

Bessemer Primary School Newsletter



Part of The Gem Federation

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Dates for your Diary

Friday 4th July 2025

Term Dates 2024-25

September 2024	October 2024	November 2024	December 2024
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School Holidays

INSET Days

Tutorial Day

Bank Holidays

Summer Term Diary Dates:

- 07.07.25-11.07.25 – End of year reports shared with parents and carers
- 08.07.25 – Nursery sports day, 9-10am
- 09.07.25 – Reception and KS1 sports day, Reception am only, KS1 all day from 9.30am
- 10.07.25 – KS2 sports day, all day from 9.30am
- 11.07.25 – New Reception starters' picnic for children and parents / carers, 12-1 in the nature garden
- 11.07.25 – Rug sale after school – children can buy / sell second hand toys (contact F@B for details)
- 13.07.25 – F@B raffle prize draw (see F@B update for details)
- 14.07.25 – Children meet their new teacher
- 15.07.25 – House winners' trips
- 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, pm (non-uniform day except Year 6)
- 22.07.25 – Last day of term, 2pm finish (no After School Club)

News and Reminders

School Reports

Children's end of year reports will be shared on Compass by the end of next week. If you cannot access your child's report by Friday, or if you would like to make an appointment to discuss your child's report, please contact the school office.

Your child's report will include the details of their class for next year and their new teacher's name. Children will then spend some time in their new classroom with their new teacher on Monday 14th July.

Sports Days

Please see the diary dates to find the day and time of your child's sports day. Further details about sports day can be found on the following two pages of the newsletter.

Please make sure that your child wears their PE kit, including their gem house t-shirt (on this occasion only children are asked to wear a t-shirt in their house colour if they do not have a gem t-shirt, but no football kits please). All children must wear trainers to take part in sports day.

Children will be outside most of the day on their sports day so please ensure that they are wearing sun cream and have a hat and water bottle.

If you are not joining your child for lunch on sports day, or are not bringing a picnic, please remember that you must book a school packed lunch on Parentmail. The deadline for this was today, so if you have not done so please book now! If you are bringing lunch for your child please could you state this on Parentmail by selecting *home lunch* – this helps us to work out whether school lunches are not needed or just haven't been booked.

Other Upcoming Events for Parents and Carers to Attend

There is a picnic for all new Reception children (starting Reception in September) in the nature garden next Friday (11th July). Please bring a picnic and a blanket and come and meet your child's new class! The picnic is from 12-1pm and children must be taken to the picnic by their parent / carer. Our current Nursery children need to be collected from Nursery, taken to the picnic and then taken back to Nursery or taken home afterwards.

There is a transition meeting for current Reception parents and carers to share information about the move from Reception to Year 1 at 9.15am on Thursday 17th July.

The Year 6 production takes place at 6pm on Wednesday 16th July. Two adults per child are invited to come and watch.

Our whole school Carnival is on Thursday 17th July. Please come and join us, the parade starts at 2pm.

The Year 6 graduation is at 2pm on Monday 21st July, two adults per Year 6 child are invited to come and celebrate the children's time at Bessemer.

The Bessemer Summer Fair takes place on Saturday 19th July, please come and join us between 12 and 3pm.

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)





Bessemer Primary School Sports Day 2025

Programme of Events

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event and Details</u>
9.25 AM	Parents and carers arrive on the field <i>by going through the office and out of 2SD courtyard</i>
9.30 AM	Athletics events begin <i>These will take place in a carousel style with gem groups (Ks2 only) moving from event to event.</i>
12.00 PM (Reception and KS1)	Picnic begins <i>Parents and carers collect children from the event they began at to have a picnic on the field.</i>
12.30 PM (KS2)	<i>Reception children go back to class after the picnic, Reception parents leave.</i>
1.00 PM (KS1) 1.30 PM (KS2)	Children are brought back to teachers for registration and debrief from gem house lead and certificates given for some events. Prepare sprinters and relay teams and check order.
1.30 PM	Sprint finals Relay Race Parent and carer egg and spoon relay
2.00 PM	Parent races Ice lollies
2.45 PM	Children return to teachers and return to base classes
2.50 PM	Parents leave field and either collect children or exit



Bessemer Primary School Sports Day 2025

Toilets

Parents and carers are welcome to use the adult toilets next to the office. However, children will still be in school whilst other sports days are taking place so please keep trips to the bathroom to a minimum to avoid disturbing lessons. Please do not take your child into school to go to the toilet. School adults will be advising children when to go to the toilet. If your child needs to go during lunchtime, they should be taken by their teacher.

