



# Godwin Newsletter - 31st January 2025

preparing pupils for lifelong success



## Head Teacher's Message

The focus in this week's assemblies was Holocaust Memorial Day. The children discussed discrimination, the British Values of Tolerance and Mutual Respect and reflected on the importance of peace across the world. UNCRC Article 38.

We celebrated Chinese New Year on Wednesday, with our school catering team delivering a delicious lunch to mark the occasion. It was very well-received by our pupils! UNCRC Article 31.

A horde of marauding Vikings descended on Year 4 earlier this week for our immersive history-themed day. It was a really successful occasion with lots of quality learning taking place. Thank you to our families for helping to make this day special and to our teachers for their dedication in making this such an engaging experience. Our Year 3 children will be enjoying their Roman-themed day on Wednesday - we look forward to hearing from them what they have learned. UNCRC Article 29.

### Parliamentary Champion: Strengthening Student Voice

We're delighted to share that our Global Citizenship Leader and Year 5 teacher, Ms Valle, recently completed the prestigious Teacher Ambassador Training at the Houses of Parliament. During this intensive programme, she gained valuable insights into parliamentary democracy and innovative teaching approaches for political literacy.

"The experience of walking through those historic halls and learning directly from parliamentary experts was inspiring," says Ms Valle, who facilitates our School Council. "With only 47% of 18-24-year-olds voting in recent elections, compared with 74% in the over 65 age range, we must engage our young people early in understanding democracy."

This training aligns perfectly with our Children's Rights Respecting Journey, enhancing our commitment to student voice (article 12 UNCRC) and democratic participation.



# BAKE SALE

**FRIDAY 7th FEBRUARY 2025  
AFTER SCHOOL  
IN THE PLAYGROUND**

**ALL FUNDS RAISED WILL BE USED TOWARDS A TRAVERSE CLIMBING WALL**

**PLEASE DONATE BAKED/SHOP BOUGHT TREATS**

**🧁 LABEL CONTAINERS & INGREDIENTS 🧁**

**🧁 \*NO NUTS/SESAME 🧁**



# Friends of Godwin

## TERM 2

## NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy New Term! We want to start by thanking everyone for your incredible support and contributions during Term 1, which raised £2,495.08. A special thank you to all who joined us for the Winter Fair – your participation made it a truly memorable event for our school community!

We're exploring options for the Hot Chocolate Fridays this term, informed by your valuable feedback. These updates aim to make the events even more enjoyable and accessible for everyone, however we need volunteers to make this happen.

This leads us to our next point. As always, our PTA activities rely on the generosity of our amazing volunteers. Whether you have a little time or a lot, your help makes a huge difference! If you're interested in volunteering this term, please get in touch – we'd love to have you on board.

Thank you for your continued support. Here's to another fantastic term ahead!

Best wishes,  
PTA Friends of Godwin Team

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**FRI 7TH FEB**

Bake Sale  
3:25pm, in the  
playground

**TUES 25TH  
MAR**

Bag2School Collection  
9am, At school



**SCAN ME**

Scan the QR code  
above to donate  
money to our  
**GoFundMe** page.



## WAYS TO SUPPORT

- Order personalised **name labels** from [www.stikins.co.uk](http://www.stikins.co.uk) using the school code: 8091 to provide the school with 30% commission.
- **Volunteer** at events such as the bake sale, by donating baked or shop-bought goods.
- Email your employer to ask about **match funding**.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US AT [GODWINPTA@GMAIL.COM](mailto:GODWINPTA@GMAIL.COM) AND



FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM @GODWINJUNIORPTA

# Recycle your Electrical Items at Godwin Junior School!



We have joined with over 30 schools across East London to recycle unwanted electrical items. Bring anything with a plug, battery or cable to be recycled in the big pink bin at the front entrance to our school.

Search your drawers for old mobile phones, broken cables and devices or other electrical items you no longer use.

Items smaller than a microwave can be accepted in the pink bins, including batteries contained within items. Please note this excludes vapes, loose batteries or light bulbs, which can be recycled in dedicated containers at any of the Reuse and Recycling Centres or find your local collection point at [Recycle Your Electricals](#).

Did you know, electrical items wrongly placed in household bins can cause fires when collected and crushed by bin lorries. Always put electrical items in a dedicated recycling container. Never put electricals in any bin at home.

