



GODWIN NEWS

July 2025



INVESTORS IN PEOPLE

TRANSITION WEEK

On Thursday 10th July, children from Reception to Year 5 will be finding out their classes and teachers for next year and visiting their new classrooms. They will spend time getting to know each other, learning the routines and setting things in place ready for September. Our experience from previous years has shown that all classes get off to a much quicker and more settled start in September having already spent this time together. For many children, it takes away a 6-week period of apprehension as they will already be familiar with their new setting and the adults they are going to be working with. Please make sure your child is in school for this important day and ask them to talk to you about their visit when they come home.

STAFF UPDATES

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye at the end of term to Mrs Crickmar (Teaching Assistant) and Miss Cummins (Nursery Nurse), who are retiring after 11 and 25 years respectively at Godwin; and to Miss Prior (Teaching Assistant in NARP).

I am sure you will join me in thanking them for all they have done for the children of Godwin and in wishing them all the very best in their new endeavours.

REMINDER - LAST DAY OF TERM

The last day of term is Wednesday 23rd July, when school will finish early, as follows:

Reception to Year 5	2.00pm	Year 6	2.10pm
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MOVING TO SECONDARY SCHOOL - SEPTEMBER 2026

Our current Year 5 children are due to start secondary school in September 2026. Please be aware that the closing date for secondary school applications for these children is 31st October 2025. From September 2025, you will be able to make an online secondary school application by visiting the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham website, School Admissions. If you need help with this, please speak to one of the office staff.

OPEN AFTERNOON

Parents and carers are invited to come into school to look at their child's work on the afternoons of Monday 14th July from 2.30 to 4.30pm.

Please note that we only have space for 2 adults per child and that younger children and buggies cannot be accommodated before 3.30pm.

KEY DATES FOR THE REST OF THIS TERM

June 30 th	9.00am - Transition meeting for parents of children joining Nursery in September
w/c 30 th	Sports days in school for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
July 1 st	9.00am - Transition meeting for parents of children moving from Reception to Year 1 in September
1 st	2.20pm - Meeting for parents of new children joining Reception in September
3 rd	9.00am - Transition meeting for parents of children moving from Year 2 to Year 3 in September
9 th	Year 5 and selected year 6 music concert for parents, 2.30pm
10 th	Children meet their new teachers for next year and visit new classrooms
11 th	Children's reports sent home (Nursery to Year 6). NARP reports will be sent home the day before.
14 th	Open afternoon
15 th	KS2 sports day at Jo Richardson (am/pm)
16 th	Golden Tea Party (by invitation)
17 th	Year 6 production – afternoon and evening performances for parents (tickets required)
18 th	Last swimming session for Year 3
21 st	Year 6 leavers' event
22 nd	Whole school celebration – all children to have packed lunch (from home or school)
22 nd	Last day for Nursery and NARP
23 rd	Last day for Reception to Year 6 - early finish (see left column for times)

DOUBLE CONGRATULATIONS!

Godwin is this year's overall winner of *Junior Citizen 2025*. Well done to the Year 6 team who made this possible: Freddie, Azire, Erina, Jannat, Ranezmai, Rumaisa, Isla, Antonia and Olivia. A presentation by Penny Taberman (LBBD Accident Prevention Officer) took place in last Friday's celebration assembly.

And Year 3 were awarded the 'Best class entry KS2 Years 3&4' in the LBBD Places of Worship competition for their amazing paintings of synagogues inspired by the work of Margaret Godfrey. You can see some examples here →

