John Burns Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 12th June 2026

Dear Parents,

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Our attendance target is 97%

97% attendance equates to 6 school days off school.

Below is a summary of this week and last week's overall attendance:

94.85%	**94.69%**
Tuesday 2nd June – Friday 5th June	**Monday 8th June – Friday 12th June**

Although attendance has improved since the first week, we are still below our target. We encourage all families to support us in reaching **97%** by ensuring children attend school every day, on time.

DIGITAL LEADERS AND PREFECTS EXPLORE THE FUTURE OF TECHNOLOGY

Our Year 5 and Year 6 Digital Leaders and Prefects recently enjoyed an inspiring and exciting visit to Imperial College London, where they took part in a special STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) event organised by JPMorgan Chase.

The day was packed with opportunities to learn about the ever-evolving world of technology and innovation. Pupils listened to a range of inspiring speakers who shared their personal journeys into the technology sector, offering valuable insights into the diverse career pathways available within STEM. Their stories encouraged our pupils to think ambitiously about their own futures and the exciting possibilities that lie ahead.

Throughout the event, the children explored cutting-edge topics including encryption, machine learning and artificial intelligence. They discovered how these technologies are shaping the world around us and gained a deeper understanding of the skills that may be needed in the careers of tomorrow.

One of the highlights of the day was the opportunity to design their very own educational app. Working creatively and collaboratively, the children developed innovative ideas while applying their problem-solving and digital thinking skills.

The pupils also took part in a fascinating Lego challenge, where they experienced first-hand how artificial intelligence relies on precise instructions. By following step-by-step directions, they worked together to build a house from Lego bricks, learning about the importance of accuracy and communication in programming and technology.

To make the day even more memorable, one of our pupils won a Lego set after impressing the organisers with their thoughtful questions and enthusiastic participation throughout the event. A fantastic achievement that reflected the curiosity, confidence and engagement shown by all of our Digital Leaders and Prefects.

The visit was an inspiring experience that sparked creativity, encouraged ambition and provided a fascinating glimpse into the future of technology. Mr Fayers was incredibly proud of how our pupils represented the school and the enthusiasm they demonstrated throughout the day.



SPORTS DAY

Last Friday saw our school come alive with energy, excitement and team spirit as pupils came together for the very first time for Sports Day at Battersea Park Millennium Arena.

From the moment the events began, the atmosphere was electric. Pupils threw themselves into every challenge with enthusiasm and determination, competing in a variety of field events including javelin, shot put, long jump and speed bounce. Across the track, runners gave their absolute best in the 100m and 400m races, demonstrating incredible resilience, perseverance and sporting excellence.

One of the highlights of the day was the fantastic support shown by all the children. Cheers echoed around the stadium as pupils encouraged their team mates, celebrated successes and showed outstanding sportsmanship throughout the competition. It was truly inspiring to see everyone giving their all while supporting one another every step of the way.

A huge thank you goes to all the parents and families who came along to support the event. Your encouragement and enthusiasm helped create a wonderful atmosphere and made the day even more special for our pupils.

After an action-packed day of competition, excitement and achievement, the final scores were revealed:

	Earth	Air	Water	Fire
Score	10,200	11,550	10,400	12,680

🏆 **Congratulations to Fire House, who blazed their way to victory and were crowned Sports Day Champions 2026!**

SPORTS DAY - CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY



The celebrations continued during our special Celebration Assembly, where members of Fire House and the winners of the 400m races proudly received their medals in front of the whole school. The assembly was a wonderful opportunity to recognise the dedication, effort and achievements of our pupils and to celebrate their success together.

Congratulations to all of our medal winners and to every pupil who took part. Your determination, teamwork and positive attitude made this year's Sports Day a tremendous success and a day that will be remembered for a long time to come!






YEAR 3 EDUCATIONAL TRIP TO ROMAN BATHS

As part of our *Resisting the Romans* topic, Year 3 were fortunate to visit the world-famous Roman Baths this week for an unforgettable day of discovery and hands-on learning.

Bathed in glorious sunshine, the children explored this remarkable historical site with great enthusiasm and curiosity. They were fascinated by the history of the Baths and eagerly investigated the lasting legacy of the Romans in Britain, asking thoughtful questions and demonstrating an impressive knowledge of the topic throughout the day.

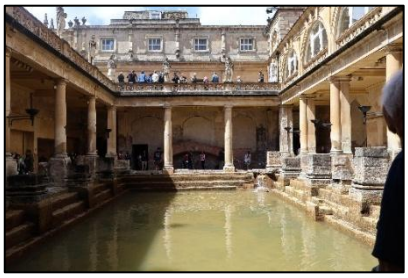
The visit truly brought classroom learning to life. Pupils had the exciting opportunity to step back in time and experience life as a Roman citizen by dressing in authentic Roman clothing, creating their own beautiful mosaics and taking part in a real archaeological dig. These immersive activities captured the children's imaginations and provided memorable experiences that deepened their understanding of Roman Britain.

