

# Bessemer Primary School Newsletter



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## Dates for your Diary

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025

### Term Dates 2024-25

September 2024						
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April 2025						
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July 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 Change of date	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:

- 31.01.25 – Year 1 multisports afternoon in school
- 31.01.25 – Years 5 and 6 to author talk at JAGS
- 31.01.25 – F@B second hand clothes stall and bake sale after school
- WB 03.02.25 – Children’s Mental Health Week
- 03.02.25 – Year 5 Young Voices concert at the O2
- 05.02.25 – Wear bright colours / colours that make you feel good for Children’s Mental Health Week
- 06.02.25 – Reception children’s eye tests in school
- 07.02.25 – Year 3 benchball afternoon in school
- 07.02.25 – Year 4 ballet workshops in school
- 07.02.25 – NSPCC Number Day (number themed dress up)
- 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) – change of date
- 07.03.25 – International Women’s Day
- 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

### Children's Mental Health Week

Children's Mental Health Week is the week beginning Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February and the theme this year is *Know Yourself, Grow Yourself*. You can find out more about the theme and find resources based on Pixar's *Inside Out 2* to use at home by using this link:

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>



During the week, there will be many different activities going on across the school, for example yoga and wellbeing sessions led by an instructor and in-class activities, such as wellbeing games and creative art opportunities.

On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February, children are encouraged to come into school wearing bright colours or colours that make them feel good!

### NSPCC Number Day

Number day this year is on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February. You can find out about this event here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/support-us/charity-fundraising/schools-fundraising-ideas/number-day/>

There will be a chance to make a donation to the NSPCC if you are able – collection buckets will be on all the gates and at Breakfast Club in the morning.

In school the children will be taking part in a variety of different puzzles in place of their usual maths lesson on Number Day. To make the day even more fun, children can dress in outfits relating to numbers (or maths generally). If you're lucky, you might already have a costume in mind, especially if your child already has a sports kit or other outfit with numbers on. If not there are lots of ways to make a fun Number Day costume, for example sticking spots on a plain outfit to make a die or domino effect, or cutting out paper numbers to pin to a t-shirt. There are more creative ideas here for anyone who wants to get involved in making a costume:

<https://uk.pinterest.com/laurascurlock/number-costumes/>

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/no-sew-mathematical-costumes-maths-week>

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### Children's Birthdays

We understand that birthdays are a very special celebration for many children and we acknowledge this in class by singing happy birthday to children who are celebrating. However, we do not allow birthday cakes, party bags or other birthday treats to be brought into school. There are many reasons for this, including children's food allergies, intolerances and preferences and the need to be inclusive and ensure that children do not feel left out, either because they don't celebrate birthdays, they are unable to bring treats on their own birthday or they are not allowed to eat the treats provided. Please be understanding of this policy and keep birthday treats for outside school.

## Sharing Children's Learning

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

There has been lots of creative and practical learning going on across the curriculum in Year 5 this week!

In English children made models of the bedroom of the main character in their class text *The London Eye Mystery* to support their descriptive writing.



As part of their new topic *Anglo-Saxons* Year 5 made models of an Anglo-Saxon village.



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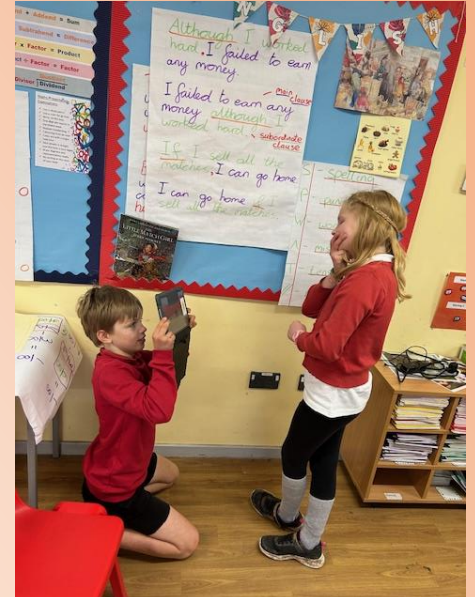
In science the Year 5s investigated the relationship between air resistance and surface area by making and testing different sized parachutes.



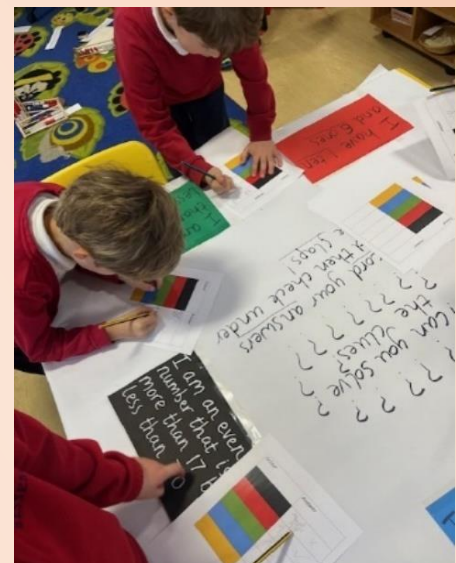
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In computing the children practised different filming techniques, such as high and low shots, close ups, mid-range and moving shots.



Finally, moving away from Year 5's exciting week, children in Year 1 carried out a maths investigation exploring place value with numbers up to 20. They took part in lots of creative and practical maths activities using manipulatives to show their understanding.



