

Weekly Newsletter

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18 July 2025



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Message from Miss Tayton

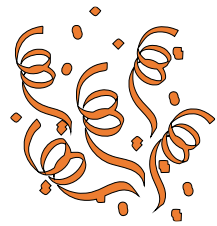
After 22 amazing years, it's time for me to say goodbye. I feel incredibly proud to have been part of such a great school and community. It has been a true privilege to work alongside our wonderful, hardworking staff, teach and learn from our amazing children, and partner with such supportive parents.

While I'm sad to be leaving, I know the school is in very good hands and will continue to thrive. I will miss everyone deeply, but I leave with so many cherished memories.

To all the children—past and present—I know you will go on to do incredible things. I hope each of you follows your dreams and achieves everything you set your heart on.

Thank you for a truly wonderful 22 years. It's been an honour.

With warmest wishes and a fond farewell.



Farewell Fair Success -- Thank you!

We're thrilled to share the wonderful news that our Farewell Fete was a fantastic success! Thanks to the incredible support and hard work of our dedicated staff, we raised an amazing **£868.89** for our school.



Raffle number: 124 Please collect your prize 😊

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped out, attended and contributed to making the day so special. Your generosity and enthusiasm truly made a difference, and we're so grateful for your continued support.

Let's keep the momentum going as we work together to create even more memorable moments for our school! FOJR will be **recruiting more parents** in September so if you are interested in getting involved keep a look out for our FOJR meeting after the holidays! We'd love to hear from you!



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End of Term arrangements

Books: The children have brought or will bring their completed books home with them.

Meeting New Teachers: All children will meet their new teacher and visit their new class next week.

School closes at 2:00pm on Monday for the summer holidays.

Uniform Guidance for Monday

We've received a few enquiries from parents regarding uniform requirements, as there is only one school day that week. Monday will be a normal school day, and we kindly ask that children wear their uniform where possible. However, if wearing the uniform is not practical or feasible, children are welcome to attend in everyday clothes.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Goodbyes

We are wishing goodbye and happy retirement to Karen Cole, who has worked as teaching assistant in the Language Unit since 1998. We would like to thank Karen for all her dedication to the children over this time. Happy retirement!

We are also wishing goodbye and good luck to Ms. Brooks, Miss Mosanya, Ms O'Neill, Ms Petcher, Ellie Buckley & Sherelle Watson. We would like to wish them the best of luck and thank them for all their hard work whilst at John Ruskin.

Next year

September The first day of the new school year is Wednesday 3rd September. We will send out the annual calendar next week with the dates for next year.





Another outstanding set of results for John Ruskin children in 2025

We are really pleased with our results. Years 6 have performed really well in their end of year tests, with John Ruskin pupils achieving above the national average for expected levels in all areas. National data for greater depth has not yet been published.

| Key Stage 2 (year 6) | Whole School Expected Levels 2025 | Main School Expected Levels 2025 | Provisional National Average 2025 | Whole school greater depth (provisional) | Main School Greater Depth (provisional) | National Average 2024 |
|--|---|--|--|--|--|---------------------------------|
| Maths | 78% | 84% | 73% | 32% | 35% | 24% |
| Reading | 72% | 76% | 75% | 35% | 37% | 28% |
| Writing | 77% | 84% | 72% | 12% | 13% | 13% |
| Grammar Punctuation & Spelling | 78% | 82% | 72% | 60% | 64% | 32% |
| Expected level in reading, writing & maths | 68% | 74% | 60% | 7% | 8% | 8% |

Phonics tests were also taken by children in year 1, with 80% of children in the main school meeting the required standard.

Year 4 Multiplication Tables check – the children did really well with 75% of children scoring 20+.

Children in pink and blue were assessed against the new profile standards and 50% of the children achieved the Good Level of development.



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Curriculum in Action



This term, we had our second STEM fair. Teachers put on some fun, interactive and educational activities linked to STEM subjects—science, technology, engineering and maths. It was an event to engage pupils with subjects that play a big part of modern life, and will certainly be involved in the industries many of them go on to work in one day.

A big thank you to all staff involved with preparing and running it and to the parents and pupils who came along. It was wonderful to see so many people getting involved in the full range of activities.



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The spaghetti and marshmallow towers were very impressive. Well done to Lyna and Anas who created the tallest, free-standing tower—impressive work!



Summer Reading Challenge 2025



JOIN THE SOUTHWARK LIBRAIRES SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2025

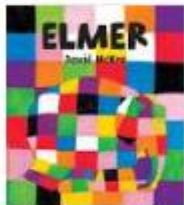


Story Garden – Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors.

- The Summer Reading challenge launches on Saturday 12 July to Saturday 6 September.
- Sign up free of charge, at your local library, choose a reading goal, then read any books of your choice to collect special stickers and gifts along the way.
- We also have a prize draw where up to 12 lucky children will win a great prize.