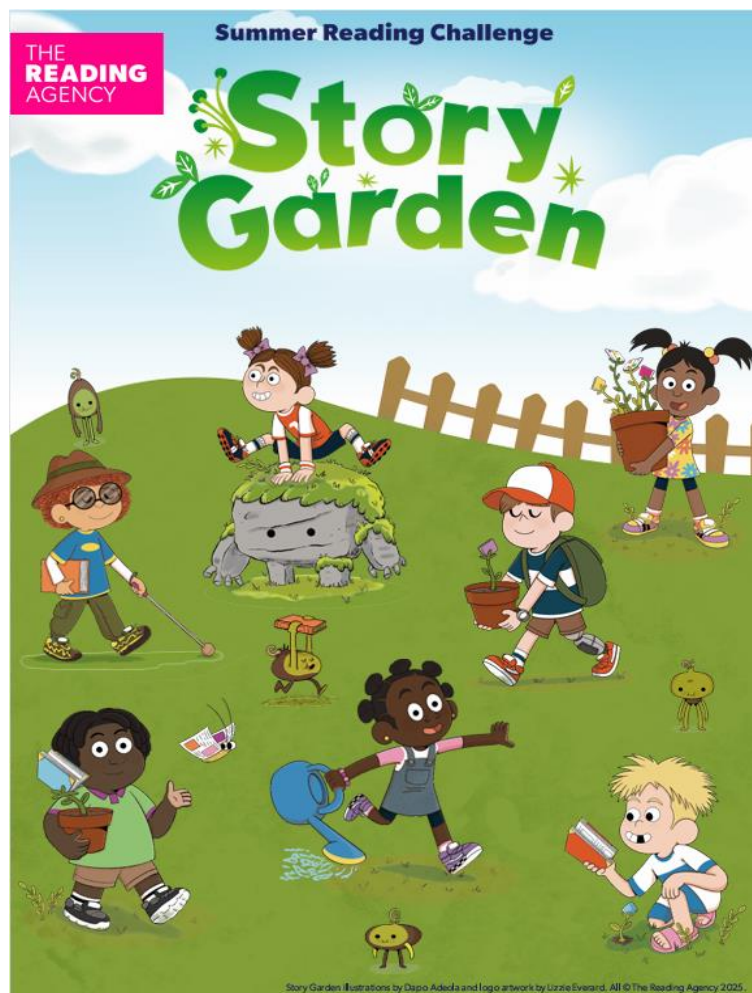
Well done to Year 3 and Year 6!



SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Story Garden is this year's Summer Reading Challenge, which will be taking place in all Barking and Dagenham Libraries (and throughout the UK) over the summer holidays.

The challenge is for children aged 4-11 to sign up to **Story Garden** at their local library and read at least six books over the holidays. They will receive a special collector's folder and small prizes along the way, then a certificate and medal when they complete the challenge. There is also a special mini- challenge for children under 4 with their own certificate when they finish.



THE READING AGENCY Summer Reading Challenge

Help Your Child Discover the Joy of Reading This Summer!

This summer, give your child the chance to fall in love with reading! The **Summer Reading Challenge**, created by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with public libraries, is a FREE, fun-packed way to keep kids reading and learning all summer long.

This year's theme is **Story Garden**, where imagination blossoms and stories grow! Children will explore creativity, storytelling, and the magic of books through exciting activities and adventures.

Why Join?

- It's **FREE!** Available at local libraries and online
- Inspires a **lifelong love of reading**
- Boosts **confidence, creativity, and imagination**
- Earn **rewards, certificates, and prizes**
- Fun for the whole **family**. Visit your **local library** together
- **95%** of children said they **read more** after joining!
- Children **choose their own books** to read over the summer, **collect rewards** for each milestone they reach, and **receive a certificate or medal** when they complete the challenge.

Visit your local library or go online at
summerreadingchallenge.org.uk
to get started from 5 July 2025.

Help your child start their reading adventure today!

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Some parents may be thinking ahead to September and buying new uniform ready for the autumn term. Please remember that all children are expected to wear the correct uniform and, if you are replacing any items of school clothing, ensure that they are in keeping with the school's uniform policy. Our school uniform consists of:



One of the main reasons for having school uniform is to avoid some children standing out as looking different to others; therefore, jewellery, tattoos, fashion items, unusual hairstyles and large hair adornments should not be worn (hair bands, bows and slides should be discrete and in school colours). Thank you for supporting the school in this.

POP UP UNIFORM SHOP

For one week in August (dates to be confirmed) Becontree South C of E Parish (St Martins, St Albans and St John the Divine) will be hosting a school uniform pop up shop for parents who need uniform. If anyone has used/good condition uniform they no longer need, they will be happy to accept donations.

