

Bessemer Primary School Newsletter



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Dates for your Diary

Friday 22nd November 2024

Term Dates 2024-25

September 2024							October 2024							November 2024							December 2024						
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School Holidays	INSET Days	Tutorial Day	Bank Holidays
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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 st November	1NS	Thursday 28 th November	5FM
Thursday 30 th January	3/4BW	Thursday 6 th February	6LM
Thursday 13 th February	2SD	Thursday 13 th March	6MS
Thursday 20 th March	2LT	Thursday 27 th March	4BG
Thursday 3 rd April	3LS	Thursday 8 th May	5RS
Thursday 15 th May	3NI	Thursday 22 nd May	4GS
Thursday 5 th June		Thursday 12 th June	6SB
Thursday 19 th June	1ST	Thursday 26 th June	5OF
Thursday 3 rd July	1JM		

Dates for your Diary

Upcoming Events for the Autumn Term

- 26.11.24 – Online safety workshop for parents and carers, 5-6pm
- 27.11.24 – Year 2 trip to The Guildhall
- 03.12.24 - Year 5/6 reading workshop for parents, 9.15am – change of date
- 03.12.24 – Year 5 *A Christmas Carol* workshop in school
- 06.12.24 – Year 1 theatre trip
- 09.12.24 – 3LS and 3/4BW trip to The Natural History Museum
- 09.12.24 – Year 6 Junior Citizens trip
- 10.12.24 – Reception Christmas performance
- 11.12.24 – Reception Christmas performance
- 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 3/4 carol concert at St Faith's, 5.30pm
- 18.12.24 – Nursery carols, 3pm
- 18.12.24 – Year 5/6 carol concert at St Faith's, 5.30pm
- 18.12.24 – Children's Christmas lunch
- 19.12.24 – Class parties
- 20.12.24 – Last day of term, 2pm finish

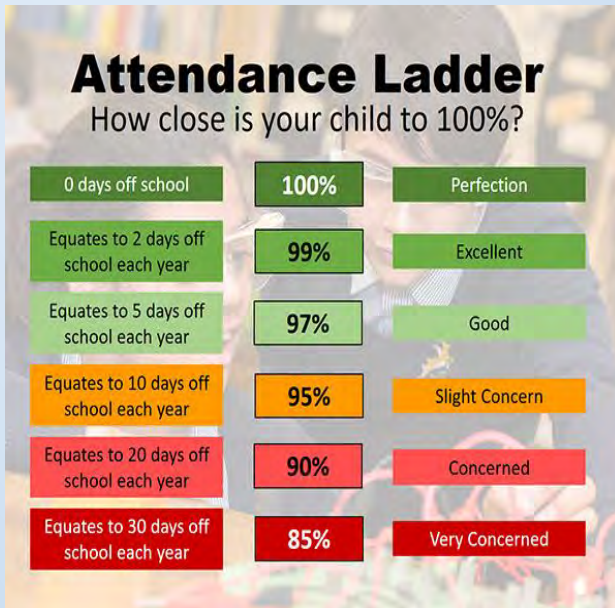
Autumn Term Library Visits

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

News and Reminders

Attendance



Our target for school attendance is 96% and the majority of children at Bessemer achieve this target. This attendance ladder will help you keep track of your child's attendance; over the course of the whole year a child with 96% attendance should only have 7 days off school. At this point in the year, to achieve 96% attendance a child can only have missed 2 days of school. We understand that some absence is unavoidable, for example if your child has a temperature, vomiting bug or infectious illness such as chicken pox, however children can come to school when they are not feeling 100% well and they often feel much better once they are in school with their friends. Over the next two weeks we will be contacting the parents of children whose attendance has dropped below 90% (which is categorized as persistent absence) to offer support and see how attendance can be improved.

Class Assemblies

Yesterday we enjoyed our first class assembly of the year, thank you 1NS for sharing your wonderful learning with us! We particularly enjoyed the Picasso-style portraits of your grandparents, there are a few examples later in the newsletter.

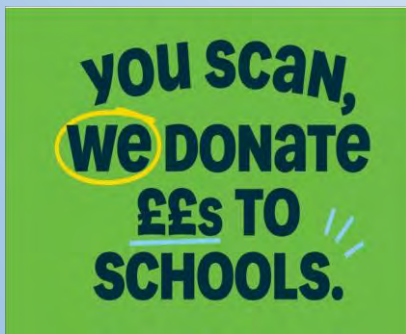
Please check the dates on the first page of the newsletter to make sure you can come along to watch your child's assembly.



Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who donated to Children in Need last week, we raised nearly £350 for the charity, well done everyone!

Fundraising Opportunity



A few weeks ago we told you about Asda's *Cashpot for Schools* which allows you to raise money for Bessemer by shopping at Asda – thank you to everyone who has done so! You can actually raise money for Bessemer simply by downloading the Asda app, opting into *Cashpot for Schools* and nominating Bessemer; Asda donates £1 to the school for everyone who does so. So even if you don't shop at Asda please take a few minutes to register and see how much we can raise!

<https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools/>

Messages From JAGS

JAGS is offering a Christmas Holiday Day Camp on 2nd and 3rd January. Find out more here:

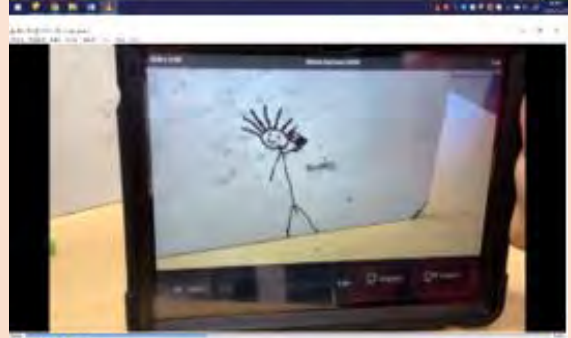
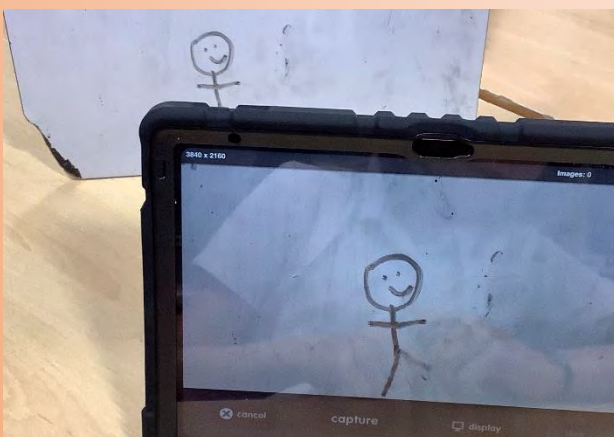
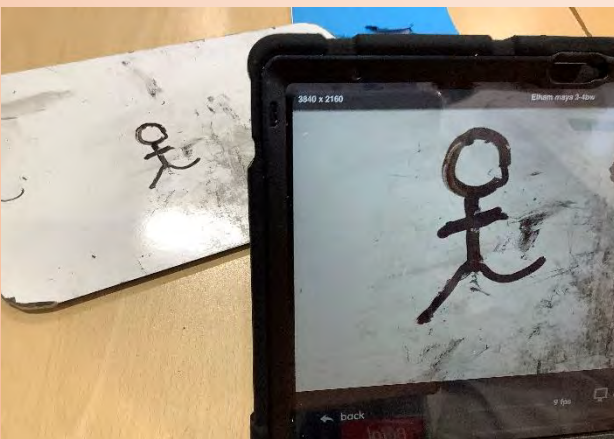
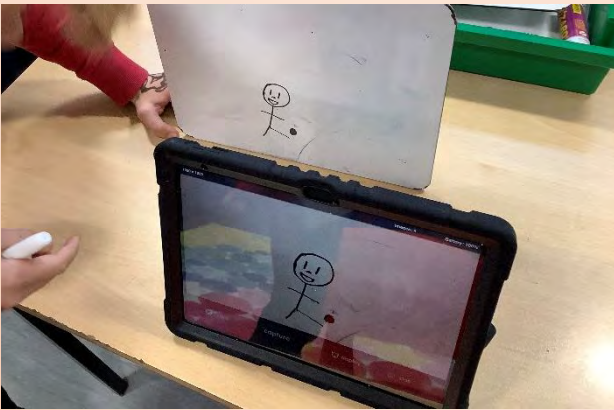
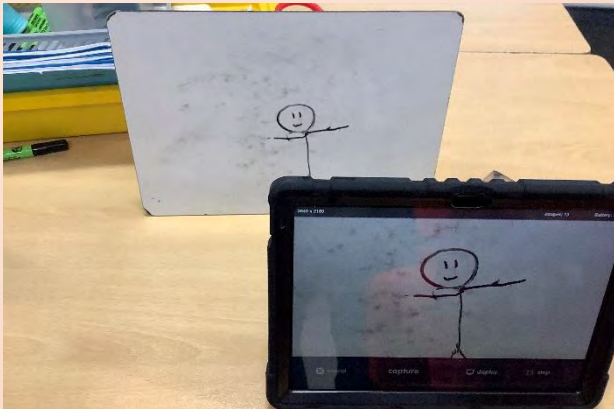
<https://jagssportsclub.co.uk/jags-kids/>

