



Godwin Newsletter - 9th October 2026

preparing pupils for lifelong success

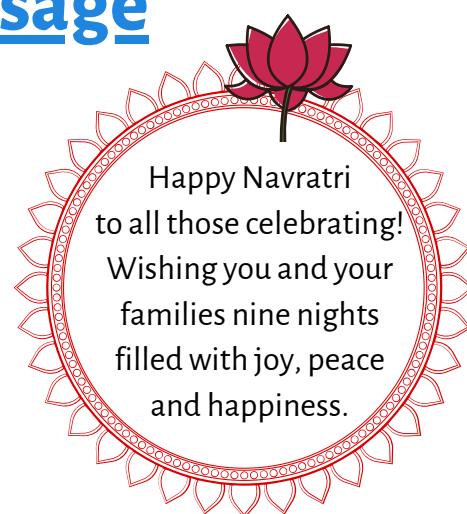


Head Teacher's Message

In assemblies this week, we have been discussing the contributions that a number of Black Britons have made to the UK.

We also launched our Black History Month competition. Please see details in this newsletter and encourage your child to take part.

The colder weather and darker evenings are definite signs that the summer is well behind us and autumn is setting in. Please can we ask families to make sure that all children bring coats to school so that they can be comfortable at play and lunchtimes.



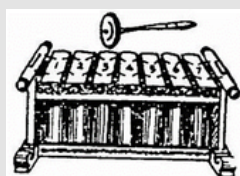
Gamelan performances: Wednesday 14th October

Class 3Z – 1.55 – 2:10pm

Class 3L – 2.15 – 2:30pm

Class 3K – 2.35 – 2:50pm

Class 3Y – 2.55 – 3:10pm



WE HAVE A MOUNTAIN OF LOST PROPERTY!

Please come and collect what is yours.
Please ensure that your child's clothing is labelled with their name and class.
This will help us to return lost items without delay.



IMPORTANT DATES

- w/c 12th October (6W) and w/c 19th October (6J) - Y6 Bikeability training
- Tue 13th October and Thu 15th October - Parent/Carer Conferences - 3:40pm - 6:00pm.
- Wed 14th October - pm - Year 3 Gamelan Performances
- Mon 19th Oct 9am - Parent Carer Online Safety Workshop
- Weds 21st October Pupil Parliament elections
- Mon 2nd Nov - Y5 FAB Science Workshop
- Tues 3rd Nov - flu vaccine in school
- Tues 3rd Nov - Y6 anti-smoking/vaping workshops
- Mon 9th Nov - SEND Parent/Carer Coffee Morning

Learning Powers

At Godwin Junior School we promote and encourage seven different learning powers: Being curious, persevering, evaluating, collaborating, embracing mistakes, explaining reasoning and considering choices.

This week, we'll focus on collaboration – the ability to work with others towards a common goal. This can be a difficult skill for children to master; they need a lot of opportunities and support from adults to do this effectively. Why is it worth the effort?

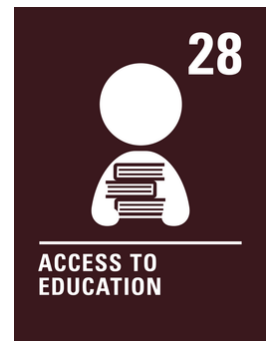
- **Embedded learning:** Collaboration embeds knowledge more powerfully through listening and sharing. A student is more likely to remember something learnt with and from a peer than something broadcast from the front of the classroom. The dialogue and discussion over new ideas and approaches to solving the task set make it more memorable and require a deeper level of skills.
- **Confidence building:** Well-planned collaboration allows all students to recognise and value the importance of their own contributions. It emboldens them with the confidence to teach and learn from others – not only their peers, but their teachers too.
- **Improved psychological health:** There has been found to be a strong correlation between cooperativeness and psychological health. A more collaborative approach could lead to better emotional maturity, well-adjusted social relations, strong personality identity, ability to cope with adversity, basic trust and optimism about people and independence and autonomy.
- **Inclusivity:** There is no such thing as an 'average' child, and collaborative learning plays to this. It can give outlier students unique ways forward. They bring their own strength and skills, which are recognised and valued by other students. Effective collaboration recognises the merit of everyone in the group, allowing each child to work to their strengths and gain support from others when needed.
- **Well-rounded citizens:** This may seem a bold claim, but as mentioned at the beginning, what we learn in childhood, we take into adult life. Collaborative practice can become so inculcated in a person that they take their skills not only on to further education and work, but into their personal lives too. The more people are equipped this way, the more harmonious society can become.

