

St Paul's Newsletter

Friday 4th July 2025

An update from Mr. Rubin...

It has been a rather warm start to the week at school but the children and staff have coped admirably. This is an action-packed newsletter with lots of information on how the children stay healthy in school, both physically and mentally along with lots of other information on keeping children safe online and being mindful of bullying. Lots of fantastic work to celebrate along with some key dates for the end of the year.

Have a wonderful weekend and be kind to one another.



Sports Update

Girls in Years 4 and 5 were treated to rugby training with a professional rugby player. You can see that the children were worked incredibly hard during the session and we are grateful for this opportunity.

Women's rugby is a growing sport in the UK and the English Women's Rugby team are doing so well at the moment. Maybe we have some potential superstars for the future...

Key Dates Coming Up: (Do check the calendar on the website too)

Sports Day	Tuesday 8 th July am
Summer Fete	Thursday 10 th July
Early Years Trip	Tuesday 15 th July
Early Years Graduation	Wednesday 16 th July (morning)
Y6 Performance (Annie)	Tuesday 15 th July (4pm)
Y6 Graduation	Thursday 17 th July (afternoon)
End of Year Church Service	Friday 18 th July
Last Day of Term	Monday 21 st July

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.



St Paul's Staffing Roster 2025-26

Below is the teaching line up for the next academic year. We are joined by Ms Rahman who has done such a great job in Class one this year and Ms Nila who has really impressed during her placement with us. Mr Boutflour will be seconded to St John's next year where he will support the Leadership team. We will continue to see him at St Paul's when he visits to monitor standards. Ms Blake will once again be supported by Ms Foster and Mrs Reader as Senior Leaders.

Nursery
Reception
Year 1
Year 2
Year 3
Year 4
Year 5
Year 6

Ms Parhana
Ms Sandra
Ms Rahman
Mrs Reader leading class
Ms Ali
Ms Nila
Ms Safia
Ms Foster



Healthy Lives Award Update **– Ms Blake**

We took some students to the recent Tower Hamlets Healthy Lives award where St Paul's continues to make great waves.

The work we do on Cooking and Nutrition is of a really high standard and our approach to lunchtimes is innovative in Tower Hamlets. A big thank you to all of our staff and children for embracing this approach.

New Parent Governor Needed

Huge thanks to Mr Ahmed who is stepping down from his role as Parent Governor. He has supported the school since May 2023 and we are so grateful for his wisdom, time and support. Our Governing Body has a strong focus on three core strategic functions

- Ensuring Clarity of Vision
- Holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent

Governors commit to attend regular meetings and training. Each individual Governor is a member of the Governing Body and all decisions are the joint responsibility of the Governing Body.

We are now looking for a new Parent Governor to join. If you could send expressions of interest to Parents@st-pauls.towerhamlets.sch.uk, we will begin the process.



Anti-Bullying Workshops

We were really pleased with the quality of our recent anti-bullying workshops from OpenView. All our students, across every age group, found them helpful. Thank you to Mr. Boutflour for setting these up.

These sessions teach students about understanding others and how to deal with bullying. Our latest survey shows our students feel very safe here which shows how important and effective these workshops are. This is also greatly supported by our ongoing partnership with Place2Be, offering vital mental health support.

These workshops help every student be clear about the impact of their words and what to do if they feel they are a victim of unkindness in a safe and respectful place.

The children found the workshops very useful.

Brek Foundation

In addition to the work we do on bullying, We're pleased to highlight the vital work of the Brek Foundation, who recently held valuable online safety workshops for parents and children across our entire federation.

The Brek Foundation does incredibly important work dedicated to educating students and adults about the risks of online grooming and exploitation, helping to ensure everyone can navigate the digital world safely.

It was excellent that parents from across the federation were able to attend these workshops. This shared learning strengthens our collective approach to online safety, reinforcing our commitment to student well-being in the digital age. Thank you to Ms Moses for organising.





