

Bessemer Primary School Newsletter



Part of The Gem Federation

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Dates for your Diary

Friday 7th March 2025

Term Dates 2024-25

September 2024						
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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 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	6KL
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	1ST	Thursday 12 th June	6SB
Thursday 19 th June		Thursday 26 th June	5OF
Thursday 3 rd July	1JM		

Dates for your Diary

Upcoming Events for the Spring Term:

- 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
 - 31.03.25 – Nursery reading workshop for parents and carers, 9.15am
 - 31.03.25 – Year 6 residential trip meeting for parents and carers, 5pm
 - 01.04.25 – Years 3 and 4 trip to The British Museum
 - 03.04.25 – Nursery trip to The Unicorn Theatre
 - 04.04.25 – Last day of term (finish at usual time, ASC running as normal)
- 23.04.25 – Children return to school

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.

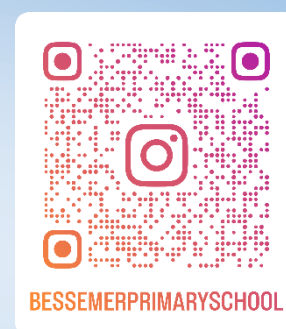
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Fri 24 th Jan	5OF	Fri 14 th March	1ST
Thurs 30 th Jan	4GS	Thurs 20 th March	Moonbeam
Fri 31 st Jan	4BG	Fri 21 st March	Sunshine
Thurs 6 th Feb	3/4BW	Thurs 27 th March	Ladybird
Fri 7 th Feb	3NI	Fri 28 th March	Butterfly

News and Reminders

Instagram

For more updates about what's going on at Bessemer and insights into our creative and practical curriculum, follow us on Instagram!

@[bessemerprimaryschool](https://www.instagram.com/bessemerprimaryschool)



News and Reminders

Gem House Captains

Every half term we elect new gem house captains from Year 6.

This half term's gem house captains are Aimenya, Paul, Stephen and Ruby.



World Book Day

We have had a wonderful time celebrating World Book Day all this week, look out for photos of all of our activities in next week's newsletter or on Instagram today. Don't forget that our World Book Day competitions are still open until Friday 14th March – see last week's newsletter for details, or ask your children who found out all about how to enter in assembly this week.

International Women's Day

This Saturday, 8th March is International Women's Day. As part of our core values of being *Respectful* and *Progressive* we promote equality and ensure that we always celebrate women's achievements throughout our curriculum. This week children have been making presentations about inspirational women which they will be sharing in assembly next week – look out for more about this in next week's newsletter.

At the end of this newsletter are two flyers advertising International Women's Day events taking place locally tomorrow. You can also find more local IWD events using these links:

<https://www.liveatstgiles.com/iwd2025-timeofthemoth>

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/southwark-presents/empire-and-allied-women-ww1-and-ww2>

<https://londonist.com/london/things-to-do/international-womens-day-womens-history-month-events-london>

Easter of Food and Fun

This Easter, Southwark is funding free holiday clubs for children and young people aged 4 – 16 years receiving benefits-related free school meals. There are 58 locations to choose from and this year's programme runs from Monday 7th April to Thursday 17th April 2025.

Each programme will provide:

- free, nutritious and tasty food everyday
- fun physical activity sessions
- a wide range of other exciting activities to suit different ages and personalities
- opportunities to learn more about food and nutrition for children and their families

A map of all funded holiday clubs is available at the link below:

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=1h31P83VEsJREtdiwBlpJtfTsH625ymo&usp=sharing>

