

St Paul's Newsletter

Friday 9th May 2025

An update from Mr. Rubin...

I hope you are all well. Just a short message from me this week. Our children were so thoughtful on VE Day. Thank you to Mrs Jheeta at St John's for organising such a poignant set of activities that we shared across our Federation.

Next week sees the start of the KS2 SATS tests. Our children have worked so hard and we are proud of them regardless of any outcome.

Have a great weekend and remember to be kind to one another.



<u>Sharing Great Work – Spaces Available.</u>

It is always a treat when students bring in their work to share. Our children work extremely hard and walking around the school gives me the opportunity to see what a strength the teaching and learning is.

We have a small number of spaces in the school and nursery places (full time or part time) available free of charge next year. If you know any families new to the area of thinking about Nursery next year, do point them in our direction.

Parent Governor Update

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. The closing date is May 23rd.



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.







Reading Partners - Year 1 and Year 5

Our thriving Reading Buddy scheme between Year 1 and Year 5 continues to go from strength to strength! The younger children gain confidence and enthusiasm for reading, benefiting from the patient support and positive role models provided by their older children. Year 5 students, in turn, develop their leadership skills, empathy, and a sense of responsibility allowing them to let their light truly shine.



Cooking & Nutrition

I am so proud of our children. Their positive attitude to cooking and trying new food is inspirational. Not only do these lessons encourage our children to move out of their comfort zone, it also encourages such an important life skill.

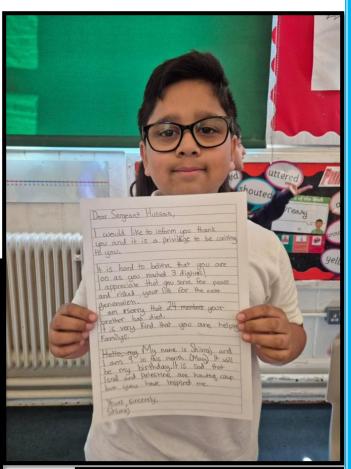


Staffing Updates

I am so pleased to welcome back Ms Mads who has been off for a while on sick leave. She has a lot of catching up to do so do please be patient as she gets up to speed. I am sad to say that both Ms Spencer and Ms Maya have left the school. We send them both our best wishes and thanks for the contributions that they have made this year and over previous years.





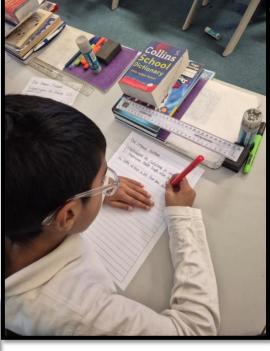


VE Day at St Paul's

We commemorated the 80th anniversary of VE Day with a range of activities designed to encourage understanding and respect. Throughout the morning, children engaged in lessons exploring the historical context of Victory in Europe Day and the immense sacrifices made by individuals for the freedoms we cherish. Stories of bravery, resilience, and the human cost of conflict were shared in age-appropriate ways.

At midday, the school community paused for a period of silent reflection allowing students and staff to contemplate the significance of the day and honour the memory of those who gave their lives.







Easter Food Bank

Our exceptionally busy Easter
Food Bank was open over the
Easter break. We are deeply
grateful to our incredible
volunteers. Thanks to the
generous contributions of the Felix
Project and Reynolds Food, we
provided families with a wonderful
array of healthy fruit and
vegetables. We also appreciate
the ongoing support of Tower
Hamlets Council and Ms. Janice. A
huge thank you to our dedicated
staff who gave up their holiday
time to help. What a team!















Butterfly Class Update

The Butterflies class embarked on an exciting mini-beast hunt in our nature area, creating an amazing bug hotel. Inspired by their discoveries, they returned to the classroom to design and build their very own bug hotels! We're thrilled to announce our first resident in one of the new creations – a caterpillar! It appears to have settled into its new accommodation very well. This handson activity has not only fostered an appreciation for the natural world but also encouraged teamwork and creativity within the Butterflies class. It's wonderful to see their enthusiasm for our local wildlife.









