

Autumn Newsletter

Keeping Everyone Safe

It is of paramount importance that we keep your children safe at all times. That is why we have taken a cautious approach to the return to school this term. We are continually reviewing the national picture and our own arrangements and will keep you informed if we feel the time is right to make a change.

Another aspect of keeping everyone safe is our Duty Leader arrangement. The Duty Leader is your point of contact at the start and end of the day and

is also the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL). If you have any safeguarding or child protection concerns, these should be reported, immediately, to the DSL.

See Page 4. for news of our **Online Safety Workshop**, here at St Paul's School on 8th October.

Don't forget, you can still address any questions on any issues to our parents' / carers' email address:

parents@st-pauls.towerhamlets.sch.uk

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Duty Leader & DSL	Mr Bennett	Mr Bennett	Ms Blake	Mr Bennett	Mr Boutflour
Deputy Leader & DSL	Ms Blake	Mr Rubin	Mr Boutflour	Ms Blake	Mr Rubin

St Paul's staff news

St Paul's School has a great staff team in place with a good mix of new and experienced staff. The school's senior leaders can report that there is an excellent working atmosphere around the school and we are impressed by the level of children's engagement in lessons.

Our Year 4 teacher, Ms Hendy (right), has plenty of experience both in this country and abroad and was seen at St Paul's and St John's Schools as an agency teacher last year.



Ms Tuck (photo to follow) is working with Ms Khan in Year 2 and also covering teachers' planning time. Ms Tuck taught a Year 4 class at St Paul's School a few years ago before spending some time in Australia. We are glad she is back in the UK and back at St Paul's School.



Ms Robinson (right) completed her teaching qualification at the UCL Institute of Education earlier this year and is leading our Reception Class this year. Like our other new teachers, Ms Robinson also has prior knowledge of the school as she was a trainee teacher in Year 2 last year.

Ms Potten, (right) our Federation Business Manager, is not new, but is now based predominantly at St Paul's School. Meanwhile Ms Feruja (left) has gone in the opposite direction and is now based in the office at St John's School. We are hoping that there will be an



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School photos

Our individual and sibling portrait photographs have been booked in for

12th October 2021

Please put the date in your diary.



St Paul's staff news (continued)...



opportunity for her to pop back to say a proper farewell to the parents she has worked with here over the years.

Ms Asia (right), who previously worked at Shapla School, has joined our support staff in the early years.

We would like to thank parents/carers (and our staff) for bearing with us whilst



we have sought to fill the front desk position temporarily. We are very pleased to say that we now have Ms Taybah (right) in place.



Meanwhile, congratulations are in order for Ms Ali who was married to (left) during the summer holiday.

We would also like to say well done to former teacher Ms Walker, now at St John's School, who had a baby girl, Arabella Rose (pictured right with Harry).



Finally we send our best wishes to Ms Bassi who has now begun her maternity leave and to Ms Mimoza who remains unwell although we hope to see her soon.

...and our new Attendance Officer

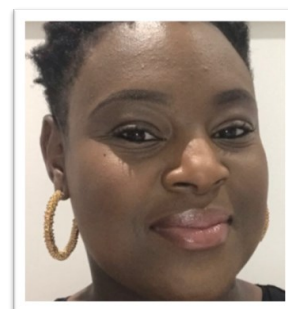


SYNERGY EDUCATION & WELFARE SERVICE
A COMBINED EFFECT

Coming to school every day on time is so important for your child. Absence may occur due to illness or another reason but this should be rare.

We have taken the decision to work with Synergy Education and Welfare Service (SEWS) to reduce persistent absence and improve attendance and punctuality.

Roxanne Abraham (right) is our new Education Welfare Officer; she has worked with St John's School for more than 12 months and we are very pleased to welcome her to our team.



DRAW & PLAY

OWARE

I'm a BIG DRAW Artist!

**SUN 3 OCT, 2-5PM
AT RICH MIX**

**LET THE GAME CAPTURE
YOUR IMAGINATION!**

Rich Mix in partnership with Art Hoppers and Mwalimu Express present
BIG DRAW 2021! Learn how to play Oware, the ancient pit & pebble game.
Make your own game-board from recycled materials. Discover the meaning
of Adinkra symbols like Sankofa the mythical bird who looks to the past
for knowledge. Draw, cut, design and play to the sound of African rhythms!

