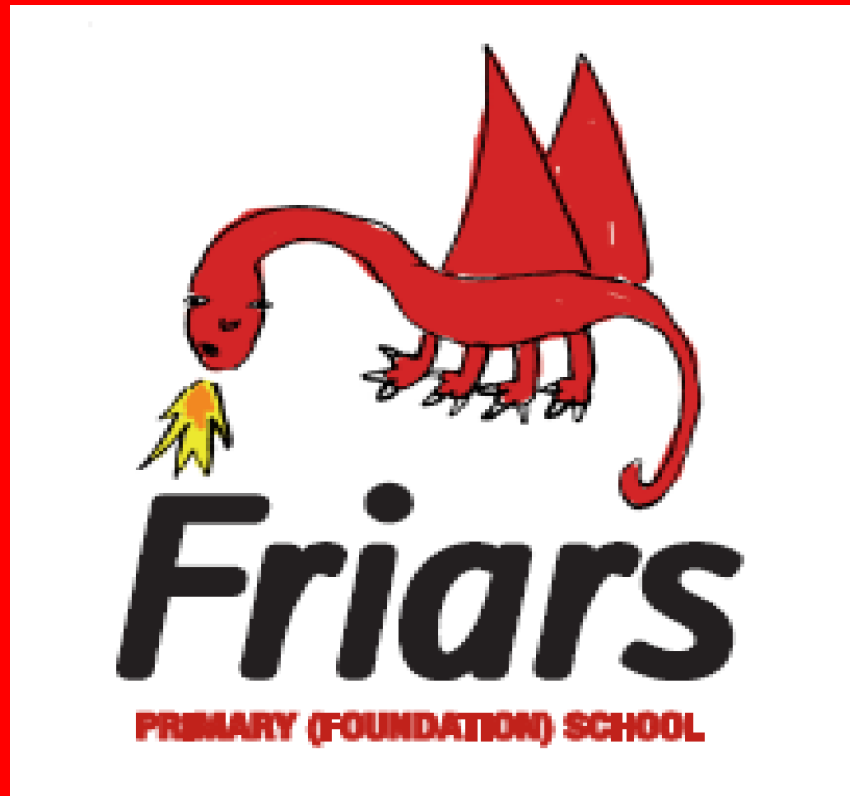




Friars Primary Foundation School

**Annual report to parents
School year 2025-2026**

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<https://friarsprimaryschool.com/>



Message from Joe O'Neill

CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

I am pleased to introduce this report in my first year as Chair of Governors of Friars, taking over from Maddy, and delighted to contribute to this report, which celebrates the achievements of your children during the academic year 2025 to 2026.

This year, families told us how much they value being part of the Friars community. In our most recent parent survey, every family who responded said their child enjoys coming to school and would recommend Friars to another parent, a wonderful reflection of the relationships our staff build with your children.

On behalf of the governors, I extend heartfelt thanks to Jo, Susannah, Claire, and all Friars staff for their unwavering passion and commitment to children's learning. I'd also like to thank you, our parents and carers, for being such a vital part of our school community. Your children come in every day, curious and keen to learn, and that doesn't happen without you backing us up at home.

Attendance has improved again this year, and we're now nearing the national average, which is real progress. The learning at Friars is exceptional, but it can only have a full impact if children are present. Regular school attendance is a proven foundation for future professional and financial well-being. Please help us by ensuring your child attends every day unless unwell.

As our Year 6 pupils move on to the next stage of their learning journey, we congratulate them for the exceptional effort they've shown in this year's statutory tests. Governors wish them every success and happiness as they transition to secondary school.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable summer break.
Best wishes,
Joe



MESSAGE FROM HEADTEACHER JO WRATTEN

Achieving excellence in a happy, nurturing and safe environment

As we reach the conclusion of another rewarding academic year, we are delighted to look back on the many successes, opportunities and memorable experiences that have defined 2025-2026 at Friars. Throughout the year, our committed staff team has continued to enhance the curriculum and pastoral provision we provide, always led by our core school values.

This report showcases just a selection of the many highlights from the year. For regular news, photographs and event information, please continue to visit our school newsletter and blog, both of which can be found on our website

Curriculum and Enrichment Highlights

This year, pupils benefited from a range of inspiring partnerships with organisations including the Unicorn Theatre, Tate Modern and Pioneer Dance. These experiences broadened learning opportunities and deepened children's engagement with the arts.

