

# Bessemer Primary School Newsletter



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## Dates for your Diary

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024

### 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 <sup>st</sup> November	1NS	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	5FM
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	3/4BW	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	6LM
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	2SD	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	6MS
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	2LT	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	4BG
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	3LS	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	5RS
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	3NI	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	4GS
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> June		Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	6SB
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	1ST	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	5OF
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	1JM		

## Dates for your Diary

### Upcoming Events for the Autumn Term

- 09.12.24 – 3LS and 3/4BW trip to The Natural History Museum  
09.12.24 – Year 6 Junior Citizens trip  
10.12.24 – House winners' trip  
10/12.24 – Little Stars Christmas sing along and stay and play, 11am  
10.12.24 – Reception Christmas performance, 2pm  
11.12.24 – Reception Christmas performance, 2pm  
12.12.24 - Little Stars Christmas sing along and stay and play, 3pm  
13.12.24 – 3NI, 4BG and 4GS trip to The Natural History Museum  
14.12.24 – Winter fair, 12-3pm  
16.12.24 – Year 1 and 2 carols, 3pm  
17.12.24 – Year 3 and 4 carol concert at St Faith's, 5.30pm  
18.12.24 – Nursery carols, 3pm  
18.12.24 – Year 5 and 6 carol concert at St Faith's, 5.30pm  
18.12.24 – Children's Christmas lunch and Christmas dress up (Christmas jumpers or accessories)  
19.12.24 – Class parties (children can wear their party clothes all day)  
20.12.24 – Last day of term, 2pm finish, no After School Club

### Autumn 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. If you are able to accompany your child's class on their library visit please speak to their class teacher.

Date	10:20- 11am	Date	10.20-11am
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> September	6LM	Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> October	3LS
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> September	6MB	Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> October	2LT
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> September	6SB	Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> November	2SD
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> September	5RS	Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> November	1JM
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	5FM	Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> November	1NS
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	5OF	Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> November	1ST
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> October	4GS	Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Moonbeam
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> October	4BG	Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Rainbow
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> October	3/4BW	Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Sunshine
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> October	3NI	Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Ladybird
		Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Butterfly



## News and Reminders

### House Winners

This term the house that has collected the most gems is Sapphires! The children in Sapphires will be going to watch *Despicable Me 4* at The Dulwich Picture House on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December. If your child is in Sapphires you will have received a letter via Compass, please make sure you go to Parentmail to give permission for your child to attend the trip.



Well done to all of the children in **Sapphires!**

### Activity Clubs

All activity clubs have now finished except for Gothic Literature which has one more session this Monday for everyone who booked the additional sessions.

Don't forget that booking for next term's after school activity clubs opens at 4pm on Monday (9<sup>th</sup> December). You will have received all of the information about the spring term clubs via Compass.

### Reporting Children's Absence

If your child is going to be absent from school for sickness or any other reason that has not been prearranged or authorized, please make sure that you call the school office (after 8am when the phone lines open) and leave a message providing the reason for absence. You do need to call on every day that your child is absent from school.

Our attendance system sends an automated message at 9.45am to the parents of any child for whom the office staff have not logged a reason for absence. On days with high absence figures it is possible that the message is sent before all of the messages have been listened to and reasons logged. If you receive this message and have already reported your child's absence you do not need to respond.

### Football Update

Here is a football update from Jack Mellett, who is covering the leadership of P.E. along with Fiona McDonald while Jess White is on maternity leave.

### Match Report

The 24/25 PESSN football league has kicked off and both YR 6 teams have made flying starts. The boys' team started their campaign with an impressive 15 - 1 thrashing of Friars. In their next match they were still in the mood to entertain and duly dismantled Alfred Salter with a score of 10 - 0.

The girls' team have also impressed. They started their campaign with a controlled 3 - 0 win against St Peter's girls' team. In game week 2, despite having several key players unavailable, the girls dug deep and earned a credible 2 - 2 draw against (friendly!) rivals Grange. Players of both teams have shown great tenacity, skill and determination to succeed.