Ms Garcia writes:

'The children were exemplary ambassadors for the school, displaying excellent behaviour, curiosity and engagement throughout the visit. Their excitement and enthusiasm were evident from start to finish, making the day both enjoyable and highly educational.

As our final Year 3 trip of the academic year, it was a truly wonderful way to celebrate a year packed with exciting visits, enriching experiences and unforgettable learning opportunities. It was a brilliant day that will undoubtedly remain a highlight of the Year 3 journey for many years to come.'











YEAR 1 TAKE LEARNING TO NEW HEIGHTS

As part of their topic learning, Year 1 enjoyed an unforgettable adventure exploring some of London's most famous landmarks from both the sky and the river!

The day began with an exciting journey on the iconic London Eye, where the children were treated to spectacular panoramic views across the capital. With eager eyes and plenty of excitement, they spotted a host of famous landmarks, including the Houses of Parliament, Big Ben, Buckingham Palace, St Paul's Cathedral, The Shard, Tower Bridge, the Tower of London, Westminster Abbey, the O2, the Gherkin and many more. The children were thrilled to see so many of the places they had been learning about in class come to life before their eyes.

The adventure continued with a Thames River Cruise, providing a unique perspective of London's historic skyline. As they sailed along the river, the children enjoyed seeing many of the landmarks up close while learning fascinating facts about London's rich history, famous bridges, royal traditions and its importance as a centre of trade and culture.

Not even the weather could dampen Year 1's enthusiasm! Spirits remained high throughout the day, and lunchtime at the Royal Festival Hall turned into a cheerful indoor picnic filled with laughter, sandwiches and smiles. The children embraced every moment with positivity, curiosity and excitement.

Year 1 were exceptional ambassadors for the school, demonstrating outstanding behaviour, enthusiasm and respect throughout the trip. We are incredibly proud of the way they represented the school and of the confidence and knowledge they gained from this memorable experience.






INSPIRED BY LONDON IN ART

Back in the classroom, Year 1 channelled their experiences into their Art learning. Inspired by the work of artist Anna Schmidt, the children explored her bold prints, layered designs and detailed illustrations of city landmarks. Using their observational skills, the children carefully sketched famous London landmarks, paying close attention to shape, line and detail. They then experimented with colour, texture and printing techniques to create their own striking designs.

To give their artwork a real-life purpose, the children chose to print their landmark creations onto tote bags. The finished products were both beautiful and practical, showcasing their creativity while celebrating everything they had learned about London. The children were incredibly proud of their unique designs, and the results were truly impressive!





YEAR 5 EDUCATIONAL VISIT TO THE BRITISH MUSEUM

Mr Bambridge writes:

'We recently enjoyed a fantastic educational visit to the world-renowned British Museum, where the children embarked on an exciting journey through the ancient worlds of Egypt and Greece.

Throughout the day, pupils explored the fascinating Egyptian and Ancient Greek galleries, discovering some of the most remarkable artefacts from history. They were captivated by the mysteries of Ancient Egypt, learning about the mummification process and the importance of mummies in Egyptian culture. The children were full of curiosity and asked thoughtful questions as they examined the exhibits and uncovered stories from thousands of years ago.

In the Ancient Greek galleries, pupils learned about the legendary Alexander the Great and explored his extraordinary achievements and influence on the ancient world. The exhibits provided a wonderful opportunity to bring their classroom learning to life and deepen their understanding of these significant civilisations.

One of the highlights of the day was an engaging workshop held in the museum auditorium. Through interactive activities, discussions and hands-on learning experiences, the children explored the fascinating process of mummification in greater detail. Their enthusiasm and eagerness to learn were evident throughout the session, making it both educational and enjoyable.

The children represented the school exceptionally well, demonstrating excellent behaviour, curiosity and respect during the visit. It was a memorable and inspiring day that enriched their learning and sparked their imaginations, leaving them with a greater appreciation of the ancient world and its lasting impact on history.'







A wonderful day of discovery, learning and adventure!

CHANGES TO HOLIDAY FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS

Wandsworth Council has advised that, due to changes in national government funding rules, holiday Free School Meal (FSM) vouchers will no longer be available from the Summer 2026 school holidays onwards.

This change affects holiday voucher provision only. Free School Meals during term time will continue as normal for eligible pupils.

