



Godwin Newsletter - 16th October 2026

preparing pupils for lifelong success



Head Teacher's Message



Wishing all our families celebrating, a very happy Dussehra. Dussehra marks the end of the nine-day Hindu festival of Navratri. For many Hindus, it commemorates Lord Rama's victory over Ravana in the story of Rama and Sita. To explore this story, this week our Year 3 pupils took part in special gamelan performances inspired by this tale. The children brought the adventure to life in a play that showcased their learning in English (traditional tales), Geography (earthquakes and volcanoes), Science (light), RE (the significance of light in religion) and Design Technology (materials and mechanisms).



Their skillful shadow puppetry was accompanied by atmospheric gamelan playing to create an authentic experience. We know how much our Year 3 children always enjoy this experience and its memory remains with them. It really was a fantastic spectacle and an excellent illustration of our integrated curriculum; it is something that former pupils remember vividly. Well done to our Year 3 pupils for their fantastic efforts!

Coinciding with World Food Day, next week sees us launch our Foodbank Appeal. This will be the theme of our assemblies, with us reflecting on how we can support people in our local community - by publicising the work of local foodbanks and, if we are able to, donating non-perishable items. We will have donation points at both entrances next week. Please help if you are able to.

We look forward to seeing you at our Online Safety Workshop on Monday morning. This is being facilitated by Newham's Community Safety Team.

Best wishes for the weekend.

IMPORTANT DATES



- w/c 19th October - 6J 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



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Parent Carer Online Safety Workshop



MONDAY

19th October 2026



START AT

09:05 AM



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 embracing mistakes. This is more than simply acknowledging that mistakes are inevitable - it is an understanding that mistakes are fantastic for learning and that we should welcome them. How can this be true?

1. Learners who make mistakes are being challenged – this is the best way to improve. It is natural to have misconceptions or to struggle when the skills and information in a lesson are new or tricky. Because of this, we praise those who have made progress and worked through mistakes as opposed to praising perfection.
2. Aiming to make zero mistakes and perform flawlessly is sometimes called 'performance mode'. This is great for tests, whether it's times tables, GCSEs or a ballet exam, but being stuck in performance mode over long periods of time can cause stress and anxiety.
3. If a classroom or home is a safe, pro-mistake environment, children feel empowered to take risks and attempt more strenuous learning. These children actually learn more quickly than those who are held back by a desire to be impeccable.

This week, pay attention to your own reactions when your children make mistakes. Are you worried, annoyed or frazzled? What about when you make mistakes yourself? Consider challenging yourself to greet mistakes with positivity – you might be glad you did.

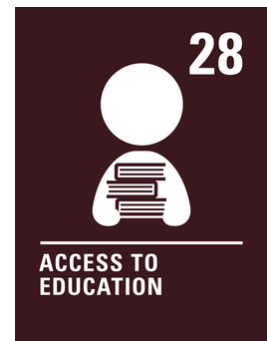
CELEBRATE
your mistakes –
it means
you're
Learning

Whole-Class Attendance

CLASS	ATTENDANCE
3K	98.1%
3L	100.0%
3Y	90.9%
3Z	96.3%
4K	95.4%
4M	96.5%
4V	92.1%
4I	98.7%

CLASS	ATTENDANCE
5T	94.4%
5O	94.7%
5B	97.5%
6W	93.1%
6J	94.8%
average	95.5%

This attendance data is for the period
9th October to
15th October

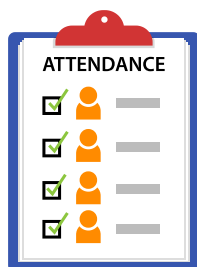


Our whole-school target for the year is 96%.

At the moment, our whole-school attendance for the academic year is 96.1%

Attendance Cup

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



Punctuality Cup

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



Times Table Rock Stars

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

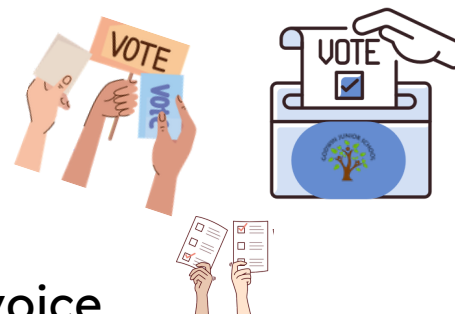
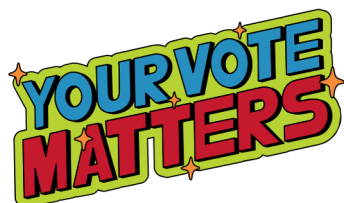


Lining Up Cup

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



Article of the Week



Pupil Parliament Elections: Our rights, our voice

This week we celebrate democracy as we prepare for our Pupil Parliament Elections on 21st October 2026! Democracy means having a fair say in the decisions that affect us. Every pupil has the right to share their views and be heard (**Article 12**) and to think freely (**Article 14**).

