



GODWIN NEWS

March 2025



World Book Day Event – Thursday 6th March



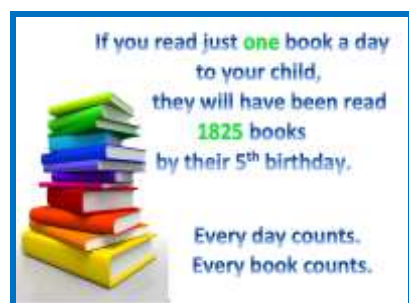
On Thursday 6th March, we will be celebrating World Book Day. To mark the day, children (and adults) are invited to wear their pyjamas to school to highlight the fact that, whilst books and stories can be shared anywhere, anytime, a story at bedtime is always something special. Parents are also invited to join their child in school at the following time to share books and stories:

NARP (am)	11.20 – 11.30	Year 2	10.40 – 11.20
NARP (pm)	3.15 – 3.25	Year 3	9.50 – 10.30
Nursery	2.45 – 3.25	Year 4	1.40 – 2.20
Reception	12.50 – 1.30	Year 5	9.00 – 9.40
Year 1	2.30 – 3.10	Year 6	

Parents/carers of children in NARP and Nursery should enter through the Nursery gate. All other parents should enter through the main office.



By now, your child should have been given a special World Book Day token. These can be exchanged in shops and supermarkets for the free World Book Day books (or used to get a reduction on another book, including those in our Book Fair).



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

Dates for your diary

March 2025	
Thurs 6 th	World Book Day event – wear your pyjamas to school.
Fri 7 th - 12 th	Book Fair
Mon 10 th - 14 th	Science Week
Mon 10 th - 13 th	Year 6 mock SATs
Fri 21 st	Red Nose Day (letter to follow). <i>NB: this date has changed since the last newsletter</i>
Weds 26 th	Year 5 trip to Barking Mosque
April 2025	
Tues 1 st	Golden Tea Party
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
Tuesday 22 nd	School reopens for everyone
Fri 25 th	Year 3 swimming starts

Toys

Last year, the School Council (made up of 2 children from each class in Years 1 to 6) worked to resolve an issue around children bringing toys to school. These were causing problems in the playground and a distraction in classrooms. As a result, the decision was taken that toys should not be brought to school and the situation improved.

Unfortunately, despite reminders, a number of toys have been creeping back in. Please support the School Council by reminding your child to leave all toys at home. This includes fidget toys, stress balls and the like – we will provide regulation objects for children who need them.

ASDA Cashpot for Schools initiative



A HUGE 'thank-you' to all our ASDA shoppers who nominated Godwin through the *Cashpot for Schools* initiative. Every time you shopped using ASDA Rewards, ASDA donated 0.5% of the value of your shopping to our school. We received an amazing £326 which we have used to purchase all the Lego shown in the picture above.

And another 'thank-you'...



... to the parents and friends of Godwin who voted on Facebook for the school to win books during Children's Mental Health Week. We were delighted to win the Usborne Books on Feelings. Dee Lawrence came and presented the books to us during Children's Mental Health Week and these are available for children to read in our *Starbooks Reading Cafe*.

Bags and rucksacks

Our corridors in the main building are quite narrow which means that storage space for coats, bags and PE kit is limited. Please make sure your child's school bag is as small as possible - the larger bags fall off the coat pegs and can be a hazard in the corridor. For the younger children in Lower school (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2), we ask parents to please provide a flat book bag rather than a rucksack.



Support your child - Discover Speech, Language, and Communication Tips

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Punctuality



A number of children are regularly arriving late for school or just minutes before the buzzer. This gives them a disrupted start to the day (which for some can upset their whole day) and can make them feel awkward when they enter the classroom late, as well as affecting the learning of the rest of the class. Our doors open at 8.40am – please try to get your child to school at 8.40am to give them the best start to their day. If you usually arrive just as the buzzer is about to go (or after this), please help your child by setting your alarm 10 minutes earlier every day.

Polite reminders

- The pathways into school from both gates are narrow. Please follow the arrows and keep to the left so that others can pass.
- The zig-zag lines painted by our two main entrances are there for the safety of everyone walking into school. Please do not stop on these lines to drop children off in the mornings, even for a short time.
- As per the advice from Children's Services, only children in Years 5 and 6 should be allowed to walk into school on their own (and only once a permission form has been signed by parents). All other children should be walked round to their entrance door by an adult. This also applies to children attending Breakfast Club as there are cars and delivery lorries moving in both directions through the playground at that time.

