

# Bessemer Primary School Newsletter



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## Dates for your Diary

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025

### Term Dates 2024-25

September 2024						
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August 2025						
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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	6KL
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	1ST	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	6SB
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June		Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	5OF
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	1JM		

## Dates for your Diary

### Upcoming Events for the Spring Term:

- 10.02.25 – Year 6 rugby tournament
- 11.02.25 – Safer Internet Day
- 12.02.25 – Year 5 trip to The London Eye
- 13.02.25 – Year 1 trip to The National Maritime Museum
- 13.02.25 – last day of this half term for children
- 14.02.25 – Tutorial day, school closed to children
- WB 17.02.25 – Half term holiday
- 24.02.25 – Children return to school
- 06.03.25 – World Book Day (no dress up, dress up moved to next day)
- 06.03.25 – Years 3 and 4 trip to The Royal Festival Hall
- 07.03.25 – Dress up for World Book Day (book themed dress up)
- 07.03.25 – International Women’s Day
- 10.03.25 – Moonbeam Class trip to The Horniman Museum
- 13.03.25 – Sunshine Class trip to The Horniman Museum
- 13.03.25 – Year 4 multiplication check parents’ and carers’ workshop, 9.15am
- 19.03.25 – Early Years Celebration Day (for parents and carers) 9.15 – 10.15am

Please check this page weekly as dates will be added throughout the term.

### Spring 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.

	<b>10.20-11.00</b>		<b>10.20-11.00</b>
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan	6LM	Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	3LS
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	6MS	Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	2LT
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan	6SB	Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> March	2SD
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan	5RS	Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> March	1JM
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	5FM	Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> March	1NS
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan	5OF	Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> March	1ST
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	4GS	Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Moonbeam
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	4BG	Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Sunshine
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	3/4BW	Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Ladybird
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	3NI	Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Butterfly

## News and Reminders

### Half Term Activities

If you are looking for childcare or activities for half term week please have a look at the flyers at the end of the newsletter – new activities have been added.

### Parking

Parking outside school at the end of the day is becoming increasingly dangerous. Please do not park on the double yellow lines or across the barriers. When cars are parked in these places it reduces children's visibility when crossing the road, causes congestion, forces other drivers into dangerous maneuvers in order to get past and generally puts children at risk. Please park in designated parking spaces and keep our children safe.

### Tutorial Day

Please make sure that you have made an appointment to see your child's teacher on tutorial day. It is really important that every parent or carer has this opportunity to speak to their child's teacher about their progress so far this year, their wellbeing, their strengths and areas for development and to discuss any concerns. You will also receive your child's mid-year report at this meeting. We will be contacting anyone who has not made an appointment next week.

### Football



#### Jack's Football Match Report

Bessemer Girls were back in action this week with an emphatic 5 - 0 victory over Charles Dickens. Their dominance on the pitch was due to their fantastic organisation, communication and hunger for more. Toferati was combative and confident when stepping out of defense to intercept passes. Whilst Johanna showed great footballing intelligence by picking out several key passes, enabling the team to play out from the back. Khadijah was fantastic going forward, scoring a hattrick, despite starting on the bench. Overall, the girls and coach Joe can be very satisfied with another assured display.

### Little Stars

This information has now been updated to reflect the changes in government funding.

#### Little Stars Enrolment Information



- Little Stars is our nursery provision for two to three year olds.
- You can add your child's name to the Little Stars waiting list once they are one year old.
- Admissions criteria in the case of over subscription are on the school website.
- Places in Little Stars can be paid for privately or by using the government funding provided for childcare.
- We have two intake points for Little Stars, in September and January. All children can be admitted at the first intake point after their second birthday as long as a place is available. Children can be admitted in between intake points if a place is available, however children who turn two in the spring or summer term may have to wait for the September intake if no place is available before that.