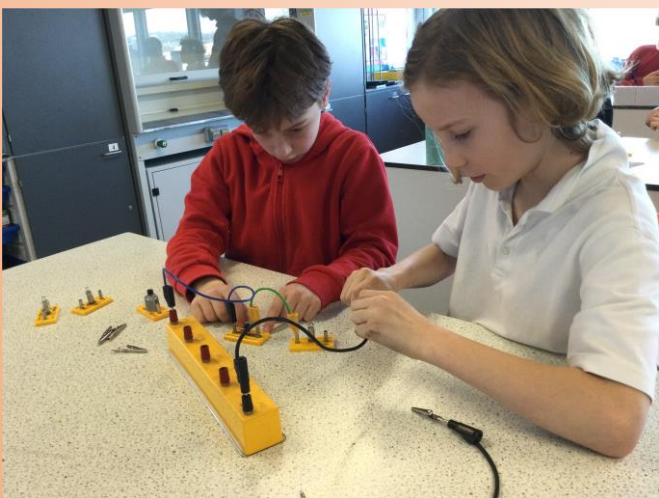
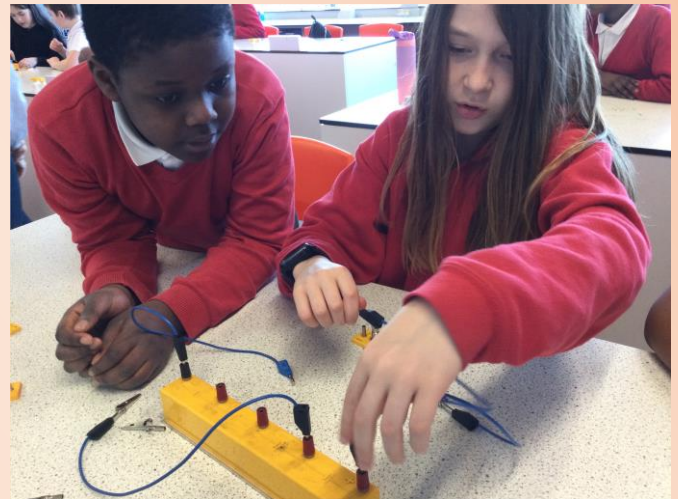
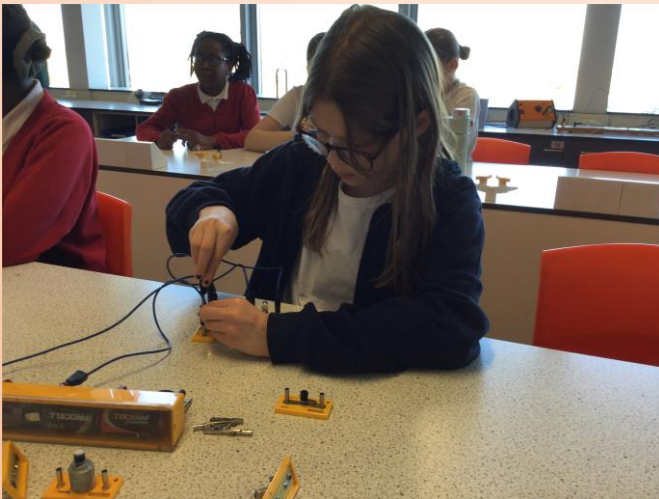
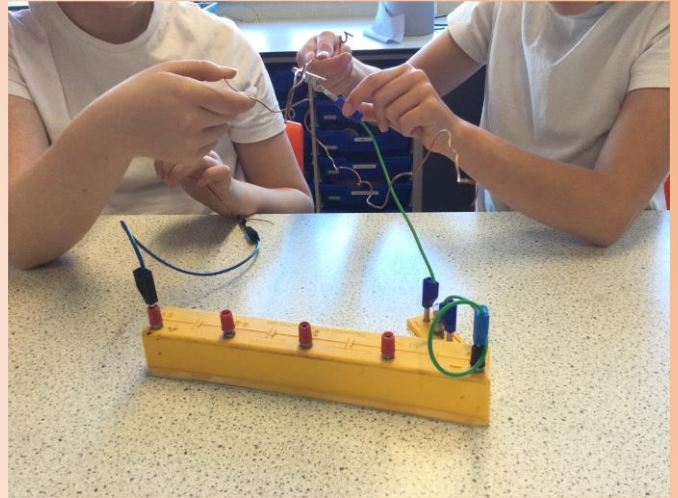
Find out more about the provision here: [promotional video](#) or by looking at the flyers at the end of the newsletter.