FREE Family Event - Rich Mix, 35-47 Bethnal Green Rd, E1 6LA
richmix.org.uk/events/the-big-draw-2021-draw-and-play-oware

RICH MIX Ah! Mwalimu Express

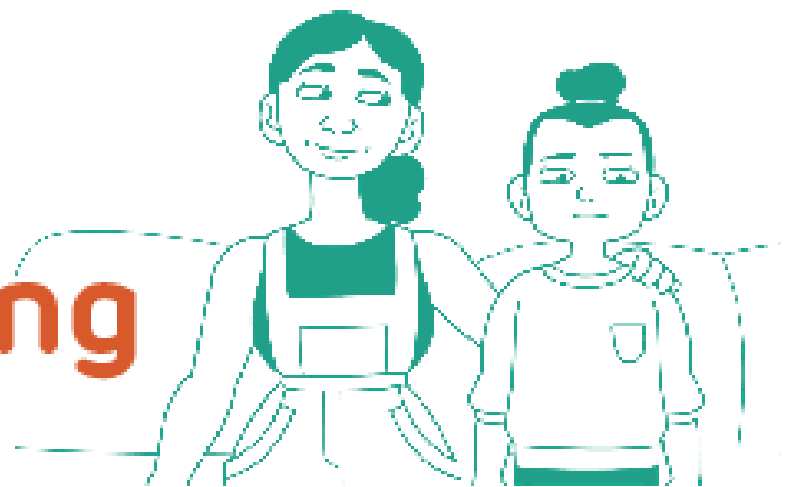
THE 2021 BIG DRAW FESTIVAL

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Place2be News



Parenting Smart



We all want the best for our children, but parenting can be really tough sometimes. We've all been there.

Place2Be's Parenting Smart is a new site for parents and carers of 4-11 year olds, offering practical advice on supporting your child and managing behaviour.



All of our content is created by Place2Be's parenting experts. It's based on evidence and their experiences working with children, young people and their families

Designed with busy parents in mind, the site has short videos and articles on topics from meltdowns to bullying, from sleeping difficulties to encouraging self-confidence.



Learn more at
[place2be.org.uk/
parentingsmart](https://place2be.org.uk/parentingsmart)

Parents' Online Safety Workshop



Information for schools and settings

Keeping Your Child Safe Online

Free sessions for parents and carers, delivered by the Parental Engagement Team

9:30 am School Hall



Friday 8th October

We are very fortunate to have been offered our own **Online Safety Workshop** here at St Paul's School on Friday 8th October at 9:30 am.

What parents learn

- How the internet can support learning
- The role of the internet and social media in children's lives
- The dangers – online grooming, cyber bullying, sexual exploitation
- How to keep children safe online
- Dealing with excessive internet use and conflict

You'll also receive useful resources and tip sheets.

Put the date in your diary!

Children's
COMMISSIONER



Digital 5 A Day

Simple steps to a balanced digital diet and better wellbeing



Holiday Childcare October Scheme 2021

Information for professionals

The Tower Hamlets Holiday Childcare Scheme is now open for bookings for the October 2021 Scheme. We will be following government guidance and will open offering a reduced capacity, for more details please see the [government guidance](#).

Scheme dates

Monday 25th October – Friday 29th October 2021 (5 days)

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

Venue

St Mary & St Michael Primary School, Sutton Street, E1 0BD

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

Parenting programmes

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.

Autumn programmes (Sept-Dec 2021)

Programmes are delivered by the Parenting Team and take place in schools, community centres and on online.

Programme	Age range	Information
Strengthening Families Strengthening Communities (SFSC)	2 - 18 years	Aims to increase parental self-esteem and confidence and reduce child behavioural difficulties. Five sessions, shortened version adapted for online. Also available in Bengali and Somali. Evening programme in English.
Triple P Teen	12 - 18 years	For parents to foster positive relationships with their teenager or for those who have concerns about problem behaviour, non-cooperation and aggression or wish to prevent behavioural problems from developing. Eight sessions.
Triple P Group	18 months - 11 years	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. Eight sessions.
Triple P Family Transitions	Birth - 18 years	NEW for 2021. For parents who are experiencing personal distress after separation or divorce, which is impacting on their parenting. Eight sessions.
Triple P Online	18 months - 11 years and 12 - 18 years	An individual online programme for parents to access and complete at their own pace. Practitioner support and guidance to complete the programme is available on request.
Emotional First Aid	All parents	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. Six sessions.
Speakeasy	5 - 18 years	For parents to develop the skills and confidence to talk to their children about growing up, relationships and keeping safe. Explores how Relationship and Sex Education (RSE) is taught in schools and the influence on children from media and peers.
The Parent Factor in ADHD	5 - 18 years	A programme for parents with children diagnosed with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). The course will cover information to help understand the diagnosis and treatment, strategies to support your child and manage difficult behaviour and how to advocate on your child's behalf within the education system.

Parenting one-off discussion groups

The Triple P discussion group series cover a range of topics and parenting concerns.

For parents of children aged 2-11 years

- Encouraging Positive Behaviour
- Managing Fighting and Aggression

For parents of children aged 12-18 years

- Dealing with Emotional Behaviour
- Reducing Family Conflict

Get in touch

The parenting team look forward to receiving enquires from parents, carers, social care colleagues, school staff and other agencies in the borough.