## Christmas Events

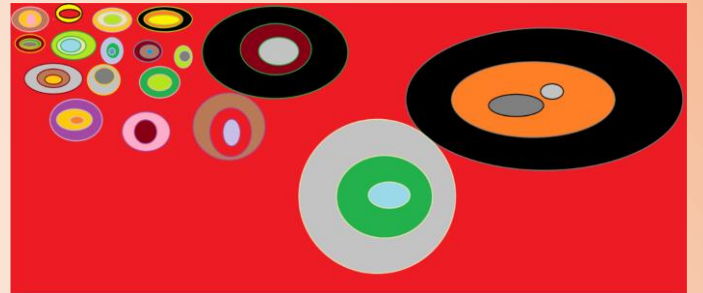
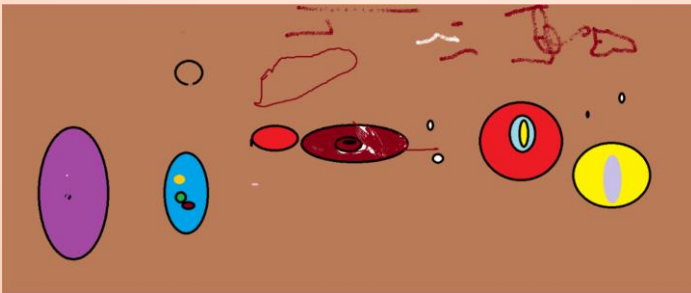
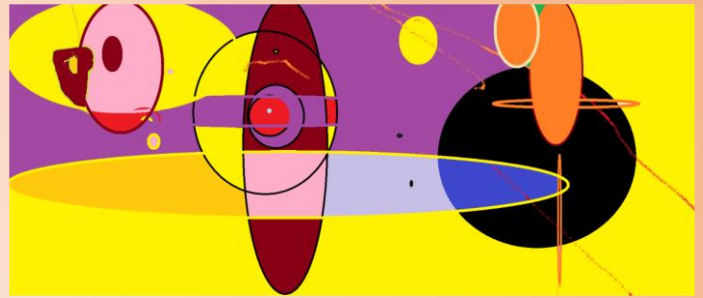
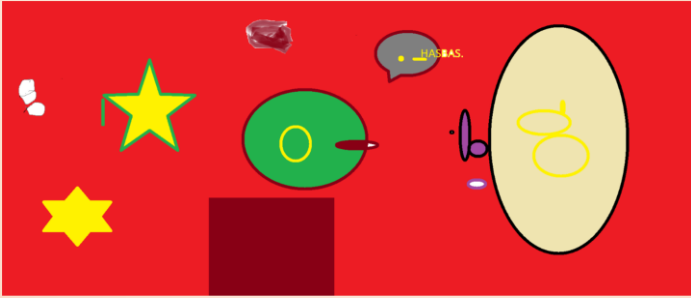
When?	Who?	Where?	What?
10.12.24 at 11am 12.12.24 at 3pm	Little Stars	Little Stars	Join your Little Stars child for one of these sessions for a Christmas sing along and then some creative rice cake decorating!
10.12.24 and 11.12.24 at 2pm	Reception	The top hall	Come to one of these performances to watch your child in 'Cockadoodle Christmas'. Due to space restrictions we ask that only 2 adults per child attend. You can take your child home after the performance.
14.12.24 from 12-3pm	Everyone	school	Please come and support our amazing F@B at the Winter Fair.
16.12.24 at 3pm	Years 1 and 2	The top hall	Parents and carers please come and watch KS1 children sing some festive favourites! Children can bring a festive hat or other accessory to wear.
17.12.24 at 5.30pm	Years 3 and 4	St Faith's	Parents and carers, please come to our annual carol concerts – children are picked up from school and brought to the concert by parents or carers, we do not take any children from school. Children can wear their festive outfits and accessories. Time to practice the actions to The Twelve Days of Christmas everyone!
18.12.24 at 5.30pm	Years 5 and 6		
18.12.24 at 3pm	Nursery	The top hall	Parents and carers please come and watch Nursery children sing some festive favourites! Children can wear festive clothes or accessories all day.
18.12.24	Everyone	school	Children have their Christmas lunch in school. If your child usually has packed lunch and you want them to have Christmas lunch please let the office know next week. Children can wear festive jumpers, outfits or accessories all day.
19.12.24	Everyone	school	All classes will be having their class parties and children can wear party clothes to school. Classes will let parents and carers know if they would like food donations.



## Sharing Children's Learning

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

In Computing this week children in Year 1 were creating technology art using the Paint software on their laptops. They discovered and discussed examples of Kandinsky's artwork to inspire them. Here are some examples of the children's brilliant work:



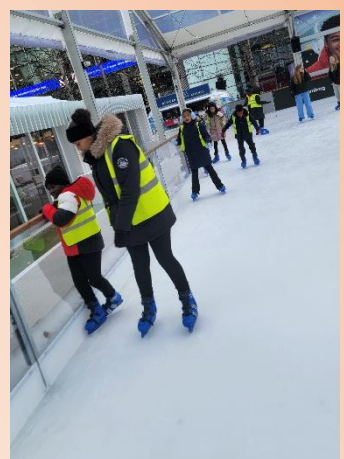
Children in Year 4 are working hard on their multiplication facts this year. All children are expected to know all of their times tables and related subtraction facts by the end of Year 4 because this provides such a valuable foundation for success in many areas of maths. This week they have been making their own flashcards and testing their quick recall of multiplication facts.





**Sharing Children's Learning**  
**Demonstrating our core value of being *Creative and Practical***

A group of children from Years 3 and 4 went ice skating today. Everyone had a great time!



Children in Year 1 went to The Theatre Peckham to watch a performance of *Pan, Peter's Come Out To Play* today. This is an adaptation of *Peter Pan* which is set in Peckham (and an ex Bessemer pupil is a member of the cast!). Children and adults alike all thoroughly enjoyed themselves and strongly recommend the production.





## Sharing Children's Learning

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

Children in Year 5 enjoyed a fantastic interactive drama workshop from *Teach it Thru Drama* this week, in which they learnt about Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*.



## Online Safety Tip of the Week

### Top Tips for Parents of Under 5s

Did you know that 54% of pre-schoolers have their own device?