To remove personal data from phones and other items use this guide: [Prepare electricals for recycling - Recycle Your Electricals](#)

Items in good, working condition can be donated or sold using platforms such as [Olio](#), [Freecycle](#), [Facebook marketplace](#) or the [British Heart Foundation](#).

If you would like help to fix a broken item, join us at one of the upcoming repair cafe events where trained fixers will be available for the repair of electrical items, bikes and clothes. Full details at: <https://www.eastlondonwaste.gov.uk/repair-cafes>. Dates will be added across the year.

# Congratulations to Our New School

## Council Leaders!

We are thrilled to announce our newly elected School Council Leadership Team! These pupils will ensure every student's voice is heard, reflecting Article 12 of the UNCRC.

<b>Role</b>	<b>Lower School</b>	<b>Upper School</b>
<b>Chairs</b>	Ivy (4K)	Rita (6K)
<b>Vice Chairs</b>	Jaya (4T)	Sage (5I)
<b>Secretaries</b>	Penny (4Y)	Zayan (5W)
<b>Vice Secretaries</b>	Viren (4T)	Saif (5W)

Our School council leadership team will undertake the following duties:

- Chairs will lead meetings and represent the school council.
- Vice Chairs will provide support to the chairs and help run discussions.
- Secretaries will take notes and share information about our meetings.
- Vice Secretaries will assist secretaries with organisation.

Congratulations to all! We cannot wait to see what their impact will be.



## Party Time!

Next Friday, to acknowledge Children's Mental Health Week (3rd-9th Feb), we will be holding - for all our pupils - Godwin Junior's very own Pizza Pick-Me-Up Party!

On the day, pizza will be on the menu (along with other hot and cold options), while our lunch tables will be given a few finishing touches to make everyone feel extra special. We'll also have some uplifting background music playing in the dining hall.

There is no cost - just additional fun!



**PIZZA  
PARTY**

While marking Children's Mental Health Week is incredibly important and we hope next Friday will be another memorable day that boosts everyone's wellbeing, we continue to remain committed to supporting positive mental health - for all of our Godwin community - at all times of the year.

# The Big Garden Birdwatch - Thank You!

A huge thank you to all families who took part in the Big Garden Birdwatch 2025! Your one-hour bird count helps track bird populations and supports vital conservation.

Every survey counts—whether you saw many birds or none at all. Please submit your results by 23 February at [www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch](http://www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch).

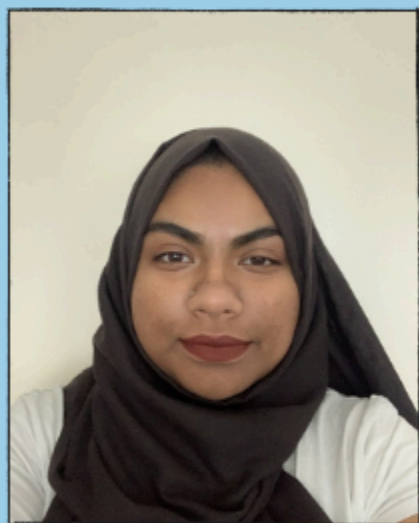
This supports SDG 15: Life on Land and UNCRC Article 24, the right to a healthy environment. Our School Council would love your feedback - please share your thoughts via this short Google form: <https://forms.gle/5qxfk1xs3cA3ayQo8>



Together, we're making a difference for nature! 🌿🐦



# Meet your Educational Mental Health Practitioner (EMHP)



Hi!

My name is **Mona Rahman**  
I am the EMHP at Godwin. I  
will be here every  
Wednesday!



## ABOUT MY ROLE:

Supporting children and families to  
look after their own emotional  
wellbeing

## AT GODWIN, I WILL BE:

- Working with parents 1-1 or in groups
- Delivering wellbeing workshops
- Supporting staff training
- Working with children in class

Please speak to Ms J Ince for more  
info

## FUN FACTS ABOUT ME!

### I ENJOY....

COOKING AND TRYING NEW  
FOOD

PHOTOGRAPHY

EXPLORING NEW PLACES





# WELLBEING PARENT WORKSHOPS 2025



**Delivered by Wellbeing in Newham Schools (WINS) Team**

- Workshops will focus on how you can support your child's wellbeing
- A space to learn about wellbeing, to discuss and chat with other parents/carers
- Ask Godwin's Education Mental Health Practitioner (EMHP) any questions!