## Sharing Children's Learning

### Demonstrating our core value of being *Self Aware and Supportive*

This week is Children's Mental Health Week and this year's focus is *Know Yourself, Grow Yourself*. Looking after our mental health is always a focus at Bessemer, as reflected in our core value of being *Self Aware and Supportive*. Throughout the week children took part in a number of wellbeing activities around the themes of self-awareness and personal growth and on Wednesday we all dressed up in bright colours, or clothes that make us feel good.



## Sharing Children's Learning

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

Today was NSPCC Number Day. Across the school children played maths games and solved puzzles in their maths lessons and we all dressed up in number or maths related outfits. We all had a lot of fun and so far we have raised almost £200 for the NSPCC – we're still collecting if you want to donate!



## Sharing Children's Learning

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

Children in Year 5 have been working on the Young Voices project in their music lessons this year. On Monday they travelled to the O2 to take part in the Young Voices concert, an amazing production involving more than 8 000 children from around the UK performing alongside professional singers, dancers and musicians. It was a very long day but a truly memorable event and everyone did brilliantly!



Children in Sunshine Class have been setting up a café-based role play area in their classroom, so they went to visit a real café to find out how they work. They are all now hard at work in their classroom café, reading menus, taking orders, paying and giving change.



## 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 **ooze**. 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

### **Easyfundraising: February sign up bonus!**

A VERY easy way to support Bessemer is to sign up to easyfundraising! When you buy from any of 8,000+ online retailers we receive a free donation.

If you join in February we get £2 for every new sign up! When 10+ of you register we'll unlock even more bonus funding!

Get the app now and choose to support Bessemer Grange PTA - Dylways once installed:

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/easyfundraising-app?utm\\_campaign=pmc&utm\\_source=whatsapp&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_content=pta-bonus-feb-wa1](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/easyfundraising-app?utm_campaign=pmc&utm_source=whatsapp&utm_medium=social&utm_content=pta-bonus-feb-wa1)

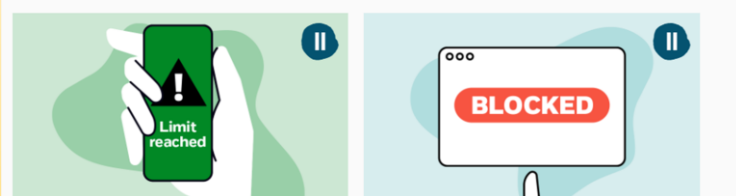
Thank you!!

## Online Safety Tip of the Week

### Mental Health Week – How can life online impact children's mental health and wellbeing?

Visit the NSPCC website (link below) for useful information on how you can support your family with their online wellbeing.

#### **Six tips to improve your family's online wellbeing**



Additionally, BBC 'Own it' has some fantastic resources to support children with understanding how life online can impact on their mental health and wellbeing.

They have now developed **an app to support children**, as well as hosting a series of **short videos on iPlayer** with top tips for children.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/p095q67d/own-it>





# Celebrations!

## Certificates

	Star	Writer	Mathematician	Presenter	Scientist
<b>Sunshine</b>	Tommy	Vivian	Dollie		
<b>Moonbeam</b>	Fox	Inaya	Romai		
<b>1JM</b>	Maseyr	Daksha	Angus	Olivia	Roman
<b>1NS</b>	Ava	Felix	Ernie	Arlo	
<b>1ST</b>	Scarlett	Atreen	Joe	Sienna	
<b>2SD</b>	Tilly	Jeremiah	Mylah	Tam	Nia
<b>2LT</b>	Lariah	Hamilton	Arthur	Jacob	
<b>3LS</b>	Margot	Edward	Adam	Genny	Manon
<b>3NI</b>	Kenza	Ava	Nyeela	Eliana	
<b>3/4BW</b>	Ben	Casper	Finn	Martha	
<b>4BG</b>	Alex	Kebreab	Seren	Agnes	
<b>4GS</b>	Alesandro	Henry	Temi	Ezra	
<b>5RS</b>	Jadon	Theo	Harley	Noah	
<b>5OF</b>	Eve	Sammy	Luciano	Olivia	Callum
<b>5FM</b>	Arthur	Ramadan	Mariatu	Winnie	
<b>6LM</b>	Tayo	Khadijah	Gloria	Hameed	
<b>6SB</b>	Florence	Mahnaz	Sami	Edward	Max M
<b>6KL</b>	Ali	Gabriel	Paul	Jonathan	

## Individual Timestable Rockstars

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Alma	Teddy	Lucas	Eustache	Suraya	Kelvin

## Timestable Rockstars Winning Classes

Key Stage 1	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2
1JM	3/4BW	6LM

House  
Winners

**Sapphires!**



Have a great weekend!