On average pre-schoolers are having more than 6+ hours of screen time a week. So, what can parents and carers do to ensure their child is protected from risk and has a healthy attitude when it comes to screen time?

### Top-Tips:

- 1) Explore together – talk to them about the Internet and what a great resource it can be while exploring websites and activities together
- 2) Be involved – make sure your child is in the same room as you while they are on devices, ask questions and check in on what they are viewing and doing regularly.
- 3) Put yourself in control – ensure you have parental controls set on devices your child has access to.
- 4) Use passwords – set these on all internet enabled devices you have, so you know when and where your child is accessing the internet.
- 5) Search safely – set restrictions on search engines like Google if your child searches independently
- 6) Use age appropriate sites and games – choose sites that are designed with children in mind  
<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/news-blogs/top-kids-tv-apps-for-safe-viewing-during-half-term/>
- 7) Set boundaries – it is not too early to set some rules about which games and apps children are allowed to go on and how long you will allow them to stay on them for.

From 'Advice for Pre-school (0-5)' - Internetmatters.org

For more detail about these steps, information about setting controls on a range of devices, as well as much more, visit: <https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/0-5/>



## Word of the Week

The Word of the Week next week is **preposterous**. Please help your child to find out the meaning of the word and try using it in different ways in sentences. You could also research the origins of the word and see if you can think of any related words with the same origin.

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

### **Winter Fair: Volunteers and donations needed!**

There's just 1 week left until our winter fair on Saturday 14 December.

We need about 30 more volunteers - if you can help please text Nikki on 07786 197570 with your availability.

You can choose set up (10-12), stall shift 1 (12-1.30), stall shift 2 (1.30-3), clean up (3-5). And don't worry if you've never done this before - there's lots of people on hand to help. It's a very friendly volunteer crew.

We are also looking for donations of chocolate, teddies and soft toys, books and games to come to the school office for our very popular chocolate and teddy tombola stalls and the books and games stall. Thank you!

### **Time for a tree?**

If you're getting excited about Christmas and looking for a tree to brighten your living room, then look no further!

Dulwich Pot and Plant will donate £10 to every Bessemer family who buy a tree from them. Just quote the code: **Bessemer24**

### **Last chance for Raffle tickets**

£1 tickets are now available online (please buy and share the link with friends + family - the prize list looks amazing! 🎁)

We've got the most amazing prize list I've ever seen!

- 2 nights camping at Woodfire Camping in Sussex (pre-pitched tent and food voucher included!)
- JAGs sports club family membership for 3 months
- delicious restaurant vouchers for The Real Greek and
- Haircare at top hairdressers
- Treats for unwinding - like reiki, wine and whisky
- Games, toys and fun for the kids - with Playmobil, Sylvanian families and ice cream vouchers at Odonos

Get your tickets now - the prize draw is on Sunday 8 December!

<https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/raffle/bessemer-winter-raffle-2024>





# Celebrations!

## Certificates

	Star	Writer	Mathematician	Presenter	Scientist
<b>Rainbow</b>	Amelia	Leon	Archie		
<b>Sunshine</b>	Zella	Leo	Lorenzo		
<b>Moonbeam</b>	Zayan	Allegra	Novah		
<b>1JM</b>	Olivia	Isaac	Nickell	Inoa	
<b>1NS</b>	Hadley	Elijah	Ava	Henry	
<b>1ST</b>	Arlo	Nasir	Samuel	Maya	Rudy
<b>2SD</b>	Jake	Vincent	Tilly	Jennyfer	
<b>2LT</b>	Asemota	Rosa	Lariah	Eimi	Teresa
<b>3LS</b>	Amina	Manon	Dougie	Alexis	Genny
<b>3NI</b>	Henry	Georgie	Ferhot	Maceo	
<b>3/4BW</b>	Casper	Martha	Helene	Agibu	
<b>4BG</b>	Beau	Marco	Agnes	Shackleton	Kebreab
<b>4GS</b>	Agnes	Phoenix S	Jacob	Oscar	
<b>5RS</b>	Leo	Lucie	Esme	Lacey	
<b>5OF</b>	Suraya	Luciano	Adeola	Billy	
<b>5FM</b>	Callum	Arthur	Riccardo	Abemelek	Salima
<b>6LM</b>	Virtue	Poppy	Emily W	Khadijah	Francesco
<b>6SB</b>	Amelia	Lenny	Kelvin	Arda	
<b>6MS</b>	Frankie	Ali	Owen	Ezekiel	

## Individual Timestable Rockstars

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Henry	Florence	Gwen	Azaheir Oscar	Aishah	Kelvin

## Timestable Rockstars Winning Classes

Key Stage 1	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2
1NS	3/4BW	5FM

House  
Winners

**Sapphires!**



Have a great weekend!

*Elizabeth*

Gymnastics with Coach Stephanie  
HEADS, HEARTS & HANDSTANDS

# FESTIVE FLIP CAMP

Gymnastics  
safe  
festive  
wear  
encouraged!



**Wednesday 18th  
December**  
4:45pm-  
6:15pm



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Dulwich**  
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Per Person

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