John Burns Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 3rd July 2026

Dear Parents,

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Our attendance target is 97%

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

94.9%	**93.3%**
Monday 22nd June – Friday 26th June	**Monday 29th June – Friday 3rd July**

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.

YEAR 1 – YEAR 3 MID-CENTURY DESIGN, SPORTS & LEISURE AND PLAY WORKSHOP



On Tuesday, our Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 children enjoyed a fascinating Mid-Century Design, Sports & Leisure, and Play workshop led by illustrator Grace Holliday.

Grace introduced the children to the exciting world of animation, explaining how illustrations can be brought to life. The children also explored a range of mid-century toys, discovering how play has changed over the years and learning about the design features that made these toys so popular.

The workshop then focused on leisure activities from the mid-century period. The children compared the hobbies and pastimes enjoyed by children in the past with their own favourite activities today, sparking thoughtful discussions about how lifestyles have evolved while highlighting the similarities that remain.

Inspired by these conversations, the children created their own illustrations of their favourite hobbies. They demonstrated fantastic creativity and imagination, producing colourful drawings that reflected their individual interests.

It was a fun, engaging, and inspiring workshop that encouraged the children to think about design, history and creativity in new ways.

We would like to thank Grace Holliday for delivering such an enjoyable and memorable experience

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.

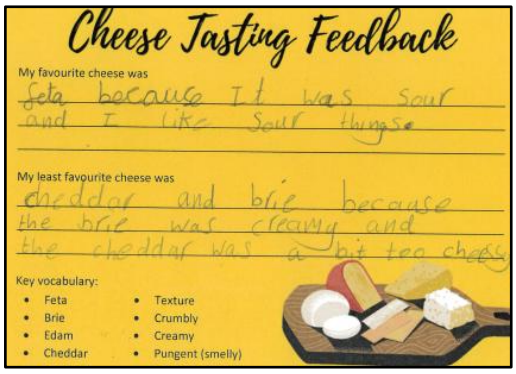
It was wonderful to welcome you into the classroom and share how phonics is taught and practised at school. We hope you enjoyed seeing the children's enthusiasm for learning and gained a greater understanding of the strategies we use to support early reading and writing.

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/

A MOUTH-WATERING CHEESE ADVENTURE FOR YEAR 1



On Monday, Miss Buckley's reading group enjoyed a delicious cheese-tasting session as part of their study of *The Mouth-Watering Cheese Adventure*. The children had the opportunity to sample a range of cheeses, including edam, feta, cheddar and brie.

Everyone was excited to taste the different flavours and textures, and the children did a fantastic job describing what they liked (and didn't like) using lots of interesting vocabulary, including 'feedback', 'samples' and 'texture'. After trying each cheese, the children provided feedback.

Take a look at Nefeli's fantastic feedback below:

It was a fun and engaging way to bring the story to life while encouraging the children to explore new foods and develop their speaking and listening skills.







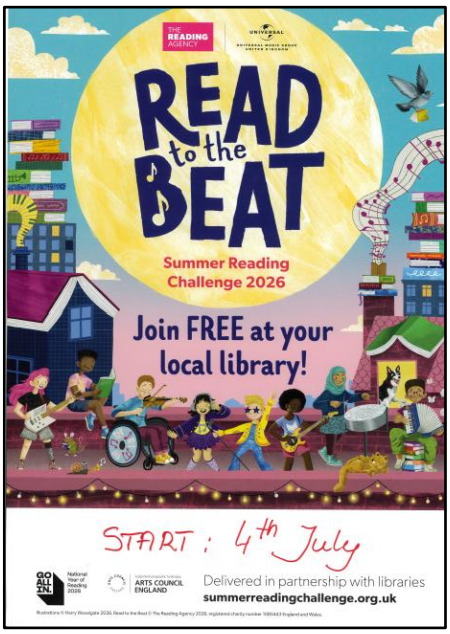
READING AMBASSADOR ASSEMBLY

A huge well done to our wonderful Reading Ambassadors for leading this week's reading assembly on Wednesday. They did a fantastic job sharing their love of books with the whole school, speaking confidently about their favourite reads and offering some brilliant book recommendations. Their enthusiasm inspired lots of exciting book talk across the school, encouraging everyone to discover their next great read.