Book your child's place here: www.eegu.org/southwarkfoodandfun or for sessions at The Damilola Taylor centre book here: <https://forms.office.com/e/QA1v8L0x6n>.

Sharing Children's Learning

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

Making the most of our community links, children in Year 6 are having their science lessons at Alleyn's this half term. Here they are starting their *Electricity* unit in one of the Alleyn's science labs:



Sharing Children's Learning

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

Children in Reception have a post office role play area at the moment, so they went out in the local area to find out how post offices work. They wrote a letter to Alison then they went to the post office to buy a stamp and posted their letter. Alison received the letter later this week, so now the Reception children are eagerly awaiting her reply!



Children in Year 5 enjoyed a performance and workshop about friendship and bullying this week:



Sharing Children's Learning

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

Children in Years 3 and 4 went to The Royal Festival Hall yesterday to watch the Philharmonia orchestra perform a special concert for children called *Orchestra Unwrapped*. Everyone had a great time, and as the weather was so nice there was a picnic in the park as well.



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 **robust**. 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

This week we organised another Bessemer Book Giveaway event.

Every child in the school gets to visit the book giveaway classroom and spend some time choosing a book to keep.

We are very grateful to Rhiannon and Margherita who lead this event. Thank you for all your hours of sorting the donations and arranging the books beautifully to create a very special experience for each class when it's their turn to come along.

Thank you as well to the wider school community - we LOVED seeing all the fantastic book donations arrive and really appreciate everyone's help in making this event a success.



Online Safety Tip of the Week

What age can my child use social media apps?

Social media platforms have age restrictions attached to them for the children's safety. You can see below what the rules are for each platform:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/>

What are the risks of social media for children?

Oversharing	+
Sharing their location	+
Talking to people they don't know	+
Sending or receiving inappropriate content	+
Unrealistic sense of body image or reality	+
Obsessive focus on likes and comments	+





Celebrations!

Certificates

	Star	Writer	Mathematician	Presenter	Scientist
Sunshine	Isaac	Reuben	Francis K		
Moonbeam	Jesse	Frank	Dhvisha		
1JM	roman	Maseyr	Daksha	Gabriel	
1NS	Tobi	Godwill	Hadley	Tobi	
1ST	Samuel	Alden	Lenny	Yonathan	Jude
2SD	Lyra	Jolyon	Troy	Lola	Freddie
2LT	Briyit	Asemota	Eve	Sara	
3LS	No certificates this week				
3NI					
3/4BW					
4BG					
4GS					
5RS	Olia	Harley	Malachi	Sharon	
5OF	William	Khaliyah	Billy	Runaah	Tobias
5FM	Salima	Cruize	Harry	Elliot	
6LM	Elisa	Khadijah	Polly	Andrea	
6SB	Max E	Lucy	Akila	Sophie	Alexis
6KL	Lori	Aimenya	Ruby	Stephen	

Individual Timestable Rockstars

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Ava	Blessing	Bella	Makai	Elliot	Sami

Timestable Rockstars Winning Classes

Key Stage 1	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2
2SD	3NI	5FM

House Winners	Emeralds!
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Have a great weekend!

Elizabeth



**INTERNATIONAL
WOMEN'S DAY EVENT
(INTERGENERATIONAL)**

CELEBRATING WOMEN'S DIVERSITY -OUR STORIES!