Debating

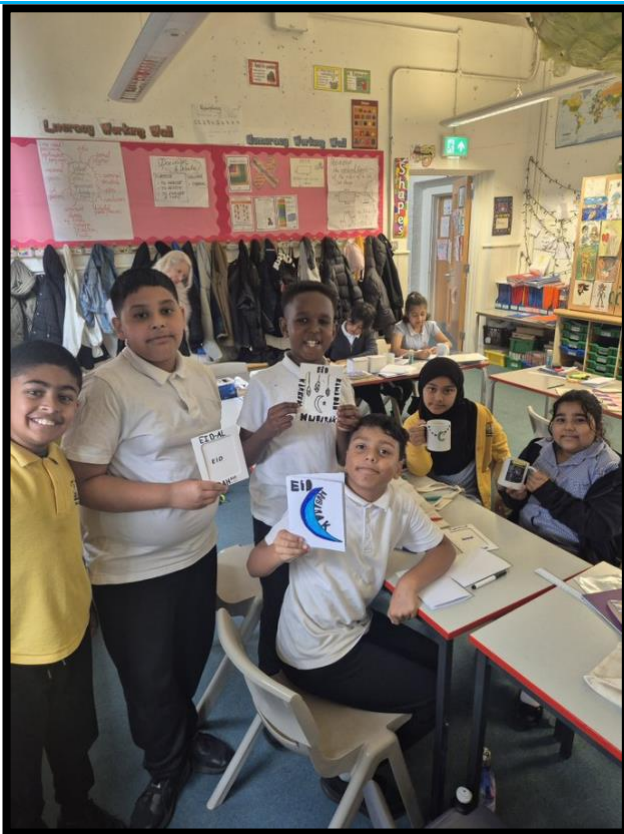
Our Year 6 students recently showcased impressive oracy skills at the Federation Debating Tournament. They debated with great skill and confidence, leaving everyone very impressed. Huge thanks go to Ian Graham for coaching the children and our Governors, Anthony and Giles, for expertly adjudicating the event. Developing these vital skills now will greatly benefit the students as they grow.



Kindness Cup Update

It is a very busy time as we draw to the end of the academic year. There is always lots to do and plenty to finish off. One of the things that never changes in our school is the importance of Kindness and I am delighted to share with you the latest Kindness Cup Winners.





Bee Enterprise Project

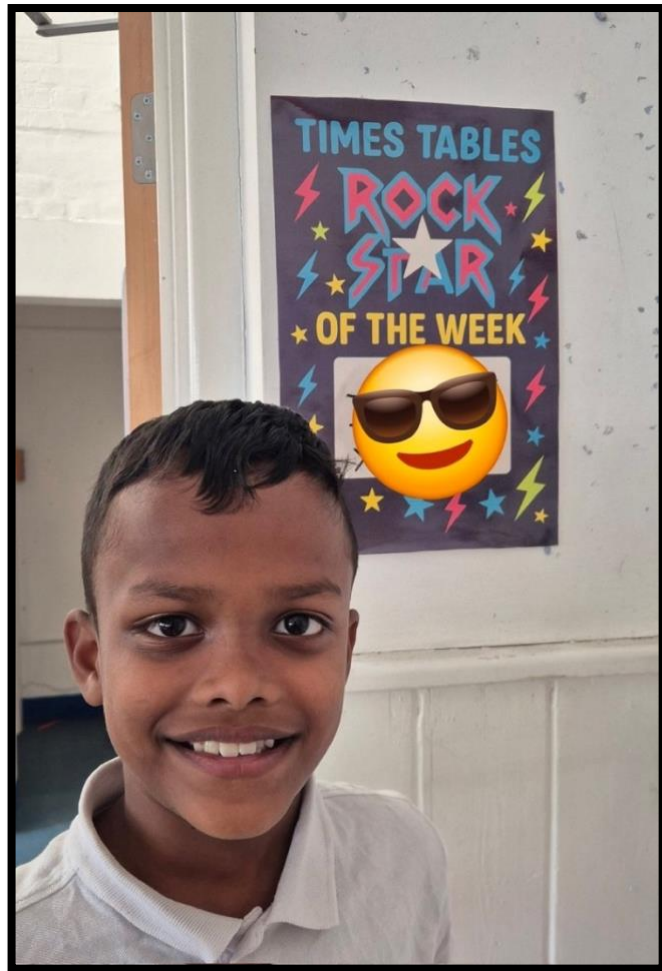
Class 5 welcomed the very kind volunteers from ION who came in to listen to their presentations for their Enterprise Project. You will remember that teams worked together in groups to come up with a product to sell. They needed to work together to produce, market and sell the product.

