

Bessemer Primary School Newsletter



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Dates for your Diary

Thursday 25th July 2024

Term Dates 2024-25

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School Holidays

INSET Days

Tutorial Day

Bank Holidays

Dates For Your Diary

04.09.24 – Children return to school, Years 1-6

04.09.24 and 05.09.24 – Nursery and Reception settling in sessions

06.09.24 – All Nursery and Reception children start school

23.09.24 – Reception phonics and reading workshop for parents, 9.15am

08.10.24 – Flu immunisations in school

News and Reminders

More Goodbyes

As well as the permanent staff members that we said goodbye to last week, we also need to say goodbye to three more members of staff. While they have only been with us this year they have become members of our Bessemer community and we are very grateful for their hard work over the year, so goodbye and good luck to teaching assistants Kate Storey and Paige Hamlett and admin officer Sarah Faola.

...And Even More Goodbyes

On Tuesday we held our graduation for our Year 6 children, who are, in the words of their song, *checking out and moving on*. Then on Wednesday it was time for the Year 6 leavers' disco, where everyone had a great time. Finally, this morning the Year 6 children beat the staff 4-3 in the annual football match!



Some of our Year 6s were our very first Little Stars, so have been at Bessemer for 9 years! Whether they have been with us for 1 year or 9 it has been our pleasure to have them and we wish them all the very best as they move on to secondary school. We are proud of the amazing young people they have become and know that they will continue to demonstrate our Bessemer values as they continue to grow into young adults; striving to achieve the best they can, treating others and themselves with kindness and respect and challenging inequality and unfairness when they see it, to create the society that we want to live in. congratulations to the class of '24!

Not Goodbye After All.....

In last week's newsletter we said goodbye to Mandy Starnes, who has been at Bessemer for 32 years! We now need to retract that goodbye as Mandy has very kindly agreed to stay on for a little longer. Welcome back Mandy!

Thank you

A huge, huge thank you to our Bessemer community of parents and carers who have worked so hard to support us this year. Whether that be through work for F@B, fundraising, organizing and volunteering at events, accompanying classes on trips, supporting children in class, cooking for class parties and other events or sending messages of support during Ofsted, thank you! We couldn't do it without you.

Well Done!

Well done to Year 6 pupils Lekha and Iona who ran a stall at the summer fair and raised £135 for ZSL, as well as donating to FAB. Iona and Lekha will be going to ZSL's office at London Zoo on 7th August to pass on the funds they raised.



News and Reminders

House winners' Trip

The children in Diamonds had a great time on their winners' trip to the cinema this week:



Holiday Activities

Please have a look at the flyers at the end of the newsletter for information about holiday activities taking place in the local area.

If your child is entitled to Pupil Premium, then they are also entitled to a place in Southwark's Summer of Food and Fun Programme. Details were emailed to all eligible families a few weeks ago and there is a flyer with details at the end of the newsletter. You can also use this link to find out more [Further information here](#)

Here are some more ideas for summer fun shared by Southwark:

Kooth - 'Go somewhere good this summer': The summer holidays can mean lots more free time. But it's easy to let the days go by, get lost in your phone, and down in your mood. Kooth asked hundreds of young people for their ideas for simple things to do that can make you feel great. [Top 20 ideas for activities for young people can be found here](#)

The Big Mile - Entries are still open for the FREE family event, taking place on Sunday 1st September in Greenwich. Please do encourage your schools to share the info with their families. [Register here](#)

Social Sports Society - Social Sports Society is devoted to uniting urban communities together through the love of sport. A team of experts from interdisciplinary backgrounds, our mission is to transform underused city terrain into gathering hubs, [further details here](#)

Free summer activities for children and teens from Southwark Libraries - Events, workshops, and weekly stories for kids and teens are taking place in Southwark libraries this summer. Join us from 13 July to 7 September. [Visit the website for all events](#)

Free School Meals

Following his reelection, London Mayor Sadiq Khan has written to schools to confirm that all children in London will continue to receive free school meals and that funding for this has been increased by 13% for the upcoming year.

