

# Bessemer Primary School Newsletter



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## Dates for your Diary

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

### Term Dates 2025-26

These are the term dates for next academic year:

### Term Dates 2025-2026

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School Holidays

INSET Days

Tutorial Day

Bank Holidays

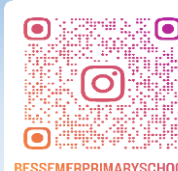
### Remaining Summer Term Diary Dates:

- 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, pm (non-uniform day except Year 6)
- 22.07.25 – Toy Day
- 22.07.25 – Last day of term, 2pm finish (no After School Club)

### 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

### Carnival

Thank you to everyone who came along to join us for Carnival yesterday! It was fantastic to see so many of you there and we all had a great time!



### Thank You and Goodbye to Alan!

From everyone at Bessemer, a huge, huge thank you to Alan Foster for all of his hard work as Chair of F@B. We are so grateful for all of his hard work, we'll really miss you Alan! Please come along to the fair on Saturday to see his last event in role – he promises it's going to be a good one!



## News and Reminders

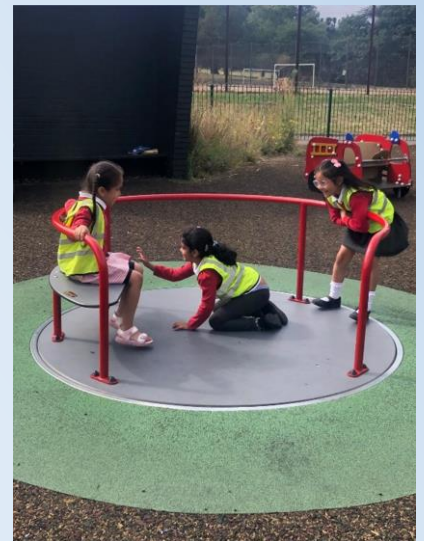
### Girls in Sport

Last week a group of children from Years 5 and 6 took part in a Girls in Sport festival, they all had a great time!



### House Winners Trip

All the children in Diamonds had fun at the park this week celebrating collecting the most gems this term:





## News and Reminders

### Year 6 Leavers

Year 6 children put on a fantastic performance of *I'm An 11 Year Old, Get Me Out of Here!* This week. The children performed brilliantly to a packed audience, well done Year 6!

A huge thank you goes to all of the year 6 staff for all of their hard work and a special thank you to Year 6 dad Peter for a very professional sound and lighting job!



The Year 6s continued to celebrate the end of their time at Bessemer with a trip to Airthrill today. Next week they have their graduation at 2pm on Monday – two adults per child are invited to come and watch – and their disco at 5.30 on Monday evening. Unlike the rest of the school, who can wear their own clothes for their parties on Monday, Year 6 children need to wear uniform to school for their graduation, but can go home with parents or carers after that to get ready for their disco, so they still get their chance to dress up! On Tuesday Year 6 children can wear an old shirt or t-shirt to school and have it signed by their friends if they want to. Alternatively they can collect signatures in the year book they will receive at graduation.

### End of Year Certificates

In assembly today we gave out certificates to children from Reception to Year 5 who have been recognised for being *academically ambitious* in different areas of the curriculum:



### Toy Day

Tuesday is toy day – children can bring in a toy from home to play with on the last day of school. No electronic toys please and please don't send anything valuable or anything with lots of small pieces that could get lost!

**Please remember that school finishes at 2pm on Tuesday!**

### 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. These are the words we have focused on this term, please encourage children to keep using them over the summer to embed them firmly in their vocabularies.

fond	obsolete	halt	segment	twilight	refuge
sequence	traipse	ignite	sturdy	explode	

### **F@B Update**

Massive thanks to everyone who has been working hard to help us make tomorrow's event our best Summer Fair ever!!

We have LOTS of volunteers and families donating their precious teddies, home baking and cooking. We think you're all brilliant!

And a special big F@B thanks to our outstanding Chair, Alan Foster! Alan has been doing all sorts of sweetie buying, bouncy castle renting, music coordinating and lots else besides during the 3 years he has co-chaired and then chaired F@B...

THANK YOU ALAN!!

We're going to miss you a lot!