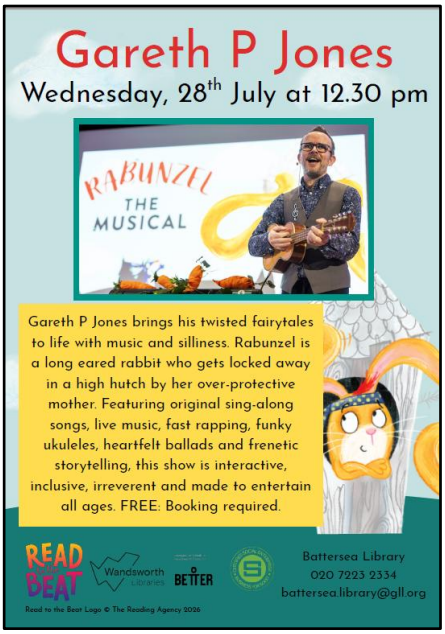


We would also like to thank Dorota from Battersea Library, who visited us this week to introduce this year's Summer Reading Challenge – *Read to the Beat*. The challenge encourages children to keep reading throughout the summer holidays while enjoying a music-themed adventure filled with stories, fun activities and rewards.

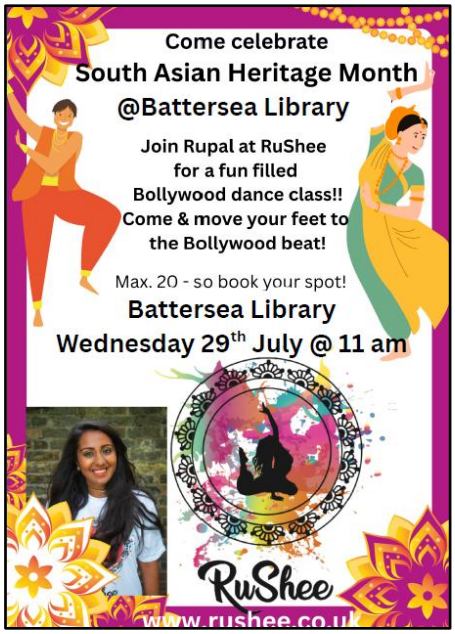
Please see the poster below for more information about the **Read to the Beat** Summer Reading Challenge. We hope as many of our children as possible will take part and continue to enjoy the wonderful world of reading over the summer break!











READING RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to this week's reading raffle winners: Zaidan Ahmed Y5 and Selma Salih Y5

EARLY YEARS – CLASS ASSEMBLY

DON'T FORGET!

Wednesday 8th July will be the Early Years Class Assembly. The assembly will begin at 9:10am and will last approximately 15 minutes. Early Years parents are very welcome to attend.

SCHOOL REPORTS

School Reports, with the exception of Year 6, will be handed out at the end of the school day on Friday 10th July. Reports will be in sealed, white A4 envelopes marked for your attention. Year 6 Parents will have received an email yesterday explaining that school reports will be issued on Friday 17th July.

DROP-IN OPEN AFTERNOON

Parents are also invited to attend an open afternoon, which will be held in your child's classroom on Tuesday 14th July. No appointment is required and parents are welcome to drop in between 3:20pm to 4:00pm.

SWIMMING AWARDS



I am delighted to announce the fantastic achievements of pupils who received their 25m and 50m swimming distance awards this week. This wonderful milestone reflects their hard work, perseverance and determination.

Well done to the following pupils who earned the **25m** swimming distance award:

Amaya	Buddy	Clio
Ezekiel	Henry	Isabel
Kaysia	Sean	Waliid

Alex	Lavinia	Logan
Maahir	Yahya	Zaidan

Ava	Ariana	Khaleel

They demonstrated that they were able to:

- Swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres.
- Use a range of strokes effectively – front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke.
- Perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations.

Well done also to Avahlia who earned the **50m** swimming distance award.