JAGS is also hosting a live music and spoken word event for adults on 7th December, if parents are hoping to get together before Christmas – details can be found here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/under-the-christmas-tree-tickets-1067416685039?aff=odtdtcreator>

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

Here are some photos of 3/4BW beginning their stop-frame animation unit in their first session with the iPads. They used the software I-motion to take the photos of stick people and then tried to make them move by slightly changing the picture (frame) each time to create an animation.



Sharing Children's Learning

Demonstrating our core value of being *Creative and Practical*

In Art, Year 1 children were introduced to Picasso. The children explored a selection of his art works and noticed their different features. They explored how the art made them feel. The children noticed how colourful many of his pieces of art are and then explored colour themselves, firstly looking at prime colours and then using these three colours to mix new colours. Finally they painted portraits of their grandparents in the style of Picasso.



Sharing Children's Learning

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

Over the last two weeks the children in Years 5 and 6 have been out and about taking part in a range of sporting events, including a Girls in Sport festival, an athletics tournament and two football matches. Everyone performed brilliantly but special mention has to go to the football teams, with the girls winning their match 3-0 and the boys winning theirs 15-1!



Word of the Week

The Word of the Week next week is **perspective**. 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

Thank you everyone who volunteered to take an Urban Village Board - we made it to our target and raised £900!

Trees, tickets and decorations...

Here's a quick rundown of 3 more brilliant ways to get festive and support our very special school at the same time!

- 📄 **Winter raffle tickets** are just £1 each and available online (please buy and share the link with friends + family - the prize list looks amazing! 🎁)
<https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/raffle/bessemer-winter-raffle-2024>
- 🌲 Dulwich Pot and Plant (next to North Dulwich station) give us £10 for every *Christmas tree* bought by a Bessemer family 🎁. Just remember to say the code: **Bessemer24**
- 🍂🍁🌿 Get crafty with a **Christmas wreath-making workshop** in our nature garden to make a beautiful decoration for your home and enjoy a mulled wine 🍷 too! Tickets are on sale now - workshops are on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th December.
<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsbessemer>

Thank you!

Online Safety Tip of the Week

BE INTERNET LEGENDS DAY – Tuesday 26th November

This coming week, on Tuesday 26th November, it will be 'Be Internet Legends Day'. In school, children in KS2 will be taking part in Online Safety workshops delivered by Childnet.

Be Internet Legends in an Online Safety resources for parents, teachers and children. Here are links to videos & games to use at home with your child:

https://beinternetlegends.withgoogle.com/en_uk/parents/adventure

Why not play the games together this weekend? Just follow this link:

https://beinternetlegends.withgoogle.com/en_uk/interland

In School Online Safety Workshop for Parents and Carers

All parents and carers are welcome to join our parent workshop with Childnet from 5pm-6pm on Tuesday 26th November for top advice on how to support your children as they navigate their lives online. Please arrive at the top hall by 5pm. This workshop may not be suitable for children, so if you have no alternative childcare we advise booking children into afterschool club.





Celebrations!

Certificates

	Star	Writer	Mathematician	Presenter	Scientist
Rainbow	Ursula	Dollie	Noah		
Sunshine	Rory	Dylan	Mathew		
Moonbeam	Catalina	Steph	Jesse		
1JM	Victoria	Luna	Gabriel	Janaya	Isaac
1NS	Marlow	Ernie	Felix	Alma	
1ST	Violet	Sienna	Scarlett	Raymond	
2SD	Troy	Arabella	Jago	Djene	Ella
2LT	Jasper	Eve	Kiyoko	Mason	
3LS	Abdulai	Johnny	Malachi	Sarai	
3NI	Temu	Athena	Emma	Dylan	
3/4BW	Zahra	Shafi	Ben	Felix	
4BG	Shackelton	Max	Donatas	Idris	
4GS	Faye	Grace	Wilfred	Charlotte	Mikey
5RS	Jadon	Malaki	Sharon	Leo	Lucien
5OF	Holly	Adam	Billy	Johnny	
5FM	Daniel	Ramadan	Winnie	Radin	
6LM	Jacob	Khadijah	Kitty	Rehana	Poppy
6SB	Mahnaz	Max M	AJ	Azariah	
6MS	Gabriel	Johanna	Violet	Martha	