## 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 **momentum**. 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

### **Reminder: Cakes, uniform and World Book Day costume stall next Friday!**

At 3.30 on Friday 31 January we are having a cake sale and it's our spring term second hand uniform stall. This time with added World Book Day costumes and sports kits too! Enjoy tasty treats, bag a bargain - and help us stop clothes from going to landfill.

Donations are welcome- on the day or drop them at the school office next week. See you there!

## Online Safety Tip of the Week

### Cheaper Broadband?

Are you entitled to a cheaper phone or broadband tariff? You can check on the Ofcom website (link below). Ofcom have compiled a list of 'Social Tariffs' – these are tariff that are provided more cheaply for people living in a household with someone claiming Universal Credit or other benefits. To find out a list of tariff available in your area, visit:

<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/phones-telecoms-and-internet/advice-for-consumers/costs-and-billing/social-tariffs>

### Cost of Living Support from Southwark

Southwark's website has advice and support for local residents to help with the cost of living, including: household costs, energy costs, support with mental health and well-being and training and employment:

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/cost-of-living-support>

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SUPPORTING YOU THROUGH THE COST OF LIVING CRISIS





# Celebrations!

## Certificates

	Star	Writer	Mathematician	Presenter	Scientist
<b>Sunshine</b>	Ruby	William K	Rittal		
<b>Moonbeam</b>	Allegra	Teddy	Ivor		
<b>1JM</b>	Abigail	Clem	Daksha	Isaac	
<b>1NS</b>	Louie	Florence	Elijah	Dylan	Felix
<b>1ST</b>	Alden	Jude	Hilal	Kassie	Lenny
<b>2SD</b>	Laura	Jolyon	Tilly	Florence	Djene
<b>2LT</b>	Nathan	Ruona	Amber	Jhane	
<b>3LS</b>	Albie	Rayha	Genny	Abdulai	
<b>3NI</b>	Ivor	Henry	Olivia	Temu	Rimas
<b>3/4BW</b>	Shafi	Elham	Jerome	Harrison	
<b>4BG</b>	Sophie	Maia	Seren	Alex	
<b>4GS</b>	Mohammed	Phoenix M	Matilda	Stiven	
<b>5RS</b>	Aubrey	Matthew	Olia	Lucien	
<b>5OF</b>	Khaliyah	Adeola	William	Sophie	
<b>5FM</b>	Esther	Daniel	Radin	Kyanna	Millie-Rose
<b>6LM</b>	Fox	Bryan	Emily T	Virtue	
<b>6SB</b>	Eve	Alex	Amelia	Hannah	Azariah
<b>6KL</b>	Molly	Einas	Tiger	Owen	

## Individual Timestable Rockstars

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Maya	Benjamin	Malachi C-N	Maia	Amelia	Isaac

## Timestable Rockstars Winning Classes

Key Stage 1	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2
2LT	4GS	5RS

House Winners	<b>Rubies!</b>
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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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A QUARTERLY COFFEE MORNING FOR PARENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN TO SHARE THEIR ISSUES AND CHALLENGES AS WELL AS GOOD TIPS ON HOW THEY SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN

### DATES

WEDNESDAY 15TH  
JANUARY 2025 TIME: 9:30 -11AM

WEDNESDAY 2ND  
APRIL 2025 TIME: 9:30-11AM

WEDNESDAY 16TH  
JULY 2025 TIME: 9:30-11AM



### FOR DETAILS & TO REGISTER

✉ [Admin@parentskills2go.com](mailto:Admin@parentskills2go.com)  
🌐 [parentskills2go.org](http://parentskills2go.org)

### OR CALL:

07507443737  
07725818283  
02035369609  
07394662602

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# MY CHILD & ME

**A 10 WEEK  
INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP  
FOR BLACK AND MINORITY FAMILIES**



**DATES:**

■ JANUARY 16TH - 20TH  
MARCH 2025

■ 1ST MAY - 9TH JULY 2025

**TIME: 10:00AM - 12:00PM**

**VENUE:**

THE LEWINGTON CENTRE  
COMMUNITY CENTRE  
9, EUGENIA ROTHERHITHE SE16 2RU

**FOR DETAILS & TO REGISTER**

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Southwark Children & Family Hubs

# Drop-in Sessions for Young people

11-19 years (up to 25 with SEN/D) are welcome to attend alone, with a friend or with a trusted adult

## Parents/Carers

with children 11-19 years (up to 25 with SEN/D)

A chance to learn about the services in Southwark, ask questions to the Adolescent Sure Start team and access support

Get support with the following:

- School/higher education advice and support
- Mental and physical health
- Family relationships
- Finances and benefits
- Sexual health
- SEN/D
- LGBTQ+ support
- Parenting challenges
- Domestic Abuse

and much more....

Monday

2.30-5.00pm: Kingswood Arts, Palm Court Room Seeley Drive, Kingswood Estate SE21 8QN

Tuesday

2.30-5.00pm: 1st Place Family Hub, 12 Chumleigh St SE5 ORN

Wednesday (with DWP & Lead Nurse Specialist)

2.30-5.00pm: Brandon Library, Maddock Way SE17 3NH

Thursday

1.00-5.30pm: Damilola Taylor Centre, 1 East Surrey Grove Peckham, SE15 6DR

Friday

2.30-5.00pm: South Bermondsey Children and Family Centre, Tenda Road, Bermondsey SE16 3PN

Please contact the team if you need more information or are unable to attend a drop in session - [AdolescentSureStartTeam@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:AdolescentSureStartTeam@southwark.gov.uk)

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