

Bessemer Primary School Newsletter



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Dates for your Diary

Friday 28th June 2024

Term Dates 2023-2024

September 2023							October 2023							November 2023							December 2023						
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School Holidays	INSET Days	Tutorial Day	Bank Holidays
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- 01.07.24 – New Reception parents' meeting
- 01.07.24 – Reception trip to Crystal Palace Park (SS & ½ of MB)
- 04.07.24 – 3NI and 3KL trip to Natural History Museum
- 04.07.24 – Year 2 trip to The Science Museum (2LS & ½ of 2LT)
- 05.07.24 – Year 2 trip to The Science Museum (2JW & ½ of 2LT)
- 05.07.24 – Year 6 enterprise project sale, 3.15pm
- 08.07.24 – Reception trip to Crystal Palace Park (RB & ½ of MB)
- 09.07.24 – Year 6 art workshop at Alleyn's (6SB)
- 10.07.24 – Year 6 art workshops at Alleyn's (6LM and 6AC)
- 10.07.24 – EYs and KS1 sports day, 9.30 start
- 11.07.24 – KS2 sports day, 9.30 start
- 12.07.24 – New Reception starters picnic, 12 - 1pm
- 12.07.24 – Reception to Year 1 transition meeting 9.15am
- 13.07.24 – Summer Fair, 12-3pm
- 16.07.24 – Year 6 performance 6pm
- 17.07.24 – Nursery trip to Ruskin Park
- 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
- 25.07.24 – Last day of term, 2pm finish

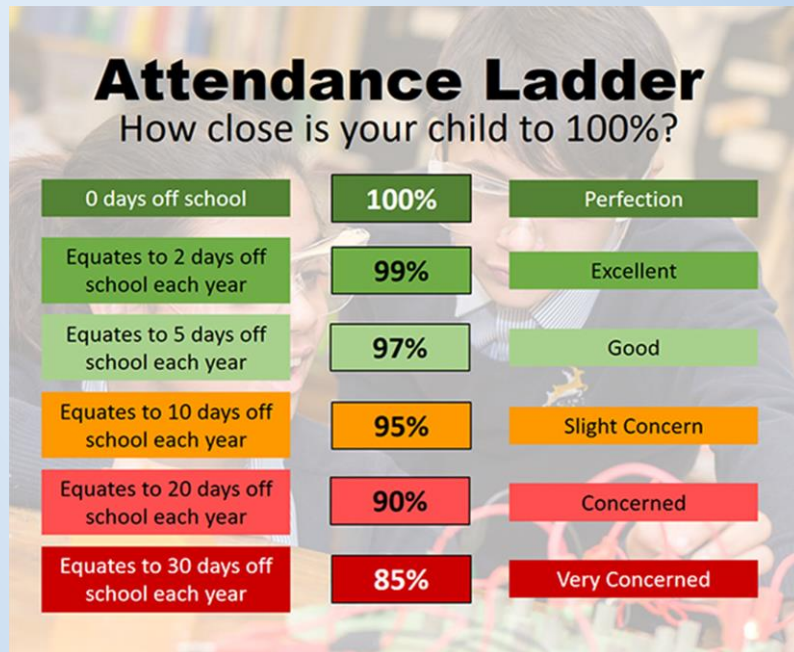
Summer Term Library Visit Dates

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Fri 28 th June	4VG
Thurs 4 th July	50F
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 and Term Time Absence Requests

Our target for children's school attendance is 96%, because good school attendance is directly related to academic success and social and emotional wellbeing. Most children at Bessemer achieve this attendance target. Children with poor attendance make noticeably less progress than children with good attendance and unnecessary absence from school causes disruption to learning for the child who is absent and the rest of the class. We understand that children will occasionally be absent from school when they are unwell or have essential appointments, or due to occasions such as close family funerals or weddings. However we are not allowed to authorise absence from school for other reasons, including holidays and family celebrations which can be planned to take place in school holidays. If you do take your child out of school for anything other than exceptional circumstances this will not be authorised and you may be fined.



Hot Weather

Please make sure that your child comes to school wearing sun cream, with a hat and water bottle during this warm weather. Please also ensure that your child does not wear unnecessary layers to school as the school building can get very warm. On hot days children do not need jumpers and cardigans, these items are frequently taken off and left lying around and when they are un-named it is impossible to return them to their owner.

