



Godwin Newsletter - 25th September 2026

preparing pupils for lifelong success



Head Teacher's Message

Assemblies this week have focussed on Fair Trade and the idea that the British Value of Mutual Respect is about treating other people how you would like to be treated. Pupils saw how being paid fairly for their work improved the lives of banana and cocoa farmers in other countries. Our Pupil Parliament is holding a Fair Trade raffle, with tickets being sold at playtime for 30p each or £1 for 5 tickets.

With delicious prizes of Fair Trade sweet treats (as well as an inflatable banana!) we know this will be popular! This supports UNCRC Articles 24, 27, 28. Best wishes for the weekend.



IMPORTANT DATES

- Mon 28th September - Individual school photographs
- Thurs 1st Oct 9am - Parent Carer Reading Workshop
- Mon 5th Oct 9am - Parent/Carer Coffee Morning with Senior Leaders
- Fri 9th Oct 9am - Parent/Carer Maths Workshop
- w/c 12th October and w/c 19th October - 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



This week saw our Year 6 pupils participate in a day of Word War Two workshops, with activities including artefact investigation (even babies had special gas masks!), first aid and an ARP (Air Raid Precautions) exercise which means 6J and 6W can now put out a fire with a WW2 stirrup pump!

It was a wonderful, practical day of hands-on learning, organised by History lead Ms Michael, supporting Year 6's current History unit and developing the Learning Powers of Curiosity and Collaboration.

4V stepped back in time at the British Museum to support their history learning about Ancient Egypt. Our pupils loved seeing the giant, ancient artefacts, including a sphinx! The Rosetta Stone was a massive highlight. "We got to see how many languages there were on it," said Matilda, while Sajid was fascinated to discover that it was created over a thousand years ago. Alessia felt like a real Egyptologist, Leo was fascinated by a mythical blue amulet, while Mabel wished the day was longer! It was a hugely successful day, piquing children's curiosity and embedding learning.

This adventure supported the children's UNCRC Article 31 (Right to relax and play) and Article 29 (Right to develop talents and abilities).



Will You Make One Fairtrade Swap?

This week marked the beginning of Fairtrade Fortnight and, with this in mind, Pupil Parliament invites every Godwin family to swap one everyday item - perhaps bananas, chocolate, tea or coffee - for a Fairtrade alternative.

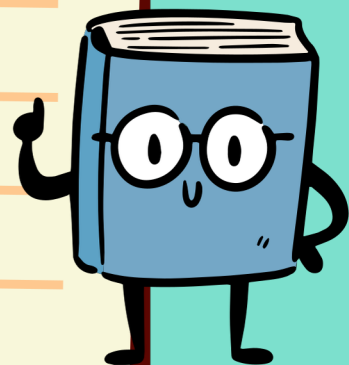
This small change can help farmers and workers receive fairer pay and work in safer conditions. Our campaign links to UNCRC Articles [24](#) and [32](#) and SDGs [8](#) and [12](#).

We would love to see the swaps your family pledges to make!
Please send Ms Valle a photograph or drawing by Friday 2nd October 2026.



ANNOUNCEMENT:

PARENT/ CARER READING WORKSHOP



**Thursday
1st October
9:10 am**

**Here at
Godwin
Junior School**



Meet our English Leader, Ms Smith, hear about our approach to Reading for Pleasure within the school day and advice for successful reading at home.

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 perseverance, which is the ability to push through difficult times or face a challenge without giving up. Why do we need this trait?

1. Perseverance helps us grow and reach our full potential. Goals are great but people need more than daydreaming to be fulfilled. This is where perseverance comes in. It will help a person reach their goals even though they take time and effort to achieve.

2. You gain more self-confidence and strength when you persevere - you have come face to face with failure, and survived. Knowing that set-backs didn't stop you makes you feel more positive about the future and your own abilities.

