John Burns Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 10th July 2026

Dear Parents,

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Our attendance target is 97%

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

93.3%	**91.8.%**
Monday 29th June – Friday 3rd July	**Monday 6th July - Friday 10th 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.

KS1 'GET DOWN WITH THE ANIMALS' SINGING PERFORMANCE

On Monday, our Key Stage 1 children delighted pupils and parents with their wonderful "Get Down with the Animals" singing performance. The children sang with enthusiasm, confidence and big smiles, showcasing all of their hard work and dedication during rehearsals.

The audience enjoyed a fantastic selection of songs from around the world, including:

- Get Down with the Animals
- Tingalayo
- Sansa Kroma
- Kisne Banaya
- How Can Animals Survive the Winter?



Each song celebrated the amazing world of animals while giving the children the opportunity to explore different musical styles, languages and cultures. We were incredibly proud of how confidently they performed and how beautifully they worked together as a choir.

A huge thank you to all of the parents, carers and family members who came along to support the children. Your encouragement and applause made the performance even more special, and we know the children appreciated having such a wonderful audience.

RECEPTION PARENTS' INVITED READING PRACTICE GROUP SESSIONS

A big thank you to all the Reception parents who attended our Parents Invited reading practice group sessions on Tuesday. It was wonderful to welcome you into the classroom and share how reading 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.

EARLY YEARS - CLASS ASSEMBLY

On Wednesday morning, our Early Years children delighted families and staff with a wonderful class assembly, taking everyone on an exciting journey through time and across the world – all the way to Australia!

The children confidently shared their learning from across the year, reflecting on the many exciting topics they have explored together. From travelling back to the Jurassic period to discovering fascinating animals at the farm and zoo, and most recently embarking on pirate adventures, they showcased just how much they have learned and grown this year.

The assembly was filled with joyful singing, enthusiastic performances and confident speaking. Families also enjoyed a special video celebrating the children's learning and memorable experiences throughout the year, providing a lovely reminder of the progress they have made since September.

We are incredibly proud of every child for their confidence, enthusiasm and teamwork. They truly shone on stage and should all be very proud of themselves.

A huge thank you to all the parents and family members who joined us on Wednesday morning to support the children. Your encouragement and attendance made the occasion even more special.

Well done, Early Years – what a fantastic celebration of a wonderful year of learning!

EARLY YEARS - TREASURE HUNT EVENT

A huge thank you to all the parents and families who joined us for our Early Years Treasure Hunt event. It was wonderful to see so many of you supporting your children and sharing in a fun-filled morning of pirate adventures!

The children had a fantastic time taking part in a range of exciting pirate-themed activities. They created their own treasure maps, made a pirate, invented a unique pirate name, decorated colourful ocean waves, and designed their very own pirate hats. They also enjoyed writing a message in a bottle, completing an exciting obstacle course, and following clues during the treasure hunt to find the hidden treasure.

The event was filled with smiles, teamwork, creativity, and lots of enthusiasm. It was wonderful to see the children's imaginations come to life as they embraced the pirate theme and worked alongside their families.

To celebrate all of their hard work and participation, every child received a certificate and a special prize to take home. Thank you once again to everyone who attended and helped make the event such a memorable success.

We look forward to welcoming you to our next Early Years event next year!

MINI MAESTROS - SUMMER MUSIC WORKSHOP (TICKETED)

Please see information in the link below for summer music workshops led by our Wandsworth Music teacher, Mr Sanders:

https://dice.fm/partner/tickets/event/pyn5ew-mini-maestros-kids-music-workshop-21st-jul-morocco-bound-wandsworth-london-tickets?dice_id=9810993&dice_channel=web&dice_tags=organic&dice_campaign=Morocco+Bound+Books+and+Beer+LLP&dice_feature=mio_marketing&_branch_match_id=1508863639447041281&utm_source=web&utm_campaign=Morocco+Bound+Books+and+Beer+LLP&utm_medium=mio_marketing&_branch_referrer=H4sIAAAAAAAAA8soKSkottLXz8nMy9ZLyUxO1UvL1U82Tkq2SDNINE5NMbWvK0pNSy0qysxLj08qyi8vTi2ydc4oys9NBQC4NazvOwAAAA%3D%3D

UNDER 8 BRITISH KICKBOXING CHAMPION ACHIEVEMENT



A huge congratulations to Zion in Year 5, who proudly shared their incredible achievement in assembly this week. They have been crowned the Under 8 British Kickboxing Champion and brought along their championship belt for everyone to see!

