Godwin Newsletter - 6th November 2026

preparing pupils for lifelong success

Head Teacher's Message



Wishing a very Happy Diwali to all our families celebrating this weekend! We hope you have a wonderful time filled with light, happiness and special moments with your loved ones. A big thank you to one of our parents for delivering a wonderfully informative assembly, sharing the meaning and importance of Diwali with us and giving a fantastic demonstration of how to wear a sari. It was a fantastic opportunity for our children to learn about culture and traditions.





A huge thank you and congratulations to all our parents, carers and pupils for their continued commitment to excellent attendance. We are delighted to share that our attendance is currently 97.1%, which is above our school target!

Excellent attendance plays a vital role in supporting children's learning, progress and achievement. Being in school every day gives pupils the best possible opportunity to learn, develop confidence, build positive relationships and make the most of every learning opportunity. Thank you for your continued support in helping our pupils achieve their very best. Let's keep up the fantastic work!



IMPORTANT DATES

Mon 9th Nov - SEND Parent/Carer Coffee Morning

Fri 13th Nov - Children in Need Day

Fri 20th Nov - Anti-Bullying Workshops

Mon 7th Dec - Y5 London Fire Brigade Workshops

The theme for Anti-Bullying Week this year is 'Break the Silence'. The week will kick off with Odd Socks Day on Monday 16th November. Children are encouraged to wear mismatched socks as a symbol of uniqueness and to promote acceptance of diversity. It is a fantastic opportunity to raise awareness about social issues such as bullying, discrimination and prejudice.





Every child has the right to feel safe (UNCRC articles 2, 3, 30).



On Friday 20th November, each year group will take part in a special Anti-Bullying assembly presented by Bigfoot Arts Education.



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





This year's competition was judged by our new Pupil Parliament. Thank you to everyone who took part - there were so many thoughtful entries. Congratulations to our winners!





Standing out from the crowd!

By Isaac, 5T, Pupil Parliament

Last year, I judged the Black History Month competition. This year, it focuses on Newham rather than the wider world. The competition is judged in five categories, including creativity and history. Entries could be posters, drawings or poems.

I remember my classmate Natasha's entry because it was different. Many entries were posters, but hers was a 2D cut-out painting of a person about a metre high! I would encourage other pupils to try something different that stands out from the crowd.

One of the things I learnt was that Newham is a very diverse area and that Black History Month has an important place in our community. It felt good to be a Pupil Parliamentarian because I got to bring ideas from my class to Pupil Parliament.

Judging this competition also made me think about the UNCRC Articles; it links to Article 2 (no discrimination), Article 12 (respect for children's views) and Article 28 (access to education).





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. Once we know who is available to support us, we can agree on a suitable date.

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.

Coffee Morning

Understanding Autism

Monday 9th November, 9am

Come and join our speech therapist, Asatu Camara, for a coffee and a chat!

Information and advice for parents/carers about:

- Autism Spectrum Conditions
- How to support children at home
- How to talk to your child about their condition

Drawing competition



The local policing team within Forest Gate invites Godwin Junior School pupils to take part in a special drawing competition to celebrate the opening of the newly refurbished Forest Gate police station, following its closure after a devastating fire in 2024.

Pupils can draw a police-themed picture, which could include police officers, police vehicles, helping the community, the police station, a familiar place in Forest Gate or anything else that inspires them. This competition can take up as much or as little time as permits.

Winning pictures will be displayed in the police station for visitors, officers and staff to enjoy.

The winning students and their teachers will be invited to attend the official grand opening of the station to meet with officers and see their artwork on display.

METROPOLITAN POLICE



ALL ENTRIES NEED TO BE A3 SIZED AND COMPLETED BY MONDAY 16TH NOVEMBER.

Calling all budding photographers!



You can submit up to 10 photos in one of these three age groups:

- 10 years and under
- 11–14 years
- 15–17 years

Entry is free and the winner of each age category will be considered for the Young Wildlife Photographer of the Year Grand Title.

Submissions close Thursday 3rd December 2026.