PS **Raffle prizes:** if you have won something please come and get it from the school office! Thanks 😊

### Online Safety Tip of the Week

#### **Staying Safe Online During the Summer Holidays - Childnet**

The Summer Holidays can be a great time to support children to stay safe online. Childnet has some great suggestions - including using the time to sit, talk and play with your child, learning about what they like to do online and sharing ways they can keep themselves safe.

The holidays are a chance to talk online with friends and family, and even think about sharing holiday photos and videos, which are great opportunities to have conversations with your child about what we share with others, and how we interact kindly, over the Internet.

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/staying-safe-online-in-the-summer-holidays/>

#### **Online games**

The school holiday is a great time to relax and play - here are some free games websites for children to explore:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/games>







# Celebrations!

## KS2 Sports Day Event Winners

	Sprint	Javelin	Long jump	Target throw	Speed bounce	Distance run	Shotput
Yr3	Nyeela Jerome	Callum Melody	Keyan Zahra	Ramsay Emma Temujin Bella Alexis	Jerome Casper Dylan Rebecca	Jerome Zahra Casper Nyeela Dylan Pheobe Alexis Callum	Joseph Haddy Ivor Melody Alexis Tylan
Yr4	Temi Finn	Oscar Matilda	Otis Zafer	Vidak Idris Maia Sophie	Idris Hari Pheonix.M Vidak	Finlay Juno Wolfe Maia Nikolas Pheonix.M Salome Vidak	Idris Juno Donatas Azahier Max Sarah Pheonix S Oscar
Yr5	Eve Uriel	Harry Holly	Uriel Holly	Malachi Isabella Salima Elena	Lucie Florence Elijah Callum	Callum.H Aishah Matthew Sharon Noah Salima Aubrey Holly	Callum.H Kyanna William Suraya Rene Elijah Salima Aubrey Holly
Yr6	Akila Camai	Johanna Kelvin	Gabriel Akila	Lucy Emily.T Eve Max M	Hannah Max.E Eve Hameed	Bill Polly Edward Emily.T Fox Kitty Rayanne Micheal Akila	Tayo Tofarati Ali Amelia Ozgur Rayanne Aimenya

Have a great weekend and a fantastic Summer break when it comes, thank you to all of our wonderful Bessemer families for everything you have done to support us this year, we look forward to seeing everyone again in September!

*Elizabeth*



## **Sports Focus Camps at Bessemer**

**We are excited to announce that Sports Focus will be running summer camp at Bessemer for 5 weeks!**

**Our camps are designed to engage, entertain, and inspire - providing children with a variety of fun, active, and inclusive experiences throughout the day.**

**With a mix of sports, games, and creative activities, there's something for every child to enjoy ✨**

*To book spaces please click the link below;*

<https://sports-focus-coaching.classforkids.io/camp/160>

*If you have any questions or would like more information, please get in touch.*

Email: [bookings@sportsfocusuk.co.uk](mailto:bookings@sportsfocusuk.co.uk)

Phone: 07946 007 937

Website: [www.sportsfocusuk.co.uk](http://www.sportsfocusuk.co.uk)

*We can't wait to welcome your child/children to camp this summer, where they'll stay active, build confidence, and make great memories.*

**Here are some quotes from Bessemer pupils and parents who have attended before**



*"Best camp ever, lots of fun stuff every day and sometimes we get ice lollies to take home"*

*"My children have loved their time spent at your holiday camp. They were made to feel very welcome by all the lovely staff. They loved the activities- the Olympic games and seed planting especially.*

*Thank you once again, we will be back in the future!"*

*"Hi Sports Focus Coaching Team,  
My son had a great week with your team at camp. He loved playing a lot of games and sport activities, such as dodgeball, football, bench ball, nerf guns, and infinity tag. He liked Coach Noah and Coach Max. He made many friends from the camp.  
The Coaching Team is highly professional and motivated. I would be very grateful to book this camp for my son next time."*

**Camp is subject to us achieving a minimum number of children signing up each day (18) If this number is not achieved for more than 3 consecutive days, we won't be able to run and will provide families with 5-7 days' notice and offer full refunds/credit. Our intention is to run for every day we advertise and provide as much notice as possible if a camp can't go ahead to not inconvenience those families who have signed up.**

