



Godwin Newsletter - 6th March 2026

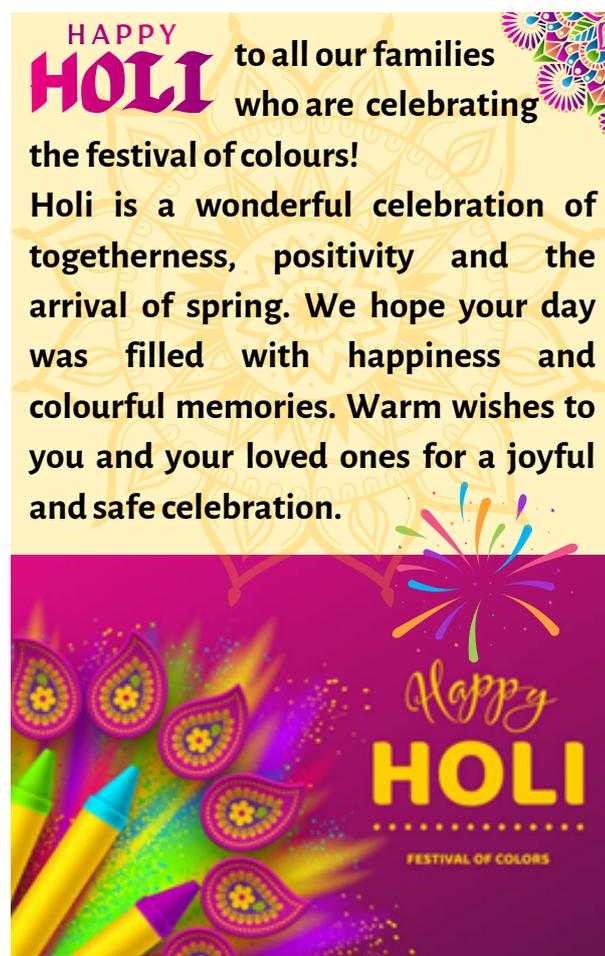
preparing pupils for lifelong success



Head Teacher's Message



We are all familiar with cupcakes – in the supermarket, at birthday parties, at bake sales, even made at home. But how exactly is a cupcake made? What are the chemical reactions that happen within the cupcake batter? And how does the batter change in the oven? Through the Scholar's Programme's Brilliant Club, 14 of our Year 6 children recently studied 'The Chemistry of the Cupcake' with a post-graduate scientist, developing their critical thinking, communication and problem-solving skills. They then each independently completed and submitted a 1,000 word essay on the science behind cupcakes which was externally graded. Our focus on the Learning Powers of Curiosity, Perseverance, Embracing Mistakes, Evaluation and Explaining Reasoning throughout the children's time at Godwin put them in good



stead, but the results they achieved were the best of any cohort we have had and reflect the maturity and conscientious approach these pupils adopted. They recently attended their graduation ceremony at the prestigious Kings College - we hope that this will play an important part in preparing them for lifelong success!



Thank you to everyone who helped make World Book Day such fun yesterday. At Godwin, we do everything we can to promote a love of reading because we know how central it is to all aspects of learning and it was delightful to see so many children dressed as their favourite book characters. We re-opened our outdoor library to mark the occasion and lots of pupils enjoyed sitting in the deck chairs at break or lunchtime with a book. Year 3 transformed themselves into a living library, 'strutting their stuff' in a spectacular display of book costumes. From heroes to villains, the creativity was outstanding!

This day of celebration highlighted UNCRC Article 31 (the right to play and participate in artistic activities) and Article 13 (the right to freedom of expression). By bringing stories to life, our pupils expressed their unique personalities and passion for reading. A huge thank you for the incredible costumes! Please remember to

exchange the World Book Day token that your child brought home for any of the books here:



IMPORTANT DATES



There will be no Debate Mate Clubs on the week commencing 9th March 2026 due to it being competition week.

Normal clubs will resume the following week.



