Godwin Newsletter - 27th November 2026

preparing pupils for lifelong success

Head Teacher's Message

In assemblies this week we have been discussing 'International Day of Persons with Disabilities', which falls next week. The day is about promoting the rights of those with disabilities so they can participate fully, equally and effectively in society and face no barriers. We focussed on the fact that not all disabilities are visible and also that small adaptations can make a significant positive difference in ensuring that everyone feels included. Our pupils reflected thoughtfully.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Mon 7th Dec - Y5 London Fire Brigade Workshops
- Mon 7th Dec - Clothing Collection
- Thu 10th Dec - Bake Sale
- Fri 18th Dec - last day of Autumn Term: we finish at 3:25pm
- Tues 5th Jan - first day of Spring Term

This week, we were delighted to receive a certificate of recognition from the London Children's Flower Society (LCFS) for our pupil's work to improve biodiversity and well-being in our school. The project we are currently working on, supported with a grant from LCFS, enables our children to link their learning about plant lifecycles and climate action to real-world change. Identifying the need to attract pollinators on to our school site and then bedding out plants, demonstrates how small changes can positively impact on our environment and community. As a rights-respecting school, encouraging pupils to become active global citizens is important to us and it is fantastic that our children are having so much fun in the process!



CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Mon 14th December		Tues 15th December	
9:05 - 9:35	6J	9:05 - 9:35	3Z
9:45 - 10:15	6W	9:45 - 10:15	3L
10:25 - 10:55	4M	10:25 - 10:55	3Y
11:05 - 11:35	4K	11:05 - 11:35	3K
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2:00 - 2:30	4I	1:45 - 2:15	5O
2:40 - 3:10	4V	2:20 - 2:50	5T
		2:55 - 3:25	5B



Our Young Tree Champions after-school gardening club had a visit from the Tree Council as part of the organisation's Living Labs programme. This is an initiative that aims to make school grounds greener, more sustainable and better for the environment. Throughout the project, pupils and teachers will work together to lead data-driven, nature-based improvements to our school environment. This will include planting, enhancing biodiversity and using real-world problem-solving to respond to climate challenges. This week, children investigated different aspects of our school environment, including shade, heat, water usage and soil quality. Using the information, the group then began to plan and create a 'living lab' within our school grounds, helping to make our outdoor space even more environmentally friendly and resilient to climate change. We are incredibly excited about this opportunity and look forward to seeing our children develop their knowledge, practical skills and understanding of the environment while making a positive difference to our school.

Our Year 3 classes have been enhancing their history learning through educational visits. Winter described how learning to build a shelter and light a fire in West Ham Park helped her learn, "because it felt like we were in a time machine going back to the Stone Age." Caleb was interested to have seen the remains of 'Cheddar Man' in the Natural History Museum and enjoyed discussing how finding this skeleton has helped people to understand more about what Stone Age people probably looked like and how they had lived. Tommy felt that these visits had helped him learn more information and remember a lot of new facts, as well as to develop the Learning Power of Curiosity. During their time at Godwin, our pupils visit a wide range of museums, galleries and places of religious worship, as well as take part in a number of in-school workshops, because we recognise that learning takes place in lots of different ways.

Next week is the last week of after-school clubs; we hope that your child has enjoyed taking part in at least one activity. Pupils will be bringing home our Spring Term after-school clubs brochure today. Please read through it with your child this weekend and return your completed form to the school office by 9:30am on Wednesday 2nd December.

Wishing you a cosy weekend





We are hoping to organise a cake sale to raise funds for additional topic books and would love your support. We are looking for parent and carer volunteers who would be willing to organise and help run the event.
This will happen after school on Thursday, 10th December.
If you are interested in volunteering, please email the school on info@godwin.newham.sch.uk.



Any help would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support.

Whole-Class Attendance

CLASS	ATTENDANCE
3K	96.8%
3L	99.0%
3Y	98.0%
3Z	99.6%
4K	94.1%
4M	97.1%
4V	99.1%
4I	98.9%

CLASS	ATTENDANCE
5T	98.9%
5O	98.2%
5B	96.5%
6W	97.3%
6J	97.9%
average	97.8%

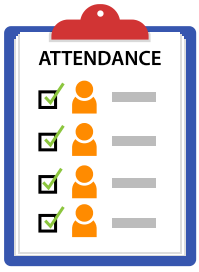
This attendance data is for the period 19th November to 26th November



Our whole-school target for the year is 96%. At the moment, our whole-school attendance for the academic year is an impressive 97.9%! Thank you for your support with this.