To talk to a parenting practitioner for advice, to book a place or to make a professional referral contact the Tower Hamlets Parenting Team: Email: parenting@towerhamlets.gov.uk Tel: 020 7364 6398

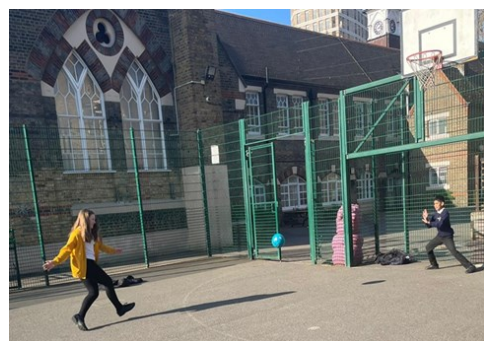
Join our Breakfast Club: It's free from 8:30 am!

Why not send your children to our Free Breakfast Club?

They can start the day with a healthy, filling breakfast of bagels, cereal or porridge with orange juice.

There are lots of fun games to play, including-board games, snooker and table tennis.

Then it is out into the play-ground for Wake n' Shake with coach Mohammed and best of all...it's free from 8:30 am, thanks to Magic Breakfast!



Cooking Gallery



Year 1



Butterflies



Year 3 Year 2

Macmillan Cake-Away

Mon. 27th Sept. - Fri. 1st Oct.
3:15 to 3:45 pm

This week we are having a Bake-sale (inc masala tea!) in the playground at the back (North) of the school - Fletcher Rd entrance

All money goes to Macmillan Cancer Support.

Reception	Banana Loaf
Year 1	Spiced Apple Muffins
Year 2	Victoria Sponge
Year 3	Carrot Cake
Year 4	Blackberry Cup cakes
Year 5	Raspberry & Coconut Sponge
Year 6	Chocolate & Courgette Brownies

YOU'RE THE
ICING ON
THE CAKE



Thank you for everything you did to help make Coffee Morning a huge success. Together we raised Every single item baked and every coin dropped in a box has helped change lives.



Organised in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity in England and Wales (381017), Scotland (SC039607) and the Isle of Man (804). Also operating in Northern Ireland.

WORLD'S BIGGEST
COFFEE
MORNING

Fundraising for
MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT

We continue to be very grateful to all of our Food Partners



Every week **Reynolds**, the greengrocers, generously provide fruit and vegetables for our Cooking & Nutrition programme. Their produce is of the highest quality and ensures that the children learn with the finest ingredients.

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The **Royal Mint Store** who provided essential foodstuffs for our lockdown food distributions and have kindly donated again to ensure the success of the Macmillan Cake-Away

See above

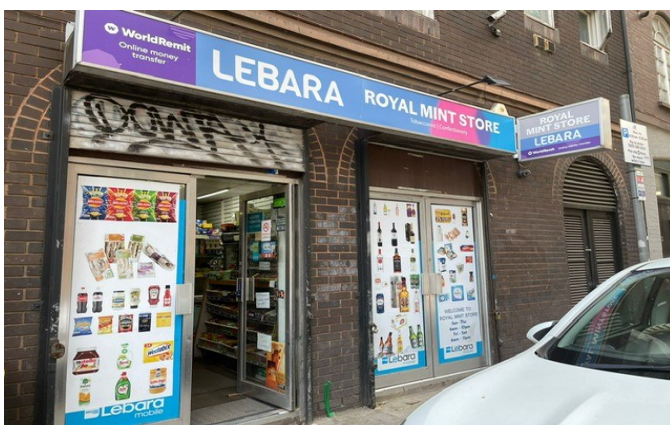


THE FELIX PROJECT

Magic Breakfast who deliver all of the cereals, bagels and juice we need to provide a healthy start.

See Page 6

The Felix Project takes surplus food from companies and distributes it to outlets like us, who can pass it on to families.



**magic
breakfast**
fuel for learning

SOMETHING
BIG
IS COMING TO
London



Little AMAL, a 3.5 meter puppet of a 9 year old girl, has travelled across Europe and is **sleeping** on the steps of **St Paul's Cathedral**. She will be woken up by hundreds of young voices welcoming her on her first day in the Big City.

When: SATURDAY
23rd OCTOBER
Time: 9:30am



We are inviting your school to join us and sing '**Consider yourself**' to give Little Amal a wonderful surprise.

She will not only be greeted by young people just like her but also with singers and instrumentalists from the West End and Bishops and Senior Faith Leaders.

DO YOU WANT TO JOIN US IN FRONT OF **St Paul's Cathedral**
AND BE PART OF THE CHORUS OF VOICES?