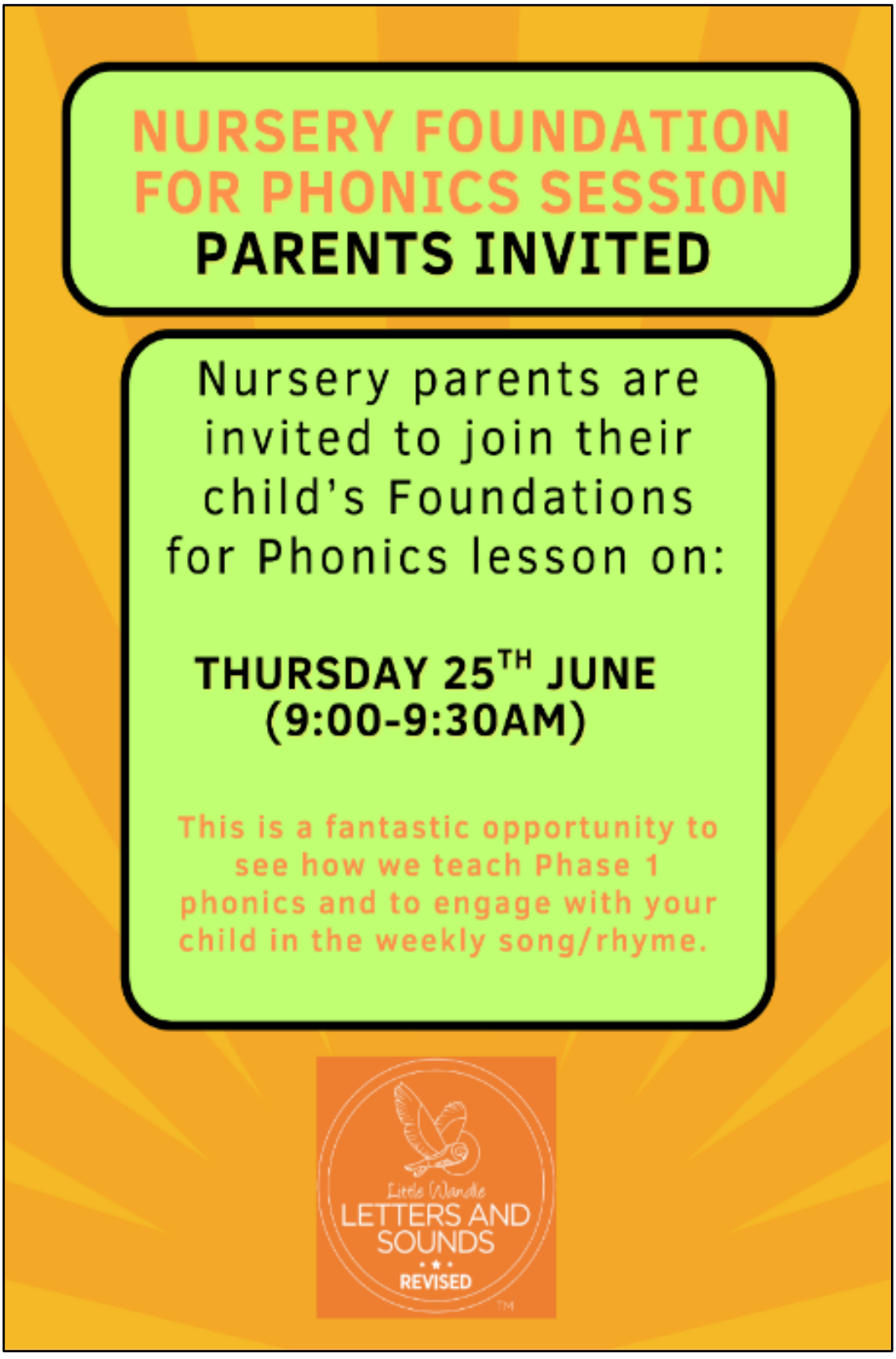
Families who are eligible for FSM can continue to access support through Wandsworth's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme, which provides:

- Free holiday activities for children and young people
- Healthy meals during sessions
- Opportunities to stay active, socialise and learn new skills

Further information about the HAF Programme and other family support services can be found on the Wandsworth Family Information Service website.

YEAR 5 CLASS ASSEMBLY

Year 5 parents will have received a letter about their class assembly on Wednesday 17th June at 9:10am in the school hall. The children will be explaining what they have learnt so far in their topic 'The Greatest Empire' - Ancient Egypt. The assembly will last approximately 15 minutes. All family members are welcome to attend.



R PHONICS SESSIONS
PARENTS INVITED

Reception parents are invited to join their child's phonics lesson and reading practice group on:

TUESDAY 23RD JUNE - PHONICS LESSON (9:00-9:30AM)

TUESDAY 7TH JULY - READING PRACTICE GROUP (9:00-9:20AM)

This is a fantastic opportunity to see how we teach phonics and learn how you can support your child to recognise sounds and blend words.

