



St Paul's Whitechapel Newsletter

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An update from Mr Bennett...

It has been such a busy start to the school year, but the children have settled very well into their new classes and, whenever I walk around the school, I see children fully engaged in, and enjoying, their learning.

School test results

I am sure you know that we are committed to preparing our children for secondary school and whatever comes after (see our Mission Statement on Page 2). This means that we focus on academic standards, of course, but also care deeply about children's emotional, social, creative and physical development. Nevertheless, schools are judged, externally, by their results. As they were before Covid 19, our Year 6 children's results were excellent. The class' success was down to their hard work, the commitment of the school staff and the support of their families. Well done to all involved, but especially last year's Year 6 pupils.

Best wishes, T Bennett

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St Paul's School Staff News

Our new teachers have settled in very well at St Paul's School. Both are experienced and add to our leadership capacity. Ms Reader (below left), in Year 2, is in charge of Science; Ms Foster (centre left), in Year 5, is our new Maths lead.

We are also very pleased to have our new Place2be SPM (School Project manager), Rachael

Haynes (centre right) who has taken over from Carly Dale and sports coach Idris Boussetoua (below right), who is also our judo teacher.

Finally, we send our best wishes to Ms Khan and Ms Bassi, both of whom have been quite unwell. We wish them both a speedy recovery.



Meet our Head Girl & Head Boy

There was a strong field of aspiring Head Girls and Head Boys this year. The seven finalists had to present their speeches three times, firstly to the Year 6 class, secondly to Mr Bennett and Ms Blake and finally to the whole school in Assembly. The quality of the speeches, and their delivery, can only be described as exceptional and it is only unfortunate that they could not all be winners. After the votes were counted our 2022-2023 were announced and can be seen in the photograph on the right.





The Federation of St John's and St Paul's Whitechapel CE Primary Schools



Federation Mission Statement

St John's and St Paul's Whitechapel Church of England Primary School provide a caring, inclusive and supportive community, with a distinctive Christian environment and ethos, of which all children and staff are valued members. We have high expectations and are ambitious for our children. We believe that every child is a unique individual and our teaching should reflect this. We provide a rich and varied learning environment that offers our children and staff every opportunity to succeed and flourish, now and in the future.

Federation Vision

We aim to:

- offer a secure, caring and healthy environment, one that fosters physical and emotional well-being for everyone at the school.
- recognize and develop each individual's strengths and talents.
- enable children to become confident, resourceful, inquisitive and independent learners.
- foster children's self-esteem and self-respect, and help them build positive relationships with other people, by respecting the ideas, attitudes, values and feelings of others.
- equip children with resilience and creativity, so that they are able to adapt to change and benefit from future opportunities.
- help children grow as part of the local Tower Hamlets community, showing respect for its mix of cultures, and help them feel valued as part of this community and of society as a whole.
- help children grow into responsible, independent and positive local and global citizens.
- offer a broad and balanced curriculum catering for individual needs regardless of race, creed, gender, or disability within the National Curriculum requirements.

Charity fundraising

Bangladesh Flood Appeal School Summer Fete

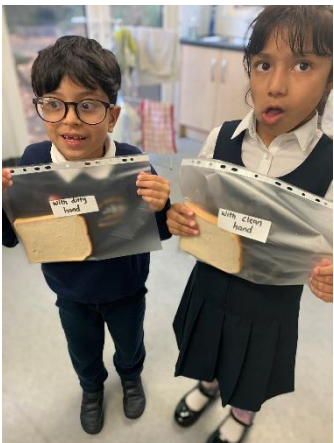
Our popular Cake Sale and children's Non-Uniform Day raised **£400** for the Bangladesh Flood Appeal.

Thank you so much to everyone who helped with this year's Summer Fete. Over **£600** was raised for school funds to be spent on activities and equipment for the children.

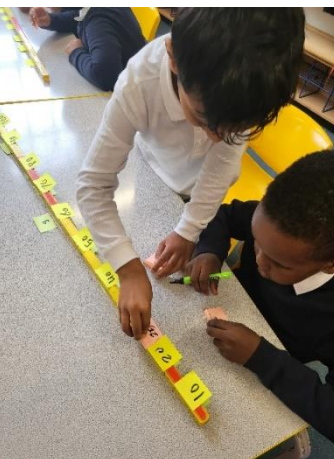
Our next fundraising will be for the victims of the floods in Pakistan. Look out for details.

St Paul's School Photo News

A review of what has been happening in, out and around the school.



Anti-clockwise, from above:
Fr Richard's Assembly this week was about Sir Alexander Fleming.
The early years developed their gross motor skills and practiced problem solving.
Year 1 explored Minibeasts in the school garden.
Year 2 considered the importance of washing our hands.
Year 3 learnt about Place Value in maths.
Year 4 investigated 'Sound' in science.
Year 5 made delicious dahl in Cooking & Nutrition.
Rafaella produced another fantastic newspaper.





OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT FOR ALL

OUR OFFER

- Strong relationships with families and outstanding pastoral care.
- Excellent, first class teaching for girls and boys aged 11-18.
- High quality partnerships and an amazing enrichment offer including the Mulberry STEM Academy, Global Girl Leading, Model United Nations, Edinburgh Festival Fringe and much more!
- Regular trips and visits.
- A strong commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion.
- A school at the heart of the community.
- Flagship school with pioneering low energy performance delivered in partnership with the Local Authority and the Department for Education.
- Extensive facilities for sports and leisure which will be open for community use.
- Our brand new school is currently under construction and will open on a temporary site in September 2023. It will be located at the former Shapla school site at Wellclose Square, EI and is being refurbished to meet the needs of the new Year 7 cohort.



Keeping Children Safe Online

Free online safety sessions for parents, delivered in school by the Parental Engagement Team

Learn about your child's on-line world and pick up useful tips to help keep them safe!

St Pauls C of E Primary School
18th October 2022
9am-10am





EAST END ACADEMY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH EAST LONDON CHURCHES



**WEDNESDAYS
5:00-6:00**



SCHOOL YEARS 2-7



**£3 PER WEEK (SIBLING
DISCOUNT AVAILABLE)**



**STEPNEY GREEN
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**FOOTBALL SESSIONS FOR CHILDREN OF ALL
ABILITIES**



**- DEVELOP FOOTBALL SKILLS AND POSITIVE
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To sign up contact Dan Owen: dowen@ambassadorsfootball.org or 07725804563

FOOTBALL FAITH FUTURE



TOWER HAMLETS

Holiday Childcare Scheme

Ages **3-13** years old

The Tower Hamlets Childcare Scheme offers Ofsted registered childcare.
020 7364 0523
www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/hcs

October Scheme 2022
24 to 28 October (5 Days)

Bookings now open



Holiday Childcare October Scheme 2022

Information for professionals

The Tower Hamlets Holiday Childcare October half-term scheme now open for bookings for working parents' resident in the borough and for vulnerable referrals. Non-working parents / carers are welcome to book places from 4th October 2022.

Scheme dates

Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October 2022 (5 days)

Our scheme dates are based on the Tower Hamlets school holidays.

Booking closing date: 18th October 2022 by 12pm or earlier once bookings are full

Venue

St Anne's and Guardian Angels Catholic Primary School, Underwood Road, E1 5AW

Please support and share this information with families you feel may benefit from our scheme. To refer a child please complete our [referral form](#) and support the family to book following the steps on our [booking system](#).

More information can be found on our website www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/hcs.

We will look forward to receiving your bookings.

Holiday Childcare Team
Parent & Family Support Service
Children and Culture Directorate
London Borough of Tower Hamlets

St John's & Paul's Whitechapel CE Primary Schools

Term Dates and Holidays - 2022/ 2023

Autumn Term 2022 (70 days)

Staff Training	Thu 1st & Friday 2nd September
First Day of Term	Monday 5 th September
Half Term	Monday 24 th – Friday 28 th October
Second half of term	Monday 31 st October
Last Day of Term	Friday 16 th December

Christmas Day	Sunday 25th December
Boxing Day	Monday 26th December

Spring Term 2023 (58 days)

New Year's Day	Sunday 1st January
Bank Holiday	Monday 2 nd January
Staff Training	Tuesday 3rd January
First Day of Term	Wednesday 4 th January
Half Term	Mon. 13 th to Fri. 17 th February
Second half of term	Monday 20 th February
Last Day of Term	Friday 31 st March

Good Friday	Friday 7th April
Easter Monday	Monday 10th April

Summer Term 2023 (64 days)

First Day of Term	Monday 17 th April
Staff Training	Friday 30 th April
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 2 nd May
Half Term	Monday 29 th May to Friday 2 nd June
Second half of term	Monday 5 th June
Last Day of Term	Friday 21 st July

Ramadan begins	Wednesday 22nd March* 2023
Eid Al-Fitr	Friday 21st April* 2023
Eid Al-Adha	Wednesday 28th June 2023

190 School Days, **5 Staff Training Days** (2 to be arranged)

* to be confirmed

Final Thought

"I tell my kids, what is the difference between a hero and a coward? What is the difference between being [cowardly] and being brave? No difference. Only what you do. They both feel the same. They both fear dying and getting hurt. The man who is [cowardly] refuses to face up to what he's got to face. The hero is more disciplined and he fights those feelings off and he does what he has to do. But they both feel the same, the hero and the coward. People who watch you judge you on what you do, not how you feel."

Cus D'Amato