The winning team by a very small margin was the 'Islamic Art' group who all worked so well together and raised the highest amount.

Well done to all of the children involved. It was a triumph for teamwork and combined a number of skills.

Thank you to Mr Boutflour for organising this project in school and to The Switch who provided us with the opportunity.





Times Tables Rock Stars Update

A fantastic new wave is sweeping through our school with Times Tables Rock Stars! We'd like to extend a huge thank you to Ms. Foster for her drive and commitment to this initiative. Our students are working hard on this intervention, and their effort is showing.

The importance of multiplication and quick recall cannot be overstated. Fluent recall of times tables is a fundamental building block for all future mathematical understanding. It frees up working memory, allowing students to tackle more complex problems with confidence and speed, from fractions to more complex word problems.

This focused practice is proving invaluable for their mathematical development. If your child is unsure of their TTRS account, do let the school know.

Keep up the great work!!



Food Bank Update

If you would like to be added to our distribution list, please email the school on parents@st-pauls.towerhamlets.sch.uk

Collective Worship Update

Thank you to Elizabeth who recently led Collective Worship focusing on the Holy Trinity explaining how for Christians, God is understood as three persons in one: the Father, the Son (Jesus Christ), and the Holy Spirit.

The children participated enthusiastically as Elizabeth shared how the Trinity helps Christians understand God's love and presence





Democracy in action – School Council Update

Our School Councils in St Paul's and St John's took an important trip to the Mayor's office, giving them a direct look at democracy in action. They learned about local government decisions, how different viewpoints are considered and the process of representing their communities.

This experience is really valuable for our school councillors, helping them understand the bigger picture of their role and how to effectively speak up for their peers within school. It also reinforced how much more we can achieve when our schools collaborate; pooling ideas and efforts makes a real difference. After a productive learning session, they even got to enjoy a ride on the cable car, rounding off a very informative day. Big thanks to Ms Blake and Ms Moses from St John's for organising.



Art Day

Families and friends from the Early Years were highly impressed when they visited the building to see that it had been transformed into an art gallery with so many fantastic pieces of work on display!





The Power of Reading

Reading is such an important skill and as you walk into the school one of the first things that you will see is the library. We encourage all of our staff to read to the children but we also have classes visit one another to share a good book. Here you can see one of our brilliant pupils reading with such fantastic expression to a year one child. We are so proud of how our children read with expression and excitement to inspire their younger friends.

Canoeing @ Shadwell Basin





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Library Learning Information

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SUMMER OF FUN 2025

AND READING CHALLENGE

There are lots of free activities for children and young people across the borough this summer as part of the council's Summer of Fun programme.

The Summer of Fun Reading Challenge is part of a jam-packed Summer of Fun programme 2025. Visit other Summer of Fun activities in the borough, for a chance to collect stamps and win a variety of amazing prizes.

Pick up your Summer of Fun booklet at any Idea Store or Library.



ST GEORGE-IN-
THE-EAST
CHURCH

COMMUNITY DAY & BBQ



20TH JULY
12.30- 4PM



**COME AND FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON IN OUR
NEIGHBOURHOOD**



**STALLS FROM
LOCAL PROJECTS
ACROSS TOWER
HAMLETS**

**INCLUDING A
FREE BBQ AND
SCAVENGER
HUNT**



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FOR KIDS**

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CONNECT WITH
OTHER LOCAL
PEOPLE AND
ORGANISATIONS**



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AND GARDENS**
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WELCOME TO ST GEORGE-IN-THE-EAST

Dear parent/guardian,

It is our privilege to invite your child to join **St George's Youth Choir**. Places have been offered to students who have shown potential and enthusiasm in school and I hope that you will encourage your child to try out our choir and experience the many musical and social opportunities it will offer.

What is St George's Youth Choir?

St George's Youth Choir is run by St George-in-the-East Church and is proudly the first 'Choir Church' initiative in the country. We are also delighted to be a partner of St Paul's Cathedral's Choral Foundation. Striving for excellence, team spirit, fun, and amazing performance opportunities, we work to help young people grow and be the best they can be. In recent years, we have taken members to sing at St Paul's Cathedral and Kings College, Cambridge. We are an inclusive choir and we welcome children of all faiths, and none.