Individual Timestable Rockstars

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Leonard	Laura	Albie	Felix E	Sharon	Max

Timestable Rockstars Winning Classes

Key Stage 1	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2
2LT	3/4BW	6SB

House
Winners

Diamonds!



Have a great weekend!

Elizabeth



Childnet

Online Safety

workshop

for parents and carers

Top Hall

Tuesday November 26th

5pm-6pm

All Welcome!

Autumn Term 2 Timetable
Monday 4th November - Friday 20th December 2024

All sessions are free to attend

Dulwich Wood Children and Family Centre Lyal Avenue, London SE21 8QS					Crawford Children and Family Centre Crawford Road, Camberwell SE5 9NF						
Monday 9:45am-11:15am Baby Group (0-18 months) 1:30pm-3pm Stay and Play (0-5 years)	Tuesday 10am-11:30am Bookstart (0-5 years) 1:30pm-3pm Baby Giggles and Wiggles (0-2years)	Wednesday 1:30pm-2:30pm Chattertime Plus (2-5 years)	Thursday 10am-11:30am ToddlerTime & Early Words Together (2-5 years) 1:30pm-3pm SENsational Play (0-5year)	Friday 10am-11am Move and Groove (0-5years) Saturday 10:30am-12pm Baby Giggles and Wiggles (0-2years) *16 th Nov only	Monday 1:30pm-2:30pm Stay and Play & Early Words Together (0-5years)	Tuesday 10am-11:30am Bookstart (0-5years) Camberwell library 10am-12pm Breastfeeding café *last arrival at 11:30am 1pm-3pm ESOL *Term time only	Wednesday 10am-12pm EPEC- Being a Parent *Referrals only 1:30pm-3pm Baby Group (0-18 months)	Thursday 10am-12pm Health Visitor (0-2years) *last arrival at 11:30am 10:30am-11:30am Stay and Play (0-5years) 1:30pm-3pm Stay and Play (0-5years)	Friday 1pm-2:30pm Yoga for Parents Wellbeing *referrals only		
Additional Sessions Booking is Required for these sessions			Albrighton C&F Centre 37 Albrighton Road, London SE22 8AH		The Grove Children and Family Centre Tower Mill Road, London, SE15 6BP						
Friday 15th & 29th November: Let's Talk 10:00am-11:30am *Dulwich Wood Thursday 21st November: Henry Starting Solids 1:00pm-3:00pm *Dulwich Wood Thursday 12th December: Henry Starting Solids 1:00pm-3:00pm *Crawford Centre Thursday 28th November: Story time at the Gallery 1:30pm-2:30pm (0-5years) *Dulwich Picture Gallery			Wednesday 10am-11:30am Stay and Play (0-5years) 1pm-2:15pm Chattertime (2-5years)	Friday 10am-11:30am Bookstart (0-5years)	Monday 1:30pm-3pm Baby, Me & Wellbeing (0-2years)		Tuesday 10am-11:30am Stay and Play (0-5years)	Thursday 10am-11:30am SENsational Play (0-5years)			
Find Out more!											
 We can provide you with Foodbank		 Live in Southwark and have a child under 5 register for a monthly free book till their 5 th birthday. ImaginationLibrary https://50thingstodo.org/		Family Support & Advice Session: Book in a face-to-face or phone call appointment to get advice and support on any well-being queries you may have: email us at: cdcfcoffices@dulwichwood.com			Free Soft Play and Sensory room: Come along to our sessions at The Grove to enjoy our soft play and sensory rooms.				

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Session description on back.



Baby Group:

Play singing and sensory activities to stimulate your baby.

Stay and play:

Come and play and get tips and ideas for learning through play.

Bookstart:

Activities supporting literacy using puppets and props to make story time fun and engaging.

