



Godwin Newsletter - 27th March 2026

preparing pupils for lifelong success



Head Teacher's Message

Today was a brilliant example of Godwin pupils demonstrating that our vision of nurturing confident, articulate individuals who are developing into responsible global citizens is embedded in everything we do. Our Raised Voices competition saw our children deliver speeches they had written themselves about topics they feel passionately about.



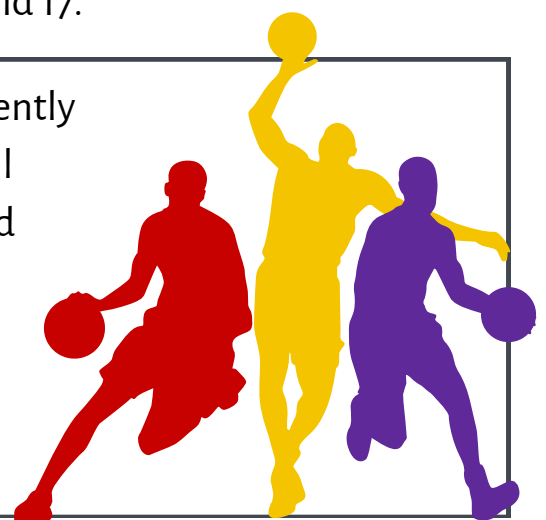
The range of topics and conviction with which our children speak is impressive and shows how thoughtful and committed they are to making the world a better place. Thank you to everyone who participated.



Congratulations to our finalists - pictured here - and in particular our winners - Maryam K, Viren, Marnie, Anayah and Solomon.

UNCRF Articles 12, 13 and 17.

Congratulations to the Year 5 and 6 pupils who recently represented Godwin at a Newham-wide basketball tournament. Their impressive teamwork demonstrated great use of the Learning Power of Collaboration and ensured that within each match they had a number of shots. They really enjoyed this opportunity and were a credit to our school.



Year 4 have been bringing the Learning Power of Curiosity to life during their science curriculum visits to West Ham Park. Pupils investigated a wide range of living things across different habitats, using magnifying glasses to observe key features and classify each creature into the correct group. At the pond, the children carefully used nets to



examine newts and water lice, sparking plenty of discussion and wonder. One of the highlights of the trip was spotting frogspawn, which was an exciting reminder of the life cycle, and the promise of tadpoles soon to come! These have been fantastic opportunities for hands-on science, exploration, and collaborative learning.



A number of our Year 5 and 6 debating team members attended the prestigious Debate Mate Cup at London's SOAS this week. Amongst fierce competition our children shone; demonstrating great articulacy and confidence, as well as the ability to collaborate effectively as part of a team. They received high praise from the judges, one of whom commented it was one of the highest standards of debating he had ever seen! Congratulations to those who participated.



Thank you so much to everyone who helped to make our **WEAR IT WILD** fundraising event this week such fun. We raised £91.05 for WWF.



UNCRC
Article 12



Thank you so much for the fantastic new equipment we purchased with the money raised through our Godwin SponsorFit event in the autumn term. As well as two complete football team kits which our children will wear when they represent the school, we have lots of apparatus to use in a range of sports in PE lessons. Our pupils will love using this!



For the past two years, the Friends of Godwin (our PTA) has provided leavers' T-shirts for our Year 6 children. They would like to do this again this summer. They need to raise £250 to buy the white T-shirts & transfer paper (it's a lot more expensive to have the T-shirts printed).

If you are a Year 6 parent, or just want to chip in, please donate via the GoFundMe link or scan the QR code.



<https://gofund.me/134484148>



If you are able to help with the printing, cutting or ironing, please send a message to the Friends of Godwin on godwinpta@gmail.com



**Thank you for your continued support,
The Friends of Godwin**



**MINI LONDON
MARATHON 26
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

LAUNCHPAD FOR BRITISH ROAD RUNNING TALENT

Would you like the chance to represent Newham crossing the world-famous TCS London Marathon Finish Line on The Mall?



The **TCS Mini London Marathon championships** give the UK's most promising young athletes the chance to compete against the best new talent in British road running. Over the years, the event has launched the careers of international athletics stars including Laura Muir, Keely Hodgkinson and Josh Kerr – not to mention Sir Mo Farah, who won the Mini Marathon three times. The **2.6K** race will take place on **Saturday 25 April 2026** for athletes from Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, and eight regions in England (school years 7 to 12), and for athletes from the London boroughs (school years 5 to 12). New Balance prizes and the opportunity to meet road running royalty will be up for grabs.

Want to run for fun?

The **TCS Mini London Marathon in schools** event is the perfect chance for children of all ages and abilities to run, jog, walk, wheel or be guided around a two-mile course within their school setting. Take part any time from Monday 23 February to Friday 1 May. Open to schools only.



QUALIFYING FOR THE TCS MINI LONDON MARATHON CHAMPIONSHIPS

Each London borough, region and home nation has a Team Manager, who is responsible for selecting a team to take part. Please scan the QR code to find out more about taking part and for the contact details of your area's Team Manager.



