



Principal: Mr Sam Done BA (Hons)

Chair of Governors: Ms Annie McMaster
21 November 2025

Hello families,

A very cold but very good week! Please remember to send your children with a warm coat, hat and gloves so that they will be able to play outside at breaktimes. It is now freezing temperatures every day!

ATTENDANCE

Thank you to all parents who are really trying hard to get their children to school every day and on time. This week our attendance has risen to over 95% which is fantastic. Well done everyone!

Please remember all gates CLOSE at 8.50am and after this time children are late.

This week our winning classes for attendance are Ellie Simmonds and Sir David Attenborough classes in EYFS and KS1, Muhammad Ali class in KS2 and Waterloo Bridge class in Little London Bridge this week!

Year group	Class name	Attendance
Nursery	Friendly Foxes	81.2%
Reception	Resilient Rabbits	93.2%
	Helpful Hedgehogs	96.1%
1	Ellie Simmonds	98.5%
	Sir David Attenborough	98.5%
2	Wilma Rudolph	93.7%
	Nicola Adams	98.1%
3	Neil Armstrong	92.6%
	Delia Derbyshire	90.5%
4	Marley Dias	97.3%
	Muhammad Ali	98.6%
5	Tu You You	98.2%
	Alex Honnold	97.1%
6	Evelyn Glennie	94.1%
	Georgia O'Keeffe	97.9%
Little London Bridge	Chelsea Bridge	86.3%
	Lambeth Bridge	60%
	Waterloo Bridge	92.5%
	Putney Bridge	92.2%

LEADERSHIP OF LLA OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS

Monday 24 November will be Mr Done's last day at school for a few weeks. I have to take some time out for medical reasons and will need a little time to recover. I hope that I won't be away from the children for too long and I will be calling in to visit whenever I can and once I am well enough again, hopefully before the end of term.

We have been making plans for my absence for some time as I was awaiting a date for my surgery, so the school should carry on running as normal. I wanted to reassure all families that the school will be left in the capable hands of Mrs Thackray and the rest of the leadership team; Mr Stephenson is also out of school at the moment so we have secured extra support from the trust with Mrs Hocking, Mrs Clayton and Mrs Seekings from the central team of Gorse Directors who will base themselves in the school on different days to help out.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Our second Year 6 class will be heading to Into University this week for their experience of further education. This will be every day from Monday. Also, on Monday and Tuesday, a number of children from Little London and Little London Bridge have won tickets to a Christmas Party at Elland Road. Have a great time everyone!

RECEPTION OPEN EVENING

If you know any families looking for places in our Nursery or our Reception, applications are now open for September 2026. You must apply even if your child attends LLA Nursery. Please invite friends to our open event on 3 December 2025

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

This half term is 7 weeks long and school will close for the end of term on the last Friday before Christmas, 19 December at 3.15pm. There are no training days now until March 2026.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Sam Done
Principal

Kelsey Thackray
Vice Principal

GORSE

Year group	Class name	STAR AWARD	ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
	Friendly Foxes	Hassenat	
Reception	Resilient Rabbits	Yusuf	Etsub
	Helpful Hedgehogs	Aqsa	Heryad
1	Ellie Simmonds	Zain B	Levi F
	Sir David Attenborough	Patrick	Chizitelum
2	Wilma Rudolph	Rawan	Tomas
	Nicola Adams	Mia	Aro
3	Neil Armstrong	Nehemia	Beteal
	Delia Derbyshire	Fatima	David
4	Marley Dias	Abigail	Setayesh
	Muhammad Ali	Ella I	Cosmin D
5	Tu You You	Valentino	Sultan
	Alex Honnold	Miral	Lena
6	Evelyn Glennie	Aryan	Michael
	Georgia O'Keeffe	Altaf	Warris