



Godwin Newsletter - 7th February 2025

preparing pupils for lifelong success



Head Teacher's Message

Our second group of Year 6 pupils has returned this afternoon from a fantastic residential experience in the countryside. The range of experiences our oldest children have enjoyed - from learning to create and cook on a campfire, to a moonlit walk through the fields, to walking on high ropes, to braving 'the giant swing' - is unparalleled. The collaborative spirit they develop, the maturity they demonstrate, the independence they gain and the relationships they foster make this a memorable time which former pupils still talk about when they come back to visit. Thank you to the Year 6 parents and carers for trusting us with your amazing children and an enormous thank you to our dedicated staff who give up their free time and take on this additional responsibility so that Godwin children can have this opportunity.

Please remember that school is closed to children on Friday 14th February. We break up for the half-term break on Thursday 13th February and re-open on Monday 24th February.

Best wishes for a restful weekend.

Raised Voices

The whole-school finals of the Raised Voices Competition will take place on Tuesday 11th February at 9:10am. Parents and Carers are very welcome to spectate and support the speakers.

Parent/Carer Questionnaire

Thank you to those parents/carers who have already provided feedback via our parent/carer questionnaire. It will be open until 5pm on Monday for anyone else who would like to complete it.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1OERipPMbdSgk2QCZmbTWKFWPWe5WZDDXNCc7EbXioGM/prefill>

Roman Day

On Wednesday 5th February, Year 3 pupils came, saw and conquered - it was, of course, Godwin Junior's Roman Day!

Pupils were given the opportunity to share this term's History learning about The Romans, but to also learn even more about this exciting period of history.

Over a very full day, pupils transformed into archaeologists digging for ancient artefacts, Roman scribes and expert Roman board game players. Finally, they even learnt how to be soldiers working together to form effective battle formations with scutum (shields) and gladius (swords). You have been warned!





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 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 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.

THE INSTITUTE FOR CONNECTED COMMUNITIES PRESENTS OUR SEMINAR SERIES 2024/2025

Long Covid Choirs: Singing for health & wellbeing

Imagine feeling exhausted after simple tasks, struggling to focus during conversations, or experiencing unexplained chest pain months after recovering from Covid-19. These are just a few of the hallmark symptoms of 'long Covid'. Merel van der Knoop, choir leader of Long Covid Kids Choir and Long Covid Choir, will speak about the impact of Long Covid on adults and children and young people, and the physical and psychological benefits of being part

of an online choir. She will be joined by two participants who will share their experience.

12th February 2025, Wednesday

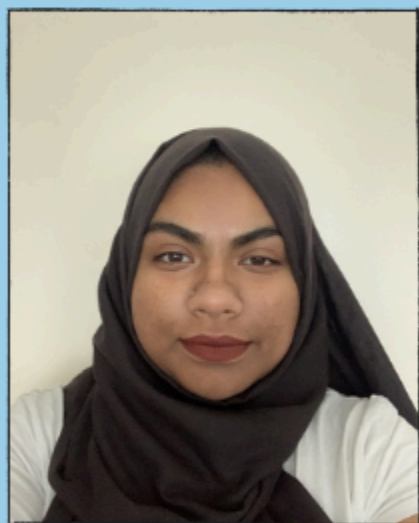
12:00 – 13:30 (GMT)

Online event

Register at:

<https://iccseminar-longcovidchoirs.eventbrite.co.uk>

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

Whole-Class Attendance

CLASS	ATTENDANCE	CLASS	ATTENDANCE
3K	95%	5V	89%
3Z	99%	5I	96%
3M	98%	5W	96%
3J	96%	6K	95%
4K	94%	6M	96%
4T	92%	6O	97%
4Y	96%	average	95%

This attendance data is for the week beginning 27th 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, 4Y, 5I, 5W, 6M and 6O for meeting or exceeding the whole-school attendance target of 96%. Keep it up!

Punctuality Cup

Congratulations to 6M and 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!





At Godwin, we are celebrating **Children's Mental Health Week**. This year's theme is 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself.' This connects with Article 24 of the UNCRRC and Sustainable Development Goal 3 (Good Health and Wellbeing). **Article 24** ensures that every child has the right to the best possible health—both physical and mental. **SDG 3** aims to ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for everyone.

Together, these rights and goals support children to understand their emotions and know when to ask for help. When we get to know ourselves better, we grow stronger as individuals and as a community. *What have you learnt about yourself recently that has helped you grow?*



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 related to Children's Mental Health Week: <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>

"If you have only one smile in you, give it to the people you love."
Maya Angelou





Achievement Awards

3K - Lumi: for always trying to make good choices

3J - Enzo: for trying hard to make good choices during learning time.

3M - Musa: for being a curious learner during Roman Day

3Z - Rowan: for always trying hard in all areas of his learning and persevering

4Y - Melissa: for taking on feedback and learning from her mistakes to improve her writing

4T - Abaan: for always being a positive role model both inside and outside of the classroom as well as showing amazing curiosity in all subjects

4K - Darius: for persevering with his learning across all subjects

5W - Jewana: for excellent collaboration when researching in science

5V - Jannatul: for persevering in all areas of the curriculum and having a positive attitude

5I - Ardalan: for persevering when writing a persuasive letter in English

Year 6 - Sam B: for embracing mistakes and making excellent progress in maths

Year 6 - Sara: for making kind and considerate choices





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