Little Wandle LETTERS AND SOUNDS REVISED

Y1 PHONICS SESSIONS
PARENTS INVITED

Year 1 parents are invited to join their child's phonics lesson and reading practice group on:

TUESDAY 23RD JUNE - PHONICS LESSON (9:00-9:30AM)

MONDAY 29TH JUNE - READING PRACTICE GROUP (9:00-9:20AM)

This is a fantastic opportunity to see how we teach phonics and learn how you can support your child to recognise sounds and blend words.

Little Wandle LETTERS AND SOUNDS REVISED

EY PARENT EVENT
THURSDAY 9TH JULY (9–10AM)

Early Years parents are welcome to join their child for a morning of pirate-related activities

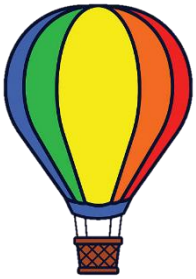
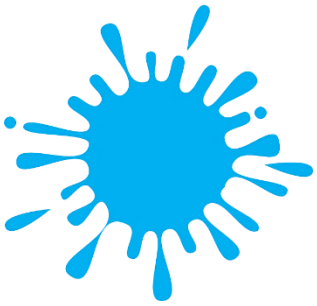




KS2 FREE COMMUNITY CRICKET SESSIONS



HOUSE TEAM POINTS

			
394	380	301	392

The winning house team this week is **AIR** with **394** house points.

Well done to following Times Table Rock Stars champions:

		Regular Rock Stars!
TTRS	Top of the Year 6 Leader Board	Hania
	Top of the Year 5 Leader Board	Uziah
	Top of the Year 4 Leader Board	Zidane
	Top of the Year 3 Leader Board	Momin
	Top of the Year 2 Leader Board	Mahid
	Top of the Year 1 Leader Board	-

Greatest TT Rockstars presence over the past week… **Year 4**

OUT OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS



Hezekiah (Year 2)



Rueben (Year 2)

STAR MUSICIANS, SUPER LINGUISTS AND SPORTS STARS











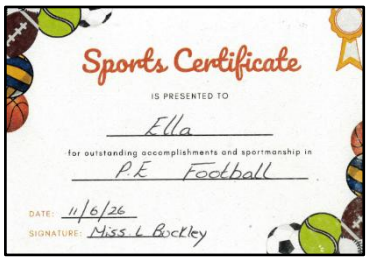




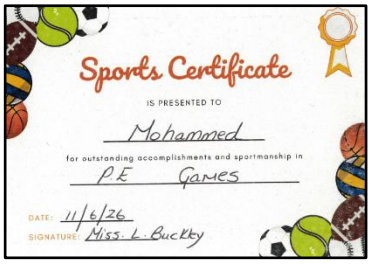












GOLDEN AWARD WINNERS

Every Friday at John Burns is Golden Award Assembly. The 13 golden winners for this week are:

- ★ Elyne Izghouti
- ★ All of Year 1
- ★ Nagaad Nur
- ★ Whole Class
- ★ Raheem Mir
- ★ Zion McLeod
- ★ Clara Paris
- ★ Anir Madani
- ★ Hezekiah Crabbe
- ★ Keab Tilahun
- ★ Liv Passador Garcia
- ★ Indiyah Lucas
- ★ Ava-Lily Griffiths Martin

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

It is essential that children attend school every day. The school colour coding weekly attendance by class.

100%	**Purple**	Perfection!
97% - 99%	**Blue**	Excellent Attendance
95% - 96%	**Green**	Good – but room for improvement
91% - 94%	**Amber**	Cause for Concern
90% and below	**Red**	Persistent Absence

Nursery	**96%**
Reception	**97.9%**
Year 1	**97%**
Year 2	**89%**
Year 3	**98.3%**
Year 4	**91%**
Year 5	**95%**
Year 6	**96%**

The class with the highest attendance this week is Year 3 with **98.3%**

As always, we greatly value your continued support and partnership. Please keep an eye on our newsletters and school communications for key dates, updates and opportunities to get involved.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Grogan

Headteacher

Summer 2 Week 3	
Monday 15/06/26	St Paul's School Maths Challenge – invited pupils only (9:30-12:30pm)
Tuesday 16/06/26	Year 6 Southfields Academy Transition Meeting – HE (1:00-1:45pm)
Tuesday 16/06/26	Year 6 PCSO Visit (1:15-2:00pm)
Tuesday 16/06/26	Year 4 PCSO Visit (2:00-2:45pm)
Wednesday 17/06/26	Year 5 Class Assembly (9:10am)
Wednesday 17/06/26	Year 6 Apple HQ Visit (12:15-2:45pm)
Friday 19/06/26	Year 6 Primary Ambitions @Emanuel School (1:00-3:15pm)
Friday 19/06/26	Year 1/Year 2 Educational Visit to Paradise Corporate (10:30am-3:30pm)