

Bessemer Primary School Newsletter



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Dates for your Diary

Friday 17th May 2024

September 2023							October 2023							November 2023							December 2023						
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January 2024							February 2024							March 2024							April 2024						
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School Holidays	INSET Days	Tutorial Day	Bank Holidays
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2024 Class Assembly Dates

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1/2/24	6AC	8/2/24	6LM
7/3/24	2LT	14/3/24	1NS
21/3/24	6SB	28/3/24	3KL
2/5/24	5RS	9/5/24	2LS
16/5/24	3NI	23/5/24	5OF
20/6/24		27/6/24	4VG

Class assemblies are on Thursdays at 9.15 and last for approximately 15 minutes. Parents and carers are invited to come along and find out more about their children's learning across the curriculum.

Dates for your Diary

17.05.24 – Year 6 post SATs trip to the park
 17.05.24 – Fundraising concerts at St Faith's
 20.05.24 – Year 6 parents school journey meeting, 5pm
 21.05.24 – Year 2 trip to Whitstable
 21.05.24 – Reception and Year 1 smoothie workshop
 22.05.24 – Royal Institution science shows - rescheduled
 23.05.24 – 3KL trip to Vauxhall City Farm
 24.05.24 – Year 6 nature garden party
 27.05.24 – 31.05.24 Half term break
 03.06.24 – 14.06.24 – Year 4 multiplication check
 03.06.24 – 15.06.24 Fieldwork Fortnight
 03.06.24 – Year 5 fire safety session in school - rescheduled
 03.06.24 – Year 6 trip to The Old Operating Theatre
 06.06.24 – Years 1-6 Author visit
 10.06.24 – 14.06.24 Year 1 phonics screening
 10.06.24 – Year 6 *Take the Lead* workshop in school
 11.06.24 - Year 6 *Take the Lead* workshop in school
 11.06.24 – Years 3 and 4 trip to The Science Museum
 12.06.24 - Year 6 *Take the Lead* workshop in school
 14.06.24 – Year 1 trip to The Science Museum
 17.06.24 - 19.06.24 – Year 6 residential trip
 20.06.24 – Spanish Day
 28.06.24 – Year 6 Ruskin Park trip
 01.07.24 – New Reception parents' meeting
 05.07.24 – Year 6 enterprise project sale, 3.15pm
 12.07.24 – Reception to Year 1 transition meeting 9.15am
 12.07.24 – Year 6 Peckham Rye Park trip
 16.07.24 – Year 6 performance 6pm
 19.07.24 – Carnival 2.30pm
 22.07.24 – Year 6 trip to Oxygen
 23.07.24 – Year 6 graduation 2.15pm
 24.07.24 – Class parties
 24.07.24 – Year 6 disco – rescheduled
 25.07.24 – Last day of term, 2pm finish

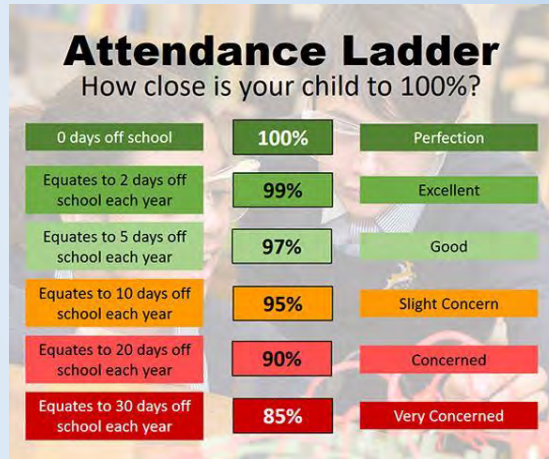
Summer Term Library Visit Dates

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Thurs 16 th May	3KL
Fri 17 th May	1AM
Thurs 23 rd May	2LS
Fri 24 th May	3NI
Thurs 6 th June	2JW
Fri 7 th June	2LT
Thurs 13 th Jun	1NS
Fri 14 th June	3/4CB
Thurs 21 st June	5RS
Fri 22 nd June	5FM
Thurs 27 th Jun	Rainbow
Fri 28 th June	4VG
Thurs 4 th July	5OF
Fri 5 th July	Moonbeam
Thursday 11 th July	Sunshine
Friday 12 th July	4BC
Thursday 18 th July	6LM
Friday 19 th July	6AC and 6SB

News and Reminders

Attendance

Children's attendance in school is very important. Children with low levels of attendance tend to struggle academically and make less progress than children with good attendance levels. Please avoid taking your children out of school for reasons other than sickness unless it is completely unavoidable, for example the funeral of a close family member. We are not allowed to authorize absence for non-essential reasons such as holidays, and if you take children out of school without authorization you risk being fined.