Where and when does the choir rehearse?

The choir rehearses weekly at **St George-in-the-East Church** on **Wednesdays** during term time from **4:00–5:00 PM**, with **snacks and socialising from 3:45 PM**. We celebrate a **monthly sung Eucharist** as part of our Wednesday evening sessions, which we warmly encourage friends and family to attend. Our unique, diverse and exciting performance schedule will be shared upon signing your child up.

How much does it cost?

With generous support from St George-in-the-East Church and a number of trust and foundations, our choir is **FREE** to join!

How do I confirm my child's place?

Places are limited, so please sign up your child as soon as possible using the following link: <https://forms.gle/H3kgGgPOVuYUYjqDZ>. A member of our team will then be in touch to confirm your child's place.

Will Bruce and Elizabeth Stout

Choir Director and Schools and Families Pastor



Get your Child Ready for Nursery & School

With the Early Help & Children and Families Service.

Is your child ready for nursery or school? We can help your child learn how to:

- ✓ Put on their coat
- ✓ Use the toilet by themselves
- ✓ Focus and listen
- ✓ Make friends and talk to others
- ✓ Try new things
- ✓ Talk about their feelings



Join our Support Sessions below :

Each session is free and easy to join!

- 1 Toilet Training:** Helpful tips to support your child to be toilet ready.
- 2 Healthy Lifestyle:** Healthy snacks, daily physical activity, and how to stay happy and healthy
- 3 Routines:** Help plan your child's day so they feel safe and adjust easily as things change.
- 4 Learning through Play:** How it helps children learn and develop new skills
- Independence Skills:** The skills children need to do things on their own when starting school.



For more information, speak to a member of staff today.

www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/earlyhelp

Support for Children with Special Educational Needs & Disabilities

From the Early Help & Children and Families Service
























Do you have a child with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND)? We're here to support you and your family every step of the way.

Activities and Workshops

- **Little Talkers:** Early speech & communication fun.
- **Play and Connect, Explore and Connect, Learn and Connect:** Learn through play, with you by their side.
- **Sensory Play:** Fun experiences to help children grow and thrive.
- **Understanding Autism:** Workshop for parents to build understanding.
- **Understanding Emotions Together:** Help your child manage big feelings.
- **Understanding Sleep Together:** Tips to help everyone sleep better.



Community Support

- **SEND Coffee Mornings:**                       

PENALTY NOTICES

New National Framework for Penalty Notices for poor school attendance and unauthorised leave in term time are changing from 19 August 2024.



Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notices will still be issued to each parent for each absent child.

For example – 2 siblings absent for unauthorised leave in term time will result in each parent receiving two separate fines.

Term Time Leave: 5 consecutive days

10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period

First Offence

The first time a penalty notice is issued, the amount will be £160 per parent, per child, if paid within 28 days.

(Reduced to £80 per parent, per child, if paid within 21 days.)

Second Offence

The second time a penalty notice is issued, the amount will be £160 per parent, per child, if paid within 28 days.

(There is no reduction for any early payment.)

Third Offence

The third time a penalty notice is issued, the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates Court.

Fines of up to £2500 per parent, per child, can be issued by the courts.

BEHAVIOUR AND ATTENDANCE SUPPORT SERVICE

London Borough of Tower Hamlets, Town Hall, 160 Whitechapel Road, London E1 1BJ

Email: LBTHAttendance&WelfareServiceAdmin@towerhamlets.gov.uk Telephone: 020 7364 3450

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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 that must be booked in advance.

Lots of activities, healthy snacks and an opportunity to have fun in the safe environment of our school.



Don't worry about screen time; aim for screen quality

Scrolling through social media isn't the same as making a film or story, or video calling Grandma. Use the Children's Commissioner's 'Digital Five A Day' to plan or review each day together.



Check the safety settings are turned on

Whether it's your home internet, mobile devices, consoles, apps or games, there are lots of settings to make them safer. The key ones are - can they chat to strangers, can they video chat or 'go live', are their posts public? What about safe search and Youtube? See parentsafe.lgfl.net for more.