Are you a budding photographer who love all things nature?

The Natural History Museum Wildlife Photographer of the Year competition is the world's most prestigious award when it comes to wildlife photography.

If you love the great outdoors and have a keen eye for spotting the most captivating moments in nature, then this is the competition for you. Your images can cover anything from creepy crawlies and terrific trees to interesting habitats and urban wildlife.

Plus, it's free to enter!

No fancy equipment needed, you can use a camera or a smartphone, all we're looking for is great wildlife photos.

For more details head to The Natural History Museum website: https://www.nhm.ac.uk/wildlife-photographer-of-the-year/competition.html

Learning Powers

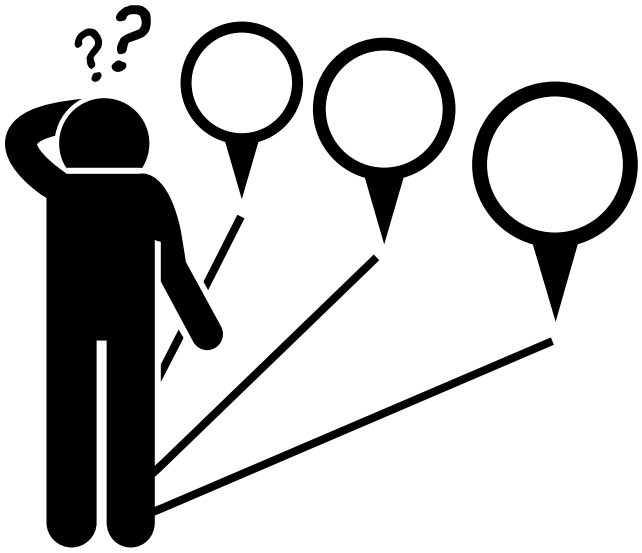
At Godwin Junior School we promote and encourage seven different learning powers:
Being curious, persevering, evaluating, collaborating, embracing mistakes, explaining reasoning and considering choices.

This week, we'll focus on considering choices – the ability of children to think about their options and make positive decisions for themselves. In decades past, education looked very different. A teacher from 100 years ago may have felt only one person had choices in their classroom – themselves! Why have educators moved away from this idea?

1. As humans we make choices all the time, often unconsciously. Highlighting the choices children have and helping them think about the likely outcomes enables teachers to manage learning behaviour in a less confrontational way. Praising children for positive choices also puts them on a path to repeating those good decisions.

2. We want children to grow into adults who are able to navigate life independently and make good choices. Practice making small decisions will strengthen those skills they need later. For example, in many lessons children may choose the difficulty of their independent work or decide how they want to present their knowledge.

3. A study by University College London found that children who feel they have a level of control and influence over their day-to-day lives grow into happier adults. This is something we all want for our children.



Whole-Class Attendance

CLASS	ATTENDANCE
3K	93.8%
3L	96.6%
3Y	100.0%
3Z	87.5%
4K	99.1%
4M	95.1%
4V	92.4%
4I	97.3%

CLASS	ATTENDANCE
5T	96.8%
5O	92.1%
5B	91.4%
6W	98.8%
6J	98.4%
average	95.3%

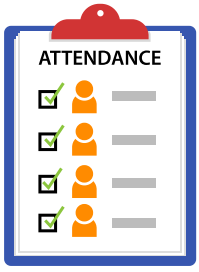
This attendance data is for the period 30th October to 5th November



Our whole-school target for the year is 96%. At the moment, our whole-school attendance for the academic year is 96.7%. Thank you for your support with this.

Attendance Cup

Congratulations to 3Y and 6W who won the attendance cups this week.



Punctuality Cup

Congratulations to 3Z, 5O and 6J who had no late marks at all. Well done!



Times Table Rock Stars

4V and 5O take the trophies this week. Keep it up!