Transition Tips for Parents and Carers

Whether your child is moving on from Bessemer to secondary school, moving over the road from Year 4 to Year 5, leaving Early Years for Year 1 or simply moving up a class, as well as being exciting transitions can sometimes be difficult. Here are some suggestions for ways to support your child in preparing for transition over the coming weeks:

All year groups:

- Meet up with/video chat with friends from school.
- Make a list of things they are looking forward to at school.
- Write a letter/draw a picture to share with your child's teacher.
- Take some photos of your child with favourite things to show the teacher.
- Practise putting on school uniform.

Year 6 only:

- Practice your journey to school (make a map, take pictures along the way).
- Look at pictures/school website to familiarise the child with the new school setting.

Please see the flyers at the end of the newsletter for more transition support and a free summer theatre workshop for Year 6 children.

Workshop Announcement: Understanding the EHCP Process

Join us for an enlightening workshop on Thursday 13th June at 09.00 led by Felicie Malla, a representative from the local authority, where we will delve into the intricacies of EHCPs (see poster at end of newsletter for the agenda).

Free Cycle Sessions

Please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter for details of a free cycling course over half term.

Sharing Children's Learning

This week it was the turn of children in 3NI and 4VG to visit Vauxhall City Farm to find out more about their *Food and Agriculture* topic. The children had a chance to explore the farm and feed different animals. They also had a workshop where they looked at where our food comes from as well as how we can grow our own foods. Children were given their own seeds and a pot to plant something of their own.



As part of their local area study in geography, children in Year 2 went exploring the area around our school:



Sharing Children's Learning

Children in 3/4CB took part in an art workshop at Dulwich Picture Gallery this week:



Word of the Week

Read the riddle and try to work out the Word of the Week from the clues. Tell your teacher what you think the word is on Monday, if you're right you'll get a gem! We'll announce the answer in assembly on Tuesday. Remember to use the Word of the Week as much as you can in your speech and writing to earn more gems and to make the word a permanent part of your vocabulary!

This week's riddle is from Gwen Webster:

I am an object (so I'm a noun)

Find me under E

I'm a type of book

I'm non-fiction

Can you use these clues to guess the Word of the Week?

The answer to last week's riddle was **sumptuous** - did you guess the word and use it to earn gems? Keep using it to make sure it remains part of your vocabulary!

F@B Update

We're delighted to share an update on the two very special concerts taking place today at St Faiths.

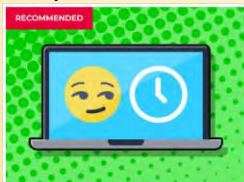
An afternoon concert brings together some fantastic young singers and musicians. The Bessemer choir, year 5 samba band and year 6 violinists, plus soloists, will play alongside professional pianist Bill Laurance.

Then in the evening Bill will play a sold out fundraising concert - which has already raised an amazing £4,000 for the school! A huge thank you to all the Bessemer staff, parent volunteers and especially to Bill for all the hard work and for generously giving time to make these events happen.

Online Safety Tip of the Week

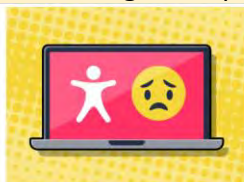
As this week is 'Mental Health Awareness Week', our 'Tip of the Week' is about looking after our mental health when we are online. For free resources for parents, including games and stories to use with your child, you can visit the 'Digital Matters' website (link below).

They have resources for a range of topics, including the following:



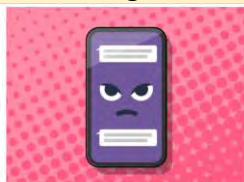
Health, Wellbeing and Lifestyle

From balancing screen time to managing online peer pressure, learn how to recognise challenges online and when it's time for a break.



Self-Image and Identity

Understand how people can present themselves differently online than off along with issues that could impact individual identity and feelings.



Online Bullying

Learn how to recognise bullying behaviours online. Understand how to get support when you or someone you know is experiencing cyberbullying.



https://www.internetmatters.org/digital-matters/modules/?user_type=parent



[Online safety topics to teach children key skills | Digital Matters](https://www.internetmatters.org)

Explore online safety topics as a teacher, parent or child. Free lessons for teachers and interactive activities for kids make any topic interesting.

www.internetmatters.org





Celebrations!

