



GODWIN NEWS

October 2024



Homework

Homework for children in Years 1 to 6 is given out every Wednesday and should be handed in by the following Tuesday. (Year 1 will not start this until later in the year.)

- **Maths:** For all children in these year groups, this involves completing the next page of their maths workbook. However, in addition, children should practise the relevant times tables or number bonds for their year group.

Year 1	Number bonds to 20	Year 4	All times tables up to 12 x 12 as well as the associated division facts
Year 2	Number bonds to 100 2, 5 and 10 times tables	Year 5	
Year 3	2, 5, 10, 3, 4 and 8 times tables	Year 6	

- **Reading:** Every child should read to an adult at least 5 times a week (and this should be recorded each time with a signature in their Reading Record).

- **Spelling:** Each year group has a list of words to learn to read and spell.

Parents of children in Reception and Year 1 will be advised separately of their child's homework.

Year group meetings for parents

The remaining meetings will take place this week and next week. Come and find out more about your child's new year group at one of the following meetings with their phase leader:

Nursery	Wednesday 2 nd October	9.00am
Reception	Thursday 3 rd October	9.00am
Year 1	Monday 7 th October	9.00am
Year 2	Tuesday 8 th October	9.00am
Year 5	Friday 4 th October	9.00am

Parent Consultations

In addition to the year group meetings above, appointments to talk about your own child with their class teacher will take place later in October, as follows:

Nursery, Reception, Year 6	Monday 21 st October	3.00 – 5.30pm
Nursery, Years 2, 4 and 5	Tuesday 22 nd October	
Year 1 and Year 3	Wednesday 23 rd October	

Health and Safety Reminders

- The zig-zag lines at the school gates mean **no stopping**, not even to let out a passenger, during the times stated on the post nearby. A penalty notice for obstruction can be issued by the police.

Arriving and leaving

A huge 'thank you' to everyone – adults and children – for remembering that anyone riding a bicycle, scooter, etc should get off and push it from the main gates. Our playgrounds are narrow and busy, so bikes and scooters can be a hazard to people's safety.

Both entrances to the school have narrow pathways, so we ask that everyone keeps to the left-hand side to allow people going in the opposite direction to pass easily.

Lost Property

We already have a growing collection of lost property. Please check that all your child's uniform is clearly named (and that this hasn't faded in the wash) so that found items can easily be returned.

School uniform

Please remember that:

School shoes/trainers should be plain black. Hijab and hair bobbles/ribbons etc should be plain and in school colours, ie: royal blue/white/grey/black

PE Lessons

A gentle reminder that no earrings should be worn on your child's PE days. If you are not sure which days your child has PE, please speak to their class teacher at the end of the day.

The last day of this half term is **Thursday 24th October** when we finish at the normal time.
Children return to school on **Tuesday 5th November**.

Attendance Guide for Parents/Carers

We know that pupils fall behind their friends and classmates when they miss school. At Godwin Primary School we want the amount of missed education to be reduced as much as possible. We believe that our community is stronger together, with all of our pupils in school, on time, every day. We are building life skills, life-long friendships and preparing your child for future success.

We know that sometimes our pupils cannot come to school because they are really unwell - and that's the right thing to do for them and other students. Medical advice is clear, however, that children with mild illness will often be well enough to attend - for example if they have a cough, or cold, without a temperature. The NHS guidance [Is my child too ill for school? \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/when-to-call-the-doctor/) is designed to support parents in their decision making about mild illness.

We also know that you can have a significant effect on your child's absences this academic year and we would really appreciate your help and support in ensuring that they come to school every day so that they can get the best possible outcomes. We want to work with you to achieve this – please call or arrange to come in and meet Mrs Hales in the school office, or talk to your child's class teacher, if there is anything we can do to support you or your child. We appreciate that every family's situation is unique.

- We need you to:

Telephone the school before 8.30am each day if your child is going to be absent.

Tell the school, in advance, of any medical appointments and bring in appointment cards/letters.

If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, send them in anyway as they often perk up on arrival.

Not book holidays during term time.

If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance, then talk to us as a first step so we can help!

- What we will do:

Check your child's attendance every day.

Phone home to discuss your child's attendance with you.

Invite you into school for attendance meetings if we are concerned.

If we cannot establish a reason for absence, then a welfare home visit may be made.

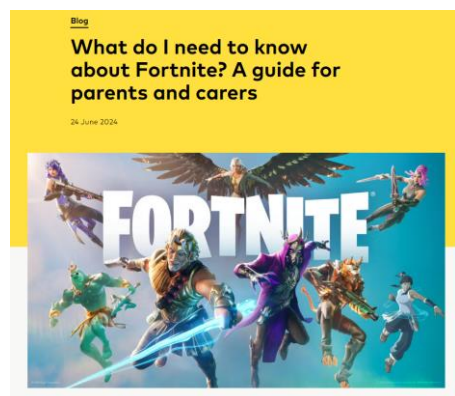
Space Day lunch

Our school kitchen will be providing a special 'Space Day' lunch on Thursday 3rd October:



Online safety

As parents, we all want our children to be safe, and includes online. Please follow the link below for more information if your child uses Fortnite.



[What do I need to know about Fortnite? A guide for parents and carers | Childnet](#)

Rugby – an opportunity to try it out

Barking RFC, our local community rugby club based in Gale Street, is looking for the next generation of players to join this well-established club.

Like so many sports, there are many benefits to playing rugby, including:

- Physical fitness
- Teamwork
- Discipline
- Resilience
- Confidence
- Social Skills

(up until under 11's, boys and girls are able to play together on the same team in mixed rugby).

See the poster opposite if this is something your child might be interested in.

Mini Rugby

Why rugby??

- Make Friends
- Have fun
- Become part of a team

Come and Join your local club :
Barking RFC

Both boys and girls in Years 3,4,5,6

For more info call or message Chris
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