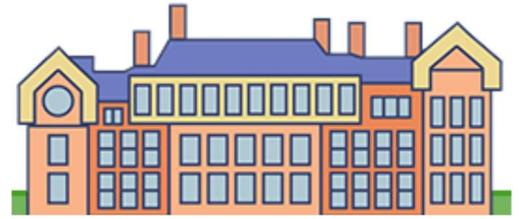


# Gordon Primary School News

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**Be the best you can be.**

## THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

This week, **Year 6** enjoyed an exciting and informative visit to the London Docklands Museum to discover how life has changed since World War II. The children explored a range of interactive exhibits that brought post-war London to life, helping them understand how communities rebuilt, how daily life evolved, and how the city transformed in the decades that followed.

The visit provided excellent links to their classroom learning on the War, giving the pupils the chance to deepen their understanding. The children represented the school brilliantly and returned full of enthusiasm and new insights to support their topic work.

## CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

The children have been working so hard on their Christmas performances, and we're really looking forward to welcoming you to watch them shine!



To keep everyone safe and respect families' privacy, we kindly ask that no photos or videos are taken during the performances. Instead, we'd love for you to sit back, enjoy the moment and celebrate the children's talents with us.

We know how important it is for families to have keepsakes of special moments, so we will share some rehearsal photos on Google Classroom and ILD afterwards, featuring the children whose families have given permission. Thank you for your support and understanding.

## ATTENDANCE AWARDS

Congratulations, **Moonstone**, **Rhodolite** and **Sapphire** classes for excellent attendance last week! Your commitment to being in school, ready to learn, has earned you the **Attendance Star Awards**.



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

**Why do we think it's good that not everyone is the same?**

I suggest ....

I agree because ...

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

## DIARY DATES

### December 2025

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Year 3 &amp; 4</b> Christmas performance (pm)
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Year 3 &amp; 4</b> Christmas performance (am)
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>EYFS</b> Christmas Singalong (pm)
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>EYFS</b> Christmas Singalong (am)
	Christmas Discos
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Reception</b> visit to St Luke's Church
	<b>Year 1 &amp; 2</b> Nativity (pm)
	Reverend Juliet visiting <b>Nursery</b> (pm)
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 1 &amp; 2</b> Nativity (am)
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Chamber Choir</b> performing with the Greenwich Community Choir - Eltham Park Methodist Church, 7pm
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 5 &amp; 6</b> Carol Concert - Methodist Church Westmount Road - <b>3:45pm</b>
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of the Autumn Term. <b>School closes at 1:30pm.</b>

### January 2026

Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Term begins - children from <b>Reception to Year 6</b> return to school
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Nursery</b> re-opens

### CLASS PARTIES

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

Many thanks for your patience.

### CHRISTMAS DISCOS - FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

Advance Christmas disco tickets are available here: <https://trybooking.com/uk/FKYG>. Tickets sales will close TODAY. After today, tickets will only be available on-the-door. Please note: children attending **GO! Club** and the disco **MUST** have advance tickets. For **Years 1 & 2**, staff will take children with advance tickets to their disco. All other children must be collected at 3:15pm as usual. After school activities will not be running on 5<sup>th</sup> December.

The children in **Nursery and Reception** will attend for free, though a small donation towards costs would be greatly appreciated.

Here are the disco times for each group:

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|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| ➤ <b>EYFS:</b>            | 2:15pm - 2:45pm | ➤ <b>Years 3 &amp; 4:</b> | 4:45pm - 5:45pm |
| ➤ <b>Years 1 &amp; 2:</b> | 3:15pm - 4:15pm | ➤ <b>Years 5 &amp; 6:</b> | 6:15pm - 7:30pm |

It's going to be a fantastic evening of music, dancing and fun with friends – we can't wait to see everyone there! However, please note that the children must not bring mobile phones or smart watches to the discos. Thank you for your support.



For full details, including drop-off and pick-up instructions, please check the ParentMail message sent earlier this week. Thank you.

## 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 (including rehearsals)** - 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> December (Nursery & Reception only)
- Christmas Lunch Day - 9<sup>th</sup> December
- **Years 5 & 6** Carol Concert - 17<sup>th</sup> December (Years 5 & 6 only)
- end-of-term class parties (dates tbc)
- last day of term - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December



## 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:

<b>Grangehill</b> 832	<b>Rochester</b> 807
<b>Dunvegan</b> 807	<b>Nesbit</b> 864

## SMARTPHONE-FREE CHILDHOOD

Many thanks to everyone who attended the Smartphone-Free Childhood meeting that we held on Thursday. Please look out for an update in next week's newsletter.

## LAST DAY OF TERM

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

## WELL DONE

**Crystal (N)** - Abigail for fabulous descriptive language when exploring cornflour and water

**Beryl (R)** - Dash for his wonderful extended description of his family celebration

**Opal (R)** - Fern for her excellent use of mathematical language when describing parts and wholes

**Emerald (1)** - Polina V for always being the most kind, thoughtful and wonderful friend to everyone in class

**Jasper (1)** - Emily for her thoughtful sentences in English

**Ammolite (2)** - Kye for fantastic ideas in his writing about being on Safari

**Sapphire (2)** - Alyssa for her fantastic diary entry about being an explorer in the African Savannah

**Azurite (3)** - Leo for his contribution to the *Let's Talk* class discussion using his oracy skills

**Rhodolite (3)** - Poppy for writing a wonderful rhyming poem and performing it with expression

**Nephrite (4)** - Anqi for her effort and progress in maths when calculating perimeter using addition and multiplication.

**Ruby (4)** - Joshua for making great progress in his times tables and for being a great role model in the class

**Coral (5)** - Mina for fantastic work solving multi-step word problems in maths

**Diamond (5)** - Mary-Jane for her excellent question asking in role play as part of her work on *A Friend Like You*

**Moonstone (6)** - Ysaline for her excellent understanding of how to create tension and suspense in her writing

**Sunstone (6)** - Farouk for his exemplary behaviour and engagement during our trip to the London Museum Docklands

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