

# St Paul's Newsletter

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024

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

I hope all is well and for those of you who celebrated Eid, that you had a lovely time. We only have one month and a little bit left of the school year. Where has the time gone? There is a lot to pack in over the next few weeks and in this edition we share the end of term dates which are on Page 7.

We celebrate one of my favourite values 'Koinonia' this term. It is an opportunity to reflect on how our school community really does 'Let our Light Shine' and we will make sure that we will be doing all we can to support our community. Our school runs food banks, clothes banks and campaigns for affordable housing and has argued vociferously to those in high office about the importance of reopening the local leisure centre.

There is a lot to be proud of as we share news of what we have been learning and experiencing in the last few weeks. I hope that you enjoy reading this newsletter.

Have a great weekend and be kind to one another.



## Thank you Sarah!

We always reference Reynolds in our tweets, and Instagram posts as they support our Cooking and Nutrition learning by providing the quality produce that we use to cook with. We were delighted that Sarah and her team were able to come in and visit us as she saw our children busy at work in the kitchen. Children have written her thank you cards and were eager to show off their knife skills.



## Follow Us on X and Instagram

One of the very best ways to keep up to date with what is happening in our school is to follow us on social media. We are on X

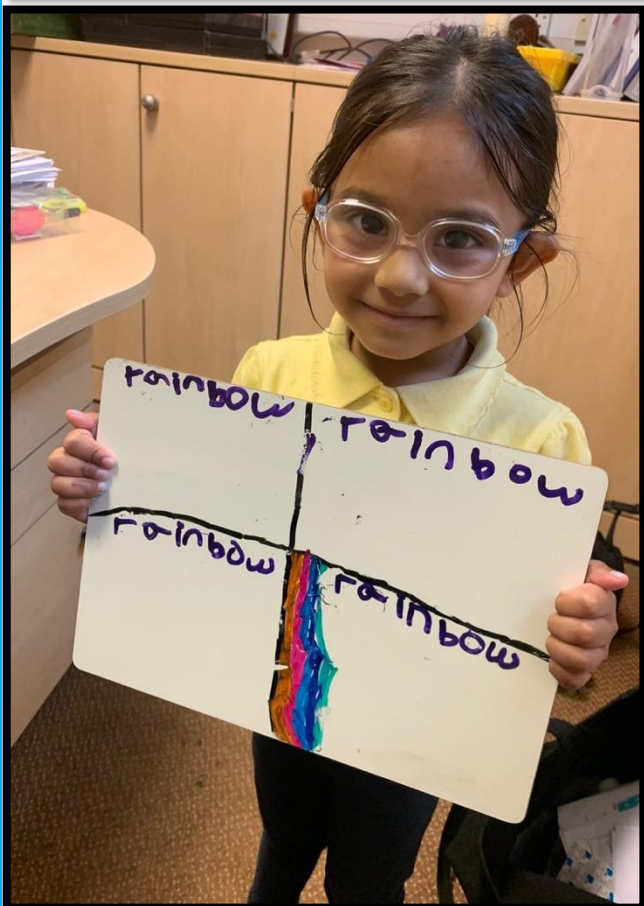
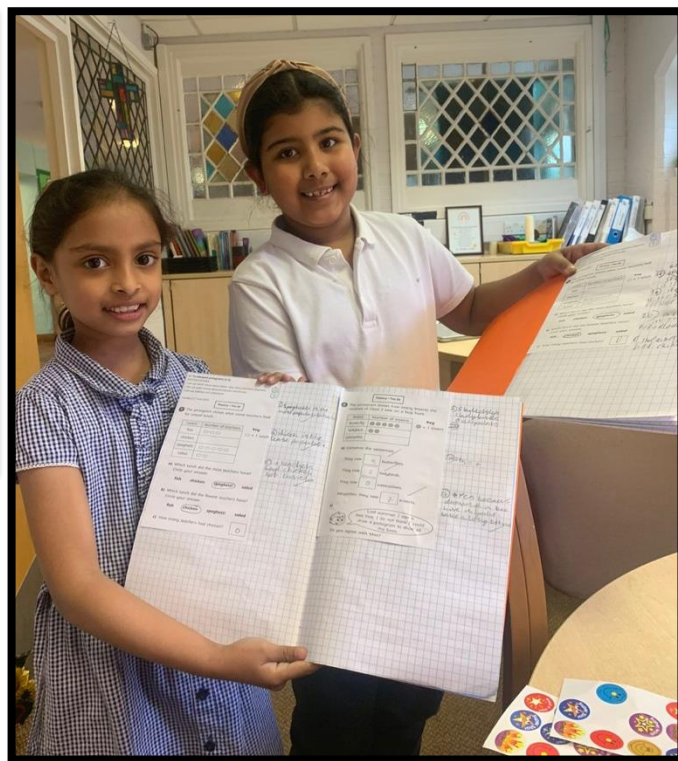
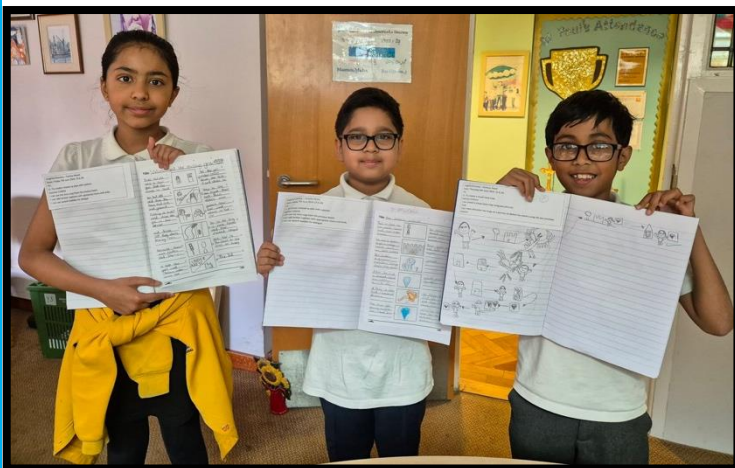
<https://twitter.com/StPaulsCESchool> and