SCHOOL UNIFORM OUTLETS

To keep the cost of school uniform as low as possible, it does not have to have the school badge on it – it just needs to be the correct colour.

However, if you do want uniform with the school logo, we have 2 suppliers:

Uniform 7

Online service only

[Godwin Primary School – Uniform7 Store](#)

Delivery to school : £2.00 (FREE on orders over £35)

Home delivery: £4.95 (FREE on orders over £65)

Inpost Lockers delivery: £3.99

Uniform Shop Summer Opening Times

Uniform Shop

29th July 2025 – 4th September 2025

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10am - 6pm

Saturdays 10am - 2pm - All year round

Order and Collect/Delivery

Order online, by phone or at reception

Online - www.castle-green.org.uk—Click and collect or delivery.

By Phone - Call reception on 020 8724 1500

In Person - Hand your completed order form to reception

Collection Times

Orders can be collected from Reception during the following hours

Monday - Friday 9am - 9pm

Saturday & Sunday 9am - 4pm

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020 8724 1500 | ENQUIRIES@CASTLE-GREEN.ORG.UK

WWW.CASTLE-GREEN.ORG.UK

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If you need help with school uniform for your child(ren), please speak to Mrs Crudgington or one of the office team as we have a selection of good quality, pre-loved uniform in school.

Donation drop-off points:

MONDAYS 9AM - 12PM	St Martins Church rear hall, 33 Goresbrook Road
Tuesdays - 11.30 - 14.30 Thursdays - 09.00 - 14.30	St John the Divine, 522 Goresbrook Road
Alternatively contact us on: Facebook: BecontreeSouthCofE Email: becontreesouthcofe@gmail.com dkcargent@gmail.com	



MEASLES, MUMPS AND RUBELLA (MMR)

The school immunisation team are hosting community catch-up clinics for any child who has not had their baby immunisation of either dose of MMR. If you are unsure if your child is up to date with the MMR vaccinations, then please email the team on BarkingandDagenham@v-uk.co.uk with the following information:

Child's full name and Date of Birth:

NHS number (if known):

School they attend:

Contact number for parent/ carer:

The team will then check your child's records and contact you to book into a community catch-up clinic.

Parking

I have received further communication from our local MP for Goresbrook Ward, Cllr Irma Freeborn expressing concern about a few inconsiderate drivers who continue to park across our neighbours' dropped kerbs. Please help us to maintain good relationships with our neighbours by showing respect and parking considerately.

SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT



Barking & Dagenham

Speech and Language Strategy of the Month

Expanding

Match and Add

Why? When we add a little extra to what a child says or shows us, we help them hear and see what the "next step" looks like. It builds their understanding and gives a natural model for new words and ideas to add to what they already are doing.

How? Copy what the child communicates- then add a little more!

- If they say "ball" → you say "blue ball"
- If they point at a cat → you point **and** say "cat"
- If they wave → you wave **and** say "bye-bye!"

You can do this with words, sounds, gestures, signs, or even facial expressions.

Barking & Dagenham Family Hub

ONLINE SAFETY

How can you protect your child online? The following links are to parent guides for some of the more popular games and sites. For your child's safety, please make sure you know what they are accessing online.

Fortnite

<https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/godwin-primary-school/UploadedDocument/1768ac59085947fb8799b4d6fff1f17b/fortnite-battle-royale-parents-guide.pdf>

MineCraft

<https://www.minecraft.net/en-us/article/parental-controls>

SnapChat

<https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/godwin-primary-school/UploadedDocument/0cfdbcd2b8f945fc8a984464c2e07991/snapchat-parent-guide.pdf>

Zoom

<https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/godwin-primary-school/UploadedDocument/5d378f7fbf1e4df49a75ea33ae8af038/what-parents-need-to-know-about-zoom.pdf>

TikTok

https://parentzone.org.uk/article/tiktok?utm_source=Parent%20Zone%20Newsletter&utm_campaign=589105154e-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2019_10_15_08_56&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_1ee27d9000-589105154e-179299649

WhatsApp

<https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/godwin-primary-school/UploadedDocument/8d59c86b-7621-4552-a96a-a7461c99cdf7/parental-control-whatsapp.pdf>

YouTube

<https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/godwin-primary-school/UploadedDocument/0fffb5db-e54b-45a8-815c-da8c65ed39a6/parental-control-youtube-app.pdf> (primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com)

See below for details of some local holiday programmes which will be running over the summer. Many of these are free for children entitled to benefits-related free school meals.