From SSFA, providers of Bessemer's after school football clubs:



# SOCCER CAMP

with BESSEMER GRANGE  
PRIMARY AFTERSCHOOL  
COACHES

FOR BOYS & GIRLS  
**AGES 5-11**

**CAMP 1**  
Week 1  
Jul 28-Aug 1

Week 2  
Aug 4-Aug 8

**CAMP 2**  
Week 1  
Aug 26-Aug 29

Week 2  
(Inset Days)  
Sep 1-Sep 2

**FROM**  
9 AM TO 3 PM



**£30**  
Per Child  
Per Day



**REGISTER NOW!**

Msg or WhatsApp  
**07522425931**

Peckham Rye Park  
(Colyton/Homestall Road  
entrance).

• BIRTHDAY PARTIES

• SATURDAY FOOTBALL  
SESSIONS



**From Lighthouse, the company that runs the popular Drama and LAMDA after school club providers at Bessemer:**

A photograph of four children (two boys and two girls) in a dance studio, striking a playful pose. They are wearing casual clothing: a blue t-shirt and black shorts for the boy on the far left, a yellow tank top and black shorts for the girl next to him, a pink tank top and black shorts for the girl next to her, and a teal tank top and black shorts for the girl on the far right. They are all smiling and looking towards the camera. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

**Summer  
Camp  
2025**

**Book Now!**

**BUGSY MALONE**  
Monday 4th – Friday 8th  
August 2025  
Email: [info@lighthousessc.org](mailto:info@lighthousessc.org)  
Address: Hatcham House  
(opposite the fire station)  
367 Queens Road, London, SE14 5HD

**LIGHTHOUSE**  
SCHOOL OF SPEECH, DRAMA AND COMMUNICATION



45 mins of  
non stop fun!



1 - 7 Years

Summer athletics track sessions: running,  
jumping & throwing fun & games!

**JULY**

Thurs 24th & Fri 25th

**AUGUST**

Wed 27th - Fri 29th

Dulwich College Sports Club, Athletics Track,  
London, SE21 7LE



SMCDERMOTT@MINIATHLETICS.COM



07811787153





£22 per  
day



7 - 10 Years

9:30am - 12:30pm

Summer athletics workshops: activities,  
technique training & games!

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Book now for  
**Holiday Kids Club**

Available from  
7th July –  
24th August  
2025



Call 020 8613 6500

Swimming  
Diving  
Day Camp  
Basketball



Scan QR code to book



[jaggsportsclub.co.uk](http://jaggsportsclub.co.uk)



7th July –  
24th August

A family membership  
extends to two adults  
and all children under  
18 years old, living in  
one household.

Four weeks: £125  
Seven weeks: £195  
No joining fee!



Summer Family  
Membership

is back!

Call us today on

020 8613 6500

to join.



[jagssportsclub.co.uk](http://jagssportsclub.co.uk)



**Dear Parent/Guardian,**

Surrey Cricket Foundation, England Cricket Board and Southwark Council would like to offer your Child an opportunity to be a part of a regular cricket programme this summer at Burgess Park - All Stars & Dynamos offers children the chance to learn new skills, make new friends, connect communities and is **fully funded** by Surrey Cricket Foundation & supported by Southwark Council and as such will be **FREE** to all participants.

**Important – Use the DISCOUNT PROMO CODE from the table below.**

The All Stars Cricket is an entry level national programme aimed at 5–8 year olds. The sessions run every Thursday 10:00am – 11:00am at Burgess Park, SE5 0RJ for 4 weeks from 31<sup>st</sup> July -21<sup>st</sup> August.

Each child signed up for All Stars will receive a personalised t-shirt

The Dynamos Cricket is aimed at 9–11 year olds. The sessions run every Thursday 11:15am-12:15pm at Burgess Park, SE5 0RJ for 4 weeks from 31<sup>st</sup> July -21<sup>st</sup> August.

Each child signed up for Dynamos will receive a personalised t-shirt.

To register click one of the links below and use the DISCOUNT PROMO CODE when booking your place.

It is important you do not share this link as there are only a select number of places available.