Certificates

	Star	Writer	Mathematician	Presenter	Scientist
Rainbow	Elijah	Clem	Yohnathan		
Sunshine	Luna	Sienna	Nasir		
Moonbeam	Joe	Maseyr	Victoria		
1AM	Ruona	Sorrel	Vladko	Jasper	Rosa
1NS	Troy	Yousef	Arthur	Iliana	
2JW	Georgie	Kenza	Aymar	Johnny	Dougie
2LS	Rimas	Manon	Zak	Maya	
2LT	Margot CG	Rebecca	Ava	Malachi	
3KL	Faye	Phoenix S	Wolfie	Phoenix M	
3NI	Wilfred	Valentina	Ben	Juno	
3/4CB	Lucie	Temiloluwa	Kebreab	Harry	Hari Amelia
4BC	Stella-Lucia	Billy	Holly	Harley	
4VG	Freddie	Tariq	Lucien	Suraya	
5RS	Izzy	Emily T	Jacob	Francesco	
5OF	Mahnaz	Eve	Emily	Olive	Lucy
5FM	Lori	Ruby	Tiger	Bill	
6LM	All of the children in Year 6 are absolute stars for their great effort and positive approach to their SATs this week!				
6SB					
6AC					

Individual Timestable Rockstars

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Josiah	Aymar	Ismay	Callum H	Einas	Victoria

Timestable Rockstars Winning Classes

Key Stage 1	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2
2LS	3/4CB	5FM

House
Winners

Sapphires!



Have a great weekend!

Elizabeth

Understanding the EHCP Process Workshop

Join us for an enlightening workshop led by Felicienne Mallia, a representative from the local authority, where we will delve into the intricacies of EHCPs.



Understanding the EHCP Process: How the panel decides whether to agree to an assessment



Dispelling Misconceptions: A diagnosis doesn't automatically mean a child requires an EHCP



Importance of Reasonable Adjustments: Supporting children with additional needs effectively



School Applications: When and why schools make EHCP applications, including financial thresholds



Realistic Expectations: Why an EHCP doesn't guarantee 1:1 adult support and its potential drawbacks



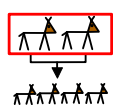
Transition Planning: Applying for EHCPs for secondary transition by Year 5 and available supports



Alternative Supports: Exploring other avenues to assist SEN children transitioning to secondary



Challenges and Limitations: Understanding the constraints of EHCPs and how to navigate them



Application Guidance: Step-by-step process for parents to apply for an EHCP



Thursday 13th June @ Bessemer 9.00

For more details see information in newsletter above



Transitions to Secondary School: An opportunity to think about how we can reduce your child's worries and build their independence to support a successful transition to secondary school.

Links to workshops:

Gem Federation P/C Transitions 02/07 1-2pm
Microsoft Teams

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 338 685 137 380

Passcode: BHf6Gw

Southwark Wide P/C Transitions 04/07 1-2pm
Microsoft Teams

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 353 478 954 189

Passcode: no8EdX

Southwark Wide P/C Transitions 04/07 6-7pm
Microsoft Teams

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 311 305 559 75

Passcode: aGkrzR

N.B- For the Gem Federation specific workshop, please email: lknight@gemfed.co.uk to confirm your attendance.



FREE

YEAR 6

LITTLE FISH THEATRE



SUMMER PROGRAMME

FOR SOUTHWARK CHILDREN

29TH JULY - 9TH AUG

2024 (MON-FRI)

**AT RYE OAK PRIMARY
SCHOOL**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO
BOOK A PLACE FOR YOUR CHILD**

EMAIL: INFO@LITTLEFISHTHEATRE.CO.UK



www.bit.ly/3ThFZ8R

"SCAN THE QR CODE"





Free Year 6 Summer Programme 2024



Little Fish Theatre

Are you in year 6 and would like to have fun whilst preparing for secondary school?
Join our free summer programme where you can get involved in games, drama, music, street dance, art,
video making and lots more!

Watch last year's programme - <https://youtu.be/WArXrMD3-Bk>

When: Monday 29th July – Fri 9th August 2024 10am-4pm Monday to Friday

Where: Rye Oak Primary School, Whorlton Road SE15 3PD

How to Book:

Complete the online form -

<https://littlefishtheatre.co.uk/little-fish-summer-programme-registration-form-2024/>

or

email info@littlefishtheatre.co.uk for a registration from

or fill in the registration form below and send it back to us at

Little Fish Theatre Company

The Forum at Greenwich

Trafalgar Road, Greenwich, SE10 9EQ



Tel: 0208 269 1123 www.littlefishtheatre.co.uk Charity No. 1179172

Little Fish Summer Programme Registration Form 2024

Your child has been invited on a **FREE** multi-arts summer programme funded by Southwark Council. This project has been running in the borough for 15 years as a provision for Year 6's making the transition from primary to secondary school.