Supporting your child's language development



Speech and Language Strategy of the Month:



Using Verbal Routines

What? A verbal routine is a phrase or words that you say the same way consistently during familiar routines and daily activities.

Why? Using familiar words and phrases in daily routines helps children learn language because they hear them over and over. It makes communication predictable, helps understanding, and encourages them to use words on their own.

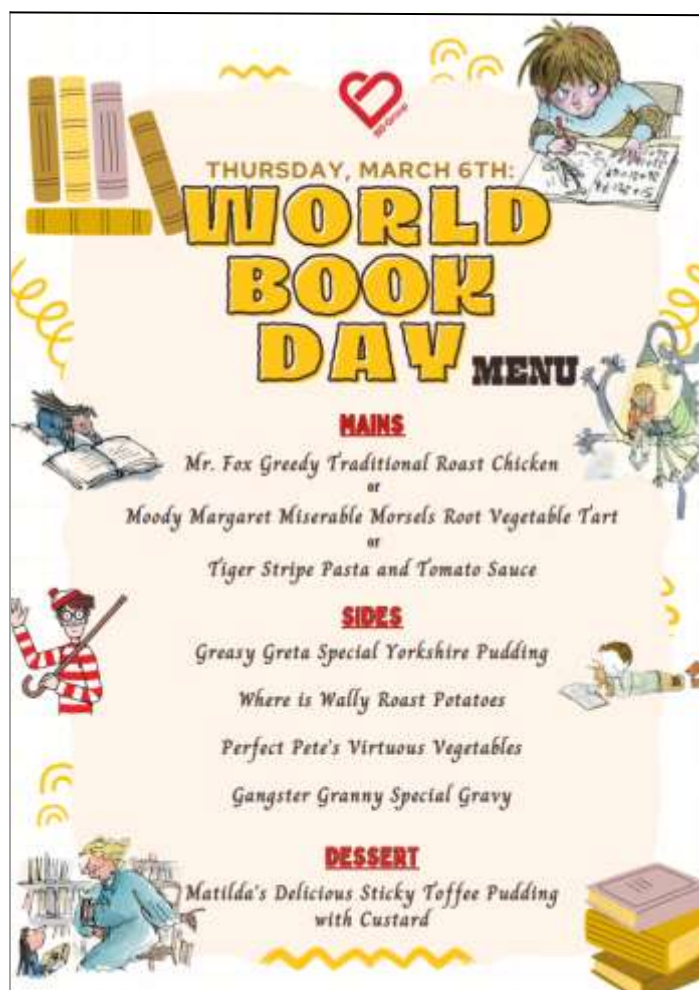
How? Use the same simple words or phrases during daily activities, every day. For example, say "All done!" after meals, "Up you go!" when picking them up, or "Ready, set, go!" before rolling a ball. Repeating these words and saying them the same way every time helps your child connect words to the moment and learn them.

When? During activities you do a lot or familiar routines.



Special menus

There will be 2 special-day menu changes this week, as follows:





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3. Make new friends
Scout meetings are a chance to meet up with your mates, have a laugh and do lots of exciting activities.
4. Have fun
Scouting is all about enjoying yourself, whatever you're doing – and there'll always be plenty to do!
5. Get outdoors
As a Scout, you get to explore the big outdoors and travel to new places and try new things.
6. Learn exciting things
Not many people know about the stars at night, how to sail a dinghy or make a sausage stew on a campfire, but you soon will! Scouting helps you learn lots of new and amazing skills – and you get to earn badges and rewards along the way.



PREPARED FOR ADVENTURE?

COME AND JOIN THE FUN

Beavers: Friday 5.00 - 6.30pm (aged 6 to 8)
Cubs: Friday 6.30 to 8.00pm (aged 8 to 10½)
Scouts: Friday 8.00 to 9.30pm (aged 10½ to 14)

19th Barking & Dagenham Scout Group
Hatfield Community Hall
Hatfield Road
Dagenham
RM9 6JG

email: Bob
19Hbbscouts@gmail.com
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