Chattertime Plus:

A stay and play group tailored to support children with complex communication needs who have difficulties in several areas of communication, such as attention, social interaction, behaviour, understanding language and talking.

SENsational Play:

Come and Play and get weekly tips and ideas for learning through play for children with additional needs.

ChatterTime:

A Stay and Play group to help support your child's Speech and Language.

Move and Groove:

Come play and get tips and ideas for learning through play at our structured music and singing sessions with instruments and props.

Stay and Play / ToddlerTime & Early Words Together:

Come and play and get tips & ideas for learning through play and build up your confidence in supporting your children's communication, language and Literacy skills.

Breastfeeding Café:

Drop in for advice and support for any of your breastfeeding concerns.

Baby, Me & Wellbeing:

Get advice and information, chat make friends in a safe, supportive and fun space for you and baby. With creative activities for your little ones

Baby Giggles and Wiggles:

Join our Giggles and Wiggles Group for babies aged 0-2 years this stay and play session promotes well-begin with songs, music, and sensory play, plus guidance on helpful parent resources.

Yoga for Parents Well-Being:

A 8-week group where you can learn the tools to manage stressful and challenging emotions.

EPEC Being a Parent:

A 9-week course to help parents to learn practical skill for everyday life. Story tots and Plant pots: Activities supporting literacy using puppets and props to make story time fun and engaging.

Storytime at the Gallery:

Spark you child's imagination through playful painting that stimulates your child's development and curiosity.

ESOL:

Develop your English language skills and get a recognized ESOL qualification. For parents with children aged 0-5 years. A Creche is provided.

HENRY Starting Solids:

A starting solids workshop that will help you decide: When your baby is ready to try solid food What foods to start with and more.



SOUTHWARK JAGUARS GIRLS FOOTBALL CLUB

Looking to start your football journey?
Looking for a new challenge?
Looking to make new friends?

Who we are...

Southwark Jaguars are the newest and fastest growing girls football team in Southwark.

Established in 2023 we currently have over **80** girls signed across 6 different teams from U9 to U12.

All teams train on a **Monday (17:00 - 18:00)** at Burgess Park Astro Turf. This is also where we play our home games on a Sunday as part of the Tandridge League.



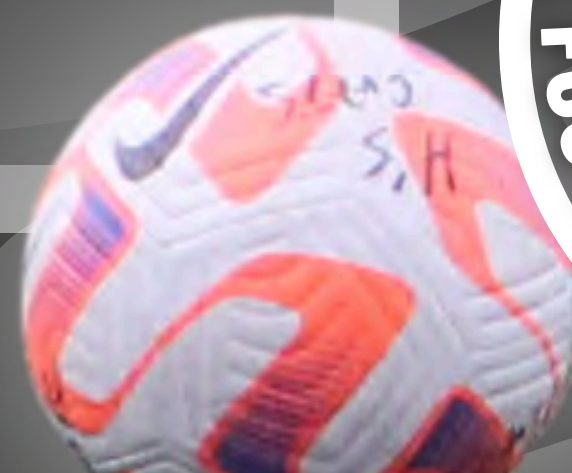
Interested in joining? What to do next...

- Scan the QR code on the left hand side.
- You will be redirected to our website. Please complete the form in full.
- You will then be contacted by a member of our team with more details.

Do not hesitate to contact either Wilson Frimpong (wilson@lpessn.org.uk) or Joe Howard (joe@lpessn.org.uk) for more information.

You can also find us across our social media platforms.

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Make a referral

Making it REAL

Making it REAL (Raising Early Achievement in Literacy) is an award winning intervention programme that develops children's early literacy by helping parents' create a positive early Home Learning Environment.

Supporting your 3 or 4 year old child's early speaking, reading and writing skills.



Scan here to find out more and make a referral



How its delivered

The programme is mostly delivered in your family home through a series of visits by one of our trained practitioners with parents and children together

How will it help me?

- Build your knowledge and confidence in helping your child with speaking reading, writing and maths
- Supporting you to create and develop a positive early home learning environment



Our team of trained Making it REAL practitioners will bring fun and exciting learning into your everyday life at home using resources that are low cost and readily available

Most importantly, all the fun and exciting activities will be planned around your child's developmental stage and interests



What else is included?

- Accessing events in your local community, at your child's nursery or in your local Children and Family Centre
- Resources to deliver fun activities and learning at home



Download the 50 things App