Southwark Children and Family Centres
Peckham, Peckham Rye and Nunhead

INCREDIBLE YEARS AUTISM PROGRAMME

The Incredible Years Autism Programme offers great strategies for promoting children's language skills, school readiness, emotional self-regulation, social skills, empathy, and building positive relationships. It provides evidence-based strategies for parents and carers to enhance their parenting confidence and understanding of the valuable role that they play in promoting their children's development.

Starting Wednesday 25th
September 2024 10am -12pm,
every Wednesday for 14
weeks

Book your place
02038485780
Childrenscentre@ivydale.
southwark.sch.uk



Carnival!

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

Last Friday the whole school took part in our annual carnival. As the weather was so hot we did not complete our usual parade around the streets, but we still got into the spirit with our Samba band playing and our carnival costumes and props on display. We paraded out to the field where we performed our carnival songs to parents and carers. Huge thanks and well done to Lauren Todd for leading on the musical elements and Rebecca Steel and Lydia Saunders for facilitating the art elements. Finally, a big thank you to parents and carers for coming along to join us!



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Word of the Week

Well done to all the children who have been expanding their vocabularies by learning the Words of the Week! Here is a list of the Words of the Week from this term to practise using over the holiday:

anticipate	catastrophe
swagger	timid
synchronise	magnificent
sumptuous	fumble
encyclopedia	admire
tonsils	ample
	compassion

F@B Update

Playtime fun appeal

This summer some big improvements are planned to help all our children have a great time playing and exploring together in Bessemer's playgrounds. Plans include a very special pirate ship for the early years playground 🏴‍☠️

This is something we thought everyone would be keen for F@B to support and the funds you have already given are going to help a lot!

Any extra parent donations would be very welcome so we've set up an appeal page. Every penny helps!

You can find out more at this link: <https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/fundraising/playground-appeal-2024>

Thank you all for an amazing year - F@B have really enjoyed all the events and the fantastic sense of community at Bessemer! 🤝

Nature garden and football pitch hire

Did you know you can hire the nature garden or the football pitch for your child's birthday party?

The nature garden is available most days this summer holiday or on weekends in term time. Hire is for a suggested £50 donation for a 2 hour party plus extra set up and packing away time.

The football pitch can also be hired for the same rate but is already in use by various clubs and groups (including the summer holidays childcare at Bessemer).

To find out more please send an email to fab@friendsatbessemer.co.uk

Online Safety Tip of the Week

Children are likely to spend more time on screens during the holiday, especially while parents and carers are trying to juggle work commitments! This is a helpful link to find out more about how to keep screen time safe and fun.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/screen-time/learn-about-it/>





Celebrations!

At the end of every academic year teachers choose children to receive 'Certificates of Excellence'. Two children from each year group from Reception to Year 5 are chosen for either their effort or attainment in each of the subject areas listed below.

Congratulations to all of these children who have demonstrated our core value of being **Academically Ambitious** throughout this year.

	Reception	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five
Maths	Arlo S	Eimi	Abdulai	Felix E	Amelia G	Hannah
	Amir	Jeremiah	Tasnim	Temi	Adeola	Tayo
Reading	Inoa	Nathan	Nathaniel	Phoenix S	Cavalli	Sophie
	Louie	Adonai	Kenza	Alessandro	Riccardo	Rayanne
Writing	Safiyatu	Sara	Olivia	Faye	Radin	Poppy
	Alaia	Ella	Casper	Sarah	Aishah	Frankie
PE	Isaac	Larry	Malachi	Joel	Esme	Tofarati
	Abigail	Arabella	Zahra	Grace	Elijah	Violet
Science	Storm	Hamilton	Jojo	Aidan	Malachi	Ozgur
	Marlow	Tammany	Evie	Ismay	Kyanna	Jacob
Computing	Victoria	Nia Bella	Phoebe	Agibu	Noah	Max E
	Janaya	Jacob	Aidan	Felix H	Amelia S	Neron
Humanities / Understanding of the World	Felix R	Jolyon	Isobel	Seren	Sammy	Max M
	Cormac	Sorrel	Georgie	Leonel	Samuel	Ruby H
					Alkyoni	
Creativity	Kassie	Eleanore	Ellie-Mae	Stiven	Esther	Florence V Virtue
	Ernie	Teresita	Maceo	Otis	Arthur	