<https://www.instagram.com/stpaulswhitechapel/?hl=en>

Follow us – there are some fantastic photos and clips of your children.







### **Sharing Great Work**

One of the best parts about being a Headteacher is that you get to sample the range of work from our pupils. From Early Years to Class 6, children are proud to share their fantastic learning.

Sharing these pieces of work allows us to celebrate each other's talents. We get to see different ways of learning and our children have the opportunity to shine! It also helps us develop important skills like communication and presentation.

### **The Kindness Cup**

I am pleased to share this picture of another winner of our Kindness Cup. This student has consistently shown incredible kindness to classmates, teachers and everyone around them.

Kindness is the foundation of a happy and supportive learning environment and, as you know, 'Compassion' is one of our School Values.

Kindness helps everyone to feel safe, valued and happy. Thanks as ever to Place2Be who support our Kindness Cup.

We celebrate kindness weekly, so do check our Twitter feed and Instagram to see who wins it next week!





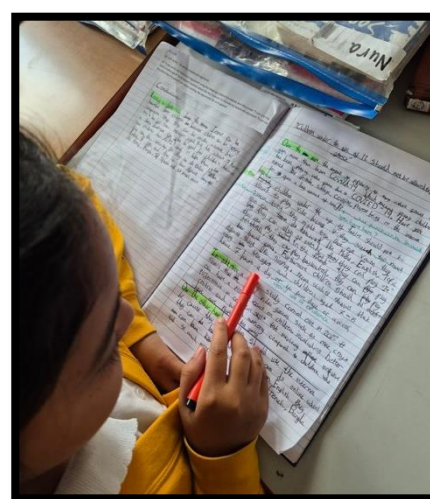


## **St Paul's Wins Healthy Lives Award – Ms Blake**

We're thrilled to share that St. Paul's was recently recognised for its dedication to healthy living at the Tower Hamlets Healthy Lives Awards. We were awarded two certificates - a testament to the fantastic efforts of both students and staff!

