John Burns Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 19th 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:

94.69%	**94.9%**
Tuesday 8th June – Friday 12th June	**Monday 15th June – Friday 19th 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.

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE AND COOL DURING HOT WEATHER

To help keep all children safe and comfortable during periods of hot weather, the school is taking the following steps:

- Outdoor activities are being adapted to avoid vigorous exercise during the hottest parts of the day (no football).
- Children are encouraged to use shaded areas for play and quieter activities whenever possible.
- Staff regularly check playground equipment and restrict access to surfaces that may become too hot to use safely.
- Children are reminded to stay out of direct sunlight as much as possible – this is when UV levels are at their highest.
- Pupils are encouraged to wear sun hats and families are asked to apply sunscreen before the school day.
- Encourage children to drink water regularly to stay hydrated.
- Staff are supporting children to stay cool through regular breaks and access to shade.
- Year 1 to Year 6 classrooms benefit from air conditioning, helping to maintain a comfortable learning environment throughout the school day.
- All staff remain vigilant for signs of heat-related illness, including dizziness, nausea, excessive sweating, and unusual tiredness, and will respond promptly if any concerns arise.

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.

YEAR 5 CLASS ASSEMBLY

It is fantastic to hear that the class assembly was a success and that Mr Fayers was so impressed! Bringing the 3Ps topic "The Greatest Empire" to life was a massive undertaking. The confidence, teamwork and enthusiasm the children displayed are a true testament to the hard work they put into their learning. You should all be incredibly proud of what you achieved on Wednesday.

ST PAUL'S MATHS CHALLENGE

On Monday, seven mathematicians from Year 6 went to St Paul's School in Barnes for an exciting and fast-paced Maths Challenge. Showing teamwork and perseverance throughout the morning, the Year 6s had to use their problem-solving skills to complete tricky challenges. Pupils from several nearby schools arrived at the event ready to take each other on in a battle of minds!

We were all amazed at the size of the school and loved looking around. When we arrived, Mr Fayers and Ms Hanes were sent to watch from a balcony so they couldn't help the Year 6s. John Burns pupils were split into two groups across the room,

The first challenge was a cross number, which was like a crossword but with numbers. The children had 20 minutes to complete it and had to work together to solve all the clues.

The second challenge was a relay where the answer to a question would be part of the following question. This meant if you got the first answer wrong, all of your answers would be wrong! The Year 6s were frustrated when they thought they had completed a challenge but had to check their answers. They were relieved when they found the correct answer and John Burns were the fastest school in one of the rounds! Runners from each group went back and forth across the room to give each team an answer.

John Burns pupils represented the school superbly and gave their all to the challenges.

We are very proud of them for all their hard work on the day!

APPLE HQ AND STORE VISIT



The Year 6s and Digital Leaders from Year 5 were lucky enough to be invited to the Apple HQ in Battersea Power Station on Thursday. We arrived at the power station and once through tight security, went up several floors in an iPhone-inspired glass lift. Apple HQ is a huge space over many floors and used by hundreds of Apple employees! We got a tour of the offices including the beautiful sky garden with a stunning view of the River Thames. Across the HQ, over 60 potted trees helped make the HQ feel welcoming. The interior of the building, including stairs and walls, was inspired by Apple products with lots of curves.

We then took part in two fun interactive workshops which allowed the Year 6s and Digital Leaders to show off their creative flair! In one workshop, the children had to design a new emoji face and an emoji inspired by Battersea. Prompted by the wonderful things we had seen so far, pupils created emojis of animals, trees and technology. They loved using brand new iPads and Apple pencils to design eye-catching and colourful emojis.

The other fantastic workshop involved taking photos of the stunning buildings around Battersea Power Station using iPhones. Many of our students had a great eye for photography and got some imaginative snaps that wouldn't have looked out of place in a brochure! The Year 5 and 6s then had to take impressive (and silly!) photos of each other. Finally, pupils interviewed each other on video in pairs about what they were doing.

It was a brilliant afternoon and we are very lucky to be so close to the Apple HQ.

NURSERY FOUNDATION FOR PHONICS SESSION
PARENTS INVITED

Nursery parents are invited to join their child's Foundations for Phonics lesson on:

THURSDAY 25TH JUNE (9:00-9:30AM)

This is a fantastic opportunity to see how we teach Phase 1 phonics and to engage with your child in the weekly song/rhyme.

Little Wandle LETTERS AND SOUNDS REVISED

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.

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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.