Recipients of Certificates of Excellence – For being Academically Ambitious



From everyone at Bessemer we want to thank you for all of your support this year and wish you a very safe and happy summer holiday, see you in September!

Elizabeth



AUGUST

Tues 27th - Fri 30th

9:30am - 12:30pm



**£95 for
4 days**

**4 days of athletics activities,
technique training & games!**

7 - 9 Years



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



SMCDERMOTT@MINIATHLETICS.COM






07811787153

The full 4 days are preferred (but not necessarily essential) as children will be working on different techniques each day with certificates on the Friday. Bessemer families get a 15% discount using the code 'BESS24'.

Soccer Stars Football Academy (SSFA)

- Birthday parties
- Half-term/Inset day camps
- Football sessions

If you are interested, please enquire by messaging the following number: 07522425931

   The following is information regarding our upcoming camp:

The camp will be based at Peckham Rye Park
(Colyton/Homestall Road entrance).

The camp is for 5 - 11year olds and the time and dates are:

9am-3pm

Monday 29th July
Tuesday 30th July
Wednesday 31st July
Thursday 1st August
Friday 2nd August

&

Monday 5th August
Tuesday 6th August
Wednesday 7th August
Thursday 8th August
Friday 9th August

The price is £30 per child, per day.

If you are interested, please can you reply with your child's name, age and dates you wish for them to attend to:



07522425931.





Summer CAMP

FREE PLACES & LUNCH*

available for eligible families

Southwark
Council
LONDON

4 weeks of fun!

29 July - 2 August

5 August - 9 August

12 August - 15 August

Mon 19 - Thur 22 August

10:00am - 2:00pm

 Dulwich Harriet Football
Club, Champion Hill,
Edger Kell Way,
London, SE22 8HD

Ages 4-16 years

Suitable for children and
young people from
Reception to School
Year 11

REGISTER NOW

Book FREE* places via
www.southwark.gov.uk/07756826105
or scan QR code



Book paid places via our
website

Activities Include:

**Multi-Sports | Fun Games |
Football Tournaments | Arts & Crafts**

The London Borough of Southwark's Holiday Activities
& Food (HAF) programme offers healthy meals and
enriching activities for children and young people.

*Free places are only available for those eligible for
benefit-related free school meals.

For more information, contact us:

   dynamiccoachinguk.com



07756 826105



admin@dynamicmail.co.uk



COST

FREE places and lunches are available during the summer holidays for children and young people eligible for Free School Meals, subject to availability.

Paid places are also offered for those not eligible. If paying for a place, please provide a packed lunch (no nuts) and a drink.



£15 per day



£55 for all 4 days



Scan QR code to book paid places

We are proud to work in partnership with the London Borough of Southwark to improve the lives of children and young people.

STREETS FOR PEOPLE

LONDON BOROUGH OF SOUTHWARK



SUMMER HOLIDAY CYCLING COURSES

Southwark Council with Cycle Confident are providing FREE cycle skills courses for children over the summer holidays.



“ The training instructors were amazing. Amazing service and advice. Thank you! ”

Southwark parent

Complete beginner courses, intermediate off-road courses and on-road courses are available and booking up fast! Training is in small groups with two fully qualified instructors.

Locations: Dulwich Park & Burgess Park.