Classes participated in numerous educational visits and workshops that enriched classroom learning and provided valuable real-world experiences. Pupils also had the opportunity to perform in a variety of venues, including Southwark Cathedral. Chantal's outstanding dance showcase was enjoyed by many families and proved a great success despite the exceptionally warm weather.

Children completed a range of high-quality homework projects linked to their topic learning. These demonstrated imagination, strong research abilities and increasing independence.

Our Early Years and Year 1 pupils have continued to make excellent use of the outdoor learning environments, which provide stimulating opportunities for exploration, teamwork and creative play.

The Friars Music Academy, directed by Jonathan Pix alongside students from King's College and generously supported by Water City Music, has continued to flourish. Through this exceptional programme, children in Years 4 and 5 have developed their instrumental skills and gained valuable performance experience. We are pleased that the programme will continue next year.

Year 5 and Year 6 pupils enjoyed an unforgettable residential visit to Wick Court, where they spent a week experiencing life as farmers and engaging in a wide variety of practical outdoor activities.

Developing pupils' speaking and communication skills was a key school improvement focus this year. Our monthly Newsround programme has encouraged children to present, interview and perform on camera while sharing news and achievements from across the school. These recordings can be viewed on our website blog, and we extend our thanks to Tony for his ongoing support with this project.

Wellbeing and Support

We have continued our valued partnership with The Nest, a mental health charity based in Peckham, which has delivered wellbeing workshops and therapeutic support sessions for our pupils.

A series of parent workshops was introduced to explain our approaches to teaching phonics and mathematics, enabling families to support children's learning more effectively at home. Opogo also delivered an informative and well-attended session focusing on routines, boundaries and strategies for home support.

Fatima has continued her important work supporting attendance and family engagement. While attendance figures have shown improvement, there is still further progress to be made to ensure all children attend school for at least 95% of the academic year. We encourage parents and carers to speak with us if they require additional support or are facing challenges that may affect attendance.

Aspiration and Achievement

Year 6 pupils participated in Into University Week, an exciting initiative designed to broaden horizons, encourage ambition and strengthen collaborative skills.

National assessments were completed across the school, including:

- Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
- Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
- Key Stage 2 SATs in Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Grammar and Spelling

Pupils performed extremely well and demonstrated excellent progress throughout the year.

Celebrations and Community

Our Wellbeing Week began with an energetic Sports Day, attended and supported by many parents and carers, and concluded with an enjoyable Wellbeing Day featuring art activities and a bouncy castle.

The school community came together for a number of special events throughout the year, including the Summer Fair, Christmas performances, dance showcases and drumming presentations. These occasions highlighted the creativity, talent and sense of unity that make Friars such a special place.

The Year 6 Leavers' Production provided a fitting and memorable farewell to our oldest pupils. We wish all of our leavers every success and happiness as they begin the next stage of their education.

We were also delighted to welcome our new Early Years children for transition visits, giving them an opportunity to meet their classmates, explore their new learning environments and become familiar with the school. We look forward to officially welcoming them to the Friars family.

To our parents and carers, thank you for your encouragement, partnership and ongoing support throughout the year.

To our fantastic pupils, thank you for your kindness, excellent behaviour and enthusiasm for learning.

To our hardworking staff team, thank you for your dedication, optimism and commitment to providing the very best for our children. Every member of staff plays an essential role in the continued success of Friars.

THANK YOU EVERYONE AND WE WISH YOU A WONDERFUL SUMMER BREAK!

Staffing Structure at Friars for September 2026

Joanna Wratten	Headteacher
Susannah Bridges	Inclusion Leader and Deputy Headteacher
Claire Foster	Early Years Leader and Deputy Headteacher
Rose Robinson	School Business Manager
Ann Mould	Office Administrator
Arturo Arteaga Nunez	Premises Manager
Fatima Ruksana	Family Liaison and Attendance Officer
Cassie Burgess	HLTA & Playcentre
Marcia Harris	HLTA & Playcentre
Lindsey Elliott	HLTA/Early Years Educator
Kenny Clay	Teaching Assistant & Interventions
Katarzyna Nadatawska Dosso	Teaching Assistant & Interventions
Rita Cranny	Teaching Assistant & Breakfast Club
Christina Wint	Teaching Assistant & Playcentre
Carol Royes	Teaching Assistant & Breakfast Club
Sharon Mills	Teaching Assistant
Gilly Carter	Teaching Assistant & Breakfast Club
Shahina Akhtar	Teaching Assistant
Sharmin Nessa	Teaching Assistant
Hazel Peart	Teaching Assistant
Terri Robinson	Teaching Assistant
Lauren McNeely	Teaching Assistant