Whole-Class Attendance

CLASS	ATTENDANCE
3K	97.3%
3L	100.0%
3Y	88.6%
3Z	96.3%
4K	97.5%
4M	97.8%
4V	92.4%
4I	96.5%

CLASS	ATTENDANCE
5T	95.6%
5O	91.3%
5B	99.1%
6W	94.1%
6J	93.3%
average	95.4%

This attendance data is for the period
2nd October to
8th October

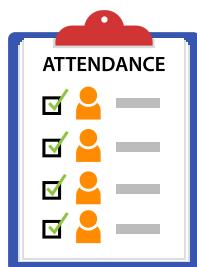


Our whole-school target for the year is 96%.

At the moment, our whole-school attendance for the academic year is 96.2%

Attendance Cup

Congratulations to
3L and 5B who
won the attendance
cups this week.



Punctuality Cup

Congratulations to 3Z,
4M and 5O who had
no late marks at all.
Well done!



Times Table Rock Stars

4I and 5B take the trophies
this week. Keep it up!



Lining Up Cup

This week's winners
are 4M and 5T.







Achievement Awards

3K - Bahir: for persevering across all lessons and having a positive start at Godwin

3L - Palwasha: for considering her choices and collaborating well with her Learning Partner

3Y - Maria: for making good choices and being an excellent role model

3Z - Mikaeel: for persevering in lesson work and collaborating with others

4K - Zara: for showing curiosity by asking questions during our visit to the British Museum

4M - Ray: for his curiosity and collaboration at the British Museum

4V - Matilda: for explaining her reasoning reason well in her maths journaling

4I - Noah: for asking questions to deepen his understanding during our Ancient Egypt history lessons

5T - Phoenix: for perseverance when writing a balanced argument this week

5O - Rocco: for considering his choices and being a good role model to his peers

5B - Eliza: for persevering in all her lessons this week and making good choices

6W - Sonia: for excellent perseverance in maths

6J - Ibraheem A: for choosing to use written models in order to develop his own pieces of work



BECOME A

Digital Leader

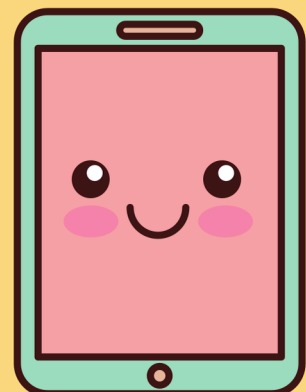


Become a Digital Leader! Do you love technology and want to make a difference?

Digital Leaders are students with a passion for all things digital! They share tech knowledge, help classmates and teachers, promote safe tech use, take on responsibilities, and build confidence. Join us to be a role model and support your school community!

To apply, complete the application form and tell us why you would like to be a Digital Leader.

Deadline: Friday 23rd October
Ask your teacher for a form



HONOURING OUR COMMUNITIES BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2026



THE CHALLENGE

Research and retell the story of a Black British person connected to Newham whose story you wish to share.



This could be someone famous, or someone who helps in our community, such as a nurse, teacher, faith leader or activist.



YOUR TASK

Make sure your work includes the following details:

- ✓ Facts about them
- ✓ Their connection to Newham
- ✓ What they are known for
- ✓ Important things they achieved
- ✓ Any challenges or barriers they overcame
- ✓ How they helped make the community stronger



CAN YOU INCLUDE A SOURCE?