Mr. Rubin spoke at the event, highlighting our innovative 'Family Style Dining' program. This program encourages students to come together and enjoy healthy meals in a family-like atmosphere, fostering positive social interaction and healthy eating habits.

At the event, children in Years 5 and 6 participated in some engaging activities that combined fun with learning. They got hands-on, making delicious and nutritious smoothies by riding a bike to power the smoothie-maker. They learnt about how to keep chickens in school, something we would love to do again and, of course, the importance of physical activity wasn't forgotten. The children learned how sports and staying active keep our bodies strong and our minds sharp.



## **Class 5 Fantastic Writing**

Here are a couple of pictures of Year 5 who were very busy editing their final writes and then peer assessing each other's writing. We were very impressed with the quality of their balanced debates focusing on whether children under 12 should be allowed to play video games. The pupils have made so much progress since the start of the year.





### **Debating with St John's**

St. Paul's squared off against St. John's in a lively debating competition recently! The children presented well-reasoned arguments, delivered strong rebuttals, and demonstrated excellent teamwork. It was a pleasure to see their debating skills flourish. A big thank you to the teachers for organising this enriching experience and to Ian Graham for giving up his time to judge the competition. We are so proud of the progress our young debaters have made!



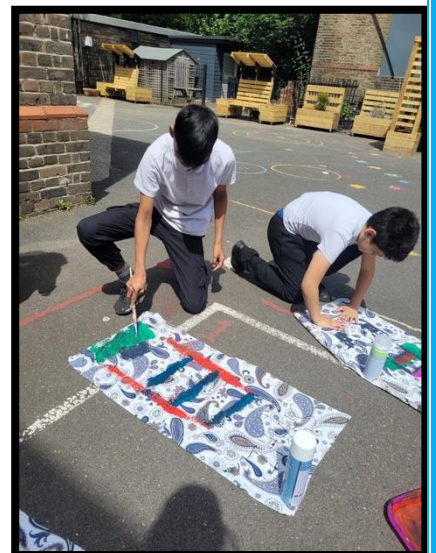
### **Class Six Bake Sale**

A huge thank you to Ms. Foster, Ms. Georgina and the incredible Year 6 children for another fantastic bake sale to help fund their end of year trip. We have been so impressed by the creativity, enterprise and effort - these sweet treats were certainly very well received!



## Art with David Tovey

Children have taken part in a thought-provoking art project reflecting on the important issue of homelessness. Led by the incredible artist David Tovey, children explored the themes of empathy and understanding by thinking about what they would give to a homeless friend who came to stay with them for the night. Thank you to Ms Robinson and Ms Blake for organising this and to David who gave up his time to be with us. The children thoroughly enjoyed the project, and their artwork has sparked many insightful conversations.







## WRAPAROUND CARE

Our wraparound care after school club has started.

It is open every day from 3:30pm – 5:30pm and is open to everyone from Nursery to Year 6 at a cost of £8.00 per session - it must be booked in advance.

There are lots of activities, healthy snacks and an opportunity to have fun in the safe and stimulating environment of our school.





## Busy Bees in the Early Years

Our children in the Early Years are always busy discovering new facts. We were delighted when Sharon our beekeeper came in to visit to show off her observation hive.

The children were able to find the queen bee and learnt about the importance of bees and their role in pollination.



## Upcoming events – Summer Term 2

- Tuesday 25th June - Parent open morning
- Wednesday 26th June - Year 1 to Year 6 Sports day AM
- Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June – Deanery Leavers Service
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Year 3 Class assembly – 09:15am
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Year 4 Class assembly – 09:15am
- Wednesday 10th July - Summer Fete 3pm - 4:30pm
- Wednesday 10th July - Early Years Graduation - AM
- Thursday 11th July - Y6 production (Oliver) parents in the hall for 4pm
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Year 5 Class assembly – 09:15am
- Monday 15th July - Friday 19th July - Year 6 Gorsefield trip
- Tuesday 16th July - Early Years Sports Day - PM
- Monday 22nd July - Year 6 Graduation
- Tuesday 23rd July - Talent show