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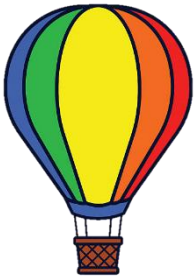
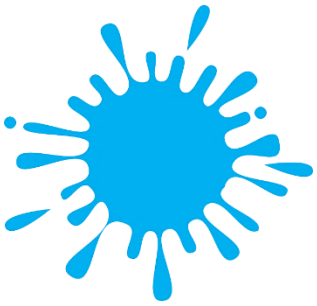




KS2 <u>FREE</u> COMMUNITY CRICKET SESSIONS



HOUSE TEAM POINTS

			
220	177	173	172

The winning house team this week is **AIR** with **220** house points.

Well done to following Times Table Rock Stars champions:

		Regular Rock Stars!
TTRS	Top of the Year 6 Leader Board	Adrina
	Top of the Year 5 Leader Board	Logan
	Top of the Year 4 Leader Board	Abdul
	Top of the Year 3 Leader Board	Momin
	Top of the Year 2 Leader Board	Naiya
	Top of the Year 1 Leader Board	Maximo

Greatest TT Rockstars presence over the past week… **Year 3**

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

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	**93%**
Reception	**94%**
Year 1	**91%**
Year 2	**98%**
Year 3	**98%**
Year 4	**94%**
Year 5	**96%**
Year 6	**94%**

The classes with the highest attendance this week are Year 2 and 3 with **98%**

STAR MUSICIANS, SUPER LINGUISTS AND SPORTS STARS





















GOLDEN AWARD WINNERS

Every Friday at John Burns is Golden Award Assembly. The 14 golden winners for this week are:

- ★ Buster Riches
- ★ Rosie Ellis
- ★ Zarai-Grace Adjepong
- ★ Ka'leah Curran
- ★ Zidane Mir
- ★ Uziah Sullivan
- ★ Luna Reyes Caborn-Waterfield
- ★ Agnes Disha
- ★ Maximo Garcia-Peterfi
- ★ Nevan Ngaruko
- ★ Ahmed Raza Ali
- ★ Mustaqim Hussein
- ★ Leonardo Garcia-Peterfi
- ★ Luqman Mir

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 4	
Monday 22/06/26	Year 5 PCSO Visit (1:15-2:00pm)
Monday 22/06/26	Year 3 PCSO Visit (2:00-2:45pm)
Tuesday 23/06/26	Reception Phonics Session for Parents (9:00-9:30am)
Tuesday 23/06/26	Year 1 Phonics Sessions for Parents (9:00-9:30am)
Wednesday 24/06/26	Year 5 PE Session at Ernest Bevin Academy (am visit only)
Thursday 25/06/26	Nursery Parent - Phonics Session (9:00-9:30am)
Thursday 25/06/26	Year 5 children visit to St Paul's School World Cup Day (16 pupils by invitation only)
Friday 26/06/26	Year 4 Platform Cricket Festival @Wandsworth Common (10:00am-3:00pm)
Summer 2 Week 5	
Monday 29/06/26	Year 1 Reading Practice Session for Parents (9:00-9:20am)
Monday 29/06/26	Year 6 Primary Ambitions @Emanuel School Prize Giving (by invitation only)
Tuesday 30/06/26	Battersea Library Assembly - Dorota (Battersea Library)
Tuesday 30/06/26	Year 1/Year 2 Mid Century Design, Sports & Leisure, Play workshop (1:00-1:50pm)
Tuesday 30/06/26	Year 3 Mid Century Design, Sports & Leisure, Play workshop (2:10-3:00pm)
Tuesday 30/06/26	Year 6 Sex Education Session for Parents (15:00-15:15)
Wednesday 01/07/26	Year 5 Sex Education for Parents (15:00-15:15)
Wednesday 01/07/26	Year 5 PE Session at Ernest Bevin Academy (am visit only)
Thursday 02/07/26	Year 6 Educational Visit to Tate Modern (Frida Kahlo exhibition)
Summer 2 Week 6	
Monday 06/07/26	KS1 Singing Performance for Parents (2:45pm)
Tuesday 07/07/26	Reception Reading Practice Session for Parents (9:00-9:20am)
Tuesday 07/07/26	Year 6 visit to Babylon Park
Wednesday 08/07/26	Year 5 PE Session at Ernest Bevin Academy (am visit only)
Wednesday 08/07/26	FGB Meeting (6:30pm)
Thursday 09/07/26	EY Parent Wow Factor Event: Pirate Hats and Treasure Hunt (9:00-10:00am)
Friday 10/07/26	New Reception Intake - Open Morning (9:30am)