

Bessemer Primary School Newsletter



Part of The Gem Federation

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Dates for your Diary

Friday 9th May 2025

Term Dates 2024-25

September 2024						
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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:

12.05.25 – 15.05.25 – Year 6 SATs
13.05.25 – Consultation meeting re federation expansion for parents and carers, 9am
14.05.25 – Zoolab visits for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
16.05.25 – Year 6 trip to Brockwell Park
23.05.25 – Author visit for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
10.06.25 – Year 4 cricket festival at Ruskin Park
18.06.25 – Year 2 trip to The Barbican
19.06.25 – Year 1 trip to the Science Museum
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
16.07.25 – Year 6 production, 6pm
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.

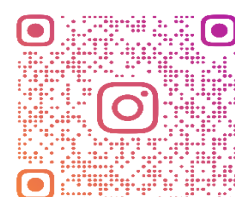
Thursday 24 th April	4GS	Thursday 5 th June	6LM
Friday 25 th April	4BG	Friday 6 th June	6KL
Thursday 1 st May	3/4 BW	Thursday 12 th June	6SB
Friday 2 nd May	5RS	Friday 13 th June	1JM
Thursday 8 th May	5FM	Thursday 19 th June	Moonbeam
Friday 9 th May	5OF	Friday 20 th June	1ST
Thursday 15 th May	3LS	Thursday 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 (3NI)	Friday 4 th July	Butterfly

News and Reminders

Instagram

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

@[bessemerprimaryschool](https://www.instagram.com/bessemerprimaryschool)



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News and Reminders

Gem Federation Expansion







Earlier this week we shared a consultation document via email regarding the proposed expansion of the Gem Federation to include Goodrich Primary School. Bessemer and Keyworth have been working with Goodrich for the last year and Sarah is currently in role as their acting headteacher, so this is a proposal to formalise an existing arrangement. Parents and carers are invited to a meeting at Bessemer at 9am on Tuesday which will provide the opportunity to contribute to the consultation process. The meeting will be attended by members of the governing body and the school leadership team who will be able to answer any questions you may have, although you can also find the answer to many frequently asked questions in the consultation document. There is no need to book to attend, please just come along.




Oracy Focus

Oracy is the ability to fluently express ideas and engage with others through spoken language. Oracy skills are really important for children; research shows that children who leave school with good levels of oracy are more likely to find employment and less likely to suffer mental health difficulties.

This year we have introduced a focus on oracy skills across the federation. We started last term by building more opportunities for oracy into our maths and English lessons, this term we have rolled this out to the wider curriculum. Our wider curriculum lessons are always creative and practical but this new focus means that we are specifically including more activities which focus on speaking and listening skills, such as debating and making presentations.

We have created two sets of 'Oracy Rules' to display in class and to serve as constant reminders for children so that these skills become firmly embedded over time. One set covers the skills that children need when they are presenting and performing, for example when reading aloud in class or taking part in assemblies or performance, the other is to use when they are working collaboratively, for example when peer marking in maths and when taking part in group activities. Here are our oracy rules:

 Oracy Rules for Presenting and Performing	
Prepare 	Plan and practise what you are going to say or read
Audience 	Know who you are speaking to and look at them while you speak
Speed 	Take your time, speak slowly, clearly and with expression
Project 	Make sure your voice can reach your audience, speak loudly enough, don't hold anything in front of your mouth
Posture 	Make sure you are sitting or standing with your back straight and facing your audience.

 Oracy Rules for Working with Others	
Take Turns 	Wait for your turn to speak
Listen 	Listen to other people without interrupting
Question 	Ask well thought out questions to find out more
Fair 	Make sure everyone who wants to speak gets a turn
Justify 	Give reasons for your opinions
Respect 	Agree or disagree with others fairly and respectfully

After School Club Collection Arrangements and Safeguarding – A Message from Gareth

We understand that parents sometimes make arrangements with one another to collect each other's children. However, for safeguarding reasons, it is essential that any changes to collection plans are communicated directly through the school office. This ensures that all staff, including those in After School Club are properly informed and can release children safely and in line with our safeguarding procedures. Thank you for your cooperation and continued support in keeping our children safe.

Sharing Children's Learning

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

Children in Year 2 have been reading *If All The Word Were* by Joseph Coelho. In their first lesson of the unit they painted a triangle using water colours, taking inspiration from the illustration in the text. They then answered the question 'What is Springtime?' and their pieces of work were joined together to form a kaleidoscope:



Children in Year 5 combined their science and computing skills to make animations about the solar system:



Sharing Children's Learning

Demonstrating our core values of being *Creative and Practical* and *Connected to the Community*

Children in Year 1 have been learning some new songs in their weekly music lessons. This week they went to JAGS to take part in a music festival where they sang alongside children from other schools:



This afternoon children from Years 1 and 2 went to JAGS to take part in a mini athletics competition:



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 **halt**. 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.