# School term and holiday dates

## School term dates 2024/25

### Autumn term 2024

Period	Dates
Term 1	Monday 2 September 2024 - Friday 25 October 2024 40 Days
Half Term	Monday 28 October 2024 - Friday 1 November 2024
Term 2	Monday 4 November 2024 - Friday 20 December 2024 35 Days
Christmas break	Monday 23 December 2024 - Friday 3 January 2025

### Spring term 2025

Term 3	Monday 6 January 2025 - Friday 14 February 2025 30 Days
Half term	Monday 17 February 2025 - Friday 21 February 2025
Term 4	Monday 24 February 2025 - Friday 4 April 2025 30 Days
Easter break	Monday 7 April 2025 - Monday 21 April 2025

### Summer term 2025

Term 5	Tuesday 22 April 2025 - Friday 23 May 2025 23 Days
Half term	Tuesday 27 May 2025 – Friday 30 May 2025
Term 6	Monday 2 June 2025 – Thursday 24 July 2025 39 Days





# CONTRACT CATERING SERVICES

## LUNCH MENU

Apr 2024 - Oct 2024



Week 1	Monday 'Planet Earth Day'	Tuesday 'Street Food Day'	<b>FREE FROM</b> Main Allergens Wednesday 'Traditional Day'	Thursday Turkish	Friday 'Favourites'
Dates	15 April - 29 April - 13 May	27 May - 10 June - 24 June	05 July - 22 July - 05 Aug	19 Aug - 02 Sept - 16 Sept	30 Sept - 14 Oct - 28 Oct
Option 1	Vegemince Penne Pasta Bolognese	Beef Chilli in Soft Taco Shell with Potato Wedges	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Beef Kofta in Sweet Pepper & Tomato Sauce with Pitta Bread or Rice & Tzatziki	Cod or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips
Option 2	Chickpea & Vegetable Jambalaya	Red Pepper & Sweetcorn Pizza with Potato Wedges	Vegetarian Tikka Masala with Rice	Turkish Vegetable Ratatouille (Turku Turku) with Rice	Battered Vegetable Sausage with Chips
On the side	Sweetcorn & Broccoli	Roasted Mediterranean Vegetables	Green Beans & Roasted Cauliflower	Shredded Green Cabbage & Carrots	Peas & Baked Beans
Salads	Tomato, Basil & Red Onion Salad	Crunchy Red Coleslaw	Chef's House Salad	Turkish Shepherd's Salad	New Potato & Chive Salad
Dessert	Fruity Yoghurt Bar	Cheddar Cheese with Breadstick	Fresh Fruit Salad	Minted Lime & Strawberry Yoghurt	Apple & Berries Yoghurt Crunch
DAILY OPTIONS - Daily Salad / Fresh Bread / Seasonal Fresh Fruit Platter / Yoghurt					

Week 2	Monday 'Planet Earth Day'	Tuesday 'Street Food Day'	<b>FREE FROM</b> Main Allergens Wednesday 'Traditional Day'	Thursday Puerto Rican	Friday 'Favourites'
Dates	22 April - 06 May - 20 May	03 June - 17 June - 01 July	15 July - 29 July - 12 Aug	26 Aug - 9 Sept - 23 Sept	7 Oct - 21 Oct
Option 1	Macaroni Cheese	Southern Fried Chicken Burger with Cajun Potato Wedges	Minced Beef Cottage Pie	Puerto Rican Chicken and Rice	Battered Pollock Fillet with Chips
Option 2	Bombay Vegetable Biryani	Honey & Ginger Veggie Strips Stir Fried with Egg Noodles	Vegetable & Beans Chilli with Rice	Guero Carne Guisada with Garlic & Parsley Bread Slices	Cheese & Broccoli Quiche with Chips
On the side	Peas & Sweetcorn	Green Vegetable Medley	Carrots & Green Beans	Latina Broccoli & Baby Corn on the Cobs	Peas & Baked Beans
Salads	Couscous Salad	Crunchy Coleslaw	Chef's House Salad	Cauliflower Caviche served with homemade tortilla	Asian Noodle Salad
Dessert	Fruity Yoghurt Bar	Cheddar Cheese with Breadstick	Fresh Fruit Salad	Tropical Fruity Yoghurt	Apple & Banana Yoghurt with Rice Krispies
DAILY OPTIONS - Daily Salad / Fresh Bread / Seasonal Fresh Fruit Platter / Yoghurt					

Please Note that some dishes maybe subject to local changes to suit individual school needs

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Every effort is made to minimise risk of cross-contamination. However, it should be noted that our food is prepared in a kitchen where known allergens may be present and therefore the risk of cross-contamination remains a risk. Please ask staff for further details regarding specific dietary requirements and/or allergies.

