

Bessemer Primary School Newsletter



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Dates for your Diary

Friday 6th June 2025

Term Dates 2024-25

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School Holidays

INSET Days

Tutorial Day

Bank Holidays

This Year's Class Assembly Dates

Class assemblies take place at 9.15 am on Thursday mornings and last for about 15 minutes. Parents and carers are invited to come along and watch their children present their learning from their half termly topic.

Years 1,2 and 3		Years 4,5 and 6	
Thursday 21 st November	1NS	Thursday 28 th November	5FM
Thursday 30 th January	3/4BW	Thursday 6 th February	6LM
Thursday 13 th February	2SD	Thursday 13 th March	6KL
Thursday 20 th March	2LT	Thursday 27 th March	4BG
Thursday 3 rd April	3LS	Thursday 8 th May	5RS
Thursday 15 th May		Thursday 22 nd May	4GS
Thursday 5 th June	1ST	Thursday 12 th June	6SB
Thursday 19 th June	3CB	Thursday 26 th June	5OF
Thursday 3 rd July	1JM		

Dates for your Diary

Summer Term Diary Dates:

10.06.25 – Year 4 cricket festival at Ruskin Park
11.06.25 – Meeting for Year 6 parents / carers of children going to Charter North, 9am
12.06.25 – Nursery trip to The Horniman Museum
12.06.25 – Year 6 Enterprise bake sale
13.06.25 – Year 6 trip to Ruskin Park
16.06.25 – Year 5 to author talk at Alleyn's
16.06.25 – 18.06.25 – Year 6 residential trip
17.06.25 – Inclusion drop in coffee morning, 9am
18.06.25 – Reception Dinosaurs and Fossils workshop in school
18.06.25 – Years 1 and 2 trip to The Barbican
19.06.25 – Year 1 trip to the Science Museum
20.06.25 – Concerts at St. Faith's
24.06.25 – New Reception parents' meeting, 9.15am
03.07.25 – Year 6 violin concerts for parents / carers
08.07.25 – Nursery sports day, 9-10am
09.07.25 – Reception and KS1 sports day, Reception am only, KS1 all day
10.07.25 – KS2 sports day, all day
11.07.25 – New Reception starters' picnic for children and parents / carers, 12-1 in the nature garden
15.07.25 – House winners' reward trip
16.07.25 – Year 6 production, 6pm
17.07.25 – Reception to Year 1 transition meeting for parents / carers, 9.15am
17.07.25 – Carnival, 2pm
18.07.25 – Year 6 Airthrill trip
19.07.25 – Summer Fair 12-3pm
21.07.25 – Year 6 graduation. 2pm
21.07.25 – Year 6 disco, 5.30 – 7pm
21.07.25 – Class parties (non-uniform day except Year 6)
22.07.25 – Last day of term, 2pm finish (no After School Club)

Summer Term Library Visits

Each term every class has the opportunity to visit Grove Vale library. Children spend some time exploring the library, younger children often have a story session and then all children borrow a book to bring back to school with them. Library visits take place between 10.20 and 11.00 am, if you are able to accompany your child's class on their library visit please speak to their class teacher.

Thursday 24 th April	4GS	Thursday 5 th June	6LM
Friday 25 th April	4BG	Friday 6 th June	6KL
Thursday 1 st May	3/4 BW	Thursday 12 th June	6SB
Friday 2 nd May	5RS	Friday 13 th June	1JM
Thursday 8 th May	5FM	Thursday 19 th June	Moonbeam
Friday 9 th May	5OF	Friday 20 th June	1ST
Thursday 15 th May	3LS	Thursday 26 th June	1NS
Friday 16 th May	2LT	Friday 27 th June	Sunshine
Thursday 22 nd May	2SD	Thursday 3 rd July	Ladybird
Friday 23 rd May	3CB	Friday 4 th July	Butterfly

News and Reminders

End of Year Events

As we come to the end of another academic year there are lots of events planned, such as carnival, sports day, Year 6 graduation and production and the new Reception children's picnic, which parents and carers are invited to attend. Please check the diary dates to make sure you don't miss out!

Lost Property

Once again we have an enormous amount of lost property! There are hundreds of jumpers and cardigans in the lost property boxes as well as some other items, and very few of them are named. Please, please write your child's name on the label of their jumper or cardigan and coat, and please come and have a look through the lost property if you are missing any items. Every two weeks the lost property boxes will be cleared and items donated to the F@B second hand stall.

Sleeping Bags Needed!

In just over a week's time the Year 6 children are heading off on their residential trip to an outdoor activity centre. There are a few children who need to borrow a sleeping bag and while we do have some in school we may need a few more. If anyone has a sleeping bag they would be willing to lend us please drop it off in the office clearly labelled with your name. Thank you!

