



St Paul's Newsletter

Friday 8th November 2024

An update from Mr. Rubin...

I hope you had a lovely half term break and are feeling rested and refreshed. We start the Autumn 2 term raring to go. Our Federation family met on Monday to share reflections and learn more on the latest educational approaches and thinking.

Half term was busy in school. We had Jay Rayner who many of you may recognise from MasterChef and Saturday Morning Kitchen come into school to present his Radio 4 programme 'The Kitchen Cabinet'. Our children asked lots of challenging questions! It will be played on Radio 4 on Saturday 16th November so be sure to listen!

Do check out our twitter and Instagram page (details at the bottom of page one). There's lots of great content for you to enjoy and it would be great to have more followers.

Have a good weekend and be kind to one another.



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.





Dr Precey Explores Writing and Speaks to School Council

Our Chair of Governors Dr Precey has been very busy working across the Federation. He recently visited both schools to learn more about the quality of writing. In addition, he recently met up with Ms Blake and the School Council to hear about their latest work – in particular how children want to find space for another King ball court. You can see them measuring up space on the left.





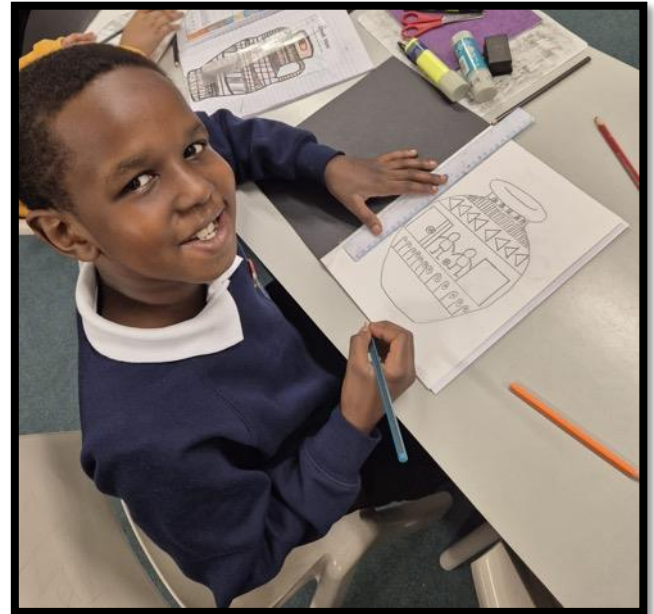
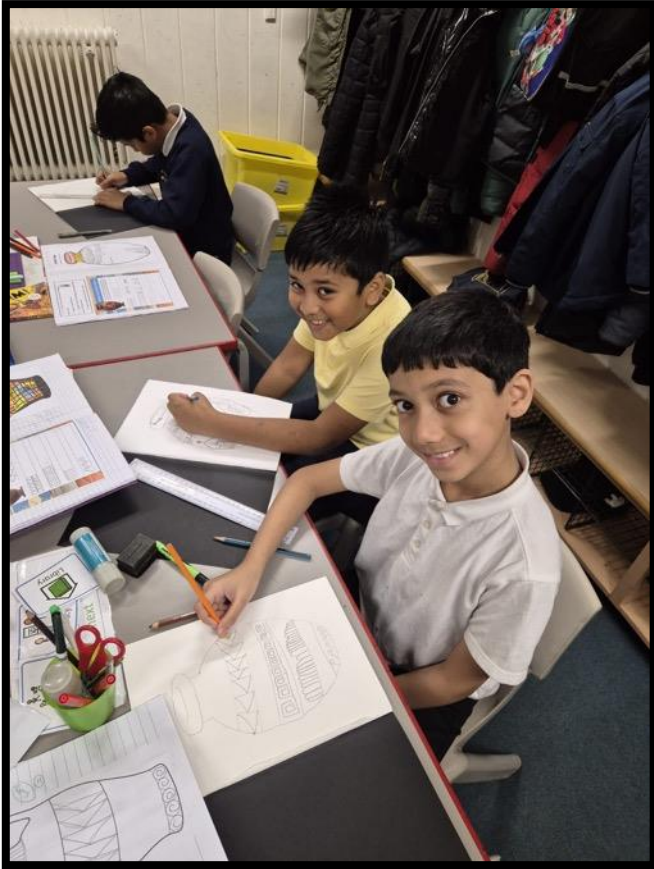
Working and Building Together in the Early Years

Our children in the Early Years are always working hard and learning new things. In the photos, you can see the importance of teamwork and collaboration.

