



GODWIN NEWS

February 2025



Dates for your diary

February 2025	
Mon 3 rd to 7 th	Children's Mental Health Week
Tues 11 th	Safer Internet Day Parents' workshop 2.45pm
Tues 11 th	Year 2 trip (am) – Barking Gurdwara
Mon 10 th - 13 th	Parent consultations
Thurs 13 th	Last day of the half term - school closes at normal time for children in Nursery/NARP to Year 6
Fri 14 th to 21 st	School closed for half term break
Mon 24 th	School reopens (8:40am)
Tues 25 th	Farm visiting school for Reception
March 2025	
Thurs 6 th	World Book Day event – wear your pyjamas to school (details to follow)
Fri 7 th - 12 th	Book Fair
Mon 10 th - 13 th	Year 6 mock SATs
Mon 10 th - 14 th	Science Week
Fri 14 th	Red Nose Day (letter to follow)
April 2025	
Thurs 3 rd	Reception & Year 1 trip
Thurs 3 rd	Last day of term for Nursery and NARP only
Fri 4 th	Last day of term for Reception to Year 6. School closes at 1.55pm for lower school and 2.00pm for upper school

Parent consultations

You will have already received a letter inviting you to meet your child's teacher during the week commencing 10th February. It is important that teachers meet with all parents to discuss each child's progress so far, as well to give you information about how you can work together with us by supporting your child's learning at home.

Please return the slip at the bottom of the letter as soon as possible so that teachers can allocate your appointment time. (Additional copies of the letter can be obtained from the school office if the originals have gone astray.) Please do your very best to attend.

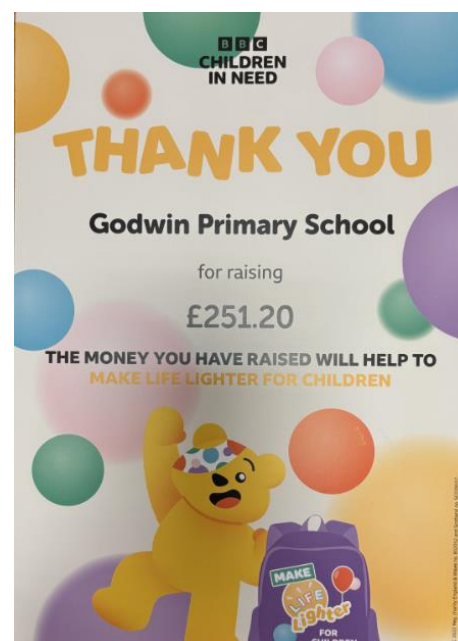
Young Voices performance at the O2



A huge 'well done!' to everyone in Year 6, led by Miss Spooner, for their recent performance at the O2 Arena. 8,027 children joined together to make the largest school choir in the world, performing alongside artists such as:

- Tommy Blaize, lead singer of the BBC Strictly Come Dancing band for 20 years;
- 14-year old singer and star of Britain's Got Talent, Souparnika Nair;
- Multi award-winning rapping teacher, MC Grammar;
- Street dancers, Urban Strides.

A big 'thank you' from Pudsey Bear and BBC Children in Need




World Book Day



March 6th is World Book Day. Look out for the special vouchers which can be exchanged in shops and supermarkets for the special World Book Day books (or used to get a reduction on another book, including those in our Book Fair).

To mark the day, children (and adults) are invited to wear their pyjamas to school to highlight the fact that, whilst books and stories can be shared anywhere, anytime, a story at bedtime is always something special.

Watch out for further details nearer the time.



If you read just **one** book a day
to your child,
they will have been read
1825 books
by their 5th birthday.

Every day counts.
Every book counts.

...and if you keep reading
to your child until they
leave primary school, they
will have been read to
more than 4,000 times!

Mobile phones and smart watches

Some of the older children in Years 5 and 6 bring a mobile phone to school because they walk to and from school alone. Where this is the case, their phone has to be switched off and stored away during the day.

Many smart watches can now be used like phones, with some able to receive calls, access the internet and even take photos. For this reason, smart watches with these facilities must **not** be worn in school.

Any mobile phones or watches used during school time to send/receive calls or messages, access the internet, take/view photos or videos, or to play games etc, will be confiscated.