Easter Pilgrimage

Our inaugural Easter Pilgrimage took place just before the Easter holidays. Children visited St Peter's London Docks, St Paul's Shadwell, St Mary's Cable Street and of course, our own church St George's in the East!

Children had the opportunity to visit church spaces, experiencing these different places of worship journeying through the key events of the Easter story.

Huge thanks to Mrs Bahi, our RE Lead who coordinated this, Ms Elizabeth and Mr Bruce who helped get everything organised plus a big thank you to all of the churches that were so hospitable and generous with their time.



Art Day

Our termly Art Day was a vibrant celebration of creativity, sparking imagination across the school. Inspiring themes included the fascinating world of optical illusions, challenging perceptions and encouraging intricate designs. Children also delved into the art of natural dyeing, experimenting with various materials to create their own unique colours and decorate fabrics.

The enthusiasm from both our dedicated staff, who wholeheartedly embraced the artistic spirit and our children, who approached each activity with such joy and passion, was truly infectious.

The school buzzed with colour, experimentation, and the pure delight of artistic expression and there are lots of examples of the children's creations across the school









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/ H3kgGgPQVuYUYJqD7. A member of our team will then be in touch to confirm your child's place.

Will Bruce and Flizabeth Stout

Choir Director and Schools and Families Pastor







Children's Services are offering Toileting Troubleshooting sessions in Children and Family Centres and Family Hubs for parents of children with additional needs



If you are interested in attending:

- 1) First attend a Toileting Workshop in any Tower Hamlets Children and Family Centres and Family Hubs.
- 2) After trialling strategies from this workshop, you feel you would benefit from further support please choose a date that suits you to book onto.

The workshops happen on the 1st Wednesday of each month.

Month	Date	Time	Children Centres & Family Hubs
January	8 th January 2025	1-3pm	Marner
February	5 th February 2025	1-3pm	Ocean
March	5 th March 2025	1-3pm	Meath gardens
April	2 nd April 2025	1-3pm	Isle of Dogs
May	7 th May 2025	1-3pm	Overland
June	4 th June 2025	1-3pm	Chrisp Street



<u>Penalty Notices Information – New National Framework</u>

Please read and familiarise yourself with the latest guidance from Tower Hamlets. Please note that the fines go to the local authority and that all schools receive this information to share with parents/carers.

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
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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.

Be Mindful Connect

Give to Be Active Get Creative



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.

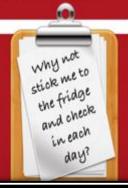


Remind them of key online safety principles

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

Apr 2025 - Oct 2025





Week

Dates

Option 1

Option 2

Salads

Dessert

Monday

Macaroni Cheese

Cauliflower & Chickpea

Korma with Rice

Mixed Green Salad

7 Tuesday

Rice

Margherita Pizza with

Wedges

ked Potato

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Thursday Sweden









'Street Food Day

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 Swedish Beef Meatballs with Dill Cream Sauce & Tandoori Chicken with Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy

Vegetable Tikka Masala

Carrots & Sweetcorn

Seasonal Fresh Fruit

with Rice (7)

Swedish Cheese Pie with Mashed Potatoes

Green Beans & Mashed Swede with

Carrots

Mashed Potatoes

exican Bean Vegan Roll with Chips (7)

Peas & Baked Beans

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Cod Fish Fingers with

Chips



On the side Peas & Sweetcorn (7)

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& Broccoli **Cucumber Raita**

Cheddar Cheese with

Breadstick

Curried Roasted Cauliflower

Chef's House Salad Ø G

(7)

(7) Cucumber, Red Onion and Dill Salad

Crunchy Coleslaw (7) Strawberry & Banana



Fruity Yoghurt Bar with Toppings DAILY OPTIONS: DAILY SALAD & SEASONAL FRESH FRUIT PLATTER 🕝 FRESH BREAD & YOGHURTS 🔯