Some children have been bringing small personal fans to school as the weather has been particularly hot this week. We will continue to allow these fans in school at the teachers' discretion. Children will be responsible for looking after their fans themselves and will only be allowed to use them if they do so sensibly without causing a distraction to others. Once the temperature drops teachers will tell children to stop bringing them in, or to put them in their bags.

After School Clubs

Next week will be the last session for all after school activity clubs except for Monday gymnastics and Percussion Club which will finish the following week.

Holiday Activities

There are a number of flyers at the end of the newsletter detailing holiday clubs and activities taking place locally over the summer holiday.

News and Reminders

Inclusion Information

New diagnosis reports and request for meetings with SEN team:

Lori has been receiving many new diagnosis letters and meeting requests. While she would love to accommodate these, the current term is particularly busy with transition preparations. Therefore, please contact her in the autumn term to arrange any necessary meetings.

In the meantime:

- The class teacher should be your first point of contact. Feel free to arrange meetings with them directly.
- All information will be shared with your child's new class teacher during our annual transition handover meetings.

Lori will ensure your child's SEN record is up to date and that any new diagnoses are logged in our internal SEN systems. Thank you for your understanding and ongoing support.

Autism Support:

National Autistic Society Coffee Mornings



For parents & carers of autistic children on:

Friday 5th July
9:30am
Carnegie Library
Herne Hill, SE24 0AG

And the first Friday of every month
FREE of charge
Open to parents/carers of autistic people
of all ages in Lambeth & neighbouring
boroughs

Our guest speaker this month:

Saffron Gallup from **Lambeth Autism Advisory Service** who will chat to us about the approaches she takes when working with parents and schools on how best to support autistic children.



Dyslexia Support:

Bell House Dyslexia Fair Saturday, 28 September 2024, 10am - 4pm

A FREE community event in SE21!

Everyone is welcome to a community event for parents, families, carers and anyone seeking support with dyslexia.

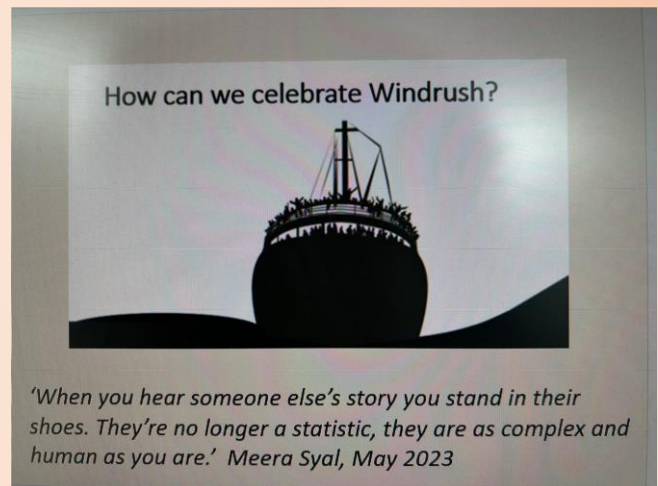
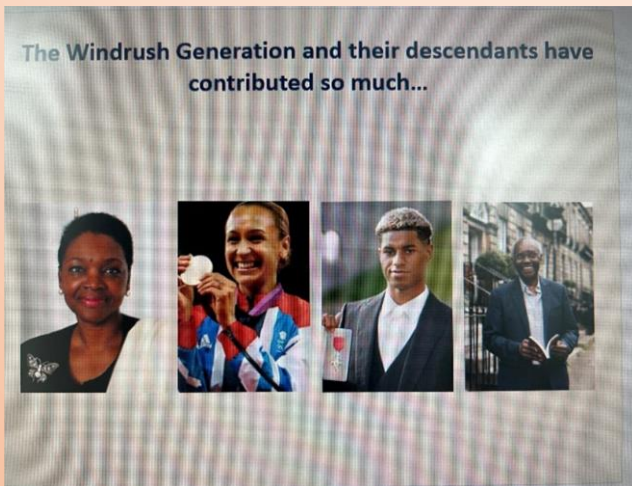
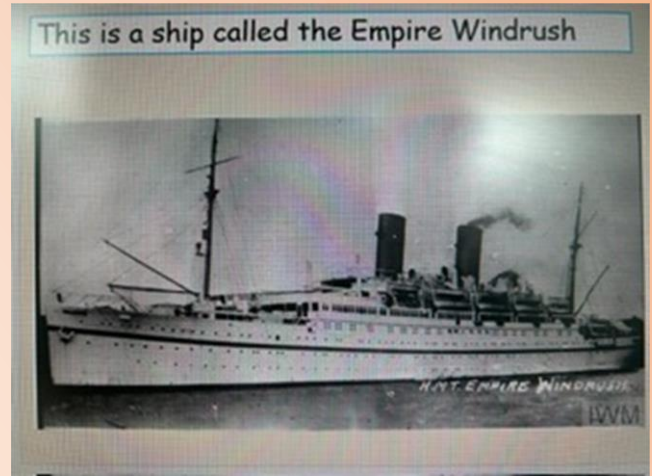
With an engaging mix of talks, workshops, advice clinics and an exhibition of learning resources, you'll leave equipped with an array of practical tools and strategies to navigate life with dyslexia and literacy difficulties, at school and at home.