Children enjoyed working in teams to create shelters and obstacle courses.

Our staff encouraged them to work together to build bigger, stable structures that were even more fun!

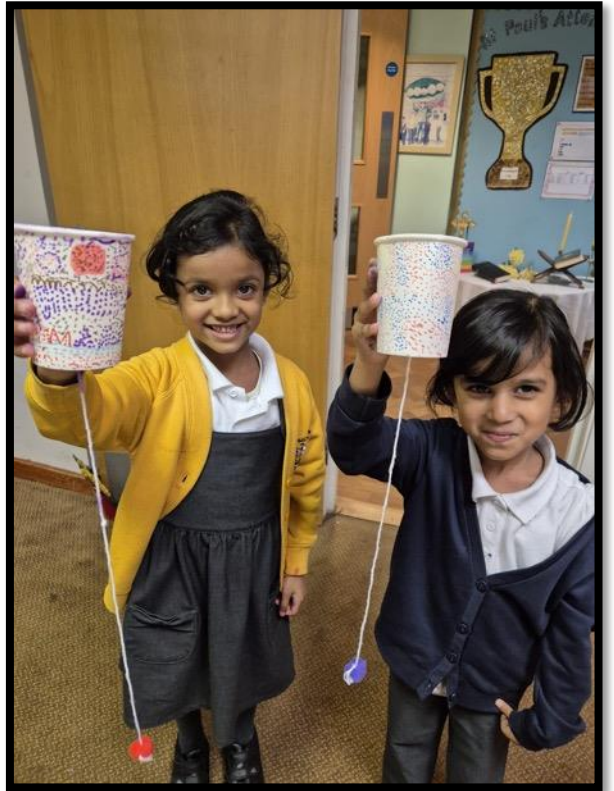




Art and Design and Technology

We have been working hard across both schools to have greater alignment of our curriculum. Despite being on two sites, there are many advantages to being a Federation. Collaboration gives us a greater opportunity to share experiences and opportunities in addition to benchmarking and celebrating good practice. I am delighted that our art and design technology curriculum is thriving.







Anti-Bullying Workshops with Konflux Theatre

Our friends from Konflux theatre returned to lead a workshop on anti-bullying. Children in Years 1-6 learnt about what to do if ever they experience or see bullying. The key message was to make sure that they have the tools to know what to do and stand up to bullying by speaking to a trusted adult.



Quincy Jones

This week, the music industry lost one of its music legends with the death of Quincy Jones.

Quincy Delight Jones Jr. (March 14, 1933 - November 3, 2024) was an American record producer, songwriter, composer, arranger, and film and television producer. His career spanned a whopping 70 years, with 28 Grammy Awards won out of 80 nominations, and a Grammy Legend Award in 1992.

Quincy has produced pop hit records for many well-known musicians and singers, such as Aretha Franklin, Michael Jackson, Frank Sinatra and Miles Davies to name a few. Notably, he conducted the charity song "We Are the World", which raised millions of pounds for victims of famine in Ethiopia.

Truly a music legend, this fortnight we will listen to the legacy of great music which he has left behind.

Genre: Soul, Jazz, Funk, Hip Hop, Rock & Roll



Year 3 Update – Ms Ali

We always encourage our staff to take our children out on trips. We live in such a vibrant, incredible city and there is so much to see and explore. Our Year 3 class recently visited the Natural History Museum to learn more about Volcanoes.





Collective Worship Update

Collective Worship led by Rev. Caitlin focused on Saints and the hard work they have done both in the past and in current times. She also explored the kind work of people in our local community. and the importance of inspiring each other to be good, compassionate citizens. This ties in beautifully with our Value of the Term – Compassion!



Cable Street Affordable Housing Workshop

Pupils have been campaigning for a number of years alongside our friends at St George in the East Church for affordable housing in the local area.

