

Bessemer Primary School Newsletter



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Dates for your Diary

Friday 20th 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:

24.06.25 – New Reception parents' meeting, 9.15am
25.06.25 – Years 2 and 5 out to Alleyn's for science sessions
25.06.25 – Year 4 out to Alleyn's for a PE session
03.07.25 – Year 6 violin concerts for parents / carers
07.07.25-11.07.25 – End of year reports sent home
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
14.07.25 – Children meet their new teacher
15.07.25 – KS2 House winners' reward trip
16.07.25 – KS1 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.

Please note the highlighted change of dates below.

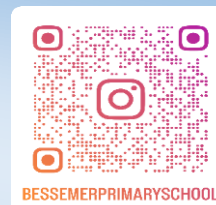
Thursday 24 th April	4GS	Thursday 5 th June	6LM
Friday 25 th April	4BG	Friday 6 th June	6KL
Thursday 1 st May	3/4 BW	Thursday 12 th June	6SB
Friday 2 nd May	5RS	Friday 13 th June	1JM
Thursday 8 th May	5FM	Thursday 19 th June	Moonbeam
Friday 9 th May	5OF	Friday 20 th June	1ST
Thursday 15 th May	3LS	Thursday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

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)



News and Reminders

Inclusion Coffee Morning

We held our first inclusion coffee morning in school this week, unfortunately the turn out was very disappointing. We planned the coffee morning because we are aware that many parents have questions or uncertainties about elements of our provision and we wanted to provide a forum to discuss these issues with members of the inclusion team and senior leadership team who are able to provide answers and clarity. The parents who did attend this week found the session helpful and thought that continuing to hold these events was a good idea.

We are going to hold another coffee morning later this term and we strongly urge you to come along if there is anything at all that you are unsure of regarding inclusion. It is an informal, drop in session, you don't have to stay long, just pop in for a coffee and have your questions answered. We will share the next date in next week's newsletter.

Hot Weather

While the weather is very hot, please ensure that your child has a full water bottle in school every day (these can be refilled in school during the day) and that they wear sun cream and bring a hat.

Please could you also make sure that your child is not wearing layers in this weather as the school building can get very warm. We do have fans in the classrooms but when the temperature reaches 30 degrees as it has this week we also allow children to bring hand held fans to school. However, the use of these fans is at the teachers' discretion and children may be asked not to use them at times if they are causing disruption.

Year 6 Residential Trip

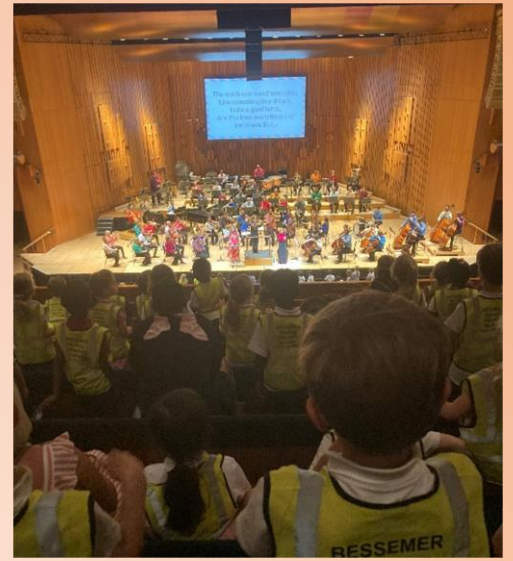
The Year 6 children went on their residential trip this week, spending two nights away at an activity centre in Mersea. They took part in activities such as zip lining, climbing, pioneering, orienteering, archery, kit cars and the giant swing. Everyone had a great time and came back hot and tired but happy!



Sharing Children's Learning

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

Children in Years 1 and 2 enjoyed a trip to The Barbican this week to watch The London Symphony Orchestra perform 'Wish You Were Here' - a show especially written for Key Stage One.



The next day the Year 1 children were out and about again, spending the day at The Science Museum to learn more about their current topic *The History of Flight*.



Sharing Children's Learning

Demonstrating our core value of being *Academically Ambitious, Creative and Practical* and *Connected to the Community*

Children in Reception have been learning all about dinosaurs. On Wednesday they had a fantastic workshop where they excavated fossils and met some baby dinosaurs!



As part of their RE focus on Judaism, children in years 3 and 4 had a visit from a Rabbi this week. They learnt lots of interesting facts about Judaism and had the opportunity to ask lots of questions.



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 **traipse**. 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

refuge

sequence

F@B update

Summer fair date and call for volunteers

Our summer fair is coming up in 4 weeks! We hope you can join us on Saturday 19 July, 12-3pm.

It's going to be a fantastic event - with delicious food, bouncy castle, crafts, games, gifts and a well-stocked bar. We can't wait 😊

We are beginning our search for parent volunteers so we can run lots of stalls, give Bessemer families a great day out, and raise funds for the school. Please help us if you can!

We need help for each of the following slots: Set up 9am-12.00, Stall shift 1 - 12.00-1.30, Stall shift 2 - 1.30-3, Clean up 3-5pm.

Please text Nikki on 07786 197570 sharing the times you are available. Thank you

Online Safety Tip of the Week

A guide for using AI with children and young people:

In this guide to AI, learn about the different AI tools like ChatGPT that are currently available. Then, explore how to support learning, creativity and even bedtime using AI at home.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/about-us/news-opinion/2025/artificial-intelligence-safety-tips-for-parents/>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Parent-guide-using-artificial-intelligence-Internet-Matters-May-2023.pdf>





Celebrations!

Certificates

	Star	Writer	Mathematician	Presenter	Scientist
Sunshine	Hugh	Samara	Henry		
Moonbeam	Steph	George	Dylan		
1JM	Whole class	Angus	Abigail	Isaac	Gabriel
1NS	Liam	Arlo	Florence	Alma	
1ST	Whole class	Violet	Olivia	Atreen	
2SD	Arabella	Ella	Vincent	Jennyfer	Leila
2LT	Hamltom	Larry	Briyit	Rosa	
3LS	Zak	Dougie	Sebastian	Rayha	
3NI	Olivia	Gwen	Stephany	Joseph	Margot
3/4BW	Ramsay	Elham	Aymar	Helene	
4BG	Kebreab	Sophie	Makai	Donatas	
4GS	Matilda	Alessandro	Temi	Jacob	
5RS	Esme	Rose	Stella	Lucie	
5OF	Khaliyah	Holly	Luciano	Nicolas	
5FM	Kyanna	Cruize	Ramadan	Abemelek	
6LM	No certificates for Year 6 this week due to the residential trip – they're all Stars of the Week!				
6SB					
6KL					

Individual Timestable Rockstars

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Sienna	Jasper	Albie	Juno	Aishah	Aimenya

Timestable Rockstars Winning Classes

Key Stage 1	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2
1NS	4BG	5RS

House
Winners

Rubies!



Have a great weekend!

Elizabeth

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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

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WHY GIRLS UNITED?

- Dedicated coaching team receiving regular up-skilling
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- Onward player pathway opportunities
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Sunday 22nd June
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