**Invitation to families – Welcome Little Amal to London
Saturday 23rd October, 09:30AM, St Paul's Cathedral**

Little Amal has been walking since July, beginning at the Syria-Turkey border and is soon to be finishing her quest in Manchester in November. Throughout her journey, Amal has been welcomed and celebrated by the towns, cities, and villages she has travelled through with artistic events uniquely reflecting and rejoicing the different communities she has met. You can find out more about her journey here.

At 9:30AM On the 23rd October Amal will arrive in London to be welcomed by faith leaders on the steps of St Paul's Cathedral. We want to make her feel especially welcome and to do this we need your help to prepare a surprise song. We will serenade her as she sets off through the streets of London!

So, warm up your voices, and join us to sing one of the most welcoming songs ever written - 'Consider Yourself' from the musical 'Oliver'.

Everyone is welcome to attend the event. We would love to see friends and family, song-sheet in hand, singing along with the choir, as the whole of London greets this very special little girl. As this is a public event, we are unable to provide dedicated supervision, but invite teachers and parents to come with their young people and to enjoy the celebrations.

Please arrive by 09:30AM outside the steps of St Paul's Cathedral. Amal will emerge at 10AM to be greeted by faith leaders, and musicians from the West End. The event will conclude by 11AM.

You can find more information at <https://www.goodchance.org.uk/thewalk>

School uniform, shoes & PE kits

St Paul's School has a very good record when it comes to our children wearing their uniform to school.

So please help us by ensuring that your child comes to school in their correct uniform everyday.

This is especially true of their shoes, which should be **Plain black trainers (no logos) or school shoes**.

Also, please remember that Jewellery should not be worn to school.

Finally, children should bring in their PE Kits on a Monday and take them home to be washed each week on a Friday.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

White or gold polo shirt

Sweatshirt or cardigan in school colours (blue or gold)

Grey or navy trousers (not track-suit bottoms), skirt or dress

PE KIT

Plain white T shirt

Black or navy shorts, leggings or tracksuits

Black plimsolls

We're excited to tell you that our Take Part programme is back in our building – this season, we're thinking about nature, traditions, stories and the power of creativity for recovery.

Families can take part in our regular free Family Sundays learning opportunities. In **Everyone a Maker** we explore themes and activities that deliver and enrich the curriculum and families receive free take-homes to continue the learning and creative play. This month's session, learning about owl pellets, is sold out but keep an eye out for future sessions.

We're also thrilled to welcome back our weekly **Active Stay & Play** and monthly **StoryPlay** sessions for local families with younger children. Keep your eye out for new episodes of the online **StoryPlay Collection** every second Sunday of the month too.

The Big Draw is back again and our flagship film education programme **Pic 'n' Mix** has a few remaining school places for 2021/22. If you'd like to know more about the programme and how to get involved, get in touch with our Film Education Officer Max Dickter at max.dickter@richmix.org.uk

**RICH
MIX**

St John's & Paul's Whitechapel CE Primary Schools
Term Dates and Holidays - 2021/ 2022

Autumn Term 2021 (71 days)
Staff Training Wednesday 1st September
 First Day of Term Thursday 2nd September
 Half Term Monday 25th – Friday 29th October
Staff Training Monday 1st November
 Second half of term Tuesday 2nd November
 Last Day of Term Friday 17th December

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

Spring Term 2022 (58 days)
New Year's Day Saturday 1st January
 Bank Holiday Monday 3rd January
Staff Training Tuesday 4th January
 First Day of Term Wednesday 5th January
 Half Term Mon. 14th to Fri. 18th February
 Second half of term Monday 21st February
 Last Day of Term Friday 1st April

Good Friday Friday 15th April
Easter Monday Monday 18th April

Summer Term 2022 (63 days)
 First Day of Term Tuesday 19th April
 Staff Training Friday 30th April
 May Day Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May
 Half Term Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June
 Second half of term Monday 6th June
 Last Day of Term Friday 22nd July

Ramadan begins Saturday 2nd April* 2022
Eid Al-Fitr Monday 2nd May* 2022
Eid Al-Adha Saturday 9th July 2022

190 School Days, 5 Staff Training Days

* to be confirmed

Governing Body News

Governing Body Strategic Away Day 17th September 2021

Our Governing Body met at the Bethnal Green Town Hall Hotel recently, with a focus on the Federation's Vision and Values. Ms Bahi gave an excellent presentation in which she spoke passionately about our schools. Governors discussed how our schools exhibit our Values based on their experiences. We will have an exciting update on this very soon! We would like to thank the Town Hall Hotel, in Bethnal Green, who kindly gave us the use of the room for the day.



Final Thought

"Teaching a child not to step on a caterpillar is as valuable to the child as it is to the caterpillar."

Bradley Miller