Get your children to show you their apps and games

You don't need to know all about the latest app or game, but if your child shows you what they are doing and with whom, you'll probably see if it's appropriate or not. Remember 18 games are not more advanced - they are harmful to children! For parent guides to apps, including recommendations for kidsafe apps and video platforms, search for **Common Sense Media** reviews.



Don't try to hide news about scary things in the news

If you don't talk about it, your children might read inappropriate pages, believe scare stories or simply catastrophise in their heads. Why not watch **Newsround** together and talk about how they feel - there is guidance from **Childline** to help you.



Remind them of key online safety principles

There are too many to list, but remember human behaviour is the same online and offline. Remind your children to be a good friend, to ask for help if they are worried or if someone is mean, not to get undressed on camera and most important of all... if somebody tells them not to tell or ask for help because it's too late or they will get in trouble, **THAT'S A LIE!**

If you aren't sure, ASK!

Your school may be able to give you advice, but there are plenty of other places to ask for help as a parent or a child, whether it is advice or help to fix something. Lots of sites are listed at reporting.lgfl.net, including ones to tell your kids about (they might not want to talk to you in the first instance).





CONTRACT CATERING SERVICES

LUNCH MENU

Apr 2025 - Oct 2025



Week 1	Monday 'Planet Earth Day'	Tuesday 'Street Food Day'	FREE FROM Main Allergens Wednesday 'Traditional Day'	Thursday Sweden	Friday 'Favourites'
Dates	21 Apr 2025 • 05 May	19 May • 02 Jun • 16 Jun	30 Jun • 14 Jul • 28 Jul	11 Aug • 25 Aug • 08 Sep	22 Sep • 06 Oct • 20 Oct
Option 1	Macaroni Cheese	Tandoori Chicken with Rice	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Swedish Beef Meatballs with Dill Cream Sauce & Mashed Potatoes	Cod Fish Fingers with Chips
Option 2	Cauliflower & Chickpea Korma with Rice	Margherita Pizza with Baked Potato Wedges	Vegetable Tikka Masala with Rice	Swedish Cheese Pie with Mashed Potatoes	Mexican Bean Vegan Roll with Chips
On the side	Peas & Sweetcorn	Curried Roasted Cauliflower & Broccoli	Carrots & Sweetcorn	Green Beans & Mashed Swede with Carrots	Peas & Baked Beans
Salads	Mixed Green Salad	Cucumber Raita	Chef's House Salad	Cucumber, Red Onion and Dill Salad	Crunchy Coleslaw
Dessert	Fruity Yoghurt Bar with Toppings	Cheddar Cheese with Breadstick	Seasonal Fresh Fruit Salad	Blueberry Fruit Fool	Strawberry & Banana Yoghurt with Rice Krispies
DAILY OPTIONS: DAILY SALAD & SEASONAL FRESH FRUIT PLATTER FRESH BREAD & YOGHURTS					

Week 2	Monday 'Planet Earth Day'	Tuesday 'Street Food Day'	FREE FROM Main Allergens Wednesday 'Traditional Day'	Thursday Singapore	Friday 'Favourites'
Dates	28 Apr 2025 • 12 May • 26 May • 09 Jun • 23 Jun	07 Jul • 21 Jul • 4 Aug • 18 Aug • 1 Sept • 15 Sept • 29 Sept • 13 Oct • 27 Oct			
Option 1	Neapolitan Pasta Bake	Crispy Southern Fried Chicken Fillet Burger with Baked Potato Wedges	"Roast Beef with Roast Potatoes & Gravy"	Singapore Chicken Stir Fry with Noodles	Bubble Crumb Fish Bites or Bubble Salmon Fillet with Chips
Option 2	Spicy Chicken Style Strips & Vegetable Wrap	Cheese, Tomato & Basil Turnover Puff with Baked Potato Wedges	Jacket Potato with Leek, Onion & Beans	Quorn Rendang Curry with Rice	Cheese & Broccoli Quiche with Chips
On the side	Green Beans & Sweetcorn	Broccoli & Baked Beans	Spring Cabbage & Carrots	Vegetable Medley	Peas & Baked Beans
Salads	Peppers, Cucumber & Carrots Sticks	Beans & Chilli Salsa Salad	Chef's House Salad	Green Bean Slaw	Italian Crouton Salad
Dessert	Fruity Yoghurt Bar with Toppings	Cheddar Cheese with Breadstick	Seasonal Fresh Fruit Salad	Yoghurt with Pineapple & Toasted Coconut	Tropical Fruity Yoghurt
DAILY OPTIONS: DAILY SALAD & SEASONAL FRESH FRUIT PLATTER FRESH BREAD & YOGHURTS					

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

Chef Hassane Presents

Two dishes packed full of flavour, from two parts of the globe, that you will enjoy this season. Swedish Beef Meatballs and Singapore Chicken Noodles, or as ABBA said Mama Mia!!!