Year Group	Class Teacher
Early Years Teachers	Claire Foster, Susannah Bridges
Year 1	Rosa Castillo, Stuart Howat
Year 2	Catherine Coate
Year 3	Monique Ho
Year 4	Terry Maragh
Year 5	Kris Hsieh
Year 6	Tina McKenzie
Maternity Leave	Lucy Gethin-Jones

Governing Board 2026-2027

<u>Name of Governor</u>	<u>Status</u>
Jo Wratten	Headteacher
Catherine Coate	Staff Governor
Fatimata Diew	Parent Governor
Frank Butau	Parent Governor
Joe O'Neill	Partnership (Chair)
Caroline Henno	Co-opted (Vice Chair)
Jill Tasker	Local Authority
Maddy Webb	Partnership
Pauline Hinchliffe	Co-opted
Vicky Chen	Co-opted
Charlotte Ricci	Co-opted
Sarah Chase	Co-opted
Jon Clay	Co-opted
Chair of the Governing Body	<i>Joe O'Neill</i> C/O Friars Primary Foundation School Webber Street London SE1 0RF Tel: 0207 207 1807
Clerk to the Governing Body	Odunola Ajibola Southwark Children's Services Tooley Street London SE1 5LX

There are six types of governor at Friars:

Staff Governors are elected by the staff of the school.

Parent Governors are elected by the parents of the school.

Authority Governors are appointed by Southwark Council.

Co-opted Governors are appointed by the Governing Board because of their connections with the local community.

Partnership Governors are nominated by the school and/or Governing Board. They are particular to foundation schools.

Associate Governors are nominated by the school and/or Governing Board and only have voting rights within committee meetings.

There are three committees which meet each term:

Achievement: (Jill Tasker- Chair of Committee)

Finance and Audit: (Jon Clay- Chair of Committee)

Operations & Engagement: (Charlotte Ricci- Chair of Committee)

Friars Primary Foundation School Values

Friars has an agreed set of values that we all believe in and adhere to.

They are:

☐ Compassion

☐ Creativity

☐ Endeavour

☐ Resilience

☐ Respect

☐ Responsibility

The School Day

<u>EYFS</u>	<u>KS1</u>	<u>KS2</u>
Nursery 9.00am-3.20 pm Monday to Wednesday	8.45- 9.00am Registration 9.15am Lesson 1: Phonics 10.00 - 10:45: Lesson 2 English 10:45 - 11:00 am Break 11.00am- 12:00 Lesson 3: Maths 12:00 - 1:00 Lunchtime 1:00 - 2:30 - Lesson 4: Curriculum 2:30pm- 2:45pm Break 2.45pm - 3:00pm Lesson 5: Reading 3.00pm Assembly 3.25pm Hometime	8.45- 9.00am Registration 9.00am Lesson 1: Maths 10.00am Lesson 2: Reading 10.45am- 11:00 Break 11 - 11.15am Daily Mile 11.15am Lesson 3: English 12.15 Lunchtime 1.30pm Lesson 5: Curriculum 3.00pm Assembly 3.30pm Hometime
Reception 9.00am-3.20pm Monday to Friday		

Curriculum includes: History, Geography, Art, Design Technology, Science, PE, PSHE, Music, RE, Computing

Friars runs a Breakfast club and Play Centre (after school club) for children from Reception to Year 6. Nursery children may attend with agreement from Early Years Leader. There are new agreements and charges for September 2026. Please enquire at the school office.

Breakfast Club 7.45am - 8.45am daily
 Playcentre 3.30pm - 5.45pm daily

Places can be booked on a regular basis or at the office for ad hoc days with payment made in advance.



As part of our topic 'Growing,' we planted some beans.



We made some honey sandwiches when we were learning about bees.



We created scenes from the story 'Naughty Bus.'



We enjoy dressing up and pretending to do different jobs.

Nursery 2025 - 2026



We read 'Handa's Surprise' and then we made some necklaces by threading pasta.



Counting the bears on to the bus



During International Week, we learnt about St. Lucia



Wellbeing Day June 2025



We made some Owl Baby puppets.



We love our daily Healthy Movers session.



We love playing with the kinetic sand.



We had fun making some fireworks pictures



We love to play in the
potion lab .



We learnt about keeping
healthy and practised
brushing our teeth.



We carried out a traffic
survey.



We planted some sunflowers



We went on a flower hunt.