Happy School Bag Collection
11th March 2026



Internet Safety Parent Carer Workshop
24th March 2026, 3:40pm

Dad Nose Day



On Friday 20th March we will be celebrating Red Nose Day with the theme 'Take Yourself Funny for Money' for Comic Relief. To mark the occasion, children are invited to come to school dressed up - this could be fun, silly, colourful or anything that makes them smile.

If you are able to, we kindly ask for a £1 donation to support the important work carried out by the charity.

Every contribution helps people facing poverty and hardship, both in the UK and around the world. Thank you for your continued support. We can't wait to see everyone's wonderful outfits.



The guitars at Godwin Junior School urgently need replacing. To give the pupils at Godwin the chance to enjoy playing music, this project aims to raise £5000 to replace all 30 guitars with better instruments that will last years and encourage the children to have an interest in playing the guitar. If you can spare a donation, please scan the QR code. It will all help and go to a very good, local cause.

<https://gofund.me/f3ee5717f>



Send a message to

07507 326 645

and chat with a
school nurse

Find @NwhmSchHealth at [chathealth.nhs.uk](https://chat.health.nhs.uk)



Please can we ask for your help in ensuring that children are dressed appropriately for school each day, including suitable footwear.

Please can we also ask you to make sure that children aren't wearing jewellery in school, with the exception of stud earrings. This is for health and safety reasons, as well as to avoid upset if items are lost or broken.

Thank you in advance for your support.



LOST PROPERTY

Please ensure that your child's clothing is labelled with their name and class.

This will help us to return lost items without delay.

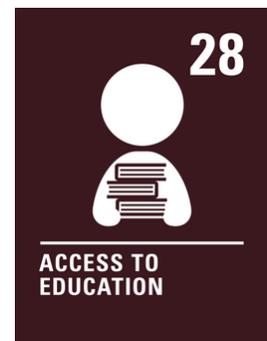


Whole-Class Attendance

| CLASS | ATTENDANCE |
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| 3K | 98.3% |
| 3L | 98.6% |
| 3M | 99.6% |
| 3V | 97.3% |
| 4K | 95.6% |
| 4T | 95.5% |
| 4Y | 100.0% |
| 4I | 96.2% |

| CLASS | ATTENDANCE |
|---------|------------|
| 5W | 96.1% |
| 5O | 92.7% |
| 5B | 98.8% |
| 6Z | 99.2% |
| 6M | 96.1% |
| 6J | 95.2% |
| average | 97.1% |

This attendance data is for the week beginning 23rd February



Thank you for supporting our pupils to be at school as much as possible.
At the moment, our whole-school attendance for the academic year is 96.0%.
Thank you for this!

Attendance Cup

Congratulations to 4Y and 6Z who won the attendance cups this week.



Punctuality Cup

Congratulations to 3M, 3V, 4T and 4Y who had no late marks at all. Well done!



Times Table

Rock Stars

4Y and 5W take the trophies this week. Keep it up!



Lining Up Cup

This week's winners are 3K and 6M.





World Book Day, initiated by UNESCO on 23 April 1995, celebrates books and reading globally. In the UK, it's typically observed on the first Thursday of March. Investing 10 daily minutes in reading can significantly impact future success and is enjoyable for everyone. World Book Day encourages reading for pleasure, collaborating with authors, illustrators, publishers, bookshops and libraries to promote this cause. This week's activities align with UNCRC articles 17 (access to information from the media), 29 (goals of education) and 31 (leisure, play, and culture), emphasising children's rights to reliable information, holistic education and participation in cultural and artistic activities.

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).

NHS - EVERY MIND MATTERS

<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters>

Extraordinary things are always hiding in places people never think to look.