We are incredibly proud of their hard work, dedication, and determination. What an outstanding achievement—well done, Zion!

We can't wait to hear about your future successes.

PTA SUMMER CELEBRATION





A huge thank you to our wonderful PTA for organising yesterday afternoon's Summer Celebration. It was a fantastic event, filled with fun, laughter and a wonderful sense of community.

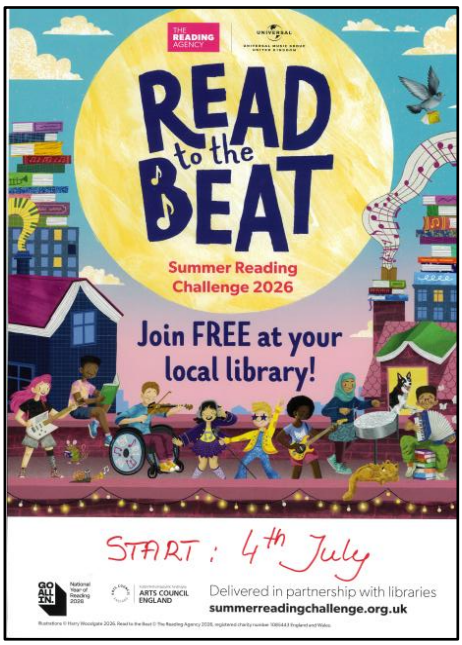
There was something for everyone to enjoy, with favourite activities including the Splash Zone, football and face painting, as well as many other exciting stalls and games.

A special thank you goes to Mr Pell and Mr Bambridge for being such great sports and volunteering to sit in the stocks for the ever-popular wet sponge throw! Their willingness to join in certainly added to the fun and helped make the afternoon such a memorable success.

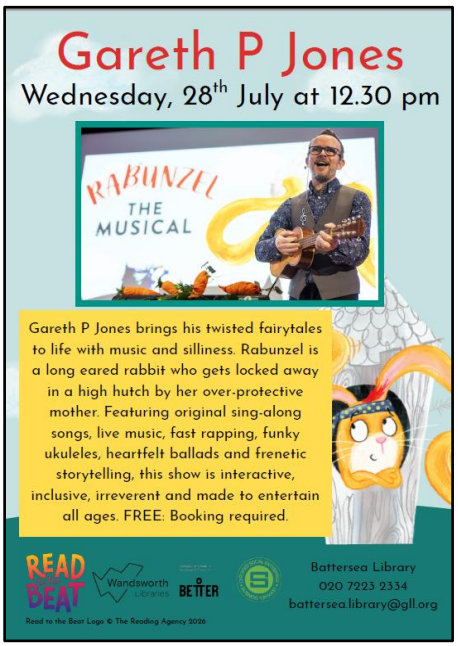
The PTA Summer Celebration raised

£651

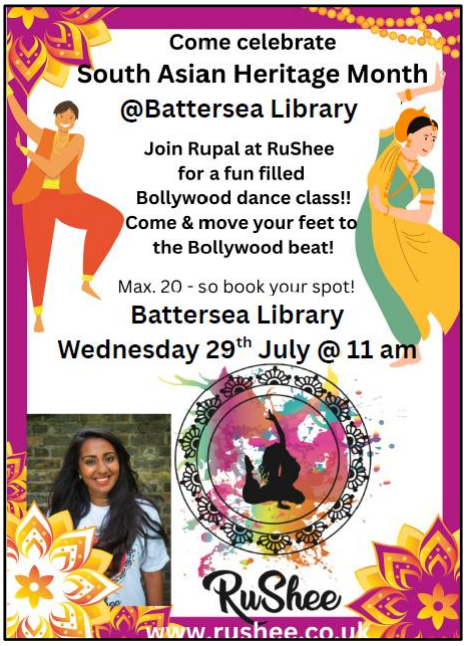
Thank you to everyone who gave their time, energy and support to make this fantastic event possible.