Reception 2025 - 2026



Wellbeing Day.



We made sandcastles.



Counting bear on the bus.



After reading Barry the
Fish with Fingers, we
practiced blowing bubbles.



International Week.



We love being creative.



Sports Day.



We enjoy playing wit the
small world such as the
farm



Look at the chair we built !

YEAR 1 2025-2026

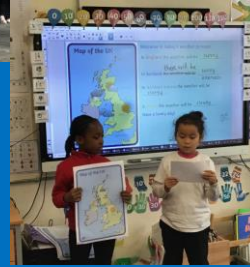
Toys Through Time

We visited the Young V&A to explore how toys have changed over time.



Wonderful Weather

We worked in pairs to present our own weather forecasts to the class.



Perfect Puppets

We designed and made puppets using felt fabric and sewing techniques.



Mixing Colours

In Art we explored using the Primary colours to make Secondary colours.



Potted Plants

We planted broad bean seeds and observed them grow. We recorded their growth in our Science book.



Manipulating a Mouse

We practised moving objects on the screen using a mouse.



Lovely Lollies

We designed and made healthy lollies using a variety of fruits. They were refreshing and delicious!



Year 2 2025 - 2026

We visited Temple Bar as part of our topic about the Great Fire of London. We also learned about how the fire of 1666 spread.



We enjoyed taking part in Key Stage 1's Christmas Show.



We learned about Costa Rica in International Week.



We showed off our acting skills at a drama workshop.



We visited the Unicorn Theatre to watch The Three Little Pigs.



We learned how to write with quills.



Playing at Mint Street park.



We dressed up in 17th century costumes.



We had lots of fun on Wellbeing Day playing on the bouncy castle.



We had a great time at Sports Day



We enjoyed challenging ourselves in gymnastics lessons.



Year 3 2025 - 2026



We went on a Geography field trip to Richmond.
Remember our lovely picnic!

We proudly performed our
dance moves for everyone!



During International Week, we learned
about Cuba and tasted some tropical fruit!

We made healthy
pack lunches!



We had a fun and meaningful trip to the Tate
Modern to learn about abstract sculptures and art.

We had great fun at the
Bright Sparks Concert at
Royal Festival Hall.



On Wellbeing Day, we
enjoyed playing games,
dressing up and going on
the bouncy castle.



We had a delightful Sports Day!
Everyone did their best and
showed support to friends!

Year 4 2025 - 2026



We made delicious vegetable soup.

Bike Ability Repair W'shop



Shell Xmas Concert



Ocarina concert at S'wark Cathedral



The mini London Marathon.



Santa Dash with Y1



Hindu Temple visit.



NED assembly



Christmas play



World Book Day - we read to Reception

Year 5 2025-2026



↑ Year 5 loved exploring Ancient Egypt at the British Museum!



↑ We were inspired by meeting astronauts at the National Maritime Museum.



↑ We designed and made a pneumatic toy system using recycle materials.



↑ Year 5 wowed everyone with their singing and acting in *A Christmas Carol*.



↑ Year 5 enjoyed hands-on science all year, from dissecting flowers to testing air resistance with parachutes and building catapults as lever mechanisms!



↑ Making Greek pots was harder than expected, but we persisted and achieved fantastic results.



↑ Year 5 explored colour theory at the National Gallery.



We made delicious seasonal apple crumble as part of our Cooking & Nutrition topic in D&T. It was a firm favourite! ↑

To celebrate World Book Day, we visited our local Foyles and chose exciting new titles to enjoy.
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↑ We took part in an exciting Dance Festival at Bacon's College.



↑ We celebrated International Week!



Year 5 ended the year with a brilliant Sports Day, showing fantastic teamwork and sportsmanship!



We went to Imperial War Museum whilst studying WWII

YEAR 6 2025-2026 It's been FUN!!!

Walking through Nelson Square to look at WWII Blitz 'hits'



KS2 Christmas performance



Celebrating the end of SATs at the LIDO



"SCHOOL DAZE"
End of year Play



What a fantastic sports day!!



WICK COURT



The children loved The 'Into University' week. We also went to The Horniman Museum and Jesus College, Oxford!



A special Port of London workshop



2026/27 Academic Calendar

September 2026						
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INSET DAY 1 day TBC **SCHOOL HOLIDAY** **BANK HOLIDAY**

SCHOOL CLOSURES AT 2.00PM ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS :

AUTUMN TERM 18TH December 2026 SPRING TERM 25TH March 2027 SUMMER TERM 22ND July 2027