Awards and Competition

Children are competing for their gem house in the gem house sports day cup. Each key stage has their own cup. Children who come first in an event, will earn points for their gem house. Most competitions are gem house competitions, with a few exceptions, such as the sprint. However, we do want to track the best score for each year group to create a set of Bessemer records for each event. Each teacher will also decide on a greatest sports person from the day who displayed determination, teamwork and respect. These awards will be given at a celebration assembly following the completion of all sports days.

Lunches and lunchtime

Please adhere to the following guidelines when planning your picnic or your child's packed lunch:

Please do not include; nuts or nut products, e.g. peanut butter, un-cut grapes, sweets, chocolate bars (biscuits with some chocolate coating are acceptable) or fizzy drinks.

During lunchtime, the usual school rules will still apply. Please make sure that your child continues to behave in a way that is appropriate for school and sets a good example for Bessemer.

We are very fortunate to have access to JAGS for events such as these. Please make sure you leave the field as you found it by taking all litter with you.

We hope you and your children have a wonderful day!

Jack and Fiona

News and Reminders

Family Support

Please use this link to see the Mental Health Support Team's Summer newsletter, containing details of activities for children and support for teenagers and adults:

<https://www.thegemfederation.co.uk/besemer-primary/learning-hub/our-curriculum/send/social-emotional-and-mental-health?stage=Stage>

There are flyers at the end of the newsletter with details of:

- Summer holiday childcare clubs, including the one based at Bessemer
- Cricket programmes for children aged 5-11
- A theatre programme for Year 6 children to support with the transition to secondary school
- A creative programme for 11-16 year olds
- Family member ship at JAGS sports club
- Family activity camps offering free places
- A Dyslexia fair taking place in September

Use this link to find out more about Southwark's Summer of Food and Fun, providing free meals and childcare over the summer to eligible families:

https://www.eequ.org/southwarkfoodandfun?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=

Find out about grants to help buy secondary school uniform here:

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/schools-and-education/financial-support-school-age-children/school-uniform-grants>

Sharing Children's Learning

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

Children in Year 5 are learning about *The Environment* this half term. This is an example of the way we approach wider curriculum lessons in a creative and practical way; children worked together to sort materials for recycling.



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Children in Year 2 enjoyed a trip to Pizza Express this week, everyone had a great time making their own pizzas and then eating them for lunch back at school!



Children in Year 6 have been having weekly violin lessons all year as part of our music provision which is delivered by specialist teachers thanks to the hard work of F@B members and the generosity of Bessemer parents and carers. This week they showed off everything they have learnt in concerts watched by lots of proud family members!



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 **sturdy**. 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

We have an exciting week ahead with sports days picnics and cake sales planned, plus a kids' rug sale on Friday where several of the students are planning to sell their toys and games - you'll be able to get your shopping done in the year 5/6 playground after school that day!

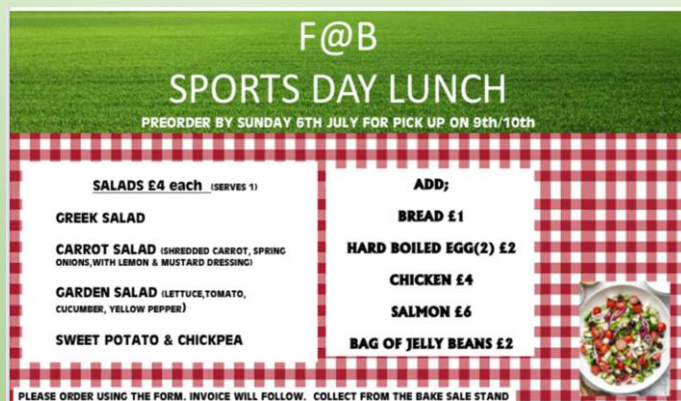
Kids who want to register to sell at the rug sale can sign up

here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdygmvlFMJB5UcKEAEV1k22YVv5jrpuulyU-dltRtcSNPg9aw/viewform?usp=header>

