John Burns Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 26th June 2026

Dear Parents,

Firstly, I would like to commend our pupils for the mature and responsible way in which they have responded to the recent conditions in school. Thank you also to our parents for your continued support in ensuring that pupils have been able to attend school throughout this period.

We have also been fortunate that our air-conditioned classrooms have helped to maintain comfortable learning environments despite the exceptionally high outdoor temperatures. This has enabled lessons to continue with minimal disruption while supporting the wellbeing of both pupils and staff.

With temperatures forecast to decline next week, it is our intention for the school day to return to its normal timetable, with no optional early finish. We appreciate your continued understanding and support.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Our attendance target is 97%

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

94.9%	**83.7%**
Monday 15th June – Friday 19th June	**Monday 22nd June – Friday 26th 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.

PARENTS INVITED PHONICS SESSIONS

A big thank you to all the Nursery, Reception and Year 1 parents who attended our Parents Invited whole-class phonics sessions this week.

It was wonderful to welcome you into the classroom and share how phonics is taught and practised at school. We hope you enjoyed seeing the children's enthusiasm for learning and gained a greater understanding of the strategies we use to support early reading and writing.

We greatly appreciate your support and partnership in your child's learning journey. Working together helps to build children's confidence and success as readers.

Thank you once again for taking the time to join us. We look forward to welcoming you to future events over the next few weeks.

For further phonics support and resources, please visit the Little Wandle website: https://www.littlewandle.org.uk/resources/for-parents/

YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2 EDUCATIONAL VISIT TO PARADISE CORPORATE

Year 1, Year 2 and pupils accessing ELSA support enjoyed a wonderful visit to Paradise Corporate Garden, where they explored a variety of plants, took part in seed sowing, created beautiful leaf art, and experimented with hape-zome printing linked to their art topic on printmaking. The children learned about the diversity of plant life and how plants change and adapt throughout the seasons, supporting their science learning. The visit also provided inspiration for their English work, where they will be writing instructions on how to plant seeds. The weather was extremely hot, and the children discovered that just like plants, they needed plenty of water to avoid turning into raisins!





Year 5 visited Ernest Bevin College for their PE lesson, where they took part in a basketball session. They began by learning and practising key basketball skills before putting them into action in a match. Although the hot conditions made the session challenging, the class performed exceptionally well, remained focused throughout, and showed great determination.

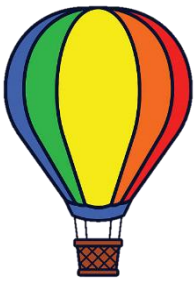
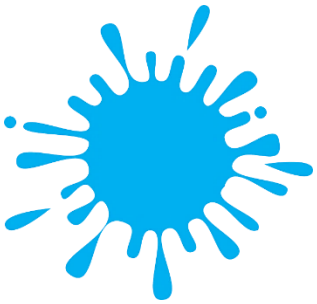
Next Wednesday morning, they will be returning to Ernest Bevin College to take part in a football session.







HOUSE TEAM POINTS

			
183	211	225	137

The winning house team this week is **FIRE** with **225** house points.

REMINDER: Parents of Nursery and Reception to bring in costumes for their assembly.

Supporting your Child to Start Nursery the Healthy Way

Online Workshops for Parents/Carers

Delivered by Health Visitors

Join the Health Visitors for this helpful online workshop, as they cover topics to give your child a healthy start on their school journey.

- Accident prevention
- Minor illnesses
- Independence
- Handwashing





Choose from one of the options below:

Thursday 18th June 10 - 11.15 am

Thursday 18th June 1 - 2.15 pm

Thursday 9th July 10 – 11.15am

Thursday 9th July 1 – 2.15pm

For Families with SEND Children

SEND Health Visitor

Thursday 24th June 10 – 11.15 am

To book onto **one** of these workshops you can scan the QR code or click on the link below.

Supporting your Child to Start Nursery the Healthy Way – Fill in form

For more information contact Hannah.skaife@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk

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NHS Central London Community Healthcare NHS Trust

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR

SCHOOL ART EXHIBITION

PARENTS WELCOME!





View Your Child's Artwork

Discover How We Teach Art

Live Teacher Art Demonstration

Wednesday, 15th July

KS1 — 2:00 - 2:30 PM

KS2 — 2:30 - 3:30 PM



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)~~ COMPLETED

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)~~ COMPLETED

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.

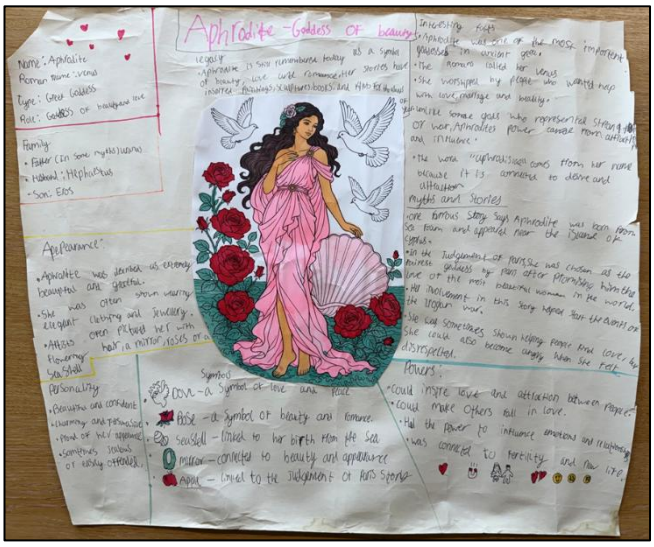
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KS2 <u>FREE</u> COMMUNITY CRICKET SESSIONS



HOME LEARNING	OUT OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS
	
Selma (Year 5)	Naiya (Year 2)

Well done to following Times Table Rock Stars champions:

		Regular Rock Stars!
	Top of the Year 6 Leader Board	-
	Top of the Year 5 Leader Board	Kaiden
	Top of the Year 4 Leader Board	Clayton
	Top of the Year 3 Leader Board	Ka'leah
	Top of the Year 2 Leader Board	Mohammed
	Top of the Year 1 Leader Board	-

Greatest TT Rockstars presence over the past week… **Year 5**

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	**89%**
Reception	**94%**
Year 1	**91%**
Year 2	**91%**
Year 3	**95%**
Year 4	**94%**
Year 5	**92%**
Year 6	**93%**

The classes with the highest attendance this week are Year 3 with **95%**

GOLDEN AWARD WINNERS

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

- ★ Malaya Allen
- ★ Kiyonne Brown
- ★ Asriel Williams-Agyemang
- ★ Chelsey Allen
- ★ Amaya Farah Vargas
- ★ Selma Salih
- ★ Malachi Danjuma
- ★ Wasal Mawlawizada
- ★ Nala Braham
- ★ Mohammed Liban
- ★ Arham Loon
- ★ Henry Beckwith
- ★ The Whole Class
- ★ Hannah Titre

STAR MUSICIANS, SUPER LINGUISTS AND SPORTS STARS



LETTERS ISSUED THIS WEEK

Please find below the links to letters that have been issued to parents this week:

24/06/26	Letter to Parents – Optional Early Collection
22/06/26	Letter to Parents – Extended Soft Start Wednesday 24th June
22/06/26	Letter to Parents – Optional Early Collection

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 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	Early Years Class Assembly (9:10am)
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)