READ to the BEAT
Summer Reading Challenge 2026
Join FREE at your local library!
START : 4th July
Delivered in partnership with libraries
summerreadingchallenge.org.uk


ZooLab
THE CACOPHONY CHAOS
Friday 21st August
9.30 am – 10.30 am
Join ZooLab for a session all about animals making music. Meet the creatures and hear stories about each one and the sounds they make.
FREE: Ideal for ages 3 +, Booking required!
Battersea Library,
020 7223 2334
battersea.library@gll.org
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Gareth P Jones
Wednesday, 28th July at 12.30 pm
RABUNZIL THE MUSICAL
Gareth P Jones brings his twisted fairytales to life with music and silliness. Rabunzel is a long eared rabbit who gets locked away in a high hutch by her over-protective mother. Featuring original sing-along songs, live music, fast rapping, funky ukuleles, heartfelt ballads and frenetic storytelling, this show is interactive, inclusive, irreverent and made to entertain all ages. FREE: Booking required.
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Explore LEARNING
SUMMER READiNG CHALLENGE WORKSHOP
Through a series of puzzles and challenges, children will develop their song-writing skills and create a song that will be performed at The Jungle Jam.
AUG 18, 2026
12 PM- 1 PM
FREE to Register Now!
READ to the BEAT


Come celebrate
South Asian Heritage Month
@Battersea Library
Join Rupal at RuShee for a fun filled Bollywood dance class!! Come & move your feet to the Bollywood beat!
Max. 20 - so book your spot!
Battersea Library
Wednesday 29th July @ 11 am
RuShee
www.rushee.co.uk


Clapham Leisure Centre
ACTIVE LAMBETH
Leisure for all
Summer Holidays
Weekly swimming short course
from 20th July –17th August 2026
Swim School Short Courses
Octopus & Goldfish
Non-Swimmers / Beginners
The Octopus series, designed for children aged 4 and above, offers 3 progressive awards to boost their confidence and swim skills. The Goldfish series, also with 3 awards, enhances skills in a fun, challenging way, enabling swimmers to confidently cover 15 meters unaided upon completion.
Angelfish & Shark
Improvers
The Angelfish Series. On completion of the 3 progressive awards in this series, swimmers will be capable of swimming up to 25 meters without aid, perform butterfly stroke as well as mastering sculling techniques and entries to the water.
The Shark series educates learners in basic water rescue and survival techniques as well as starts and turns for each of the strokes. On completion of the series learners will be able to swim 100 meters.
Class Times:
09:30 – 10:00 – Improvers
10:00 – 10:30 – Beginner
10:30 – 11:00 – Non swimmers
11:00 – 11:30 – Beginner
Ask at reception or check active.lambeth.gov.uk for more information.