*Elizabeth*



# SPORTS FOCUS COACHING

## Holiday Camp



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

Location: Bessemer Primary School, Dylways

Ages: Reception - Year 6

Dates Live: February Half Term

Easter

May Half Term

Times & Prices:

9:00 - 12:00 £25

12:00 - 15:00 £25

9:00 - 15:00 £35

Early drop off 8:30 additional £3.50

Late up 17:00 additional £7

Dodge Ball, Cricket, Athletics, Cooking & More!

Spaces are limited

To book

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London Wildlife Trust  
**Centre for  
Wildlife Gardening**

## Half Term Family Workshops

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



### Nature Detectives

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> and/or Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 10am-3pm**

Tune up your senses with fun activities discovering the clues about the animals that live around us. On Monday try out all your sense and set footprint and other traps to gather information. On Tuesday make plaster casts of footprints and make your own trails.

### And after half term ....

#### Afterschool Bushcraft

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February -20<sup>th</sup> March 3.40 - 5pm**

Practise different survival skills each week on this 4 week course for families.

**Pond Life Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March 10am till 3pm**

Find out what lives in and around our ponds.

Fun workshops for families living in Southwark suitable for all ages funded by Southwark Council run by London Wildlife Trust. Booking essential.

Booking fee £3 but let us know if that is too much for you (email [dwallace@wildlondon.org.uk](mailto:dwallace@wildlondon.org.uk))

To book: <https://www.wildlondon.org.uk/events>

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# HALF TERM

**ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES**  
**with young people 10+**

**Camberwell & Old Kent road**

**MONDAY 17TH -THURSDAY 20TH FEBRUARY**  
**10:00AM- 3:00PM**

**ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:**  
**MONEY MATTERS, GAMING, SPORTS,**  
**CREATIVE WRITING, ARTS,**  
**2D PRINTING AND HOT LUNCH**

**VENUE: THE LIVESY EXCHANGE**  
**567 OLD KENT ROAD SE 1 5EW**

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## ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES

with children 0-11 **Nunhead**

**SATURDAY 15TH FEBRUARY : FREE FAMILY FRIENDLY MATINEE (SOUTHBANK UNIVERSITY)**

**MONDAY 17TH -WEDNESDAY 19TH FEBRUARY**  
**ARTS, CRAFTS, MUSIC GAMES, SPORTS AND HOT FOOD**  
**TIME:10AM - 2PM**

**VENUE: THE GREEN COMMUNITY CENTRE**  
**NUNHEAD GREEN SE 15 3QQ**

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## ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES

with children 0-11 Rotherhithe

**DATE: SATURDAY 15TH FEBRUARY : FREE FAMILY FRIENDLY MATINEE (SOUTHBANK UNIVERSITY)**

**MONDAY 17TH -WEDNESDAY 19TH FEBRUARY**  
ARTS, CRAFTS, MUSIC GAMES, SPORTS AND HOT FOOD  
**TIME:10AM - 2PM**

**VENUE: THE LEWINGTON CENTRE**  
COMMUNITY CENTRE  
9 EUGENIA ROAD ROTHERHITE SE16 2RU

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# Still LIFE

An exhibition  
about depicting  
nature, from  
woodcuts  
to x-rays

**FREE ENTRY**

10.00–17.00 Tues–Fri

13 September 2024–28 February 2025

The Linnean Society of London

Burlington House, Piccadilly W1J 0BF



[www.linnean.org](http://www.linnean.org)

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