CHICKEN  
RICE AND  
VEGETABLES

Recipe  
Inspired by  
**Elijah**  
Year 4  
St. Anne's &  
Guardian Angels  
Primary School

This term we  
are making  
**WEDNESDAY  
ALLERGY  
FREE DAY**

With a new menu  
that does not contain  
any of the  
**14 MAJOR ALLERGIES**

Fantastic FOOD IN SCHOOLS



# **Tower Hamlets & City SENDIASS**

## **(Special Educational Needs Information, Advice and Support Service)**

The SENDIASS Team provides free and impartial expert advice to parents of children with SEND and to children and young people themselves who are residents within Tower Hamlets or City of London. Some of the ways we can support you are:

- **Attending meetings with schools/professionals**
- **Applying for an Education Health and Care Plan**
- **Mediation with the Local Authority**
- **Preparing and attending SEND Tribunals**
- **Providing information about other support services and departments**

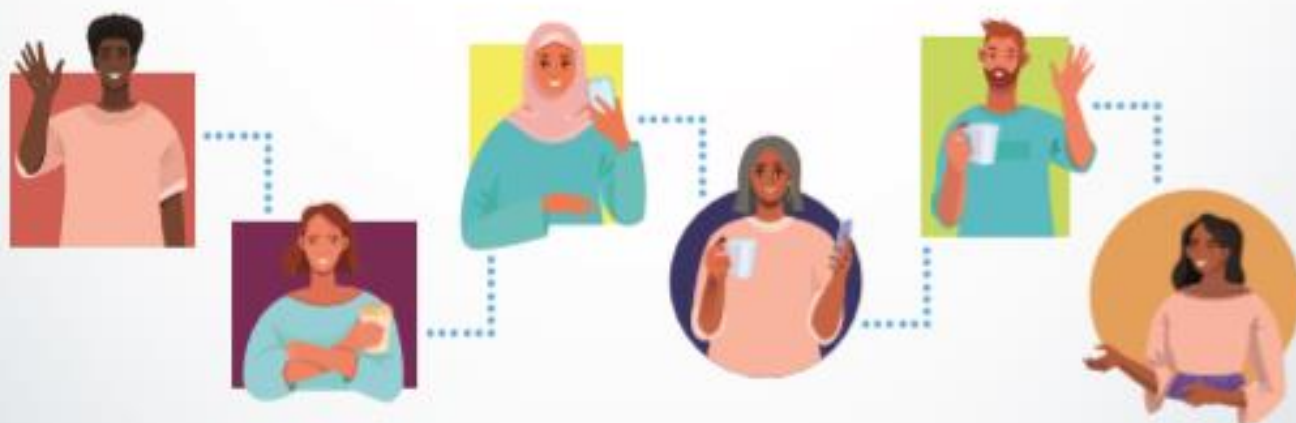
Our team also runs workshops for parents around the EHCP process, Annual Reviews, and Secondary School Transitions.

If your query can not be resolved during the telephone consultation, we will take a referral and you will be allocated a caseworker who will contact you within 10 working days.

We have a dedicated telephone line, **020 7364 6489**, that you can call to speak to an advisor Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m-17:00 p.m.

You can also email us at:  
**[towerhamlets&city.sendiass@towerhamlets.gov.uk](mailto:towerhamlets&city.sendiass@towerhamlets.gov.uk)**

You can visit our website at:  
**<https://www.towerhamletsandcitysendiass.com/>**







## 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**

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**BOOK VIA HAPPITY**

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## **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