



GODWIN NEWS

December 2024



School photos

Following the photographer's visit recently, your child should have brought home a card with a QR code and their name on it. If you wish to view, or purchase, your child's photo, please follow the instructions on the card. Family photos can be accessed through your eldest child's QR code. If you do not have your card or experience any problems accessing the online proof of your child's photograph, please contact Mrs Hales in the school office.

Christmas Lunch



All children, from Reception to Year 6, are invited to our Christmas lunch which will be served on Friday 13th December. In traditional Godwin style, the children will be waited on by staff, with lunch brought to them at their table. As with all school lunches at the moment, Christmas lunch is free for all children.

Children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper, or other Christmas clothing, to celebrate this event.

Christmas cards

Children are welcome to bring Christmas cards into school for their friends (if they would like to), which can be posted in one of our Christmas post boxes (in lower and upper school). To avoid confusion, all cards **must** be clearly addressed with the name and the class of the person they are being sent to.

We have been talking, in assembly, about respect for our environment - please remind your child not to drop the envelopes of any cards they receive on the ground but to put them in the recycling bin.

Christmas concerts

Different arrangements are in place for each of our Christmas performances, as outlined below.

- Nursery

The children in Nursery will be presenting their Christmas performance in the lower school hall on the afternoon of Friday 13th December (1.45pm). Information regarding tickets was sent last Friday.

- Reception

The Reception Christmas performance is on the morning of Friday 13th December at 10.00am. Information regarding tickets was sent last Friday.

- Year 2 and Year 4

As in previous years, St Alban's Church has kindly agreed to let our Year 2 and Year 4 children perform in the church at Christmas. We will be taking Reception and Year 1 to watch Year 2 on Tuesday 10th December; and Years 3, 5 and 6 to watch Year 4 on Wednesday 11th December.

Parents and friends are invited to join us (no tickets are necessary).

Please be aware that **the taking of photographs and videos may not be possible during certain performances**. Where this is the case, it is because some of our families could potentially be put in danger should their child's image be shared on social media.

End of term celebrations

Class parties for Reception, Sunshine Room and children in Years 1-6 are being held during the afternoon of Wednesday 18th December. Nursery and NARP parties are on Thursday 19th December. Party food will be provided by the school. Children should wear school uniform, as usual, on this day.

On Friday 20th December, the children are in for a treat with our annual staff pantomime (not to be missed!), as well as celebration assemblies for behaviour, attendance, team points etc.

Dates for your diary

December 2024					
Tuesday 3 rd	Year 1 visits to St Alban's Church (am - 1C; pm - 1G)				
Tuesday 3 rd	Year 4 trip to pantomime at Queens theatre (return about 4.45pm)				
Monday 9 th	Dress rehearsals at St Alban's Church (am - Year 4; pm - Year 2)				
Tuesday 10 th	Lower School Concert at St Alban's Church, 10.30am				
Wednesday 11 th	Upper School Concert at St Alban's Church, 10.30am				
Friday 13 th	Reception Christmas performance, 10am Nursery Christmas performance, 1.45pm				
Friday 13 th	Christmas lunch - wear your Christmas jumper (or something Christmassy)				
Tuesday 17 th	Year 3 (am) The Bethlehem Experience				
Tuesday 17 th	Headteacher's Golden Tea Party for children who have achieved 'Gold'				
Weds 18 th	Santa's Grotto - Reception, Years 1 & 2				
Weds 18 th	Christmas parties for Nursery, NARP and Reception to Year 6				
Thursday 19 th	Nursery and NARP - last day				
Friday 20 th	Staff panto for children Last day of school - early finish with home times as follows:				
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January 2024					
Tuesday 7 th	School re-opens for the spring term				

Keeping your child safe online

Roblox has implemented several updates to make it safer for children. These changes include improved parental controls which allow you to manage your child's account settings more effectively. We would encourage you to explore these settings and discuss safe online behaviour with your child to make the most of these updates. The changes are summarised here:



<https://www.godwinprimary.co.uk/roblox/>

If you have any further questions, please feel free to speak to Mr. Wade (Computing Lead and Assistant Headteacher for Years 3 and 4).