Attendance Cup

Congratulations to 3Z and 5T who won the attendance cups this week.



Punctuality Cup

Congratulations to 3L, 3Z, 5T and 5B who had no late marks at all. Well done!



Times Table Rock Stars

4I and 6J take the trophies this week. Keep it up!



Lining Up Cup

This week's winners are 4K and 5B.



As the colder weather arrives, winter bugs become more common. We know it can be hard to judge whether your child is well enough for school, so we wanted to share some guidance from the NHS

Children can usually attend school with minor cold symptoms, as long as they do not have a high temperature. If you are unsure whether your child is well enough to come in, please check the NHS guidance below.

If your child does need to stay at home, please let us know as soon as possible by emailing info@godwin.newham.sch.uk or calling us on 020 8534 7601

Regular attendance is important for your child's learning and wellbeing, so we want to support you in making the right decision.

Thank you for your continued support.

Is my child too ill for school?

UK Government NHS

Does your child have a high temperature (38°C or more)? YES **Keep them off school until it goes away.** NO **Follow the guidance below.**

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in	Should go in (let the school know)	Seek treatment before returning to school	Keep them off (at first)
A cough, cold or sore throat Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature. **Threadworms** Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	**Cold sores** Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while theyhave thecold sore, or to share things like cups and towels. **Conjunctivitis** Fine unless they arefeeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly. **Head lice & nits** You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP. **Hand, foot & mouth disease** If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight awayand to wash their hands regularly. **Slapped cheek syndrome** Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.	**Impetigo** They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school. **Ringworm** See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go toschool oncethey have started treatment. **Scarlet fever** They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child cango back toschool 24 hours after starting antibiotics. **Chickenpox** Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.	**Ear infection** If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away. **Measles** They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system. **Vomiting & diarrhoea** Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).

Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

To find out more, search www.NHS.uk for the specific illness or infection, or 'Is my child too ill for school?'

Article of the Week



International Day of Persons with Disabilities
3 DECEMBER

On 3rd December, the world marks the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. This year's theme celebrates disabled people as leaders who help build a fairer future for everyone.

Some disabilities can be seen, such as when someone uses a wheelchair. Others cannot be seen, such as autism or dyslexia.

Every child with a disability has the right to a full life and to take an active part in their community (Article 23). No child should be treated unfairly because of their abilities (Article 2) and every child's views should be heard (Article 12). Global Goal 10 reminds us to reduce unfairness so that nobody is left out.

Time to reflect

- What might stop some people from joining in at school or in our community?
- How can we make sure everyone's ideas are heard in our class?
- What can you learn from someone whose life is different from yours?

Mindfulness Corner

Every Friday we will highlight a different group or organisation with resources for mental health and wellbeing. (We are not endorsing any particular site nor are we ambassadors for it - we are simply providing pointers towards sites that might be interesting/ helpful).

YOUNG MINDS
https://www.youngminds.org.uk/



"Never give up on the things that make you smile."
Heath Ledger

Achievement Awards

3K - Mohammendnur: for persevering with his learning in English and maths

3L - Sebastian: for considering his choices and focusing on producing his best work

3Y - Lucie: for always persevering to do her best in class

3Z - Arkin: for always considering his choices and being a great class role model

4K - Hyla: for persevering with his writing in English

4M - Nyla: for her perseverance during maths lessons

4V - Leo: for explaining his reasoning well in all subjects

4I - Delphie: for being a curious learner, asking thoughtful questions and showing amazing enthusiasm during our science unit on States of Matter

5T - Jahina-Rose: for displaying all the Learning Powers and being an excellent role model

5O - Yaqub: for evaluating his writing throughout our Macbeth unit

5B - Sabreen: for persevering in her maths learning this week and trying her best

6W - Ahyan: for demonstrating excellent perseverance to improve his writing

6J - Milou: for always choosing to try hard during learning time



GODWIN

CHRISTMAS

RAFFLE

£1 PER TICKET

WE ARE RAISING FUNDS FOR OUR PERFORMING ARTS STUDIO PROJECT

Lots of prizes -
Giant Christmas cracker,
chocolates,
sweets, games
and many more

Tickets will be on sale from the school office before and after school from Tuesday 1st December

Cash only please

Raffle will be drawn on the last day of term

BEST START IN LIFE | NEWHAM FAMILY HUB NETWORK

Newham London

SEND Advice Session

Got a question about your child's special educational needs or disabilities (SEND)? If you are a parent or carer, join our free drop-in session

FREE



Address: East Ham Library, 328 Barking Road, E6 2RT

When:
- Monday 18 January 2027
- Monday 15 February 2027
- Monday 15 March 2027

Time: 10am – 12.30pm

About the session
Come and speak to the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) 0–25 Education Team for advice, guidance and information on local SEND support.