Lining Up Cup

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



Article of the Week







Road Safety Week

Road Safety Week takes place from 15th to 21st November. This year's theme is "Safe People on the Move". Every day, we walk, scoot, cycle or travel by car and bus to school, to the park and to visit friends. When we cross the road carefully, wear bright clothes on dark winter evenings and always use a seatbelt, we keep ourselves and others safe. Staying safe on the move means we can enjoy our right to play and have fun outside (Article 31). It also links to Global Goal 3, which aims for everyone to live healthy lives.

Time to reflect

- How do you travel to school and how do you keep safe on the way?
- Why is it harder for drivers to see us in the dark winter months?
- What is one thing you could do this week to help a younger child stay safe near roads?

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).

MIND
http://www.mind.org.uk

"Your well-being must never become an afterthought. It must be your first act."
Rasheed Ogunlaru



Achievement Awards

3K - Safiya: for working collaboratively and being a good Learning Partner

3L - Hafizur: for persevering in maths and English all week

3Y - Jude: for showing good collaboration and persevering in his writing

3Z - Zephaniah: for showing curiosity in lessons and embracing any mistakes

4K - Jasper: for consistently persevering and continuing to challenge himself

4M - Saul: for explaining his reasoning in a thoughtful way during RE day

4V - Anaya: for persevering in her maths work

4I - Gaia: for being an excellent Learning Partner and always supporting her peers

5T - Soma: for persevering in his learning this week and making good choices

5O - Idris: for displaying curiosity and collaboration during our FAB Science Workshop

5B - Inti: for persevering in all his learning this week and being a great role model

6W - Serenna: for excellent collaboration in maths

6J - Eddie: for continuing to make choices that allow his learning to develop across all subject areas



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!

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Newham Schools Autumn Challenge



DOWNLOAD the BetterPoints app with the special code newhamwww

Win £500 for your school

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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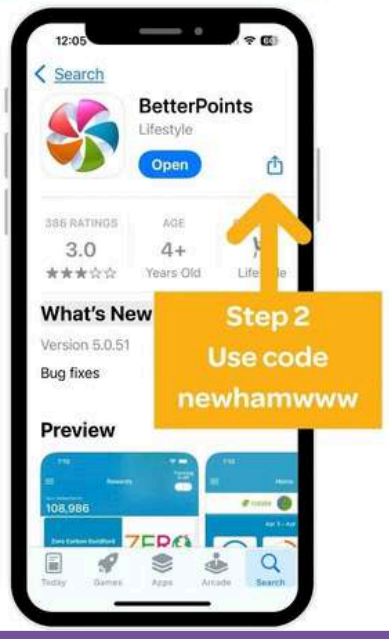
Download the app



Step 3
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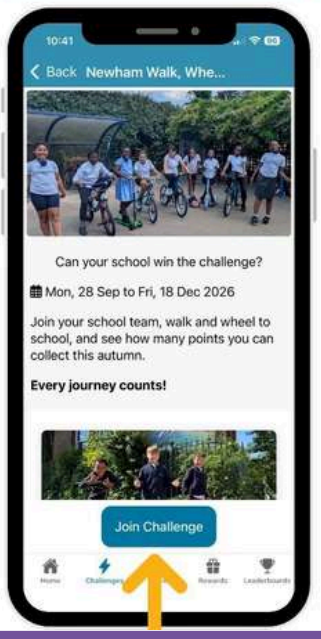
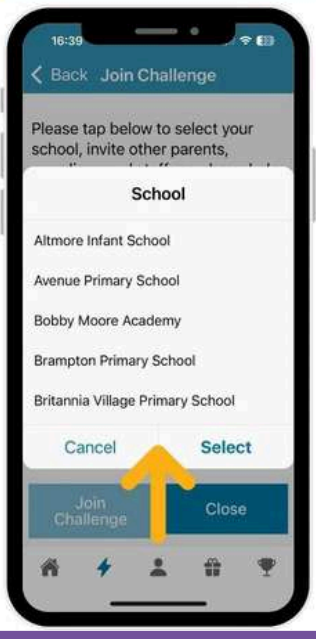


Step 4
Join your School Team



Godwin Junior School 2026-27

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