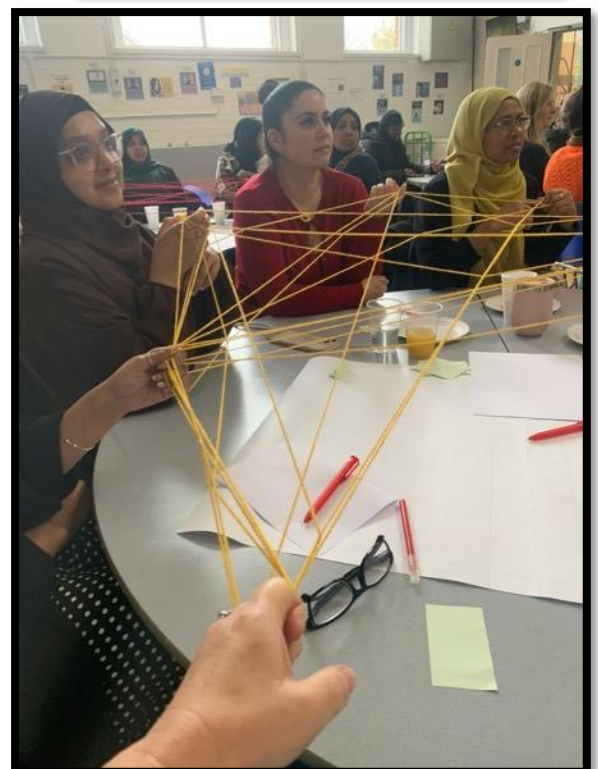
Thank you to Davina and Gunther for coming to the school to share information with our parent community about this project being built off of Cable Street.

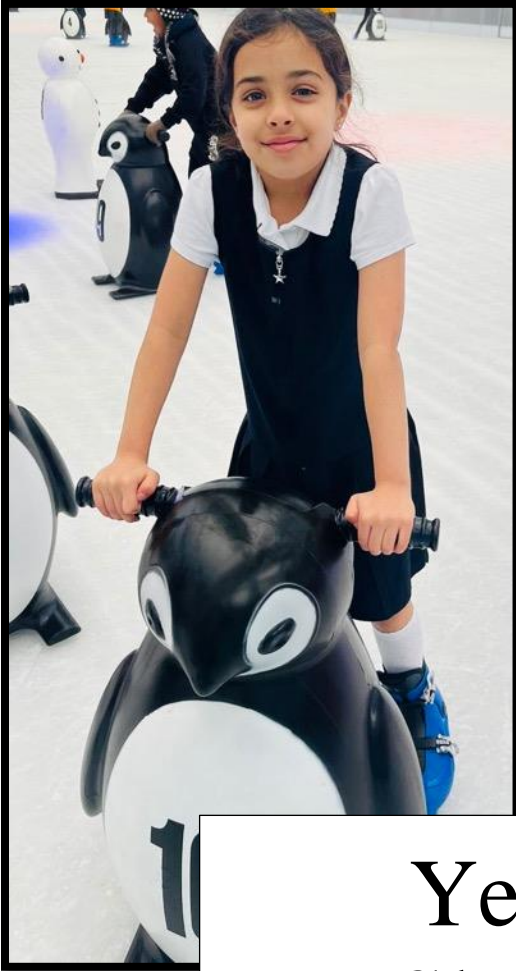
It was great to find out more!



Teaching and Learning at the Federation of St John's and St Paul's

I noted earlier on about the benefits the Federation brings us. Our recent INSET day was a great opportunity to share good practice. Many thanks to Mrs Jheeta who organised a fantastic speaker who encouraged us to reflect on our pedagogic approach. Mr Boutflour led a discussion around successful strategies in writing and Early Years colleagues met up to disseminate effective techniques.





Year 2 and 4
Ice Skating at Canary
Wharf Ice Rink



Some Dates for your Diary – More information to come...

Children in Need	Friday 15th November
Y3 and Y4 Intensive swimming	WB Monday 9th December
EYFS Nativity	Tuesday 10 th December
Winter Fayre	Thursday 12 th December
Christmas Lunch	Thursday 12 th December
Church Service	Friday 20th AM at 9.30
Class Xmas Parties	Friday 20th Dec PM



Penalty Notices Information – New National Framework

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
 London Borough of Tower Hamlets, Town Hall, 160 Whitechapel Road, London E1 1BJ
 Email: LBTHAttendance&WelfareServiceAdmin@towerhamlets.gov.uk Telephone: 020 7364 3450





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.



BECOME A CHORISTER AT ST PAUL'S



Dear parent/guardian,

I hope this letter finds you well. St Paul's Cathedral is currently recruiting the next generation of boy and girl Choristers to join its world-famous choir. We would be delighted if your child might be interested in applying. Invitations have been offered to students who have shown potential and enthusiasm in school, and I hope that you will encourage your child to explore the many musical and social opportunities that Choristership can offer.

Director of Music, Andrew Carwood MBE, writes:

"Being a Chorister at St Paul's is an extraordinary and inspiring experience, offering children a unique start in life. Alongside a first-class musical education, our Choristers board at the Cathedral School, where they benefit from an exceptional academic curriculum. In addition to singing Choral Evensong throughout the week, Choristers participate in special services, concerts, broadcasts, and tours."