Birthdays

Whilst birthdays can be a lovely time to celebrate with others, please note that class teachers are not able to hand out sweets, cake or other treats to the class on these occasions.

Winter is coming

As the temperature is starting to drop, please make sure that your child has a warm coat, hat and a pair of gloves to wear at playtime (their name and class need to be written inside **all** items of clothing). When the weather is wet or icy, please keep your child safe before and after school by not allowing them to climb on the gym equipment, climbing frames and trim trail in the playgrounds and by not letting them slide or skid across the stages and the safety surfacing.

Emergency School Closure Procedure

As we move into winter there is always the possibility of snow if the temperature drops significantly. Please be aware that we will always aim to keep school open, regardless of the weather. If there were ever an occasion when the school needed to close, information would be posted on the school website www.godwinprimary.co.uk and a text message sent to parents. Please ensure that you inform the school office if your mobile number has changed so that our records are up to date in case of an emergency.

Well done and thank you!

- Poppy Appeal



Thank you to everyone for their kind donations towards the poppy appeal.

- Children in Need



Almost £250 was raised for the BBC Children in Need appeal with our recent non-uniform day - thank you for your support and generosity!

Earrings



Please be reminded that children with pierced ears may only wear small stud-type earrings to school and these **must** be removed for PE. If you forget to take your child's earrings out on PE days (and your child is unable to remove them by themselves), they will be given medical tape to cover the earrings during their PE lesson. If you are unsure of your child's PE days, please check with their teacher at the end of the day or one of the TAs on the door in the mornings.

Supporting your child

The Family Hubs Team is planning to share a strategy each month for supporting your child's speech and language development. To the right is their strategy of the month.

USING GESTURES

Why?

Using gestures with your words helps children understand better. For example, if you say "come here" while moving your hand towards your body, you are telling AND showing the child what you are asking them to do, helping them understand better.

How?

Use your whole body (hands, head, arms, legs etc.) to create a visual of what you are trying to say. Use the gesture with your words. For example, if you say "kick", you can make a kicking motion with your legs. If you say "no", you can shake your head.

When?

As much as possible. When you are sharing information with the child, giving instructions or explaining something.



Community information



Protect your child this winter from

Influenza

Children's Flu vaccination clinics 2024

1 To consent your child for a FREE vaccine:

We are holding clinics for school aged children at the following venues in December this year.

These are free walk in flu clinics, where we are offering the nasal flu vaccine and the gelatine-free flu vaccine.

You can walk in and get the vaccine, or we can book you an appointment. Please contact our team via telephone on the number below:

2 Follow up clinic dates and times:

Barking Library, 2 Town Square
Barking, IG11 7NB

Monday

2nd Dec

3.30pm – 5.15pm

St Edwards Parish, Market Place
Romford, RM1 3AB

Saturday

7th Dec

10.00am – 1.00pm

Farsham Community Centre, Somers Road
Dagenham, RM9 5DX

Wednesday

11th Dec

3.30pm – 5.00pm

Barking Library, 2 Town Square
Barking, IG11 7NB

Saturday

14th Dec

10.00am – 1.00pm

0203 343 2400 OPT 1

For further information go to: www.schoolvaccination.uk



SAFE



FREE WINTER CAMP

For students eligible for Free School Meals



Awesome activities

Limited spaces
First come, first serve basis!

- Basketball
- Sports Activities
- Dance Classes
- Nutritional Education
- Competitions
- Games & Prizes
- Drama Club
- Cooking Workshops

A fun-filled week of activities

Check out our events!

How to register

It's simple, just click to get started!

Register



learninghive.co.uk
info@learninghive.co.uk
0207 112 8658



Girls Football UNDER 11'S

(Current Year 5 and 6)

Welcoming girls of all abilities to join us!



Scan and register for more information



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BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 5-15

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