There are refreshments on hand and fun activities for children of all ages, along with a lovely garden to relax in - a fun day for everyone!

For more details click [here](#) where you can also sign up for the newsletter to receive event updates and booking information.

Sharing Children's Learning
Demonstrating our core value of being *Respectful*

Last Saturday was Windrush Day, the anniversary of the day on which the passengers disembarked from The Empire Windrush at Tilsbury Docks in 1948. We celebrated Windrush Day with special assemblies during which we learnt more about The Empire Windrush's journey, the passengers on board and their lives once they reached England.



Sharing Children's Learning
Demonstrating our core value of being *Connected to the Community*

Last Friday children in Year 2 went to Burgess park to take part in an athletics competition alongside children from other local schools.



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This week some of our children from Years 2 and 3 went to Bacons College to take part in a range of sports activities with children from other Southwark schools.



Sharing Children's Learning

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

We always seek to enhance our curriculum through trips, visits and practical learning experiences, as we believe that children learn by doing. Whenever possible we draw on resources in our local community to enable this.

Children in Year 4 were invited to JAGS this week to listen to an author talk by Joseph Elliott who has just released his new book *Nora and the Map of Mayhem*.



Children in Year 6 were invited to take part in a science lesson in a science lab at Alleyn's this week.



Gardening

Demonstrating our core value of being *Connected to the Community*

Some Year 5 children have been helping out with gardening at lunchtime, replanting a flowerbed installed many years ago as a memorial to a Bessemer teacher:



Continuing the effort to tidy and refresh the planted areas of the school site, we welcomed volunteers from Dulwich College who spent the day weeding and clearing flower beds. Huge thanks to Bessemer parent Margherita who volunteered her time to oversee them for the day.



Post-SATs Fun

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

Children in Year 6 have recently completed their SATs and are now approaching the end of their time at Bessemer and the transition to secondary school. As a result this can be a challenging half term for them, bringing lots of excitement, but also concerns and uncertainty at times. To help with this we make sure that this half term is packed with lots of fun activities which allow the children to relax and make memories with their friends. Today that activity was a trip to Ruskin Park.



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 next week. 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!

Find me under f, I'm most commonly a verb but can also be a noun

I have six letters

I rhyme with a type of bee

I mean 'to do something clumsily, especially when using your hands'

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

The answer to last week's riddle was **magnificent** - 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

It's the time of year again! We're getting ready for the Summer Fair in 2 weeks and we need your help! There are a few stalls that we can only run with your generous donations so please have a rummage and bring in your donations (next week if possible!)

This year we are asking for: soft toys and teddies, children's books and chocolate (nut free) which can all be donated via the school office.

We'll also be looking for delicious (nut free) cake donations to be brought in on the day. The stall is hugely popular and always sells out - so please do consider baking for us if you can!

☆ **Teddy tombola** ☆

Soft toys and teddies that are in good condition and looking for a new home!