Monday 29th July – Fri 9th August 2024 (Monday – Friday) 10AM - 4PM

To secure a place, please fill in and return as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Child's full name: Date of birth:

Please select: Male or Female

Parent/s full name

Parents email address (This will used for the company to send confirmation of your child's place on the programme):

Home address:

..... Postcode:.....

Telephone Home:..... Telephone Work:.....

Mobile/s:.....

Alternative emergency contact:

Name: Telephone/Mobile number:

Child's current primary school:

Name of secondary school is your child attending in September:

I give permission for my child to attend the Little Fish Summer programme, from 29th July – 9th August 2024 (Monday – Friday) 10AM - 4PM

Taking Place at: Rye Oak Primary School, Whorlton Road, London SE15 3PD

Please select: YES or NO

I will be responsible for organizing my child's travel arrangements to enable them to attend the full 10 days - Please select: YES or NO

IF KNOWN, PLEASE STATE HOW YOUR CHILD WILL TRAVEL TO AND FROM THE PROJECT

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I am aware that I and other family members and friends are invited to a showing of my child's work which will take place on Fri 9th August from 5.30 – 7.30pm at Rye Oak Primary School
Please select: YES or NO

I agree to provide a healthy packed lunch including drinks for my child on each day of the summer programme (including the trip). Children will not be permitted off site between 10am and 4pm.

Please select: YES or NO

Does your child have any of the following health problems? *(Select all that apply)*

- None
- Physical health problem
- Mental health problem
- Learning disability

If you have ticked any of the above, please explain in detail

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Has your child got any Special Needs?

Please select: YES or NO

If yes, please state (including Statement of Special Needs or any specific issues such as Autism, Emotional Behaviour Difficulties, and Hearing Impairment). This information is for the purpose of staff supporting your child and will not affect them being accepted on the programme:

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We need your permission to take photos and video films of the children whilst they are taking part in the Summer Programme. A filmmaker will distribute copies of a final edited video which will be received by all the young people. We will use this media material for marketing purposes on our web-site and social media channels in line with our privacy policy (a copy is available on request).

I give my permission for the use of video and photographic images of my child to be used by Little Fish Theatre

Please select: YES or NO

If there is any reason that your child cannot be photographed/videoed, please let Suha Al-Khayyat our data protection officer know in advance of the project starting.

Ethnicity (to provide a break down to our funders)

White

- British Irish
- Any other white background (please specify):

Mixed

- White and Black Caribbean White and Black African White and Asian
- Any other mixed background (please specify)

Asian or Asian British

- Indian Pakistani Bangladeshi
- Any other Asian background (please describe):

Black or Black British

- Caribbean African
- Any other black background (please specify):

Chinese or Other Ethnic group

- Chinese
- Any other ethnic background (please specify):

MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR CHILD

a) Does your child have any condition requiring medical treatment, including medication?

Please select: YES or NO

If Yes, please give brief details:

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b) Is your son/daughter allergic to any medication? Please select: YES or NO

If Yes, please specify:

c) When did your son/daughter last have a tetanus injection?

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Please outline any food allergies your child has:

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Your child is required to bring their own healthy packed lunch on a daily basis. Little Fish Theatre will not be responsible for providing food. There will be no access to food onsite and children are not permitted to leave the venue to buy food during the hours of program delivery:

Are there any activities you are aware your child cannot or will not take part in? If yes, please tell us what these are and why?

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Is there anything else you'd like to tell us?

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Declaration

In case of an emergency, Little Fish will endeavour to contact me and will also call emergency medical services/medical authorities.

Signed:

Relationship to child:

Name (print):

Date:

I give my consent for my son/daughter to participate in the activities of the Little Fish Summer Programme and for Little Fish to record these details. Anonymous details will also be shared with our funder, Southwark Council and our evaluators, but will not be used for marketing any other purposes.

Signed:

Date:

**Please keep page 1 for reference and post the completed registration to:
Suha Al-Khayyat, Little Fish Theatre, The Forum at Greenwich, Trafalgar Road
Greenwich, London, SE10 9EQ.**

**Or email it to:
info@littlefishtheatre.co.uk**

In line with our privacy policy (a copy is available on request), this registration form will be kept at our funders request for up to seven years from the end of the project.

YOU WILL BE CONTACTED BY EMAIL AND/OR PHONE TO CONFIRM YOUR CHILD'S FREE PLACE. PLEASE CALL 020 8269 1123 IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS ABOUT YOUR CHILD.

STREETS FOR PEOPLE

LONDON BOROUGH OF SOUTHWARK

Southwark
Council
southwark.gov.uk



MAY HALF TERM CYCLING COURSES

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

All courses take place at Dulwich Park. Please bring your own bike.

BOOK NOW

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

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



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