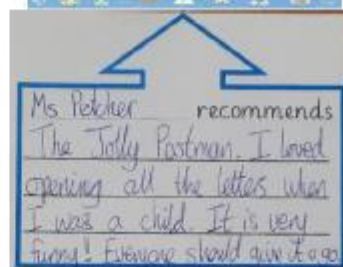
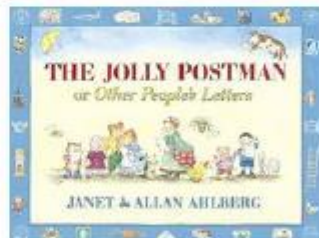
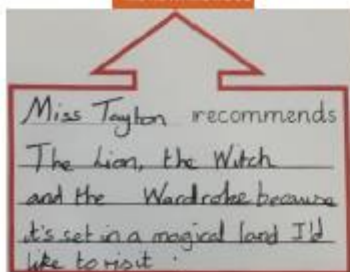
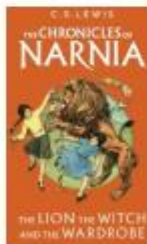
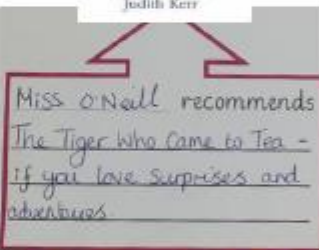
This summer, enter the Southwark Libraries, Summer Reading Challenge and include one of these 'recommended reads' from our teachers!



The Tiger Who Came to Tea



Judith Kerr



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At John Ruskin Primary School, we know how important it is to keep children reading, thinking and engaged over the summer holidays. That's why we're excited to offer all our students free access to First News – the UK's award-winning newspaper for young people aged 7-14. We subscribe to First News and know first-hand that First News helps children:



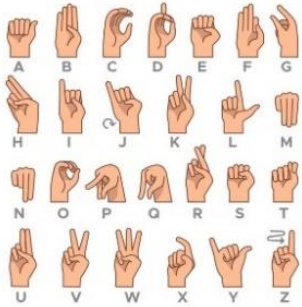
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Sign of the Week



[Signing link](#)

This week's sign is 'History'

Get moving with Activate this summer!



This week, Joe Wicks aka The Body Coach launched **Activate**, a fun animation to get more kids moving.

A new episode will be released every Saturday over the Summer, starting this week.

Why not give it a go?

Click on this link to watch Activate on You Tube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ClA9ltX7mvs&t=18s>

Southwark Council Bulletin

Read here: [Latest news](#)



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Summer holiday activities

**SUMMER HOLIDAY
ACTIVITY CAMPS 2025!
IN SOUTHWARK**

**FREE FOR
AGES 4-16***
* Subject to eligibility.
Families with younger
siblings welcome

**SPRING
HOLIDAY CLUB**

**JUL 28th - AUG 21st
MON-THURS, 10am-2pm**

Each centre will focus on a
unique theme, such as

- ♥ Sewing
- ♥ Music
- ♥ Dancing
- ♥ Sports
- ♥ Drama
- ♥ Poetry
- ♥ Creative Writing
- ♥ Arts and crafts
- ♥ Day trips

**Every day
brings
something
new and
exciting!**

**MEAL &
SNACKS
PROVIDED**
Please bring a
water bottle

**STAY AND
PLAY**
Parents must remain
with children at all
times

A vibrant poster for Summer Holiday Activity Camps 2025! in Southwark. The background features a large sun with rays. The text is arranged in various shapes and colors, including blue, green, and yellow. A central image shows a group of children looking at a display. The poster lists activities like Sewing, Music, Dancing, Sports, Drama, Poetry, Creative Writing, Arts and crafts, and Day trips. It also mentions that meals and snacks are provided and that parents must stay with their children.



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Useful Links

School term dates 25-26 - [Term Dates 2025-26](#)

Our website - www.johnruskin.southwark.sch.uk

School caterer - www.harrisoncatering.co.uk

Uniform supplier - www.earthuniform.com/collections/john-ruskin-primary-school

Secondhand uniform supplier - uniformerly.co.uk/search-listings/?q=&c=17273

The Nest - thenestsouthwark.org.uk

Chess in Schools - www.chessinschools.co.uk

Southwark Council - www.southwark.gov.uk

Camberwell Leisure Centre - southwarkleisure.co.uk/centres/camberwell-leisure-centre

Parentkind - www.parentkind.org.uk

Children's Commissioner - www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk

Department for Education - www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education

Ofsted - www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ofsted

NHS - www.nhs.uk

TFL - travelforlife.tfl.gov.uk