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HOLIDAY CLUBS

MORE fun, MORE friendships, MORE smiles
during the **SUMMER HOLIDAYS!**

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Good in 60 seconds

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Rose Lane Primary School	Roding Primary School (Cannington)	Marsh Green Primary School	Manor Junior School
Rose Lane, Romford, RM6 5NJ	Cannington Road, Dagenham, RM9 4BE	South Close, Dagenham, RM10 9NJ	Sandringham Road, Barking, IG11 9AG
28th July - 22nd August	28th July - 15th August	28th July - 21st August	28th July - 22nd August

PLEASE BRING
A packet of lunch
A packet of water
Swimsuits and slippers
Lookie at us later!

CAMPS ARE BETTER WITH FRIENDS!

TREAT YOUR FRIENDS TO 20% OFF...AND GET 20% OFF TOO!

*20% apply. Refer a Friend discount on new bookings only.

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Registration link
<https://forms.gle/tz7ATsNJeq67uToX6>

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**4 weeks
 28 July-22 August
 Mon-Fri 0930-1530**

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AGES 5-14

BAKERS COMMUNITY TRUST
 01904 577777
www.bakerstrust.co.uk
 11 BAKER STREET
 BAKERS LANE
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Supporting Members of the Local Community

For students eligible for Free School Meals

FREE SUMMER CAMP

FOOD FOR THE SOUL: ARTS PLAYTIME

MUSIC.THEATRE.DANCE.FOOD.

Come and create with us! We will be running two 4 day workshops celebrating the creative arts in the Vibe Youth Centre from 4/8/25-7/8/25 and 11/8/25-14/8/25. The workshops will be open to 5-11 year olds in LBBD and free for those on benefits related free school meals.

To sign up your child or get more information:
elizabeth.killick@lbdbd.gov.uk

HAF Edition UNLEASH YOUR CREATIVITY

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING FUN, CREATIVE AND MEANINGFUL?

THIS SUMMER

This summer holiday, we're running a special week of songwriting and performance workshops where children aged 8 to 11 can explore music, build confidence, and express themselves in a safe and supportive space.

AGE 8-11

LIMITED
20 FREE SPACES ON £5!

AUG 4 - AUG 7, 2025
12.00-4.00 PM

At Heath Park Community Centre
Rusholme Ave, Dagenham RM10 7PR

INCLUDED

- Songwriting
- Vocal Performance
- Creative Writing
- Rhyming workshop
- Delicious meals
- Learn new skills
- Build confidence
- Make new friends
- Fun games & activities

Ages 8-11. No Prior Experience Required

REGISTER NOW

FREE TO JOIN: See website or scan QR Code for details.

True Cadence

Or Visit Our Website:
WWW.TRUECADENCE.ORG

Barking & Dagenham

Awesome partners

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- Competitions
- Drama
- Soccer School
- Sublime Science
- Arts & Crafts
- Zoolab

Limited spaces on a first come, first serve basis!

A fun-filled week of activities

Check out our events!

How to register

It's simple, just click the button to get started!

Register

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

MUSIC.THEATRE.DANCE.FOOD.

This Summer's Food for the Soul Workshops will allow children to try foods from around the world as well as take part in Art activities.

This year, we will feature workshops full of fun and games from:

- The Community Music Service on Rhythm and Song
- Barking and Dagenham Youth Dance on Movement
- Write Back on Creative Expression
- The Boathouse on Acting and Performance
- True Cadence on Lyric Creation

Food will be served from 12-12.30pm
Workshops will start from 12.30 and finish at 4pm

We will include 2 breaks and a snack as well as a full meal, everyday.

We are offering 20 places per week and will prioritise young people on benefits related free school meals who can attend completely free of charge. We will also have some spaces available at a small cost for children who do not fall into this category.

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU AT THE VIBE!