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 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

Online Safety Tip of the Week

Exploring life online for 3-7 year olds with 'Smartie the Penguin'

Younger than ever, children are exploring the online world, with many already owning their own device and spending a lot of their time watching videos and playing games on the internet before the age of 7.

Childnet have created four stories for parents and carers to share with young children. They cover important issues of online safety, in a child friendly way, and can help begin conversations with your child about how to stay safe while online.

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/smartie-the-penguin/>





Celebrations!

Certificates

	Star	Writer	Mathematician	Presenter	Scientist
Sunshine	Rosie	Francis	Vivian		
Moonbeam	Inaya	Noah	Ellie		
1JM	Maseyr	Inoa	Abigail	Clem	
1NS	T'mari	Alma	Dylan	Arlo	Florence
1ST	James	Kassie	Hilal	Joe	
2SD	Tammany	Jennyfer	Djene	Ella	
2LT	Mason	Jhane	Eve	Kiyoko	Sorrel
3LS	Yaseerah	Theo		Dougie	
3NI	Jules	Athena	Nyeela	Lucas	
3/4BW	Helene	Aymar	Elham	Rebecca	
4BG	Max	Seren	Kebreab	Leila	
4GS	Agnes	Phoenix S	Aidan	Leo	
5RS	Theo	Stella	Matthew	Abass	
5OF	Holly	Sam	Alkyoni	Ebony	Billy
5FM	Esther	Elliot	Daniel	Isabella	
6LM	Rehana	Emily W	Elise	Camai	
6SB	Max M-H	Sophie	Alex	Amelia	
6KL	Rayanne	Bill	Finn	Ruby	

Individual Timestable Rockstars

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Liam	Laura	Melody	Elham	Rene	Frankie

Timestable Rockstars Winning Classes

Key Stage 1	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2
2SD	4GS	5FM

House Winners	Emeralds!
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Have a great weekend!

Elizabeth

Sign Up for Lego League!



A free eight-session programme of Lego coding and robotics challenges for 6-9-year-olds

4-5pm Thursdays, starting 15th May

Does your child love Lego? Are they interested in coding, robotics and STEM? If so, they will love our new Lego League Challenge!

Grove Vale Library is hosting a Lego League this summer, where children will collaborate to solve challenges using our brand-new Lego robotics kits! Spaces are limited and are first-come first-served. Children must be able to attend as many sessions as possible. **Sign-up essential.**

Register now
at:

[forms.office.com
/e/4s4ES6Qyvn](https://forms.office.com/e/4s4ES6Qyvn)

...or scan:



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EVERY MONDAY (17:00-18:00)

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GIRLS AGED 5-11
YEARS OLD

OPEN TO ALL
GIRLS AGED 12-14
YEARS OLD



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- Children learn to read, write and play music in every lesson. we also provide keyboard at every lesson
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FUND RAISING EVENT

TUESDAY 27TH- THURSDAY 29TH
MAY 2025

Activities include:

Bouncy Castle, games,
arts & crafts, food, stalls and lots more

Venue :

The Green community centre
Nunhead SE 15 3QQ

For more details
please do get in contact with us on;

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**A 10 WEEK
INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP
FOR BLACK AND MINORITY FAMILIES**



DATES:

**THURSDAY 1ST MAY –
10TH JULY, 2025**

TIME: 10:00AM – 12:00PM

VENUE:

**THE LEWINGTON CENTRE
COMMUNITY CENTRE
9, EUGENIA ROTHERHITHE SE16 2RU**

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MY CHILD & ME

INTERGENERATIONAL WORKSHOP (ONLINE)

- Do you find out that your children or grandchildren don't understand you or your generation?
- Do you want to understand why mental health affects us and our children in the United Kingdom?

Join us on line for interactive sessions



EVERY FRIDAY
MAY 16TH 13TH JUNE 2025
TIME: 10:00AM-11:30AM

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✉ **Admin@parentskills2go.com**
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SEWING SKILLS

**10 WEEKS DRESSMAKING COURSE
FOR BEGINNERS & INTERMEDIATE LEARNERS**

FREE SEWING MENDING STATION

(SUPPORT ON HOW TO MEND CLOTHES)

- ★ **BASIC /BEGINNERS
SEWING CLASS STARTS**
TIME: 12:30PM - 2:30PM
- ★ **INTERMEDIATE LEARNERS
SEWING CLASS STARTS**
TIME: 10:00AM - 12:00NOON
- ★ **VENUE:**
**THE LEWINGTON CENTRE
COMMUNITY CENTRE**
9 EUGENIA ROAD
ROTHERHITE SE16 2RU

**STARTS
MAY
9TH
2025**

COST FEE

£20
BEGINNERS

£30
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FamilyZone Southwark

A fun, safe space for
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