Jodi Picoult





Achievement Awards

3K - Alizafar: for considering his choices in lessons

3L - Solomon: for trying his best every day and enjoying learning

3M - Ahmed: for thinking carefully about the choices he is making

3V - Edith: for persevering to make better choices in class

4K - Umayer: for persevering across all lessons and improving his attitude to learning

4T - Aaisha: for persevering with her learning across all subjects and being an excellent Learning Partner

4Y - Victoria: for persevering in her writing and using feedback to improve it

4I - Dilly: for collaborating excellently as part of a group in PE

5W - Sonia: for demonstrating excellent perseverance in maths

5O - Ibraheem: for consistent curiosity in maths, leading to excellent progress

5B - Martha: for explaining her reasoning in maths and embracing her mistakes

6Z - Amy: for persevering to create beautiful pieces of writing

6M - Alex: for demonstrating fantastic collaboration and reasoning in maths

6J - Harvey: for choosing to persevere and focus over long periods of learning





ONLINE SAFETY FOR KIDS

Parent Workshop



Tuesday 24th March 2026
3:30pm to 4:30pm

Keep your child safe, smart, and confident online

Learn how to:

- Understand the apps and games your child uses
- Set healthy screen time and privacy settings
- Talk openly about online safety and cyberbullying
- Protect personal information and digital wellbeing
- Encourage kindness and responsibility online





British Science Week POSTER COMPETITION

Celebrate the world of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics that shapes our future. The British Science Association would like you to get creative and make a poster that answers the question:

What will a positive childhood look like for children your age in the future?

Here's the lowdown on what the judges will be looking for:

Content – a clear, thoughtful and informative response to the research question

Effective Communication – ideas presented and communicated in an engaging way

Creativity – a creative response to the brief – don't be afraid to think outside the box!

Submit your poster (A4 or A3) to Miss Ouellette no later than Tuesday April 14th 2026.

The top 5 entrants across the school will be submitted. All entrants will receive a certificate to recognise their hard work and creativity.



CSC Junior Grand Prix 2026

Saturday 14th March

The CSC Junior Grand Prix is a series of tournaments held in north London, organised by CSC, and supported by a generous sponsor. In each tournament there are five sections: U18, U14, U12, U10, U8.

The leading scorers in each section receive vouchers offering free one-to-one tuition from CSC-accredited tutors. The results of each tournament are aggregated, leading to overall Grand Prix winners in each age category.

It is open to all juniors with ECF Gold Membership (first year is offered free by the ECF).

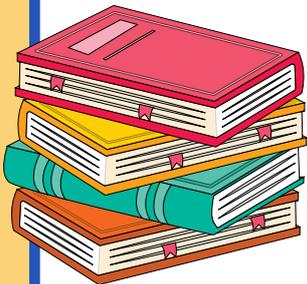
<https://www.englishchess.org.uk/ecf-membership-rates-and-joining-details/>

Students from CSC schools can enter for free

<https://www.chessinschools.co.uk/csc-junior-grand-prix>



Reading Volunteers



Do you enjoy reading?
Do you like to read with children?
Do you have a couple of hours
free each week?

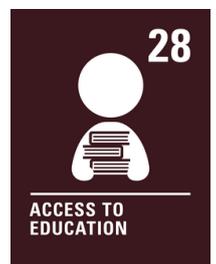


We would love members of our local community to help us with our reading volunteer programme.

Reading with a volunteer each week helps develop our children's ability to read, their confidence and their comprehension skills.

It also promotes a love of reading for pleasure.

If you are able to dedicate time each week, please email us with your details at: info@godwin.newham.sch.uk





THE ROYAL MINT[®]
MUSEUM



For the sixth year running, The Royal Mint Museum is holding their popular annual Short Story Competition.

The competition is open to children aged 7 to 11.

Students are invited to submit a story of no more than 500 words based on Gold. From buried treasure to secret vaults filled with gold bars and coin hoards, they are asking students to engage their imagination and write about glistening gold.

You can read their inspiration page to find out more about what gold is, how it is used and how it has captured people's imagination. We hope it will inspire you to write your own original story.

The competition is open for entries from 16th February until 17th April 2026.

To submit your entries go to:

<https://www.royalmintmuseum.org.uk/learning/short-story-competition>

The winner will receive a gold coin, £5,000 for their school or local library, and their story illustrated by an artist.

Winners will be announced in May.