Please bring your own bikes to Dulwich Park. Bikes are available on request at Burgess Park.

BOOK NOW

Places are limited so for more info or to book please visit

www.cycleconfident.com/southwark or call **020 303 16730**



SPORTS FOCUS COACHING

Summer Camp



Nerf Guns, Football, Floor is Lava, Easter Arts & Crafts, Tennis

Where: Bessemer Grange Primary School, Dylways

Ages: Reception - Year 6

Week 1: Monday, 29th July - Friday, 2nd August

Week 2: Monday, 5th August - Friday, 9th August

Week 3: Monday, 12th August - Friday, 16th August

Times & Prices:

9:00 - 12:00 £25

12:00 - 15:00 £25

9:00 - 15:00 £33

Early drop off 8:30 additional £3.50

Late Collection 17:00 additional £5

Dodge Ball, Cricket, Athletics, Cooking & More!

Spaces are limited

To book

www.sportsfocusuk.co.uk

For further info

Email: bookings@sportsfocusuk.co.uk

or Call: 07946 007937



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SUMMER FOOTBALL CAMPS



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



GRIFFIN SPORTS GROUND

**31ST JULY, 1ST, 2ND, 7TH, 8TH, 9TH & 30TH AUGUST
0900 -1500**

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SUMMER FOOTBALL CAMPS



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

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

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SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2024

FREE FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT CAMP

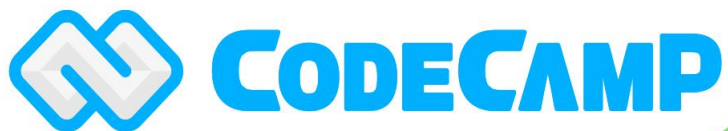
ST PAUL'S SPORTS GROUND

**10AM - 2PM
EVERYDAY**

LIMITED PLACES

BOOK NOW





Get creative with tech this summer!



**Minecraft
Engineers**



**Spark
Coding**



**Design
Camp**

Find a holiday camp near you at
www.codecamp.co.uk

Monday
29th July–
Friday
23rd August

Scan here to book



Day Camp with pool time,
Swimming, Diving, Climbing,
Mermaids, Trampoline,
Early drop off and Late pick up



Grab a family membership
at JAGS Sports Club
this summer

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**Summer
Family
Membership**

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Valid from 8th July
7 weeks: £180
4 weeks: £120