**SATURDAY 8TH MARCH 2025
TIME: 11AM - 4PM**

**VENUE: THE APPLEBY BLUE ALMS
HOUSE 94 -116 SOUTHWARK PARK ROAD
LONDON SE16 3RR (OPPOSITE AGE CONCERN UK)
REVERDY BUS STOP**

**Activities: Arts and crafts, Massage ,
Poetry, Dance, Food and more!**

FOR DETAILS & TO REGISTER
02035369609, 07394662602
 **Admin@parentskills2go.com**
 **parentskills2go.org**

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Saturday 8 March 2025
PLAY LIKE A GIRL SESSION

Location: **Alleyn's School**

Time: **10:00-12:00**

Age group: **6-12**

Level: **All abilities**

Cost: **FREE!**



GIRLS UNITED



[girlsunityfa.org/iwdyouth25](https://www.girlsunityfa.org/iwdyouth25)

Sign up here: <https://www.girlsunityfa.org/iwdyouth25>

Southwark
Council



Activity programme for children and young people aged 4-16 years who get benefits-related free school meals

7 April to 17 April 2025

www.southwark.gov.uk/foodandfun

Funded by



Department
for Education



Contact our providers to sign up

North East Southwark

AUTISM VOICE

- Ages: 5 to 15
- Neckinger Tenants and Residents Association (TRA) Hall, 87 Spa Road, SE16 3SG
- 07460 399 290
- autismvoice1@gmail.com
www.autismvoice.org.uk

BALLERS ACADEMY - TEENS ONLY

- Ages: 13 to 15
- Peter Hills Primary School, Salter Road entrance, SE16 5ED
- 07400 543 210
- info@ballersacademy.co.uk
www.ballersacademy.co.uk

CITY HOPE CHURCH

- Ages: 12 to 16
- City Hope Church, 121 Drummond Road, SE16 2JY
- 07305 163 038
- kwame@cityhope.london
www.cityhope.london

MILLWALL COMMUNITY TRUST

- Ages: 6 to 13
- St Pauls Sports Ground, Salter Road, SE16 5EF
- 07903 245 058
- tsells@millwallcommunity.org.uk
www.millwallcommunity.org.uk

PARENT SKILLS2GO

- Ages: 4 to 10
- Lewington Community Centre, 9 Eugenia Road, SE16 2RU
- 07725 818 283
07394 662 602
- admin@parentskills2go.com
www.parentskills2go.com

ZENOCH COMMUNITY HUB

- Ages: 5 to 16
- City of London Academy (COLA), 240 Lynton Road, SE16 5LA
- zenochservices@gmail.com
www.zenoch.co.uk

North West Southwark

FAST 58

- Ages: 5 to 15
- Roundhouse Hall, 2 Cardinal Bourne Street, SE1 4EJ
- 07973 311 684
- dwalsh1503@gmail.com
www.fast58.org.uk

JUNIOR ADVENTURE GROUP - ELEPHANT & CASTLE

- Ages: 5 to 11
- The Castle Centre, 2 St Gabriel Walk, SE1 6FG
- 0800 640 9516
- hello@junioradventuresgroup.co.uk
www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk

East Central Southwark

ANGELS BREAKFAST AND AFTERSCHOOL CLUB

- 👤 Ages: 8 to 16
- 📍 Parish Church of St Luke's, Chandler Way, SE15 6DT
- ☎ 07957 472 504
- ✉ angelsbreakfastafterschoolclub@gmail.com

BIRD IN BUSH CHAMPS

- 👤 Ages: 5 to 11
- 📍 Bird in Bush Primary School, Bird in Bush Road, SE15 1QP
- ☎ 07512 514 833
- ✉ iali@birdinbush.southwark.sch.uk
<https://birdinbushprimary.co.uk>

DAMILOLA TAYLOR CENTRE

- 👤 Ages: 11 to 16
- 📍 Damilola Taylor Centre, 1 East Surrey Grove, SE15 6DR
- ✉ youthservicesinfo@southwark.gov.uk

JUNIOR ADVENTURE GROUP - PECKHAM

- 👤 Ages: 5 to 11
- 📍 Peckham Pulse Leisure Centre, 10 Melon Road, SE15 5QN
- ☎ 0800 640 9516
- ✉ hello@junioradventuresgroup.co.uk
www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk



See the listings to choose the best club for your child. Please book a place with your chosen provider as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. If you have any queries, please contact the Holiday Activities and Food Team at haf@southwark.gov.uk.