Avahlia

YEAR 6 VISIT TO TATE MODERN

This week Year 6 pupils enjoyed an inspiring educational visit to the **Frida Kahlo exhibition** at **Tate Modern**. The trip provided a fantastic opportunity for the children to explore the life and work of one of the world's most celebrated artists, learning about her unique artistic style, personal resilience, and the cultural influences that shaped her paintings.

During the visit, pupils engaged thoughtfully with the artworks, discussed key themes, and made links to their language learning in school. They represented the school exceptionally well, demonstrating curiosity, respect and excellent behaviour throughout the day. Muy bien!

We are incredibly proud of Year 6 for their enthusiasm and maturity, and we hope this memorable experience will continue to inspire their awareness of Spanish, their creativity and appreciation of art. As Frida states: Viva la vida!







Well done to Lavinia, Selma and Zaidan in Year 5 who completed the Emanuel Ascent programme!


EMANUEL IN THE COMMUNITY
ASCENT
Certificate of Accomplishment
Presented to
Selma Salih
for
Outstanding Contributions to Ascent


EMANUEL IN THE COMMUNITY
ASCENT
Certificate of Accomplishment
Presented to
Zaidan Ahmed
for
Outstanding Contributions to Ascent


EMANUEL IN THE COMMUNITY
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Lavinia Canini
for
Outstanding Contributions to Ascent

MATHS CHALLENGE AT EMANUEL SCHOOL



On Tuesday, four pupils from Year 5 were excited to attend a Maths challenge at Emanuel School. After several weeks of preparing, the Year 5 pupils went head-to-head against several other schools to compete for a stunning trophy.

The first round involved a cross number (like a crossword but with numbers). The Year 5s had to use all of their Maths knowledge and training to complete it as quickly as possible. This was followed by a shuttle round where the correct answer to a question unlocked the next question.

The final round was a relay between pairs, where children had to work with a partner and then quickly walk across the room to deliver the next question to the other pair. This was the round we excelled in and frequently finished a question first!

The challenge involved many tricky problems and was a lot of fun. Although they didn't win, the Year 5s loved being challenged. Each child received a certificate, a Maths badge and a bespoke Emanuel Lego figure.

Well done Year 5!

EXTENDED SOFT START – MONDAY 6TH JULY

We would like to inform you that on Monday 6th July we will be offering an extended soft start to the school day. Registers will remain open until 9:30am.

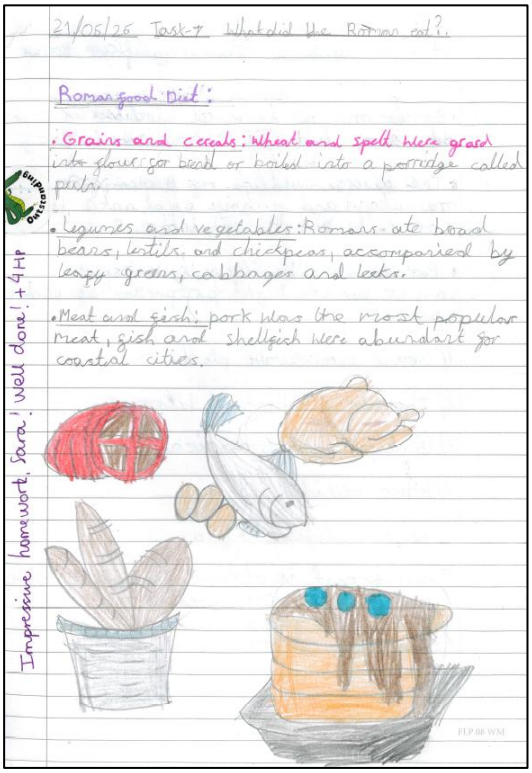
We recognise that some families may choose to allow their child(ren) to go to bed early on Sunday night to get up early to watch England's World Cup match on Monday morning at 1:00am. In acknowledgement of this, we are providing additional flexibility with arrival times on Monday morning.

School, including Breakfast School Care, will open as normal. Pupils may arrive at any point before 9:30am without being marked late.

HOME LEARNING



Samantha (Year 3)



Sara (Year 3)

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

Wandsworth

NHS Central London Community Healthcare NHS Trust





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

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



WE NEED YOU!

CAKE Donations REQUESTED!

