



# St Paul's Newsletter

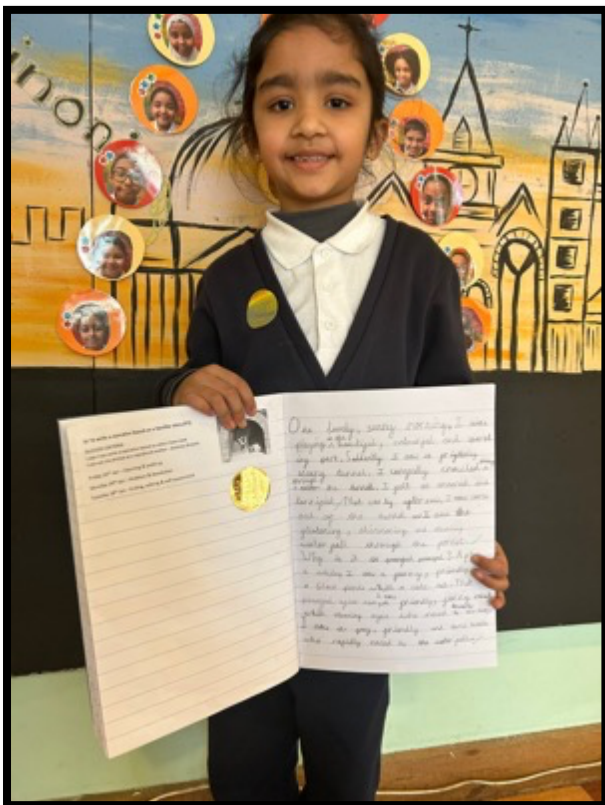
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024

## *An update from Mr. Rubin...*

I hope you are all well. I am looking forward to you reading about what the children have been learning and experiencing over the last fortnight. This week we received notification that St John's would be inspected for SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools). Similarly to how we are all waiting for Ofsted to visit us here at St Paul's, everyone at St John's has been waiting for this inspection for a long time so it was good to finally receive the call. It has meant that I missed a day at St Paul's and that the newsletter will be a little shorter. I am grateful to have such an experienced leadership team and incredible staff here at St Paul's. The inspection at St John's went very well!

I think you will be so impressed with events in this edition. As ever, our children work so hard, have meaningful experiences and produce some incredible outcomes. Currently we have spaces available in our Nursery class so do spread the word and invite them to come in and take a look!

Have a lovely weekend and be kind to one another.



## Sharing Good Work

I was so impressed with this Year 2 pupil as I was visiting the classrooms last week. Her work was immaculately presented and such a pleasure to read. We even went to show it off in Year 6. Ms Foster and Class 6 were so impressed that the quality of work was such a high standard.

As I am sure you know, our Value of the term is Humility and this pupil was very humble when sharing her work – it was very worthy of the Headteacher Golden Badge she received!



## Thank you Mr. Andy

On first inspection, this may look like a picture of Mr Andy playing pool. However, what he was doing was testing the pool table that he had built using some of the money from the kind donations from the run that I completed. Thank you for this Andy – the children that use it in Breakfast Club (which is open every day and free from 8:30am) love it!





### **Basketball Success**

I was so proud to hear that Coach Idris took a group of Year 5 and 6 pupils to a basketball competition. What particularly stood out for me was that this was a mixed competition. Considering this was our debut in such a tournament, our children did so well. Thank you Coach Idris for taking the children and to Ms Blake who organises a lot of these events that allows our children to take part.



### **Collective Worship with Father Richard**

We are so fortunate to have Father Richard and Elizabeth come into school and deliver such beautiful Collective Worship. This week Father Richard spoke to the children about Candlemas. We thought about important people around us and reflected on how special we are as God's children.







### **Reading in the Early Years**

Thank you to parents/carers in the Early Years who attended the "Read With Your Child" open morning. Thank you to Ms Robinson and Ms Sandra for setting up the activities. We hope it provided some top tips for reading at home!







### **Class 4 Visit St Paul's Cathedral**

Our children get to do some amazing things. What an honour it was when children from Class 4 and members of the school choir had the opportunity to sing in St Paul's Cathedral. We are so grateful to Will and Elizabeth and well done to our incredible children. Their singing and behaviour in this iconic building was exemplary.



### **Governing Body Update**

We are so fortunate to have such a caring and committed Governing Body. Thank you to Dr Precey and Father Richard for organising our annual strategic away day.

I led an update on our Federation Improvement Plan, sharing the outcomes from the recent survey on wraparound care. We also discussed the outcomes of our recent staff wellbeing survey.

Dr Precey led a skills audit and shared his thoughts on the strategic value of the work governors do and how we can make it even more strategic.



### **Class Six Assembly**

Well done to all of the children in Class Six for presenting such a thorough class assembly taking us through your learning so far.

We are always so impressed by the way our children confidently present information. Thank you to Ms Foster and Ms Georgina for organising it.



### **Cooking and Nutrition at St Paul's**

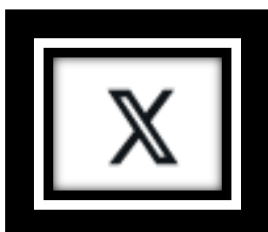
Our children learn about the importance of a balanced diet and eating fresh fruit and vegetables through our Cooking and Nutrition lessons at school.

The food they make is simply delicious!

### **Parent Governor Email Information**

If you would like to contact Mahmud or Shamaila we have set up an email address for any queries which our office team can pass on to them. The email address is :

[parent\\_governor@st-pauls.towerhamlets.sch.uk](mailto:parent_governor@st-pauls.towerhamlets.sch.uk)



The very best way to keep up to date with what is happening in our school is to follow us on Twitter <https://twitter.com/StPaulsCESchool>. We have 770 followers and the more followers we have, the more people will see what a fantastic school this is!





**MY VOICE  
MATTERS**

**WE'RE TAKING PART IN  
CHILDRENS MENTAL  
HEALTH WEEK**

**[childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk](https://childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk)**  
**#ChildrensMentalHealthWeek**



ALL WELCOME



- Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January (Candlemas) St Paul's school hall
- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February (Lent) St Paul's school hall
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March (Holy Week) St Paul's school hall
- Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March (Easter Sunday) St George in the East TBC\*
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May (Easter) St Paul's school hall
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June (Pentecost) St Paul's school hall
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July (Leavers) St Paul's school hall
- Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July (Dedication Festival) St George in the East TBC\*

Refreshments from 3.40pm service 4-  
4.30pm.

**DISCOVER**  
**FOOTBALL**  
JUST PLAY

# FOOTBALL *Training*

**£6.00**

PER SESSION

YOUTH AGE

**5-7**

**WEDNESDAY**

**TERM TIME ONLY**

**4:45-5:45 PM**

**ST PAULS WHITECHAPE PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**E1 8GN**

PLEASE USE BACK GATE

**BOOK VIA HAPPITY**

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George  
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**FOOTBALL@STGEORGEINTHEEAST.ORG**





*You're invited to a*

# PANCAKE PARTY

**10am || 13th February**

**St George in the East**

For children and families

*Pancake races, decorating and eating  
pancakes, crafts*





## **Are you concerned about a child or a family?**

Make a factual record of your concern.

(Include day, date, time, other witnesses, concern and your signature)

You must share your concerns without delay.

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



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



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



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



## St John's & St 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\**

195 days including 5 staff training days

\* to be confirmed