Can you include a source for your research? This could be:



NEWSPAPER
ARTICLE



COUNCIL
WEBSITE



PHOTOGRAPH



DOCUMENT



SHOWCASE YOUR RESEARCH YOUR WAY!

You can showcase your research in any way you wish, but it must include the details above.



FACT FILE



VIDEO
PRESENTATION



PODCAST



ART

BE CREATIVE,
BE PROUD, BE INSPIRED!



ENTRIES MUST BE HANDED IN AFTER HALF TERM

MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER



HAND THEM TO MS MICHAEL - 4M

Woodgrange Infant School,
Sebert Road, Forest Gate

PRE-LOVED TABLE TOP SALE!

PTA

Woodgrange
RAISING FUNDS FOR
WOODGRANGE SCHOOL

SUNDAY 22nd
NOVEMBER
11-3pm



Follow us on Instagram!
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BOOK HERE:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/pre-loved-table-top-sale-in-forest-gate-e7-tickets-2003028396855?aff=oddtcreator>

During the Autumn term, our school will be competing against others in the borough for a chance to win prizes for families and Godwin Junior School. To take part, download the BetterPoints app with the code **newhamwww** from your app store. Or visit the [website](#) to download the app.

The app will send you a welcome message and **instructions** on how to join our school team.

Please invite other family members (14+ years of age) and friends to join Team Godwin to help us win together!



Walk,
Wheel
& Win!

Newham Schools Autumn Challenge



Let's get active by taking part in a special challenge with the BetterPoints app

The top three schools can win great prizes.
Participants can win prizes, plus **£5** and **£10** vouchers for getting active.



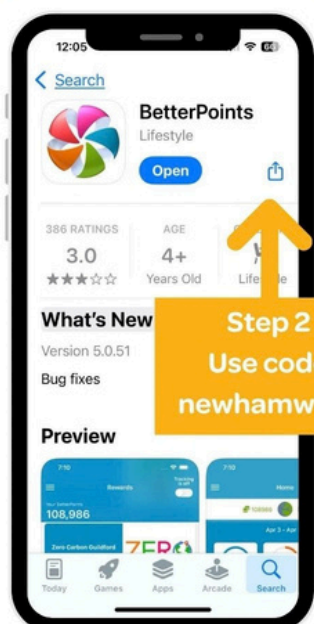
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Win **£500**
for your
school

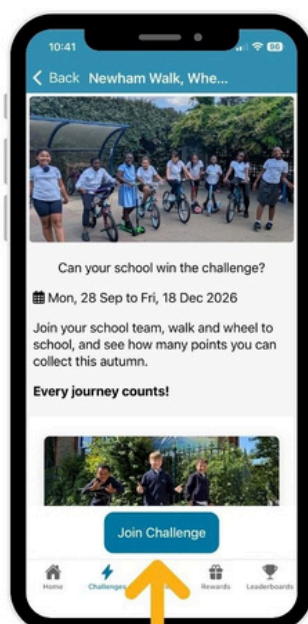
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Step 1
Download the app

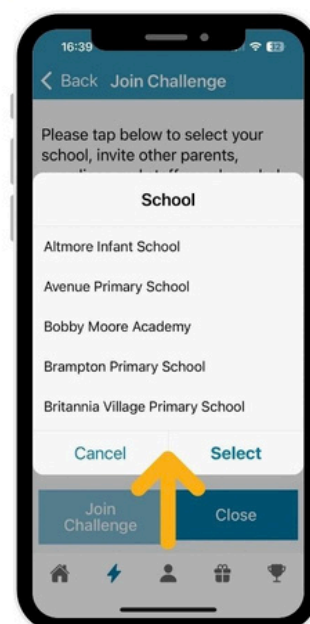


Step 2
Use code
newhamwww

Step 3
Go to Challenges



Step 4
Join your School Team



Godwin Junior School 2026-27



School Holiday

Bank Holiday

Pupil Day

INSET Day

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Godwin Junior School 2027-28



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