



# St Paul's Whitechapel Newsletter

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## *An update from Mr Bennett...*

Both Year 6 and Year 2 have now completed their SATS tests. We won't have confirmation of their results for a little while, but I do know that the children have worked hard over the year (and previous years) and they should be proud of their efforts whatever the results look like.

Mr Rubin and I would like to let you know about a meeting that will be taking place on 14<sup>th</sup> June at nearby schools around cuts to school budgets. (Info on page 3). We cannot emphasise enough how these cuts are affecting our schools and others in Tower Hamlets. There are likely to be many difficult decisions ahead for us. You can show your support by attending one of these meetings.

I hope you all have a chance to relax and recharge over half term. I would like to thank our staff for all their hard work and wish them, and you, a peaceful half term.

Have a great half term and, as Mr Rubin would say, be kind to one another.

**T Bennett**

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Congratulations to Mrs Jheeta who is now the substantive Deputy Headteacher at **St John's School**.

In the selection process, Mrs Jheeta worked through a number of tasks, a presentation and a gruelling interview.

This is great news for St John's School, Mrs Jheeta has a wealth of experience in east London and has fitted in well since arriving on a temporary contract in September 2021.

Well done Mrs Jheeta, we are very pleased that you are staying within the federation!

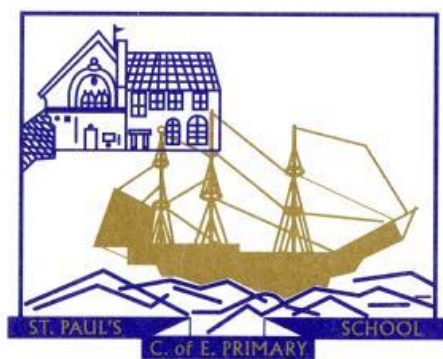
## Congratulations to Mrs Jheeta



## Federation Governing Body Parent Election

Thank you to all those who voted in our recent parent Governor election. We received a total of 140 votes, which is a very good turnout. The results mean that we have one parent elected from each of our schools, Mr Mahmud Ahmed from St Paul's School and Ms Senait Yetbarek from St John's School.

We look forward to working with them on the governing body.



## **The Designated Members of Staff Responsible for Safeguarding and Child Protection at St Pauls are:**



**Terry Bennett**  
**Executive Headteacher**



**Darren Rubin**  
**Executive Headteacher Designate**



**Kathy Blake**  
**Deputy Headteacher**



**John Boutflour**  
**Assistant Headteacher**

# Campaign Against School Cuts

# SAVE OUR SCHOOLS

**Tower Hamlets schools face the worst cuts in the country. This means:**

- **Less support for children**
- **Staffing cuts** ● **Fewer resources**



**Public Meetings**  
**Wed 14th June 4:30pm**

**Globe: Banga  
Bandhu School**

**Isle of Dogs:  
Cubitt Town School**

**Poplar: Lansbury  
Lawrence School**

**Stepney:  
Halley School**

**Bow: Malmesbury  
School**

**Bethnal Green:  
Thomas Buxton School**

**Come and hear how school cuts  
are affecting your child's education  
and how you can help our campaign.**

# St Paul's School Photo News

A review of what has been happening in, out & around school. Find lots more like this on Twitter!

Elizabeth, from St George's, took our weekly clergy assembly focusing on Ascension and Pentecost.



Early Years children had a great time visiting Mudchute Farm. They saw goats, pigs, chickens and ducks and even rolled down the steep hill! It was a lovely day out. Thank you to all the staff and families that helped make the day such a success.



Our Year 5 class made a delicious and healthy vegetable risotto. We had such a great choice of fresh ingredients to use. Thank you so much [@ReynoldsFood](https://twitter.com/ReynoldsFood)



Thank you to Janice, Elizabeth, Katie and our parent volunteer group who came into school to make a delicious brunch for our school community.