Enjoy and eat healthy!
HASSANE X



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 allergens.

NEW AWARD



Pro Veg recognises that OUR healthy menus are environmentally friendly for humans, animals and the Planet.



All our Vegan & Vegetarian recipes are packed full of nutrition including PROTEIN & FIBRE to keep children healthy & happy.

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

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



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



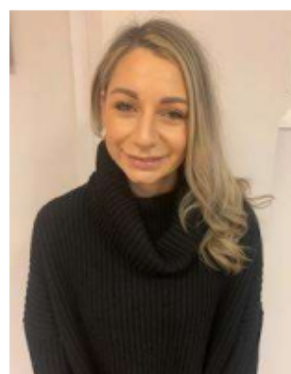
Darren Rubin
Executive Headteacher



Kathy Blake
Deputy Headteacher



John Boutflour
Assistant Headteacher



Rebecca Foster
Senior Leader

St John's & St Paul's Whitechapel CE Primary Schools
Term Dates and Holidays - 2024/ 2025.

Autumn Term 2024

Staff Training	Mon 2 nd & Tue 3 rd September
First Day of Term	Wednesday 4 th September
Half Term	Monday 28 th – Friday 1 st November
Staff Training	Mon 4 th November
Second half of term	Tuesday 5 th November
Last Day of Term	Friday 20 th December

<i>Christmas Day</i>	<i>Wednesday 25th December</i>
<i>Boxing Day</i>	<i>Thursday 26th December</i>

Spring Term 2025

New Year's Day Wednesday 1st January

First Day of Term	Monday 6 th January
Half Term	Mon. 17 th to Fri. 21 st February
Second half of term	Monday 24 th February
Last Day of Term	Friday 4 th April

<i>Good Friday</i>	<i>Friday 18th April</i>
<i>Easter Monday</i>	<i>Monday 21st April</i>

Summer Term 2025

First Day of Term	Tuesday 22 nd April
Staff Training	Wed 30 th April
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 5 th May
Half Term	Tuesday 27 th to Friday 30 th May
Second half of term	Monday 2 nd June
EY Sports Day	Wednesday 2 nd July
Sports Day	Tuesday 8 th July
Summer Fete	Thursday 10 th July
Early Years Trip	Tuesday 15 th July
Y6 Graduation	Thursday 17 th July
Last Day of Term	Monday 21 st July
Staff Training	Tuesday 22 nd July

195 days including 5 staff training day

Proposed School Term Dates 25/26

School term dates 2025/26

Period	Dates
Term 1	Monday 1 September 2025 to Friday 24 October 2025 (40 Days)
Half term	Monday 27 October 2025 to Friday 31 October 2025
Term 2	Monday 3 November 2025 - Friday 19 December 2025 (35 Days)
Christmas break	Monday 22 December 2025 to Friday 2 January 2026

Autumn Term 2025

Period	Dates
Term 3	Monday 5 January 2026 to Friday 13 February 2026 (30 days)
Half term	Monday 16 February 2026 to Friday 20 February 2026
Term 4	Monday 23 February 2026 - Friday 27 March 2026 (24 Days)
Easter break	Monday 30 March 2026 to Friday 10 April 2026

Spring term

Period	Dates
Term 5	Monday 13 April 2026 - Friday 22 May 2026 (except May Day Bank Holiday on 4 May 2026) (29 Days)
Half term	Monday 25 May 2026 - Friday 29 May 2026 (spring bank holiday on 25 May)
Term 6	Monday 1 June 2026 – Wednesday 22 July 2026 (38 Days)

Summer Term 2026

195 days including 3 staff training days (to be confirmed)

INSET DAYS Monday 1st – Tuesday 2nd September 2025

First Day back – 3rd September 2025