Includes two adults
and all children living
in one household



jagssportsclub.co.uk

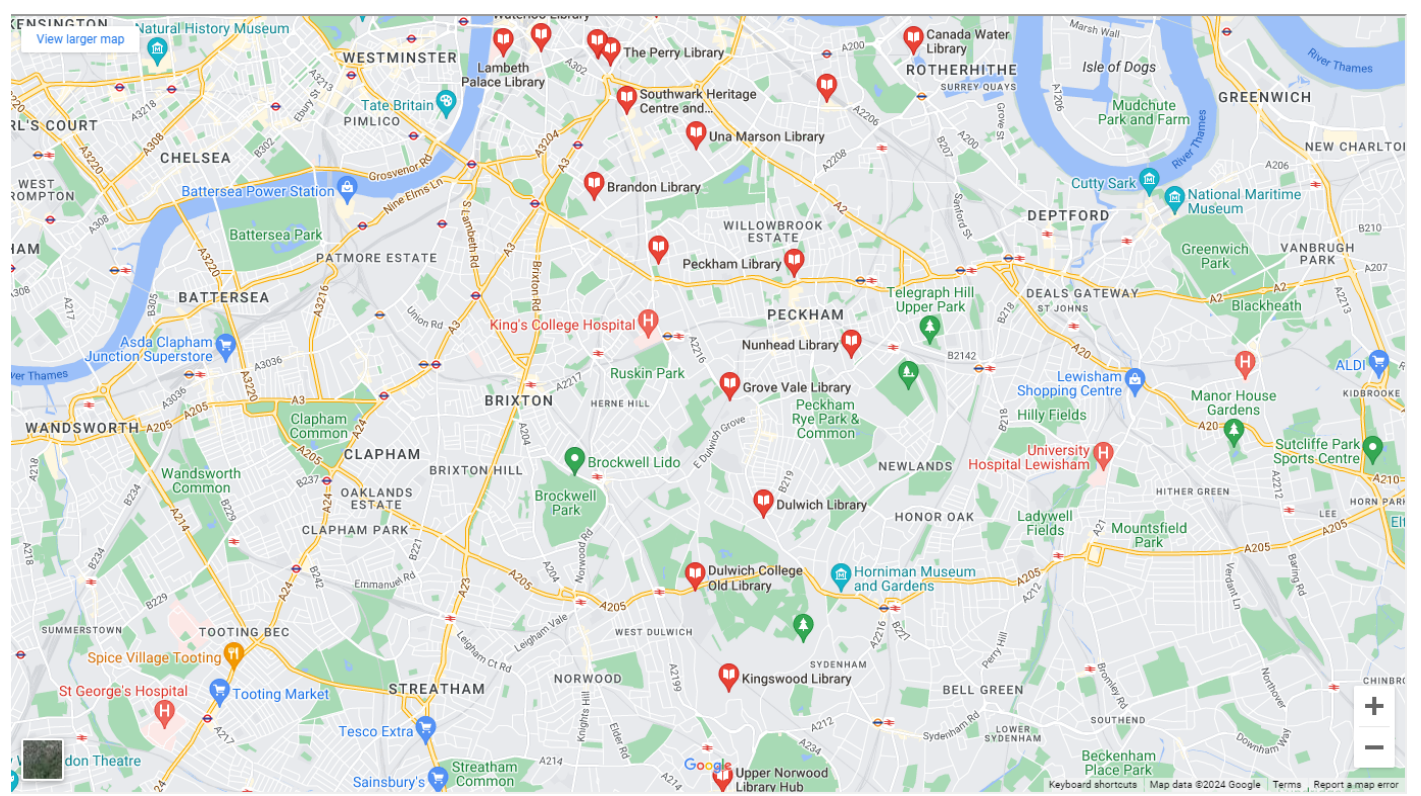


The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children ages 4 to 11 years to keep reading during the school summer holidays. They can choose any book they enjoy to read, from chapter books, comics or even information books. On their reading journey they will find lots of fun characters and join them in a creative story. There are stickers to collect for their special folder and after reading 6 books they earn a certificate. Each week children will be entered into a prize draw and get the chance to win fun prizes. It's free to take part and children can sign up at any Southwark Library.

Date: 13 July 2024 to 7 September 2024

Time: 9am to 5pm

www.southwark.gov.uk/libraries





Summer Holiday Family Activity Days

at the Centre for Wildlife Gardening, 28 Marsden Road, SE15 4EE

Family Wildlife Discovery Day

Sunday 28th July 10am till 3pm

Have fun finding minibeasts in the garden with pond dipping, bush beating, sweep netting, crafts and games.

The following can be booked as a single day or as both days:

Summer Nature Savers

Monday 29th & Tuesday 30th July 10am till 3pm

On Monday you will find out about bees and hoverflies and how you can help them with nesting sites, watering pools and hoverfly lagoons. Play the pollinator game, crafts and seed sowing.

On Tuesday you will hunt for caterpillars in the garden and learn how to help butterflies by making a butterfly bar and puddle.

Crafts, games, story.

Southwark residents only. One adult may bring up to 3 children.

£3 To book see qr code or visit www.wildlondon.org.uk/events



Protecting
London's
wildlife for
the future

To find out more about the London Wildlife
Trust and for other events visit
www.wildlondon.org.uk/events
Or email dwallace@wildlondon.org.uk