## Federation Parent/ Carer Survey

Our latest Parent/ Carer Survey is now live and can be accessed via a laptop, PC, tablet or mobile phone.

It is not too late for you to add your comments. If they are positive, we love to celebrate them, and if there are areas for development, they help us to improve. We really appreciate you taking the time to respond.

*"St Paul's is a good school, where children are happy thriving and progression in various areas. Parental involvement has been a huge plus, and we are always informed of curricular activities/ events taking place."*

To add your comments, click the link below.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NR832R9>

**We have had 35 responses so far, let's try to get to 50!**



# Saturday Circus Club



## 9:15 – 10:15 Family Session

- For children aged 2.5 – 5 years old with their adult. Sessions require 1 adult per child.

## 10:30 – 11:30 Circus Club

For children aged 4 – 8 years old.

Come and hone your co-ordination with a range of circus skills from juggling to plate spinning!

## WHEN

Saturdays throughout 2023 (excluding school holidays)

## WITH DAN



## WHERE

Tramshed, Digby Street,  
Globe Town, London E2 0LS

## TICKETS

£7 / £4 / £2 per session –  
choose the rate that  
works for you.

[www.stmargarethouse.org.uk/  
events/saturday-circus-club](http://www.stmargarethouse.org.uk/events/saturday-circus-club)

## Parenting programmes Summer 2023

Parenting programmes are a source of support for all parents and offer an opportunity to share experiences, develop an understanding of child development, build positive relationships and learn to deal with challenging behaviour.

PROGRAMME	AGE	WEEKS	DATES	TIME	VENUE	DESCRIPTION
<b>MONDAY</b>						
Emotional First Aid	All parents	6	15 May-26 June	10am-12:30pm	John Smith CFC	Offers an overview of mental health and wellbeing in relation to parenting. Learn strategies to manage anxieties, identify stress factors, gain a better understanding of ourselves and promote a healthier sense of wellbeing. Crèche available.
Strengthening Families Strengthening Communities (SFSC) Online (Somali)	2-18 years	5	15 May-12 June	10am-12noon	Zoom	Aims to increase parental self-esteem and confidence and reduce child behavioural difficulties.
SFSC Intro (English)	2-18 years	5	19 June-17 July	10am-12noon	Olga CFC	Aims to increase parental self-esteem and confidence and reduce child behavioural difficulties. Crèche available.
Triple P Discussion Group	2-11 years	3	3-17 July	10am-12:30pm	St Elizabeth's Primary School	For parents who wish to build positive relationships with their child, increase self-confidence and develop their skills and techniques for dealing with difficult behaviour.

<b>TUESDAY</b>						
SFSC (Bengali)	2-18 years	12	25 April-18 July	10am-1pm	Parents Advice Centre	Aims to increase parental self-esteem and confidence and reduce child behavioural difficulties.
Triple P Teen	2-18 years	9	25 April-27 June	10am-12:30pm	Central Girls Foundation	For parents who wish to build positive relationships with their teens, increase self-confidence and develop their skills to communicate more effectively with their teens.
SFSC Online	2-18 years	5	25 April-23 May	10am-12noon	Zoom	Aims to increase parental self-esteem and confidence and reduce child behavioural difficulties.