No booking needed – just drop in for a chat.
For more information, scan the QR code below

newham.gov.uk/familyhubnetwork

Doing ok at school... but could have ADHD?

A friendly support group for Forest Gate parents/carers

whose children are doing ok but show ADHD traits, or may be masking at school but there is challenging behaviour at home — whether you're considering a referral, waiting for an assessment, or already have a formal diagnosis.



Let's support each other

WhatsApp group
Connect with other parents/carers, exchange practical tips and share experiences.

Optional evening video calls • 8.30pm
An evening space to talk through challenges and suggestions — hopefully after the children's bedtimes.

The current plan is a WhatsApp group with occasional optional evening video calls, but this will evolve with the group.

Interested in joining? Contact school for more details.

Parent-to-parent peer support, not formal/medical advice.

CALLING THE GODWIN JUNIOR PARENT AND CARER COMMUNITY!

Would you like to spend time in our wonderful school garden, helping our pupils grow and look after edible and wild-life-friendly plants?

We are looking for a small group of parents/ carers to assist with weekly outdoor learning workshops. These sessions are hands-on and fun, and we see this as a great opportunity to upskill parents/carers as well as pupils! In getting involved, you would be working closely with the our specialist tutor, learning and sharing valuable horticultural, ecological and storytelling skills.

Key Details:

Where: Godwin Junior School Garden

When: Every Tuesday (term time) between 9:00am -3:20pm

Who: Anyone with an interest in plants, animals and working outdoors with Year 3 and Year 4 pupils

Please note that volunteers would need enhanced DBS clearance - the school can organise this.

Please let us know if you are interested.
We'd be delighted to hear from you.



SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

THE LITTLE RECYCLERS

More clothes - more funds for your organisation.

1 kg = £0.45

YOUR COLLECTION IS ARRANGED ON:

7 DECEMBER

MONDAY

FILL ANY BAGS WITH CLOTHING AND BRING THEM TO SCHOOL/ORGANISATION WE WILL COLLECT AND WEIGH THEM

✓ WE ACCEPT

- Good quality clean clothing (adult's, children's, baby)
- Shoes (paired)
- Bags
- Hats & scarves
- Belts
- Fashion accessories
- Swimwear, lingerie
- Jewellery
- Perfumes

✗ WE DONT ACCEPT

- Uniforms
- Dirty, wet, ripped, damaged clothing
- Traditional clothing
- Duvets & pillows
- Single shoes
- Toys, stationery
- Bric-a-brac & electrical items
- Books, CDs, DVDs
- Workwear
- Carpets, rugs, mats, curtains
- Hygiene items, diapers
- Linen & towels

PLEASE NO UNIFORMS & DUVETS!

RAISE MONEY FOR YOUR SCHOOL BY GIVING AWAY YOUR UNWANTED CLOTHES

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your nearest Holiday club...

Venue: Woodgrange Infant School, Sebert Road, Ldn E7 0NJ

Dates: Monday 21st - Wednesday 23rd December 2026

Times: 8am - 6pm and 9am - 6pm

Price: From £38.00 per day

Ages: 4 - 12 years

Additional info: 15% sibling discount

please bring
A packed lunch
Plenty of water
Suitable clothing
Loads of energy!

Our Holiday Clubs keep children active, safe, and entertained throughout the school holidays.

Join us this Winter as we offer a wide range of fun activities, including sports, performing arts, and games, all at great value. There's something for every child to enjoy as they start 2027!

Book now for a holiday full of excitement!

Download the Premier app

Book and change your child's clubs, manage your account – all in one place!

Download on the App Store

GET IT ON Google Play

Godwin Junior School 2026-27

School Holiday | Bank Holiday | Pupil Day | INSET Day

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Godwin Junior School 2027-28

School Holiday | Bank Holiday | PupilDay | INSET Day

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