N-Y6 PARENTS' EVENING DROP IN

NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED

TUESDAY 14TH JULY

3:20-4:00pm

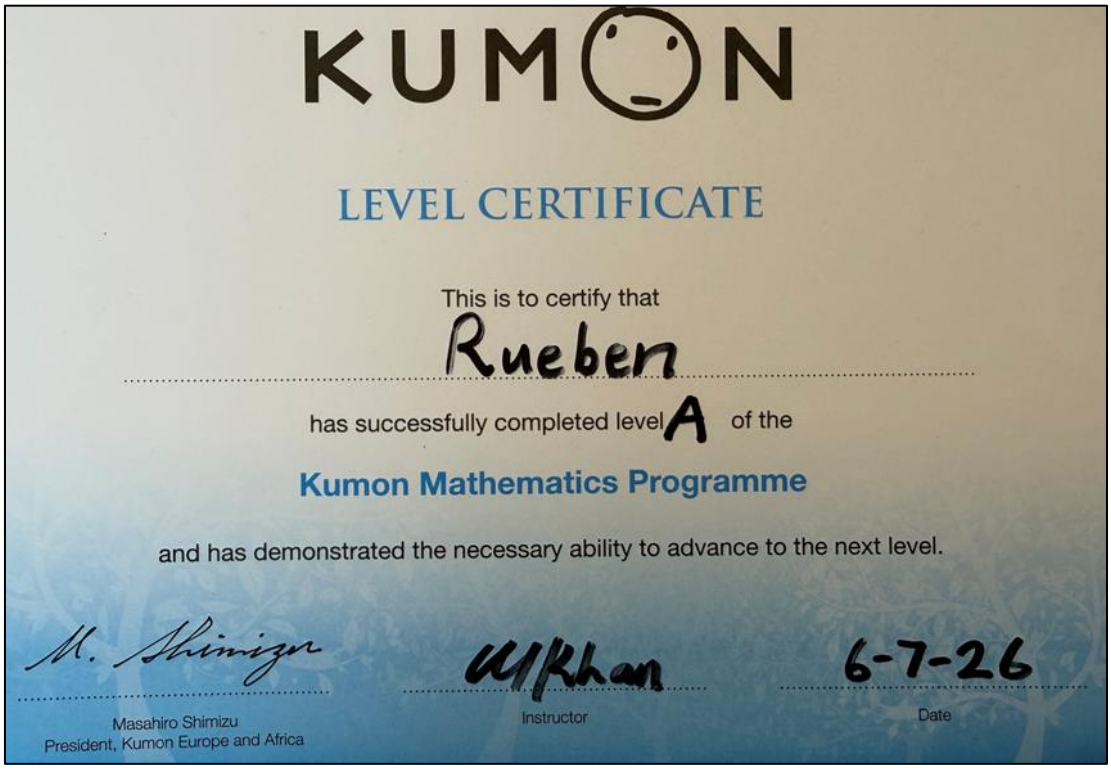


Parents are invited to drop-in to your child's class





OUT OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS



KUMON

LEVEL CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that

Rueben

has successfully completed level A of the

Kumon Mathematics Programme

and has demonstrated the necessary ability to advance to the next level.

M. Shimizu

Masahiro Shimizu
President, Kumon Europe and Africa

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Instructor

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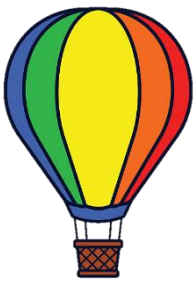
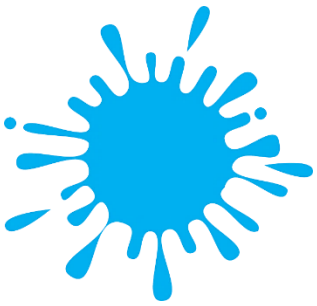
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Well done to following Times Table Rock Stars champions:

		Regular Rock Stars!
TTRS	Top of the Year 6 Leader Board	-
	Top of the Year 5 Leader Board	Logan
	Top of the Year 4 Leader Board	Clayton
	Top of the Year 3 Leader Board	Momin
	Top of the Year 2 Leader Board	Mohammed
	Top of the Year 1 Leader Board	Rosie

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

HOUSE TEAM POINTS

			
268	326	269	196

The winning house team this week is **WATER** with 326 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	**94%**
Reception	**99%**
Year 1	**90%**
Year 2	**89%**
Year 3	**91%**
Year 4	**91%**
Year 5	**90%**
Year 6	**90%**

The classes with the highest attendance this week are Reception with **99%**

GOLDEN AWARD WINNERS

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

- ★ Meryem Acar
- ★ Nefeli Grigoriadou
- ★ Naiya Lewis
- ★ Giulia Garcia-Peterfi
- ★ Mustaqim Hussein
- ★ Alexander Overhill
- ★ Jeriah Williams-Agyemang
- ★ Freddie Falla
- ★ Kaliyah-Rose Wilks
- ★ Nevan Ngaruko
- ★ Sara Bousia
- ★ Isabel Hochschild
- ★ Yahya Liban
- ★ Labiqa Babar

STAR MUSICIANS, SUPER LINGUISTS AND SPORTS STARS











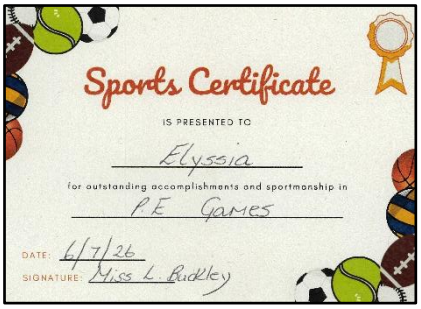


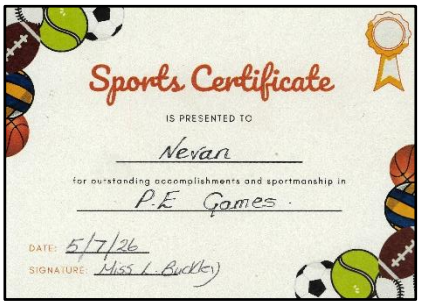














LETTERS ISSUED THIS WEEK

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

07/07/26 Letter to Year 6 Parents – End of Year 6 Celebrations

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 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)