3. Perseverance turns your failures into learning opportunities. The author Bram Stoker said, "We learn from failure, not from success." and this is very true in the classroom. When things go wrong, looking at the mistake can show us ways to be more successful in future. This means children who feel secure enough to take a risk and 'mess up' are often our strongest learners.

4. Your perseverance can inspire others. Everyone has responsibilities and challenges to face but not everyone has the motivation to keep pushing for distant goals. If someone sees that you are working hard and persevering, even in the face of your own issues, they might realise that they can do the same. You might even be thinking of someone right now who you have seen work hard and persevere. Did their actions inspire you to keep going?

Is your child able to make mistakes and keep going anyway? You can help them to build perseverance by noticing and praising their efforts when they work on something tricky, instead of admiring the end result.

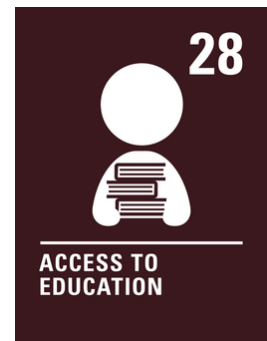


Whole-Class Attendance

CLASS	ATTENDANCE
3K	99.2%
3L	100.0%
3Y	99.5%
3Z	100.0%
4K	98.6%
4M	98.7%
4V	93.1%
4I	94.6%

CLASS	ATTENDANCE
5T	98.4%
5O	98.7%
5B	98.8%
6W	93.4%
6J	92.7%
average	97.2%

This attendance data is for the period
18th September to
24th September

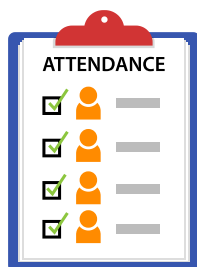


Our whole-school target for the year is 96%.

At the moment, our whole-school attendance for the academic year is 96.8%

Attendance Cup

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



Punctuality Cup

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



Times Table Rock Stars

3L and 5O take the trophies
this week. Keep it up!



Lining Up Cup

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



Article of the Week



Fairtrade Fortnight runs from 21st September to 4th October, and this year's theme is "Do It Fair - for People, for Planet and for Fair Pay". When farmers and workers are paid fairly, they can care for their families, send their children to school and protect our planet.

This year our Pupil Parliament is asking families to take part in a Make a Fairtrade Swap campaign. The idea is simple. Choose one thing your family buys often, like bananas, chocolate, tea, coffee or sugar, and swap it for a Fairtrade version. One small swap helps a farmer earn a fair wage. When lots of us swap together, we make a much bigger difference.

Fairtrade links to [Article 27](#), which says every child should have a good standard of living, and [Article 32](#), which protects children from harmful work. It also supports [SDG 8](#): Decent Work and [SDG 10](#): Reduced Inequalities.

Time to reflect...



1. Why is it important that farmers and workers are paid fairly?
2. What could you or your family choose that carries the Fairtrade mark?
3. How does fair pay help us reach SDG 8 and SDG 10?
4. What one Fairtrade swap could your family make this fortnight?

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/>

You can have it all. Just not all at once.

Oprah Winfrey





Achievement Awards

3K - Sam: for collaborating with his peers well and being a good role model

3L - Luka: for considering his choices and being a kind collaborator

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

3Z - Caleb: for persevering in maths and contributing to class discussions

4K - Alfred: for embracing his mistakes and persevering with his writing

4M - Samreet: for her perseverance and reasoning in maths

4V - Cattleya: for collaborating well with her table and trying her best

4I - Phoebe: for being a curious learner and asking questions to learn more on the trip to the British Museum

5T - Lumi: for embracing his mistakes and persevering with handwriting

5O - Asim: for demonstrating curiosity and collaboration all week

5B - Jai: for persevering in his maths this week

6W - Sonia: for excellent perseverance in maths

6J - Isabel: for choosing to try to be kind



Godwin Junior School 2026-27



School Holiday

Bank Holiday

Pupil Day

INSET Day

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