Author Talk

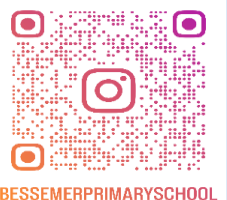
This week children in Years 3 and 4 enjoyed an author talk by author and publisher Abiola Bello, who came to talk about her new book *Wild Magic*. They learnt lots of facts about Ethiopia and its wildlife as well as what life is like for a successful children's author. Everyone was inspired by the fact that Abiola's first book was published at just 12 years old and that she is soon working on a book with Marcus Rashford! The children also had fun roaring like the amazing black tiger from the story!



Instagram

For more updates about what's going on at Bessemer and insights into our creative and practical curriculum, follow us on Instagram!

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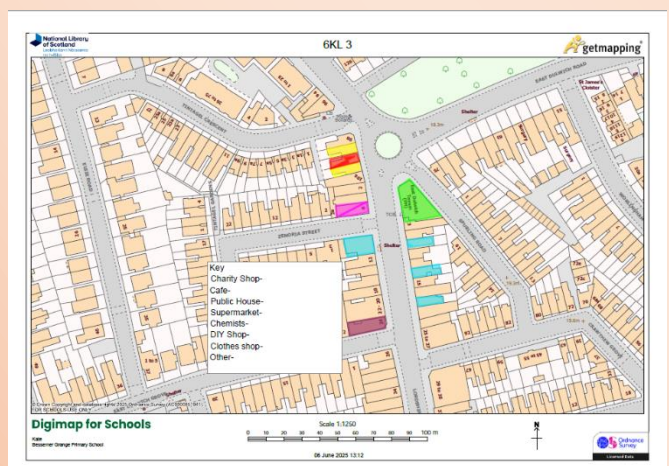
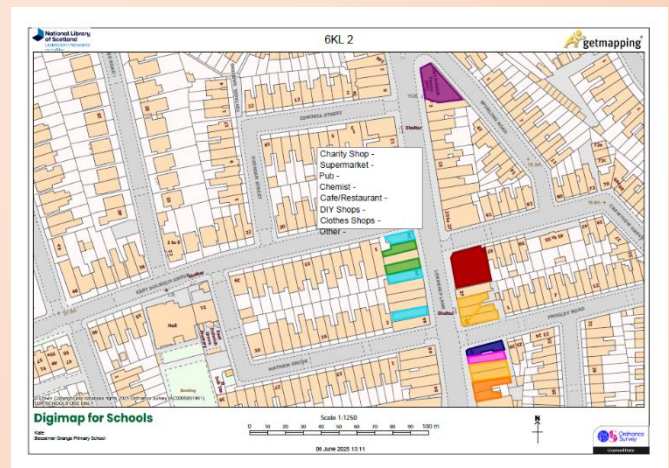


Sharing Children's Learning

Demonstrating our core value of being *Academically Ambitious* and *Creative and Practical*

This week was the beginning of Fieldwork Fortnight, two weeks during which children go out in the local area and develop their geography skills.

Children in Year 6 went to Lordship Lane to study land use and investigate the different types of businesses represented there. They then came back to school and used Digimaps to present their findings:



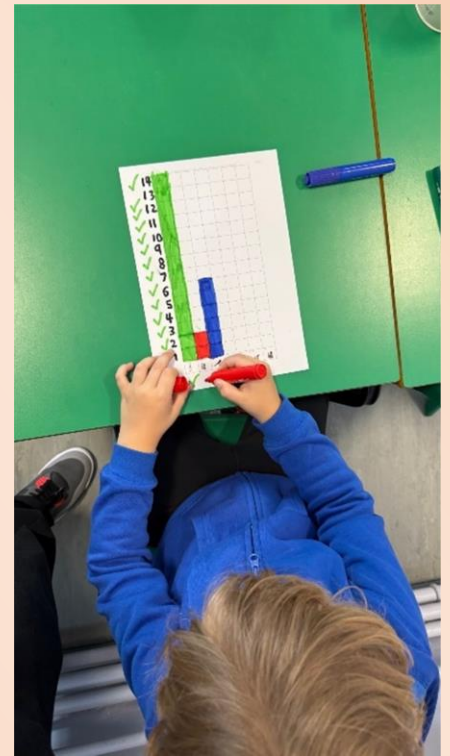
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Children in Year 5 were thinking about proposed changes to our local area:



Children in Year 1 were finding out which animal we can see most often in our local environment. They made predictions, recorded their findings using tally charts and bar graphs and then drew conclusions from their data:



Look out for more Fieldwork Fortnight pictures next week!

Word of the Week

Word of the Week is all about developing children's vocabularies by increasing the number of words they know and use. Making these challenging words part of their vocabulary improves children's speaking and listening, reading and writing skills.

The Word of the Week next week is **refuge**. Please help your child to find out the meaning of the word and try using it in different ways in sentences.