☆ **Children's books** ☆

All children's books and particularly chapter books - both fiction and non-fiction. Please make sure they are in good condition - no rips, tears or scribbles inside.

☆ **Chocolate** ☆

Our chocolate tombola needs chocolate prizes - bars, boxes, bags are all welcome.

Donations can be left at the office.

Thank you!

From Team F@B

PS If you can volunteer but haven't yet been in touch with Nikki to confirm please do text her with your availability (the options are: set up, shift 1 12-1.30, shift 2 1.30-3pm or clearing away). You can reach her on this number: [07786 197570](tel:07786197570).

Online Safety Tip of the Week

What is Discord? What should parents and carers know about this communication platform? Read the article below for information, including how parents and carers can try to make it safer to use.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/esafety-news/parents-guide-to-discord-on-how-your-kids-can-use-it-safely/>



[Discord parents and carers guide | Internet Matters](https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/esafety-news/parents-guide-to-discord-on-how-your-kids-can-use-it-safely/)

To help ease parents' fears about Discord safety, Internet Matters sheds light on the social gaming platform and how it can be used safely.

www.internetmatters.org





Celebrations!

Certificates

	Star	Writer	Mathematician	Presenter	Scientist
Rainbow	Henry	Alma	Godwill		
Sunshine	Inoa	T'Mari	Nasir		
Moonbeam	Lenny	Joe	James		
1AM	Kiyoko	Nathan	Eimi	Ruona	Jacob
1NS	Annabelle	Lyra	Johnny G	Mylah - Monae	
2JW	Jerome	Sarai	Albie	Casper	Omar
2LS	Emma	Nathaniel	Jojo	Ruby	
2LT	Stephany	Olivia	Maceo	Tasnim	
3KL	Elliott	Phoenix M	Aidan	Talya	
3NI	Ben	Charlotte	Alessandro	Alex	
3/4CB	Joel	Leila	Lucie	Florence	Kebreab Harry
4BC	Adam	Eve	William	Noah	
4VG	Nicolas	Matthew	Tobias	Adeola	
5RS	Khadijah	Tayo	Camai	Carter	
5OF	Lucy	Ruby	Max E	Emily	
5FM	Einas	Ezekiel	Martha	Tiger	
6LM	Gen	Emma	Rocco	Curtis	
6SB	Heidi	Tom	Brogan	Tani	
6AC	Hassan	Yusuf	Sophie	Edie	Silas

Individual Timestable Rockstars

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Leila	Margot	Joel	Rose	Gabriel	Pearl

Timestable Rockstars Winning Classes

Key Stage 1	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2
2LT	3/4CB	5OF

**House
Winners**

Sapphires!



Have a great weekend!

Elizabeth

SPORTS FOCUS COACHING

Summer Camp



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

Where: Bessemer Grange Primary School, Dylways

Ages: Reception - Year 6

Week 1: Monday, 29th July - Friday, 2nd August

Week 2: Monday, 5th August - Friday, 9th August

Week 3: Monday, 12th August - Friday, 16th August

Times & Prices:

9:00 - 12:00 £25

12:00 - 15:00 £25

9:00 - 15:00 £33

Early drop off 8:30 additional £3.50

Late Collection 17:00 additional £5

Dodge Ball, Cricket, Athletics, Cooking & More!

