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Diary Dates

Fortnightly message

As we approach the end of another fantastic school year, the last fortnight has been filled with open evening, sports days and transition activities. The children thoroughly enjoyed spending Thursday 9th and Friday 10th July with their new class teachers, in preparation for the start of the new school year. It has been a real pleasure to see both the staff and children getting to know one another while excited to start their next chapter together.

With next week being our last week of the academic year, our Year Six children are preparing to bid farewell to their primary education. They are looking forward to their leavers' celebration on Tuesday evening, followed by their end of year production performance on the Wednesday.

We would like to extend a special thank you to each and every one of you who attended our Summer Fayre on Tuesday 7th July, despite the very warm weather. Congratulations to the two winners of our 'Guess the weight of the cake' competition, who went home with a real treat which were baked and designed especially, by Ms Juciline and Ms Khan from our Nursery team.

Monday 13th July 2026

Music Showcase performance to parents – 2.30pm

Tuesday 14th July 2026

NAM & RP Sports Day (In the main playground): 09:30 - 11:00

NPM & RBH Sports Day (In the main playground): 13:45 - 15:00

Year 6 leavers celebration – 5pm- 7pm

Wednesday 15th July 2026

Year 6 production performance to parents – 2pm

Thursday 16th July 2026

Rocksteady performance to parents – 2.30pm

Friday 17th July 2026

Last day of term – School closes at 1.30pm for all students

Monday 7th September 2026

School reopens to pupils – at 08:45

Rights of the Fortnight

Article 19

You have the right to be protected from being hurt and mistreated, in body or mind.

Linked to Sun Safety.

Article 28

You have the right to an education.

The perfect reflection point for the children to look back on all that they have achieved over the last year.

Fire Fire, Fire Fire, Pour on Water!



As part of Work Week, the children in Nursery and Reception welcomed some special visitors from the fire brigade.

They explored the fire engine, had a turn spraying the fire hose and learnt about the important work that firefighters do.

As it was such a hot day, the firefighters finished the visit by giving everyone a fun spray of water to help them cool down. It was a fantastic day full of learning, laughter and unforgettable memories!

“The firefighter put the fires out.” – **Muhammad Yousuf**

“It’s the fire engine.” - **Vyom**

“I want to be firefighter.” – **Dilina**

“Woow, this is fun!” – **Hussain**



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This first-hand experience with members of the emergency services, allowed the children to get information from an alternative source – an expert in the field – and share their opinion on it. Such an engaging enrichment opportunity will be remembered by the children for years to come.



Wonderful World of Work

During Work Week, our Year 1 children explored the exciting theme of *People Who Help Us*, learning about the important roles people play in keeping our communities safe, healthy, and supported.

One of the highlights of the week was their visit to the local fire station. The children enjoyed meeting the firefighters, exploring the fire engines and learning about the equipment they use during emergencies. They discovered how firefighters respond to different situations, how they help keep people safe and why teamwork is so important. The most exciting part of the visit was having the opportunity to use a real fire hose, giving everyone a hands-on experience of what it is like to be a firefighter.

"Firefighters are brave because they help people when there is a fire." **Fabia**

"My favourite part was using the fire hose because it was really powerful!" **Eshaal**

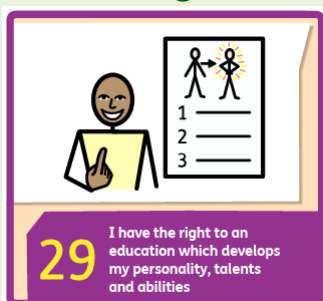
They were also delighted to welcome Nigel, a guide dog, and his handler to our school. The children learnt about the vital role guide dogs play in helping people with visual impairments to travel safely and independently, developing their knowledge that help can come from many sources – not just people.

"Nigel was so clever. He knows how to help his owner." **Sachte**

"Guide dogs help people stay safe when they are walking." **Sebastian**



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Article 29:

Learning about the world of work and potential careers that are accessible to them, supported the children to develop their personality, talents and abilities, along with their understanding of how their education links to their long term future.

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Hainault Forest

Year 3 had a fantastic time on their recent trip to Hainault Forest! The children thoroughly enjoyed exploring the beautiful woodland scenery, taking a ride on the Thomas train and spotting lots of geese with their adorable new babies.

Classes 3A and 3R loved spending time together, especially playing in the park and making wonderful memories with their friends. The trip was the perfect way to round off their learning based on *The Lost Happy Endings*, bringing their forest-themed adventures to life in a real woodland setting.

Despite the sweltering heat, the children were absolutely amazing throughout the day. They showed excellent behaviour, enthusiasm and resilience, making all of the staff incredibly proud. It was a fabulous way to celebrate the end of a wonderful year in Year 3 together!



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Education should develop children's respect for the environment.

As part of Article 29 the children developed their awareness of and respect for their environment.