Try to use the word of the week as much as possible so that it becomes part of your child's vocabulary. Children will receive gems in school for using the word in their speech and writing and for explaining its meaning and origin.

Don't forget to revisit previous words of the week to make sure your child remembers what they mean and how to use them These are the words we have had so far this term:

fond

obsolete

halt

segment

twilight

F@B update

Bessemer summer raffle

Our school raffles are a brilliant way to raise funds for Bessemer, get support from local businesses and share lovely prizes with you all...

Can you help?

We are looking for a few more prize donations for our raffle. Previous prizes include wine, toys, jewelry, restaurant vouchers and lots more besides!

If you can donate something or know a friendly business owner you could persuade to support us please do email fab@friendsatbessemer.co.uk

Thank you!

Online Safety Tip of the Week

Loot Boxes

In the UK games regulators now display a warning if a game contains 'Loot Boxes', but what are 'Loot Boxes', and what do the new changes mean for parents and gamers?

Read more by following this weblink:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/loot-box-warnings-to-be-included-in-video-games>

The following article illustrates why Loot Boxes can be so dangerous for gamers:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-65855157>





Celebrations!

Certificates

	Star	Writer	Mathematician	Presenter	Scientist
Sunshine	Gabriel	Jude	Isaac		
Moonbeam	Novah	Ellie	Zayan		
1JM	Angus	Gabriel	Clem	Theo	
1NS	Amir	T'mari	Elijah	Lev	
1ST	Safiyatu	Jude	Nasir	Yonathan	James
2SD	Vincent	Arabella	Jeremiah	Jo	Lola
2LT	Jasper	Josiah	Blessing	Lariah	
3LS	Louie	Albie	Yaseerah	Elliot	
3CB	Jose	Henry	Georgie	Olivia	
3/4BW	Jerome	Finn	Melody	Casper	Y3 – Ruby Y4 - Otis
4BG	Agnes	Fred	Felix	Max	
4GS	Joel	Leo	Ezra	Phoenix S	
5RS	Malachi	Theo	Abass	Elijah	Florence
5OF	Uriel	Eve	William	Luciano	
5FM	Elliot	Callum	Isabella	Remy	
6LM	Kitty	Camai	Emily W	Rehana	
6SB	Lucy	Florence	Bailey	Valentina	Alice
6KL	Einas	Stephen	Molly		

Half term Timestable Rockstars Competition Winning Class:



3CB



Year 4 extra competition winners – **3/4BW**

**House
Winners**

Diamonds!



Have a great weekend, and a very happy Eid to all who are celebrating!

Elizabeth



PE & SCHOOL SPORTS NETWORK

FREE GIRLS FOOTBALL

EVERY MONDAY (17:00-18:00)

@BURGESS PARK ASTRO TURF



OPEN TO ALL
GIRLS AGED 5-11
YEARS OLD

OPEN TO ALL
GIRLS AGED 12-14
YEARS OLD



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families to come together.





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Family Zone workshops offer an opportunity for all family members to learn more about **mental health** through psycho education, games and creative activities and to diminish the **shame** and **stigma** attached to mental illness.

Trained staff from the **Mental Health Foundation** will deliver these workshops alongside our partner, **London Borough of Southwark**.

The next groups will run from

June 2025 – July 2025



-  Our group will consist of **8 weekly workshops** after school from **4-6pm**.
-  They are a fusion of **online** and **in person**, 4 in person and 4 online. Every family will be **offered a tablet** to help access the online sessions
-  Parents are invited to attend a **peer support** group in person or online.
-  Food is provided at every workshop.
-  For more information contact Joanna Alcide-Edwards joanna.alcide-edwards@southwark.gov.uk Stavroula Marifi Stavroula.Marifi@southwark.gov.uk or Nadine Rose nrose@mentalhealth.org.uk

 **GIRLS UNITED**

OPEN TRIALS 25/26

Join Girls United's match-playing teams!

FREE!
 Age groups: U9-U16
 Location: Burgess Park Football Pitches
 Dates: 4, 11, 18, 25 June (by age)
 Time: 18:00-19:30

SIGN UP NOW!



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WHY GIRLS UNITED?

- Dedicated coaching team receiving regular up-skilling
- 2 training sessions per week + match day
- Player review nights
- Nurturing environment
- Onward player pathway opportunities
- Extra experiences such as WSL ticket giveaways

WEAR THE BADGE



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 **GIRLS UNITED**

You're Invited!

SUMMER CELEBRATION

Sunday 22nd June
Doors: 2pm
Ceremony: 3pm



AN EVENING OF
 COMMUNITY, MEMORIES,
 AND THE GIRLS UNITED
 VALUES CHAMPION AWARDS!

Peckham Arches, Unit 6
 Dovedale Business Centre
 London, SE15 4QN

GET YOUR TICKETS!

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