<b>WEDNESDAY</b>						
The Parent Factor ADHD		7	7 June-19 July		Parents Advice Centre	For parents and carers of children with a diagnosis of ADHD aged 5-16 years (25 years for people with SEND).
SFSC - English Day	2-18 years	12	26 April-19 July	9:30am-12:30pm	Mulberry Girls	Aims to increase parental self-esteem and confidence and reduce child behavioural difficulties.
Family Transitions		6	3 May-14 June	10am-12:30pm	Overland CFC	For parents who have experienced separation or divorce to learn how to co-parent effectively and to learn strategies how to deal with the loss of their relationship with their ex partner. Crèche available.
KCSO		2	21 June and 5 July	10-11:30am	Zoom	Primary and secondary
Early Repair	All parents		3 and 24 May		Meath Gardens CFC	Early repair is a brief awareness 2-day group programme for fathers identified as using abuse (physical and/or emotional and/or coercive control). Early Repair is for fathers who are assessed as being a lower risk in accordance with the Tower Hamlets risk matrix. Professional referrals only.
<b>THURSDAY</b>						
SFSC - Bengali	2-18 years	12	27 April-20 July	10am-1pm	Overland CFC	Aims to increase parental self-esteem and confidence and reduce child behavioural difficulties. Crèche available.
SFSC - Online evening	2-18 years	5	27 April-25 May	6-8pm	Zoom	Aims to increase parental self-esteem and confidence and reduce child behavioural difficulties. Crèche available.
Triple P Teen Discussion Group		4	15 June-6 July	6-8pm	Zoom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Getting teenagers to co-operate</li> <li>● Coping with Teenager's emotions</li> <li>● Building teenager's survival skills</li> </ul>
<b>FRIDAY</b>						
Triple P Group	12-18 years	8	28 April-16 June	10am-12:30pm	Mowlem CFC	Crèche available.
SFSC Online Intro Bengali		5	28 April-26 May	9:30-11:30am	Zoom	Aims to increase parental self-esteem and confidence and reduce child behavioural difficulties. Crèche available.
SFSC Online Intro Bengali		5	16 June-14 July	9:30-11:30am	Zoom	Aims to increase parental self-esteem and confidence and reduce child behavioural difficulties. Crèche available.

### Get in touch

For all inquiries email: [parenting@towerhamlets.gov.uk](mailto:parenting@towerhamlets.gov.uk) Tel: 020 7364 6398

To book a place or to make a referral download a referral form, scan the QR code or click or visit [www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/parentingprogrammes](http://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/parentingprogrammes)



St John's & Paul's Whitechapel CE Primary Schools  
**Term Dates and Holidays - 2022/ 2023**

Last Day of Term      Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March  
*Good Friday*      *Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April*  
*Easter Monday*      *Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April*

**Summer Term 2023** (64 days)  
*Staff Training*      *Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April*  
 First Day of Term Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April  
*Eid Al-Fitr*      *Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April\* 2023*  
 May Day Bank Holiday Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May  
*Staff Training*      *Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May*  
 Half Term      Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June  
 Second half of term      Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June  
*Eid Al-Adha*      *Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2023*  
 Last Day of Term      Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July



*Final Thought*

*"Pride opens the door to every other sin, for once we are more concerned with our reputation than our character, there is no end to the things we will do just to make ourselves "look good" before others."*

*Warren Wiersbe*

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St John's & Paul's Whitechapel CE Primary Schools  
**Term Dates and Holidays - 2023/ 2024**

**Autumn Term 2023** (75 days)

*Staff Training*      *Mon 4<sup>th</sup> & Tue 5<sup>th</sup> September*  
 First Day of Term      Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September  
 Half Term      Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October  
 Second half of term      Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October  
 Last Day of Term      Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

*Christmas Day*      *Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December*  
*Boxing Day*      *Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> December*

**Spring Term 2024** (54 days)

*New Year's Day*      *Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January*  
*Staff Training*      *Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January*  
 First Day of Term Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January  
 Half Term      Mon. 12<sup>th</sup> to Fri. 16<sup>th</sup> February  
 Second half of term      Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February  
 Last Day of Term      Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

*Good Friday*      *Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March*  
*Easter Monday*      *Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April*

**Summer Term 2024** (66 days)

*Staff Training*      *Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April*  
 First Day of Term Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April  
 May Day Bank Holiday Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May  
*Staff Training*      *Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May*  
 Half Term      Monday 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May  
 Second half of term      Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June  
 Last Day of Term      Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

*Ramadan begins Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024\**  
*Eid Al-Fitr*      *Tuesday/ Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>/ 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024\**  
*Eid Al-Adha*      *Sunday/ Monday 16<sup>th</sup>/ 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024\**