St Paul's Cathedral is determined that no child should ever have to pay to sing in their Cathedral. Choristers learn and board at the Cathedral School and receive 100% bursaries for their education fees and up to 100% on the cost of boarding.

We are holding online introduction meetings for parents and their children on November 13th, beginning at 6:00 PM for boys and 6:45 PM for girls. These meetings will offer insights into the unique benefits of Choristership at St Paul's and how it can help shape a child's future.

For more details, including how to apply, please visit www.stpauls.co.uk/join-cathedral-choir, or email me directly on wbruce@stpaulscathedral.org.uk.

With renewed thanks,

Will Bruce
School Choral Director

"We believe that every young person should have access to the world's best music — that's why we're committed to providing progression opportunities at the highest level."

Will Bruce
Artistic Director of Choral Partnerships

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Become a Chorister

If your child is between Years 2 and 5 and is enthusiastic about singing, scan the QR code or ask for a leaflet to find out more.



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 Nov 2024 - Apr 2025



Week 1	Monday 'Planet Earth Day'	Tuesday 'Street Food Day'	FREE FROM Main Allergens Wednesday 'Traditional Day'	Thursday Lebanon	Friday 'Favourites'
Dates	04 Nov 2024 • 18 Nov • 02 Dec • 16 Dec • 30 Dec • 13 Jan 2025 • 27 Jan • 10 Feb • 24 Feb • 10 Mar • 24 Mar • 07 Apr				
Option 1	Tomato & Basil Pasta Bake	Beef, Pepper & Onion Pizza with Spicy Diced Potatoes	Chicken Sausage with Mash Potatoes & Onion Gravy	Chicken Shawarma with Lebanese Rice or Lebanese Flatbread	Cod Fish Fingers with Chips
Option 2	Vegan Sausage Roll with Potato Wedges	BBQ Vegetable Strips Wrap with Spicy Diced Potatoes	Vegetable Hotpot	Falafel in Sumaq & Za'atar Sauce with Lebanese Rice	Lentil & Vegetable Dahl with Rice
On the side	Sliced Carrots and Peas	Sweetcorn & Green Beans	Cauliflower and Sliced Carrots	Mix Vegetables	Garden Peas and Baked Beans
Salads	Mixed Green Salad	Crunchy Coleslaw	Chef's House Salad	Fattoush Salad	Macedoine of Vegetable Salad
Dessert	Fruity Yoghurt Bar with Toppings	Cheddar Cheese with Breadstick	Seasonal Fresh Fruit Salad	Banana & Date Yoghurt	Apple & Sultana 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 Ireland	Friday 'Favourites'
Dates	11 Nov 2024 • 25 Nov • 09 Dec • 23 Dec • 06 Jan 2025 • 20 Jan • 03 Feb • 17 Feb • 3 Mar • 17 Mar • 31 Mar • 14 Apr				
Option 1	Piri Piri Vegan Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Italian Beef Meatballs Marinara Subroll with Cajun Diced Potatoes	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Irish Beef Stew with Champ/Colcannon Mash Potatoes	Battered Pollock Fillet or Bubble Salmon Fillet with Chips
Option 2	Chickpea & Mixed Vegetable Balti with Rice	Vegetable Nuggets with Katsu Curry Sauce and Rice	Jacket Potato with Leek, Onion & Beans	Veggie Sausage with Champ/Colcannon Mash Potatoes & Gravy	Quorn Frankfurter Hotdog with Chips and Homemade Tomato Sauce
On the side	Green Vegetable Medley	Broccoli & Sweetcorn	Green Beans & Cauliflower	Green Cabbage & Sliced Carrots	Garden Peas and Baked Beans
Salads	Carrots & Cucumber Ribbons	Tomato & Pasta Salad	Chef's House Salad	Potato Salad	Crunchy Coleslaw
Dessert	Fruity Yoghurt Bar with Toppings	Cheddar Cheese with Breadstick	Seasonal Fresh Fruit Salad	Raspberry & Mango Fruit Fool	Apple & Banana Yoghurt Crunch

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



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.



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.



Contract Services CPU team were WINNERS at the Staff Awards Ceremony for "Excellent Support Services"

Fantastic FOOD IN SCHOOLS



Tower Hamlets and City
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(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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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 - 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

<i>New Year's Day</i>	<i>Wednesday 1st January</i>
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
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
Last Day of Term	Tuesday 22 nd July

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

195 days including 5 staff training days - 2 staff training days to be arranged

* to be confirmed