Thought for the fortnight: When one door closes, another one opens. Anonymous

London Borough of Redbridge Debate Competition

On Thursday 2nd July, Gordon hosted the Year 5 Debate Competition which involved schools from across Redbridge, competing against one another. It gave the children a chance to compete in debates against other schools and for public speakers to speak to an audience about something they are passionate about.

Mr McKevitt worked with a team of six Year 5 children, to prepare them for entering the competition and to teach them a range of different techniques that they can use, to make their argument more persuasive.

Despite being given a challenging viewpoint to argue – children should be allowed mobile phones in schools – each and every member of the team took on their role with relish, proud to stand up as a representative of Gordon

Raaghav was amazing with his public speaking, Arifa was excellent as a chairperson for one of the debates and Nuwairan was a superstar at asking audience questions and supporting everyone. The debate team – Zahra, Rania and Ahmad - were outstanding and, although they did not win the overall award, they were given a special mention from the judges for how well they did. Well done to them all for their courage and for doing such a good job at representing our school!



"I honestly nearly cried because of how good they were. I am so proud of them." – **Mr McKevitt**

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Educational Visit to Elhap

On Thursday 2nd July, a group of children and staff visited the ELHAP Centre for a fun-filled day of outdoor learning and exploration.

Both parents and children enjoyed discovering the exciting surroundings together and taking part in a range of activities. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to develop their independence, build confidence and strengthen their friendships while having lots of fun. Everyone had a fantastic day, creating happy memories together.

“It was lovely to see the children smile in a relaxed environment” **Ms Carrera (SENDCo)**

“This is so much fun! Thank you so much!” **Ayaan, Year 5**



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The children developed their problem solving and confidence, while adapting to working collaboratively with different peers and adults.

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X Factor 2026

On Wednesday 1st July, every class participated in our annual Spanish X Factor competition, celebrating their knowledge of and love for the Spanish language.

It was an absolute delight to watch each class perform a song in Spanish to the rest of their Key Stage. Every single pupil took part and we all enjoyed listening to their Spanish songs and admiring their dance routines. Well done to everyone!

We are pleased to announce that the winners for each Key Stage are:

EYFS: RP - Hola, como estas?

KS1: 1O - Bajo el mal

LKS2: 3A - Danza Kuduro

UKS2: 5PW - La vida es una

Congratulations to everyone who participated, along with our winning classes.

To watch all of the performances, please visit our school website. Go to Children, Multimedia, X factor and all of the recordings are there so that you can see how talented the children are at Spanish

Ms Fitzpatrick and Ms Carrera



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Not only did the children develop their talents and language ability – as set out in Article 29 – but they also developed their confidence when performing for an audience, while considering how to interest and engage them.

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Summer Fayre 2026

On Tuesday 7th July, we were proud to host another successful summer fayre. Despite the warm weather, it was fantastic to see so many members of the wider Gordon community, attend.

We are delighted to thank *Tiles DIY*, a local business based in Ilford, and *Birkin Cleaning Services* for their generous support of our Summer Fayre.



Established in 2007, Tiles DIY has grown from its Ilford roots to become one of the UK's leading independent retailers of natural stone, porcelain and ceramic tiles. In addition to their extensive range of tiles, they also offer stylish bathroom suites, furniture and accessories, helping customers create beautiful homes from start to finish. With several showrooms across London

and the South East, the company is known for its quality products, expert advice and excellent customer service. Their support of our school demonstrates their commitment to giving back to the local community, and we are extremely grateful for their contribution in helping to make our Summer Fayre such a success.

Birkin Cleaning Services is a professional facilities management company providing cleaning and support services to schools, offices and public buildings across the UK. They are known for their high standards, reliability, and focus on maintaining clean, safe and welcoming environments for staff, students and visitors. We are very grateful for their support, which helped contribute to the success of our Summer Fair and reflects their commitment to supporting local communities.



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Commendations

We are very pleased to be able to celebrate the children who have been awarded commendations, this week. Many congratulations to all the children who have been awarded commendations for demonstrating the 5C s.

		Week commencing 29.06.26	
YEAR	Class	Teacher Commendation	Peer Commendation
Early Years Foundation Stage	N AM	Whole Class	Essey
	N PM	Dua	Yusuf
	RBH	Whole Class	
	RP	Huda	Rebeca
One	1A	Maiya	Meriem
	1O	Rut	Dua
Two	2AS	Saffiya	Zayan
	2R	Naomi	Jude
Three	3A	Alisha	Malachi
	3R	Eliya	Miss Riches
Four	4N	Abdul	Advaith
	4P	Ashreya	Ashreya
Five	5PW	Minhal	Maryam N
	5R	Muaaz	Fawaz
Six	6JL	Whole class	Zlata
	6K	Whole Class	Nyla

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Attendance Awards

Many congratulations to the classes with the best attendance. The attendance winners are announced in assembly every Monday.