For more information look through the website or contact storycompetition@royalmintmuseum.org.uk



Calling All Young Artists!

FOURTH PLINTH SCHOOLS AWARDS 2026

Get Creative & Enter the Competition!

Drawing & Painting • Sculpture • Collage • Digital Art

Open to All Children – Individual & Group Entries Welcome!

Submit Your Artwork by

**MONDAY
16th MARCH 2026**

Don't Miss the Deadline!

Create an artwork inspired by the contemporary sculptures on Trafalgar Square's Fourth Plinth!

Entries can be in **any art form** – drawing, painting, sculpture, collage or digital design – individually or as a group.

**Consent Form
Required**

Artwork must be handed in with a signed parental consent slip. ✓

Hand artwork to **Miss Taylor (Art Lead)** by
MONDAY 16th MARCH 2026

Visit the Competition Website! →
www.london.gov.uk/fourthplinthschools

✓ Parental Consent Form (Signed)
✓ Artwork (Named on Back)



premier Holiday clubs



more fun, more friendships, more smiles
during the easter break!

book
now!



your nearest multi-activity club

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

Dates: Monday 30th March Friday 10th April 2026

Times: 8am 6pm and 9am 6pm

Price: From £36.50 per day

Ages: 4-12 years

Additional info: 15% sibling discount



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

Join us this Easter 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 this half-term!

Book now for a holiday full of excitement!



clubs are better with friends!



treat your friends to 20% off...and get 20% off too!

*Ts&Cs apply. Refer a friend discount on new bookings only.





VACCINATION UK

Measles is spreading

MMR vaccine is available for those who have not received both doses of the MMR as an infant

Children who aren't fully vaccinated are at serious risk of complications such as ear infections, pneumonia, and, in rare cases, brain inflammation.

Check your child's MMR vaccinations today

- The MMR vaccine protects against Measles, Mumps, and Rubella
- Two doses give the best protection
- If you're unsure whether your child is up to date, ask your GP or practice nurse



We are able to vaccinate for MMR at our catch-ups and while visiting the schools or at a community clinic.

Scan the QR code or visit our website www.schoolvaccination.uk

Part of the NHS School Aged Immunisation Service



LUMI NOVA
TALES OF COURAGE

Recommended by
NICE National Institute for Health and Care Excellence

Help your child build confidence and self manage their worries

Get instant access:
luminova.app/newham

BfB LABS | **NHS East London NHS Foundation Trust** | **Newham London** | **WANTS**

We are delighted to share with you a new NHS funded service designed to support young people aged 7-12 who are experiencing worries or anxieties; **Lumi Nova**.

What is Lumi Nova?

Lumi Nova is an intergalactic adventure game to support young people to fight fears and manage worries. Whilst exploring planets, customising characters and earning treasure your child breaks their fears and worries down into manageable steps, learning life-long skills and building resilience.

Watch this short animated video to learn more: [Lumi Nova Introduction Video](#)

Who can use Lumi Nova?

Lumi Nova was created for 7 - 12 year olds who are having difficulties with fears, worries or anxiety related to social situations, separation or phobias.

Lumi Nova is ideal for children who may:

- lack confidence to try new things
- seem unable to face simple everyday challenges
- find it hard to concentrate
- have problems with sleeping or eating
- have angry outbursts
- have negative thoughts about what's going to happen
- be avoiding everyday activities, eg. going to school, seeing friends
- become irritable, tearful or clingy

Free
for families
in Newham

- ✓ For 7-12 year olds
- ✓ NICE recommended
- ✓ Free instant access

To learn more visit:
luminova.app/newham

How do you access Lumi Nova?

Accessing Lumi Nova is quick and easy. Use the link below to register and you will receive a text message to guide you through getting started.

[Luminova.app/newham](https://luminova.app/newham)

To find out more visit luminova.app or join a [Parent Information Webinar](#).

Godwin Junior School 2025-26



School Holiday

Bank Holiday

Pupil Day

INSET Day

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Godwin Junior School 2026-27



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