School uniform

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform at all times and remember that footwear should be plain black – this includes laces too, so if your child has white or coloured laces in their shoes or trainers please swap them for black ones.



Speech and Language Strategy of the Month:



Imitate or Repeat After the Child
Why? Copying the child's words or actions encourages communication by reinforcing their efforts, showing them that you are interested, and it teaches them that their communication is valued. It also supports early turn-taking skills.

How? Say what they say, and do what they do. If your child says "car!" repeat "car!" back to them. If they babble "babadi," repeat "babadi." This imitation shows your child that their words and sounds are being heard and encourages them to keep communicating.

When? Whenever the child says or does something.



Barking & Dagenham

Community news



FLU CATCH-UP COMMUNITY CLINICS

Winter season is upon us, and with cold weather keeping us indoors and in close contact, it's easier than ever for the flu to spread. Protect yourself, your loved ones, and your community by getting your flu jab today.

The flu vaccine is your best defense against severe illness, hospitalisation, and missed work or school. Let's work together to keep everyone healthy this winter.

Stay Well:

Avoid the misery of flu this winter.

Protect Others:

Especially children, the elderly, and those more vulnerable.

Stop the Spread:

Help prevent flu outbreaks in your community.

You can book your child an appointment for their flu vaccination at one of our community clinics.

For our clinic locations and contact details for the Vaccination UK team please follow the links below:



<https://www.schoolvaccination.uk/catch-up-clinics>

Immunisation Provider for
NHS



COMMUNITY CATCH-UP CLINICS

If your child missed their vaccination at school, you can book an appointment at one of our local community clinics.
We offer:

DTP (Diphtheria, Tetanus & Polio)

Meningitis ACWY

HPV

(check with your local team)

Flu

(until end of February)



To find out more information on our clinic locations, speak to someone at Vaccination UK, or for more contact options please follow the links below:



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The CYPD Hub

Do you have a child with a disability/SEN/D and would like to meet other parents?

Then why not come along for a cuppa and a biscuit to our coffee morning, to share your experiences.

We have monthly information sessions that covers common challenges children with disabilities and families experience. Please book your space using the link on our new booking system.

<https://app.10to8.com/book/cypd-hub/1950773>

Just Say

Barking
&
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Parent Carer

Forum

12th February 2025

9.30-11.30am

The CYPD Hub
Becontree
Community
Hub
Stevens Road
Dagenham
RM8 2QR

0208 227
5500

Ideas for half term



FEBRUARY HALF-TERM

PREMIER HOLIDAY CAMPS

Premier Education | **INSPIRING ACTIVITY**

Mix it up this half-term with our multi-activity holiday camps!

These camps are a perfect blend of activities for all ages, combining different sports with a variety of team games.

Everyday is different, with a mix of fun activities that children may not have tried before - from gymnastics to fencing, lacrosse to archery.

Book now for a half term full of fun!



Scan here for more information

PLEASE BRING

Pack lunch
Plenty of water
Suitable clothing
Loads of energy!



PLAY FOOTBALL

DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS ON THE FIELD

Elite Football Coaching for Kids
Junior Generation Football Academy



Exclusive links to Pro Academy Network

Join our Football Club
Excellent for

- Teamwork
- Developing Skill
- Fitness
- Co-ordination
- Self Esteem
- Focus
- Having Fun
- Making Friends



We offer

- Grassroots Football
- Professional Academy Links
- Regular Matches (local)
- Regular Tournaments
- School Holiday Camps
- Acceleration Courses
- Social Events

Club's Locations

- Monday - Collier Row - The Forest Row Centre
- Monday - Epping - Epping Sports Centre
- Tuesday - Harold Hill - Drapers Academy
- Wednesday - Basildon - Eversley Leisure Centre
- Thursday - Dagenham - Dagenham Park Leisure

Limited Spaces Available

REGISTER HERE: <https://f8s.co/292a>

Contact: jack.jgfa@outlook.com
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@jgfafootball

Essex Fire Museum Open Days



Tuesday 18 and Sunday 23 February 2025

10:30AM To 4:00PM

Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays RM17 5QS

Book Now 

Museum@essex-fire.gov.uk