Week commencing 22.06.26		Week commencing 29.06.26	
Phase	Winners	Phase	Winners
EYFS	RP	EYFS	RP
KS1 (Years 1-2)	2AS	KS1 (Years 1-2)	1O
KS2 (Years 3-6)	6K	KS2 (Years 3-6)	3A

Modern Foreign Languages (Spanish) Awards

Many congratulations to all the children who have been given a Spanish commendation. These children have been nominated by Señora Fitzpatrick, for demonstrating excellent attitudes to learning in their Spanish classes.

Class	Week commencing 29.06.26	Week commencing 06.07.26
Nursery	Jannat	Zohan
Reception	Raied	Shayaan
Year 1	Arwa	Bryan
Year 2	Safiyaa	Immanuel
Year 3	Issachar	Anastasia
Year 4	Latifa	Rayan
Year 5	Omer	Gurnoor
Year 6	Alex	Aisha

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Music Awards

Many congratulations to all the children who have been awarded the Music commendations over the last two weeks. These children have been nominated by Mr McKevitt, for demonstrating excellent attitudes to learning in their Music classes.

Class	Week commencing 29.06.26	Week commencing 06.07.26
Nursery	Samar	Rudransh
Reception	Yugveer	Shahwali
Year 1	Musa	Fela
Year 2	Mirdhula	Ahmad
Year 3	Ibraheem	Yousuf
Year 4	Hanish	Armaan
Year 5	Hanna	Dillon
Year 6	Parmeet	Adeena

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Sports commendations

Many congratulations to all the children who have been given a sports awards by Coach Gbana and Coach Lawal. These awards are given to children demonstrating positive attitudes in PE and for those who put in extra effort to develop their skills, show teamwork and work hard to make great progress.

Class	Week commencing 29.06.26
Nursery	Neo
Reception	Shayaan
Year 1	Fatima
Year 2	Fatima
Year 3	Yakub
Year 4	Haniya
Year 5	Izaan
Year 6	Syeda

Reading Awards

Week commencing 29.06.26			Week commencing 06.07.26		
Name	Class	Award	Name	Class	Award
Sanjida	1O	Bronze	Sanah	2 AS	Silver
Burhan	1O	Silver	Faryal	2AS	Amethyst
Safa	1O	Bronze	Avneet	2AS	Amethyst
Sanah	2AS	Bronze	Zayan	2AS	Emerald
			Andrii	2AS	Emerald

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School Accreditations

We are very proud to announce that Gordon Primary School has been successfully awarded two accreditations, in the last fortnight.

The first one is the PSQM – Primary Science Quality Mark – and the second one is the International Schools Award.

We would like to congratulate all of the staff and children for all of their hard work and commitment, in working towards achieving both of these accreditations.

Special thanks go to our Music, Spanish and Science subject leads, who were the driving force behind the applications and submissions.

Please read below to find out more about each of them.



Gordon Primary School Awarded Primary Science Quality Mark

Gordon Primary School is proud to announce that it is one of 136 schools that has achieved the **Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM)** in June of this year, a nationally recognised accreditation that celebrates a commitment to developing excellence in science leadership, curriculum design, teaching and learning.

Helen Sizer, PSQM Director said: 'The Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM) recognises a school's commitment to developing and strengthening science education, celebrating the positive impact this has on children's learning and understanding of the world around them.

Our congratulations go to the whole school community on this achievement and particularly to the school's science subject leader, who has led this process through participation in the PSQM professional learning programme and by driving a cycle of reflection, development and improvement across the school. Their leadership helps to ensure that all children benefit from high-quality science teaching and learning.

Everyone involved should be very proud of the positive difference they are making to children's learning and of their commitment to continuous improvement in primary science education.'



We are delighted to announce that Gordon Primary has been awarded the prestigious *International School Award*. This award is given to schools who demonstrate their dedication to working on projects within the school and with schools in other parts of the world which help to expand our children's knowledge of the world and prepare them to live in a global society. It shows that we care about the world we live in and want to help to create a global society in which everyone can work together in peace and harmony.

Well done and thank you to everyone in the school community for making this possible.

"We are so proud of everyone in the school for making this possible. This award is recognised across the globe and will open up lots of exciting new possibilities for the school." – Mr McKevitt and Ms Fitzpatrick

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WED 20.05.26 7-8PM

TALKING WHEN IT MATTERS: STRATEGIES FOR SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S IDENTITY

Join this webinar exploring how identity develops through an LGBTQIA+ perspective and the impact of minority stress. The session includes practical tips and strategies to help you navigate challenging conversations with confidence, supporting you and your child to feel emotionally safe.

TUES 16.06.26 7-8PM

DEVELOPING BETTER RELATIONSHIPS WITH TEENAGERS

In this webinar, we focus on working together with your teenagers to support positive communication. We will look at the development of the teenage brain and implications for emotional regulation. You can learn strategies for giving effective instructions using a "connection before correction" approach.

THURS 16.07.26 7-8PM

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Registration online prior to booking.
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How to register
<https://eequ.org/book/future-focus-fun-2026-with-redbridge-youth-service-8909>



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