Our voice matters. When we listen to each other, vote thoughtfully and respect each other's choices, we help our school run fairly, just as **Article 4** asks leaders to protect everyone's rights. This supports **SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities**, because every voice should count equally.

Time to reflect

- What qualities make a good Pupil Parliament representative?
- Why does everyone's vote matter?
- How can we make sure every voice in our school is heard?

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).

HUB OF HOPE
<https://hubofhope.co.uk>

In a gentle way, you can shake the world.

Mahatma





Achievement Awards

3K - Ralph: for persevering across all lessons and being a good Learning Partner

3L - Zane: for persevering to deliver an excellent performance and working hard all week

3Y - Huseyin: for persevering to describe the villain in his story

3Z - Bonnie: for showing curiosity in maths and participating in class discussions

4K - Solomon: for always considering his choices and being a role model to his peers

4M - Nathan: for his perseverance to improve his handwriting

4V - Alessia: for persevering in her writing and evaluating her story well

4I - Lily: for being a curious and enthusiastic learner during RE Day, listening carefully to others and sharing her own ideas with respect

5T - Zainab: for excellent collaboration with her Learning Partner all week

5O - Ayaan: for explaining his reasoning well across all subjects this week

5B - Artie: for persevering in his writing this week and making good choices

6W - Muif: for excellent perseverance in his writing

6J - Suaiba: for making considerate choices that support not only her learning, but the learning of others



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

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.



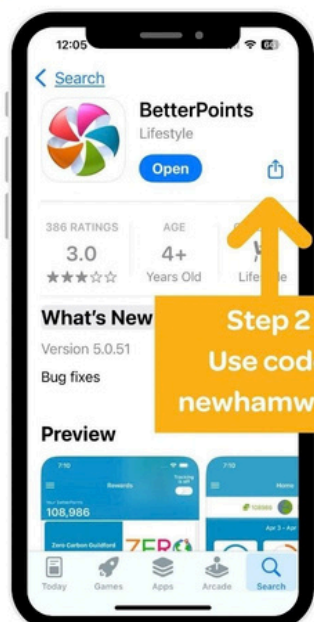
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Win **£500**
for your
school

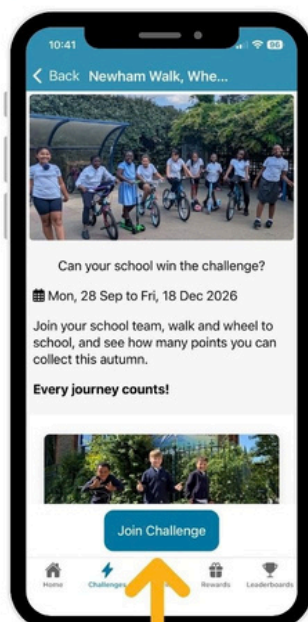
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Download the app

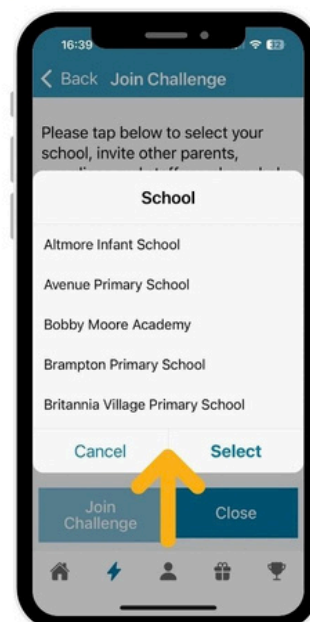


Step 2
Use code
newhamwww

Step 3
Go to Challenges



Step 4
Join your School Team



West Ham
Park

Registered Charity

SPOOKY AUTUMN TRAIL

RETURNS

Join us on Friday 30 October between
1.30pm and 3.30pm for an enchanted trail
through the ornamental gardens.

Suitable for all ages!

FREE

with the support of



**Friends of
West Ham Park**

who will be collecting
donations for the local food
banks

SCAN
ME



Godwin Junior School 2026-27



School Holiday

Bank Holiday

Pupil Day

INSET Day

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Godwin Junior School 2027-28

unicef UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND	SCHOOL HOLIDAY	BANK HOLIDAY	PUPIL DAY	INSET DAY

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