Help make our Summer Celebration extra *sweet!*



HOMEMADE OR SHOP BOUGHT... EVERY CAKE MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

Your delicious donations will help make our event *amazing* for all the children to enjoy!

PLEASE DONATE BY:

THURSDAY 9TH JULY

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

PLEASE HAND IN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Thank you! You're awesome!

John Burns PTA invites you to a..

Summer Celebration

FACE PAINTING
HENNA
SPLASH ZONE
OUTDOOR DISCO
FOOTBALL

*£5 TICKET INCLUDES:
HOT DOG**
DRINK
DISCO



9th JULY | **3pm - 4.30pm** | **John Burns Primary school**

*TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE FROM SCHOOL PLAYGROUND
** CHICKEN AND VEGETARIAN OPTIONS AVAILABLE

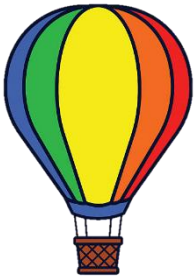
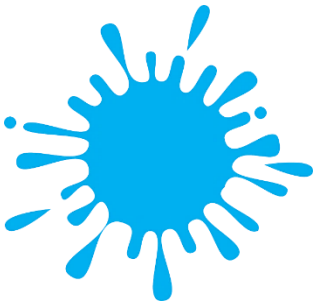


Well done to following Times Table Rock Stars champions:

		Regular Rock Stars!
TTRS	Top of the Year 6 Leader Board	Zemirah-Rose
	Top of the Year 5 Leader Board	Naya
	Top of the Year 4 Leader Board	Ahad
	Top of the Year 3 Leader Board	Kye'lah
	Top of the Year 2 Leader Board	Naiya
	Top of the Year 1 Leader Board	-

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

HOUSE TEAM POINTS

			
245	228	227	192

The winning house team this week is **AIR** with **245** house points.

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	**92%**
Reception	**95%**
Year 1	**92%**
Year 2	**94%**
Year 3	**97%**
Year 4	**94%**
Year 5	**90%**
Year 6	**91%**

The classes with the highest attendance this week are Year 3 with **97%**

GOLDEN AWARD WINNERS

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

- ★ Kayson Brown
- ★ Alex Cortes
- ★ Ava Smith
- ★ Elyssia Scott
- ★ Clio Grigoriadou
- ★ Zeeshan Nasir
- ★ IsmailAbdirahman
- ★ Maria O'Mahony
- ★ Zahra Hussain
- ★ Zarai-Grace Adjepong
- ★ Keab Tilahun
- ★ Ahad Ali
- ★ Masroor Rajput
- ★ Emmanuela Offordile

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:

03/07/26	Letter to Parents – Extended Soft Start Monday 6th July
02/07/26	Letter to Year 6 Parents – KS2 SATs Results and End of Year Reports
01/07/26	Letter to Parents – PTA Summer Celebration
24/06/26	Letter to Year 6 Parents – School Based Work Experience Morning

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 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	Mufti-Day (£1 donation to support John Burns PTA)
Thursday 09/07/26	EY Parent Wow Factor Event: Pirate Hats and Treasure Hunt (9:00-10:00am)
Thursday 09/07/26	PTA Summer Celebration (3:00-4:30pm) ticketed event £5 per ticket
Friday 10/07/26	New Reception Intake - Open Morning (9:30am)
Friday 10/07/26	Nursery-Year 5 School Reports issued to Parents
Summer 2 Week 7	
Monday 13/07/26	Year 6 Production – Parent Performance (2:00pm)
Tuesday 14/07/26	Year 6 Work Experience Morning
Tuesday 14/07/26	Nursery-Year 5 Drop-In Parents' Evening – no appointment necessary (3:20-4:00pm)
Wednesday 15/07/26	KS1 Art Exhibition for Parents (2:00-2:30pm)
Wednesday 15/07/26	KS2 Art Exhibition for Parents (2:30-3:00pm)
Wednesday 15/07/26	Prize Giving Evening (5:00pm)
Friday 17/07/26	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly (9:10am)
Friday 17/07/26	Final Day of school year (3:15pm finish/After School Care 5:45pm)