For the **sports days** we have a range of delicious salads on offer from Anna Box, plus lots of parents are kindly baking cakes and cookies for the lunchtime stalls.

The menu is below and can be ordered via this

link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScGcUiJZC0hzXZyJNJ_yqTXGSwPzncvbTAF5pZwvaquaFLJUg/viewform



Online Safety Tip of the Week

When is it an appropriate age to give your child their first phone? Should children have Smartphones?

What are the risks of having an internet enabled device at a young age?

As a parent, it can be overwhelming to make a decision about when to give your child their first phone, and even their first smartphone with ready access to the Internet and the various social media apps.

In some ways, having their own phone can be a great opportunity for children to develop independence, but having clear rules and expectations is also important, as well as having safeguards to ensure that children are not exposed to inappropriate content or other harms from social media. **It is also important to remember that Smartphones are now banned in many secondary schools and that this is likely to extend to primary schools in the near future.**

Internet Matters helps by providing a useful guide to parents on how to choose the right mobile phone, and what consider when getting your child their first phone:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/tech-guide/mobile-phones-for-children/>





Celebrations!

Certificates

	Star	Writer	Mathematician	Presenter	Scientist
Sunshine	Lorenzo	Annabel	Leonardo		
Moonbeam	Leon	K'Mara	Teddy		
1JM	Angus	Leo T	Daksha	Gabriel	
1NS	Hadley	Ava	Lev	Goodwill	Elijah
1ST	Violet	Yonathan	Sienna	Jude	
2SD	Jeremiah	Troy	Nia	Florence	Mylah
2LT	Teddy	Mason	Lucy	Sara	
3LS	Dougie	Genny	Edward	Isobel	
3NI	Ava	Callum	Dylan	Maceo	Emma
3/4BW	Felix	Malaki	Talya	Zahra	
4BG	Vidak	Shackleton	Idris	Makai	
4GS	Wilfred	Phoenix S	Alessandro	Nikolas	
5RS	Rose	Leo	Lacey	Fran	Noah
5OF	Adam	Suraya	Tobias	Sam E	
5FM	Stiven	Rene	Remy	Riccardo	
6LM	Fox			Gloria	
6SB	Ozgur			Arda	
6KL	Lori			Finn	

Individual Timestable Rockstars

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Oivia S	Jasper	Bella	Phoenix S	Noah	Kelvin

Timestable Rockstars Winning Classes

Key Stage 1	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2
1ST	3/4BW	5OF

House
Winners

Sapphires!



Have a great weekend!

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

Phone: 07946 007 937

Website: 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.

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Available from
7th July –
24th August
2025



Call 020 8613 6500

Swimming
Diving
Day Camp
Basketball



Scan QR code to book



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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.



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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 31st July -21st 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 31st July -21st 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.

All Stars Burgess Park 31 st July -21 st August 10:00am-11:00am	Dynamos Burgess Park 31 st July -21 st August 11:15am-12:15pm
Sign up link	Sign up link
All Stars PROMO CODE: 7RW6T	Dynamos PROMO CODE: 8SBYZ

Yours Sincerely,

Alex Hughes - ajhughes@surreyccricket.com / 07756 269946
Surrey Cricket Foundation,
Kia Oval, London, SE11 5SS



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**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



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

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 to
register your
child/children.

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Please contact us if you have any challenges completing your registration. 07901617189 holidayclub@springcommunityhub.org.uk

 **FREE EVENT**



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REGISTERED CHARITY
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SUPPORT

**DYSLEXIA
FAIR**

RESOURCES

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

AWARENESS