<b>All Stars</b> Burgess Park 31 <sup>st</sup> July -21 <sup>st</sup> August   10:00am-11:00am	<b>Dynamos</b> Burgess Park 31 <sup>st</sup> July -21 <sup>st</sup> August   11:15am-12:15pm
<a href="#"><u>Sign up link</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Sign up link</u></a>
All Stars PROMO CODE: 7RW6T	Dynamos PROMO CODE: 8SBYZ

Yours Sincerely,

Alex Hughes - [ajhughes@surreyccricket.com](mailto:ajhughes@surreyccricket.com) / 07756 269946  
Surrey Cricket Foundation,  
Kia Oval, London, SE11 5SS



SURREY  
CRICKET  
FOUNDATION







**FREE  
YEAR 6**



# **LITTLE FISH THEATRE SUMMER PROGRAMME**

**FOR SOUTHWARK CHILDREN**

**28TH JULY - 8TH AUG**

**2025 (MON-FRI)**

**AT RYE OAK PRIMARY  
SCHOOL**

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO  
BOOK A PLACE FOR YOUR CHILD  
EMAIL: [INFO@LITTLEFISHTHEATRE.CO.UK](mailto:INFO@LITTLEFISHTHEATRE.CO.UK)



TO FILL IN A BOOKING FORM  
CLICK THE LINK BELOW OR  
SCAN THE QR CODE

<https://bit.ly/413nERW>



**DRAMA:** *Music*



# FREE SUMMER CREATIVE PROGRAMME

**ARE YOU AGED 11–16?**

**LOVE ARTS AND MUSIC?**

**LIVE IN SOUTHWARK?**

**JOIN US THIS SUMMER TO MEET  
ARTISTS AND MUSICIANS, GET  
CREATIVE, AND CONNECT WITH  
OTHER YOUNG PEOPLE!**

**Bold Tendencies**, a not for profit arts organisation, is working with **The Nest**, mental health and wellbeing hub, for the third year; to deliver a series of seven, free creative and wellbeing sessions.

**When:** Every Friday, 11 - 3pm  
Friday 25 July - Friday 29 August

**Where:** Bold Tendencies, Multi-storey Car  
Park, Rye Lane, Peckham, SE15 4ST

**The programme is free.**

**Breakfast and lunch will be provided.**

**BOLD  
TENDENCIES**



**SCAN FOR  
MORE INFO**



[community@boldtendencies.com](mailto:community@boldtendencies.com)

**THE NEST**



# 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

# LOCATIONS

- St Giles Parish Hall - 161 Benhill Rd, London SE5 7LL
- Lettsom Hall - Vestry Road SE58PQ
- St Paul's Church - Lorrimore Square, London SE17 3QU
- St. George's CofE Primary School - Coleman Road, SE57TF
- Samuel Lewis - Samuel Lewis Trust Estate, Warner Rd, SE5 9LX
- Dawsons's Heights - SE22 0PN
- United Reformed Church, Lovewalk (11-16s only) - SE5 8AE



## ELIGIBILITY:

SPACES AVAILABLE FOR ALL!

**FREE for HAF eligible children aged 4-16.** Other children may be able to access a free place at our discretion, depending on circumstances.

A small charge of £10 per day may apply for those who do not fall into our eligibility criteria

## REGISTRATION

We use a central booking system for all our Holiday activity bookings. This gives you the option of booking for all or some of the dates that you want to attend.



Scan QR Code or visit  
[eequ.org/spring](https://eequ.org/spring) to  
register your  
child/children.

Funded by:



Please contact us if you have any challenges completing your registration. 07901617189 [holidayclub@springcommunityhub.org.uk](mailto:holidayclub@springcommunityhub.org.uk)



# SUMMER FOOTBALL CAMPS



GIRLS UNITED

**IMPROVE YOUR  
SKILLS ON AND OFF  
THE PITCH IN A FUN  
AND SUPPORTIVE  
ENVIRONMENT.**



**DULWICH SPORTS  
GROUND**  
Turney Road  
SE21 7JH

**30TH & 31ST  
JULY, & 1ST  
6TH, 7TH, 8TH,  
14TH, 15TH,  
21ST, & 22ND  
AUGUST**

**0900 -1500**

**SIGN UP  
& PLAY!**



[girlsunitedfa.org/londoncamps](https://girlsunitedfa.org/londoncamps)