**ALL PARENTS/CARERS OF GODWIN JUNIOR SCHOOL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN!**

## **DATES & TOPICS:**

- **5th March** - What is good wellbeing? Introduction to WINS
- **19th March** - Building positive relationships with my child
- **2nd April** - Supporting my child with Exam Stress (Year 5/6)
- **23rd April** - Managing my child's behaviour at home
- **7th May** - Managing my child's anxieties at home
- **21st May** - What is parental self care?

**WEDNESDAYS - 9:10am to 10am  
with MONA RAHMAN**

For more information, please see Ms Ince or  
email: [inclusion@godwin.newham.sch.uk](mailto:inclusion@godwin.newham.sch.uk)

# Whole-Class Attendance

CLASS	ATTENDANCE	CLASS	ATTENDANCE
3K	95%	5V	93%
3Z	96%	5I	95%
3M	99%	5W	96%
3J	97%	6K	93%
4K	93%	6M	95%
4T	99%	6O	92%
4Y	98%	average	95%

This attendance data is for the week beginning 20th January.



**At the moment, our whole-school attendance for the academic year is 95.6%. Please help us to reach our target of 96%.**

## Attendance Cup

Congratulations to 3Z, 3M, 3J, 4T, 4Y, and 5W for meeting or exceeding the whole-school attendance target of 96%. Keep it up!



## Punctuality Cup

Congratulations to 6O, who had no late marks last week.



## 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 5I. Well done!





*Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) is observed on 27 January, marking the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi concentration camp. This year commemorates the 80th anniversary of the camp's liberation and the 30th anniversary of the Bosnian genocide, serving as a powerful reminder of the dangers of hatred and discrimination. HMD honours the six million Jews who perished in the Holocaust, as well as victims of genocides in Bosnia, Cambodia, Rwanda, and Darfur. Discrimination occurs when individuals are treated unfairly because of who they are. The UNCRRC, particularly Article 2 (the right to be treated equally), protects children from harm and unfair treatment. HMD invites us to reflect on these tragedies and commit to building a kinder, fairer future.*



## 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).

This week we feature mental health support from Young Minds:  
<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>

“Happiness is letting go of what you think your life is supposed to look like.” *Unknown*





# Achievement Awards

3K - Idris: for persevering in English and adding fantastic detail to his myth

3J - Marnie: for persevering with tricky work and being successful

3M - Vinas: for choosing to always try his best

3Z - Lyra: for collaboration and working well with her peers during PE

4Y - Erica: for persevering and making a good effort to include figurative language in her story writing

4T - Eva: for showing amazing collaboration in all subjects and being an active member of the class

4K - Eben: for persevering to create an excellent costume for Viking Day

5W - Freddie: for persevering in maths to develop his understanding of area

5V - Yasin: for always collaborating in class and making excellent choices.

5I - Zadie: for persevering and working extremely hard all week especially during maths lessons

Year 6 - Siam: for displaying fantastic curiosity this week

Year 6 - Arslan: for displaying all Learning Powers this week





# Godwin Junior School 2024-25



School Holiday	Bank Holiday	INSET Day
	Pupil Day	

SEPTEMBER 2024							OCTOBER 2024							NOVEMBER 2024							DECEMBER 2024						
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18 Pupil Days							19 Pupil Days							20 Pupil Days							15 Pupil Days						
21 Staff Days							19 Staff Days							20 Staff Days							15 Staff Days						

JANUARY 2025							FEBRUARY 2025							MARCH 2025							APRIL 2025										
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20 Staff Days							15 Staff Days							21 Staff Days							16 Staff Days										

MAY 2025							JUNE 2025							JULY 2025							AUGUST 2025								
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**Total:**

Autumn Term: 75 Pupil Days  
 Spring Term: 58 Pupil Days  
 Summer Term: 60 Pupil Days  
 Grand Total: 195 Pupil Days

75 Staff Days  
 60 Staff Days  
 60 Staff Days  
 195 Staff Days

# Godwin Junior School 2025-26

School Holiday

Bank Holiday

Pupil Day

INSET Day

SEPTEMBER 2025							OCTOBER 2025							NOVEMBER 2025							DECEMBER 2025							
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