Blueberry Fruit Fool









Dates

Monday 'Planet Earth Day

3 Tuesday 'Street Food Day

FREE FROM Main Allergens Wednesday 'Traditional Day'

"Roast Beef with Roast Potatoes & Gravy"

(Car Thursday Singapore



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

Spicy Chicken Style Strips & Option 2 Vegetable Wrap

(7)

Cheese, Tomato & Basil Turnover Puff with Baked Potato Wedges

Crispy Southern Fried Chicken Fillet Burger with Baked Potato

Wedges

(7)

Jacket Potato with Leek, Onion & Beans

Singapore Chicken Stir Fry with Noodles Quorn Rendang Curry with Rice

Bubble Crumb Fish Bites or Bubble Salmon Fillet bble Salmon Fillet with Chips





Green Beans & Sweetcorn (7)

Fruity Yoghurt Bar with

Broccoli & Baked Beans

Spring Cabbage & Carrots

(7)

Vegetable Medley

Yoghurt with Pineapple

Cheese & Broccoli Quiche with Chips

Peas & Baked Beans

Tropical Fruity Yoghurt



Salads

Dessert

(7) Peppers, Cucumber & Carrots Sticks

Beans & Chilli Salsa Salad (7)

Cheddar Cheese with

Chef's House Salad

Green Bean Slaw (7)

(7)

0 **Italian Crouton Salad**

Seasonal Fresh Fruit & Toasted Coconut Breadstick **(7)**

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



Enjoy and eat healthy! HASSANE X







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.

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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

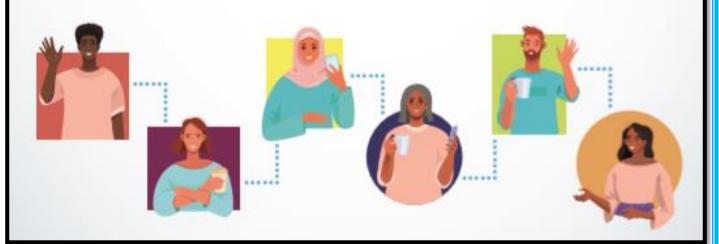
Our team also runs workshops for parents around the EHCP process, Annual Reviews, and Secondary School Transitions.

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.towerhamletsandcity sendiass.com/



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



<u>Darren Rubin</u> <u>Executive Headteacher</u>



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 2nd & Tue 3rd September

First Day of Term Wednesday 4th September

Half Term Monday 28th – Friday 1st November

Staff Training Mon 4th November
Second half of term
Last Day of Term

Mon 4th November
Tuesday 5th November
Friday 20th December

Christmas Day Wednesday 25th December Boxing Day Thursday 26th December

Spring Term 2025

New Year's Day Wednesday 1st January

First Day of Term Monday 6th January

Half Term Mon. 17th to Fri. 21st February

Second half of term Monday 24th February

Last Day of Term Friday 4th April

Good Friday Friday 18th April
Easter Monday Monday 21st April

Summer Term 2025

First Day of Term Tuesday 22nd April
Staff Training Wed 30th April
May Day Bank Holiday Monday 5th May

Half Term Tuesday 27th to Friday 30th May

Second half of term
Last Day of Term
Staff Training

Monday 2nd June
Tuesday 21st July
Tuesday 22nd July

Ramadan begins Friday 28^h February 2025* Eid Al-Fitr Sunday 30th March 2025* Eid Al-Adha Friday 6th June 2025*

195 days including 5 staff training days

* to be confirmed

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		ak	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	n Monday 16 February 2026 to Friday 20 February 2026				
Term 4 Monday 23 February 2026 - Friday 27 March 202		nday 23 February 2026 - Friday 27 March 2026 (24 Days)			
Easter br	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 5 staff training days (to be confirmed)