# GIRLS UNITED

## SUMMER FOOTBALL CAMPS

**INDIVIDUAL  
TECHNIQUE  
FOOTBALL CLINICS  
WORKSHOPS  
GAME-RELATED  
PRACTICE**

**AGES 5 TO 14  
ALL LEVELS  
OF FOOTBALL  
EXPERIENCE  
WELCOME**



**Free & discounted  
memberships  
available**



[girlsunitedfa.org/communitypricing](https://girlsunitedfa.org/communitypricing)

**Boppin' bunnies**  
Live Music for Little Ones



# SUMMER SHOW



**FRIDAY  
22ND AUGUST**

Bermondsey Village Hall, Kirby Grove,  
London SE1 3TD

Live Music, Instruments, Dancing &  
Singing for families with babies & toddlers!

Showtime: 10:30am

Tickets: £11 per child - £5.50 for siblings

Book in advance: [www.boppinbunnies.co.uk/shows](http://www.boppinbunnies.co.uk/shows)



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# Denmark Hill Mobile Recycling Centre



**Saturday 12 July, 10:00am - 1:00pm**  
**Basingdon Way, SE5 8HT**

**We're bringing a recycling centre to your doorstep!**

Drop swap or take unwanted items to give them a new lease of life.

## Household items we accept:

- Books
- Household batteries and vapes
- CD's and DVDs
- Clothes and shoes
- Light bulbs
- Paint
- Small electricals
- Toys



**SCAN ME**

**Bring only what you can carry, no cars will be allowed**

Find out what you can bring by scanning the QR code or at  
<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/southwark-presents/denmark-hill-mobile-recycling-centre>



AutismSupportTeam@  
Southwark.gov.uk

## AUTISM SUPPORT TEAM TRAINING: FOR PARENT/CARER

### HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR AUTISTIC CHILD TO DEVELOP TOILETING SKILLS

In partnership with the Autism Education Trust (AET) we are offering Developing Toileting in the Early Years Training for Parent + Carers of autistic children.

#### Aims:

- To develop knowledge of how to support autistic children to achieve toileting independence.
- To understand the importance of working with others to support autistic children to develop independent toileting skills

#### Learning objectives:

- Understand how autism can impact on children developing independent toileting skills.
- Understand the importance of all adults working together to support the development of **independent** toileting skills.
- Consider how to remove barriers to developing toileting skills and how to make reasonable adjustments to support further toileting independence.

#### Free Training

##### In Person Dates:

- **25<sup>th</sup> July 10 – 12 pm In Person** Training Address: 1<sup>st</sup> Place Children + Family Hub 12 Chumleigh Street SE5 0RN  
Please check in at the Reception Desk.

##### Online Dates:

- **28<sup>th</sup> July 2pm – 4pm**
- **6<sup>th</sup> August 1pm – 3pm**
- **14<sup>th</sup> August 3pm – 5pm**

Register [here](#)



 **FREE EVENT**



# DYSLEXIA FAIR 2025

## UNDERSTANDING TODAY

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## SHAPING TOMORROW

[www.bellhouse.co.uk](http://www.bellhouse.co.uk)



REGISTERED CHARITY  
NUMBER 1157339

SUPPORT

**DYSLEXIA  
FAIR**

RESOURCES

**27th September  
10am - 4pm**

AWARENESS

**EDUCATION**



Every Saturday,  
13th September - 18th October

# YOUNG FARMERS

Are you curious about farming? Do you love animals?

Join our 6 week programme to learn about farming practices, animal life cycles and sustainability, all whilst having fun at The Farm!

We are hosting a jam-packed programme of...

**Animal Care | Games | Gardening | Wellbeing**

9am - 11.30am.

Ages 8 -14 are welcome.

£72 per child\*



\*We are offering a limited number of funded places for children from low-income families. Priority is given to those receiving pupil premium.

For more information and to sign up please  
email [education@vauxhallcityfarm.org](mailto:education@vauxhallcityfarm.org)