Spaces are limited

To book

www.sportsfocusuk.co.uk

For further info

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Friday
23rd August



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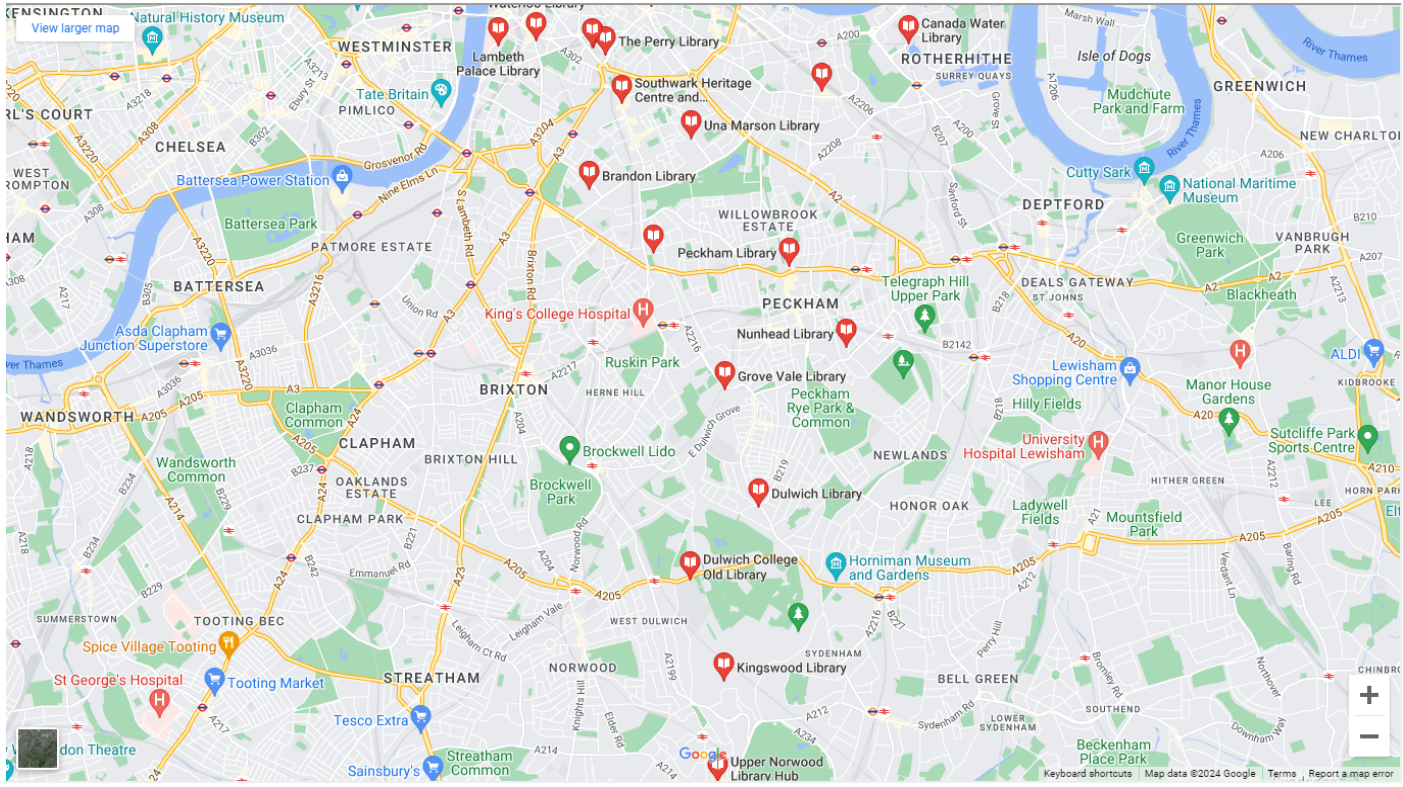


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The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children ages 4 to 11 years to keep reading during the school summer holidays. They can choose any book they enjoy to read, from chapter books, comics or even information books. On their reading journey they will find lots of fun characters and join them in a creative story. There are stickers to collect for their special folder and after reading 6 books they earn a certificate. Each week children will be entered into a prize draw and get the chance to win fun prizes. It's free to take part and children can sign up at any Southwark Library.

Date: 13 July 2024 to 7 September 2024
Time: 9am to 5pm

www.southwark.gov.uk/libraries





Summer Holiday Family Activity Days

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

Family Wildlife Discovery Day

Sunday 28th July 10am till 3pm

Have fun finding minibeasts in the garden with pond dipping, bush beating, sweep netting, crafts and games.

The following can be booked as a single day or as both days:

Summer Nature Savers

Monday 29th & Tuesday 30th July 10am till 3pm

On Monday you will find out about bees and hoverflies and how you can help them with nesting sites, watering pools and hoverfly lagoons. Play the pollinator game, crafts and seed sowing.

On Tuesday you will hunt for caterpillars in the garden and learn how to help butterflies by making a butterfly bar and puddle.

Crafts, games, story.

*Southwark residents only. One adult may bring up to 3 children.
£3 To book see qr code or visit www.wildlondon.org.uk/events*



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www.wildlondon.org.uk/events
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