Mini Marathon Sponsorship here at Godwin



Every child is encouraged to run 2 miles in school from
20th April to 1st May
Please help us acquire more sports equipment by sponsoring your child. (Sponsorship link to follow nearer the time)
Target: £1000

Find out more at
tcslondonmarathon.com/mini

#WeRunTogether



Whole-Class Attendance

CLASS	ATTENDANCE
3K	87.4
3L	89.6%
3M	88.5%
3V	92.7%
4K	85.9%
4T	84.5%
4Y	95.2%
4I	91.2%

CLASS	ATTENDANCE
5W	83.0%
5O	81.0%
5B	89.2%
6Z	85.8%
6M	84.6%
6J	89.6%
average	87.9%

This attendance data is for the week beginning 16th March

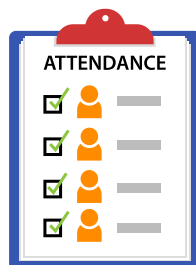


Please note as it was Eid on Friday 20th March, our attendance data is lower than usual. These absences for religious reasons are authorised.

At the moment, our whole-school attendance for the academic year is 95.7%. Please help us to reach our target of 96%.

Attendance Cup

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



Punctuality Cup

Congratulations to 3L, 3V, 4Y and 6J who had no late marks at all. Well done!



Times Table

Rock Stars

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



Lining Up Cup

This week's winners are 3V, 5O and 6J.





Did you know that children have the right to believe in what they choose and to celebrate their religion or culture? That's what **Article 14** of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child says. **Article 30** also says that all children have the right to enjoy their culture, follow their religion and speak their language—even if they are part of a smaller group in their country.

This is especially important at Easter, which is a special time for many Christians around the world. Easter is about hope and new beginnings. Christians remember the story of Jesus coming back to life. People may go to church, spend time with their families or take part in fun traditions like Easter egg hunts.

In our school and community, we should always show respect for other people's beliefs and celebrations. Easter reminds us to be kind and caring, which are values everyone can share. Remember, children have the right to celebrate their beliefs, as long as it doesn't hurt anyone else or themselves.

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).

THE SAMARITANS

<https://www.samaritans.org/>

In a gentle way, you can shake the world.

Mahatma





Achievement Awards

3K - Skyla: for persevering and keeping up a positive attitude

3L - Adam: for reflecting on his work and making choices to improve his writing

3M - Mawa: for persevering in our maths learning reviews

3V - Khushveer: for persevering and evaluating his work well during learning reviews

4K - Zakariyya: for persevering and being brave during our Raised Voices competition

4T - Sri: for being a positive role model, persevering with his learning and challenging himself

4Y - Hana: for persevering to improve her writing skills

4I - Connie: for always being a fantastic Learning Partner and supporting her peers

5W - Kiraah: for excellent perseverance in English

5O - Karamdeep: for an excellent display of collaboration and curiosity in all areas

5B - Abaan: for persevering in his writing this week and embracing his mistakes

6Z - Matei: for persevering during PE lessons

6M - Jarvis: for articulately explaining his reasoning in maths

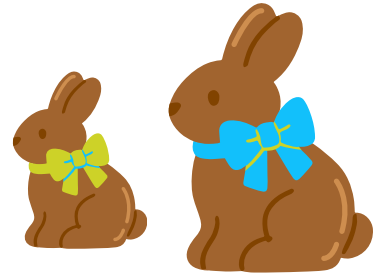
6J - Rafek: for persevering and making progress with all areas of learning





CHOOSE FAIRTRADE CHOCOLATE THIS EASTER

Godwin's Pupil Parliament Select Committee for Fairtrade wish you a great Easter break and urge you to make a kinder and fairer choice when choosing Easter chocolate treats.



FOREST GATE YOUTH ZONE

FOOD BANK



TUESDAY MARCH 31ST - 5:30pm - 7PM
& TUESDAY APRIL 7TH - 5:30pm - 7PM

We are excited to announce our
HALF TERM FOOD BANK for the community.
Parents, Carers, Young People, Families.

Nights, Camera, Action!

Godwin's

French Storyboard Competition

To celebrate the Day of Francophonie (20th March), we are looking for Godwin's next top directors!

THE CHALLENGE:

Create a storyboard celebrating French-speaking cultures. Use simple French words in your captions to show how we can all be "Global Citizens" (UNCRC Article 29 & Global Goal 4).

THE PRIZE:

Winners will be selected by the Pupil Parliament for a trip to the BFI Southbank in London on 10th June for the "Bonjour les amis" film event!

KEY DATES:

Launch: 20th March (Day of Francophonie)

DEADLINE: 29TH APRIL

Winners Announced: 8th May

Show us your creativity and help make the world a more connected place.

Bonne chance!





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.



Newham District Trials

- Are you in Year 5 or Year 4
- Do you go to school in Newham?
- Would you like to play District Football from September 2026?

Trial dates will be in:
June & July 2026
September 2026

To register scan the QR Code
or contact Paul Belcher



SCAN ME

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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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