West Central Southwark

BURGESS SPORTS

- 👤 Ages: 5 to 12
- 📍 Surrey Square Primary School, Surrey Square, SE17 2JY
- ☎ 07384 336 925
- ✉ afruja@burgesssports.org
www.burgesssports.org

South Southwark

DYNAMIC COACHING

- 👤 Ages: 4 to 16
- 📍 Dulwich Hamlet Football Club, Champion Hill, Edgar Way, SE22 8BD
- ☎ 07756 826 105
- ✉ admin@dynamicmail.co.uk
www.dynamiccoachinguk.com

EXCEL BEYOND BARRIERS

- 👤 Ages: 4 to 16
- 📍 Ketra Community Hall, Telfer House, Seeley Drive, Kingswood Estate, SE21 8QW
- ☎ 07958 064 597
020 8079 7290
- ✉ info@excelbeyondbarriers.com
www.excelbeyondbarriers.com

JUNIOR ADVENTURE GROUP - CAMBERWELL

- 👤 Ages: 5 to 11
- 📍 Camberwell Leisure Centre, Artichoke Place, Camberwell Church Street, SE5 8TS
- ☎ 0800 640 9516
- ✉ hello@junioradventuresgroup.co.uk
www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk

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THE PE & SCHOOL SPORTS NETWORK



"The Saturday club has been a lifeline for my son. He has many friends and looks forward to going. He also uses the trampoline as a release of tension."

**AGES
5-18**

SEND SATURDAY SPORTS CLUB

OPEN EVERY SATURDAY
(TERM TIME ONLY)

**OPEN TO SEND PUPILS IN
SOUTHWARK**

For more information please contact Glyn and George via the emails below:

Glyn Davies: glyn@lpessn.org.uk

George Richards: george@lpessn.org.uk

Telephone: 0207 237 1928 Ext: 4086 - Website: www.lpessn.org.uk





THE PE & SCHOOL SPORTS NETWORK



The Saturday sports club runs through the year at Bacon's College. The club caters for SEND students of all disabilities between the ages of 5 - 18 years old. Each session lasts for 60 minutes.

There is a highly skilled and motivated team of 14 working at the club ranging from teachers, teaching assistants, coaches, and special needs specialists.

As well as improving fitness levels and health and wellbeing the club works on social skills such as listening skills, waiting, sharing, teamwork, individual work and focus.

Sports and activities change weekly - trampolining, nature trail and the gym for the older clients, volleyball, football, basketball, multi skills, tennis, cricket, badminton, boccia, new age curling, dance, parachute games, athletics, capoeira, etc.

The club currently run in **4** different sessions:

Session 1: 10:30 - 11:30

Session 2: 11:30 - 12:30

Session 3: 12:30 - 13:30

Session 4: 14:00 - 15:00

Venue:

Bacon's College, Timber Pond Road
Rotherhithe, London
SE16 6AT

" The Network and Saturday Sports Club at Bacon's College has offered myself and family much-needed respite. Glyn, George and the team are very understanding and aware of my son's SEN needs: autism and ADHD. "

SEND SATURDAY SPORTS CLUB

Telephone: 0207 237 1928 Ext: 4086 - Website: www.lpeesn.org.uk



Dulwich Youth Orchestra

Easter course at

Alleyn's School

SE22 8SU



Sat 5th - Wed 9th April 2025

9am-1pm with concert at 7pm on final day

For musicians, aged 7 - 18, grade 2 - 8+.
Students are divided into ensembles:

- String Ensemble
- Wind Band
- Senior Strings
- Symphony Orchestra



Apply now:

