



St Paul's Newsletter

Tuesday 1st October 2024

An update from Mr. Rubin...

Time flies and we are already in the month of October. It was lovely to see so many of you at our 'Meet the Teacher' morning the other week. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive and I am glad that so many of you found the event useful.

There has been so much to report in the few weeks that we have been back at school. I have been so impressed with the children and their attitude to learning. Our Value of the Term is Wisdom - the ability to make good choices. Students at St. Paul's are so good at that.

It has been a busy couple of weeks. From architect visitors, planting bulbs in our local community and being so generous at our Harvest Festival. I may well share a couple of quotes from our recent Ofsted report too.

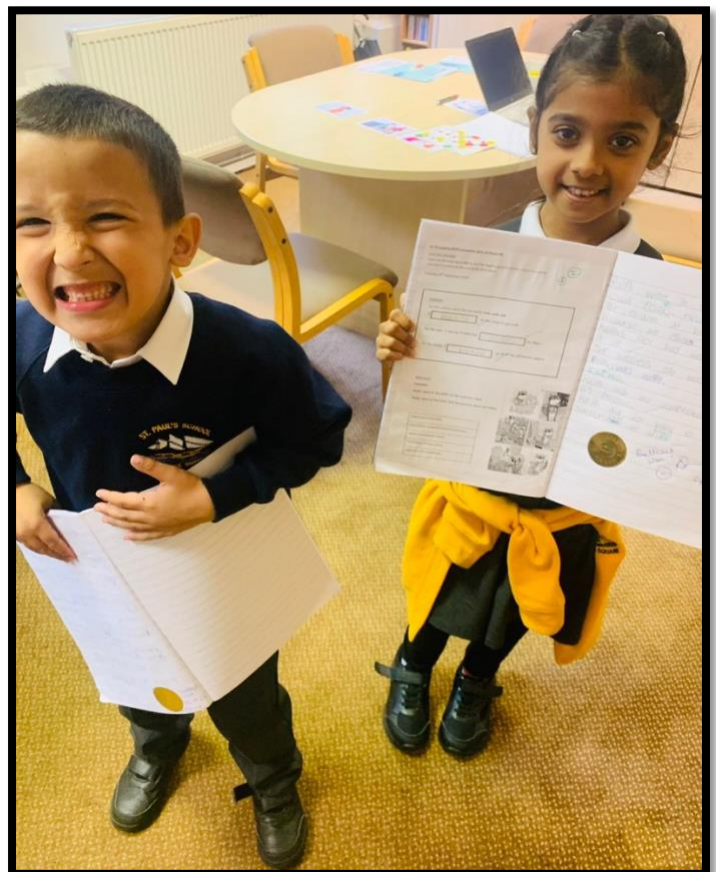
Have a good week and be kind to one another.

Sharing Great Work

Ms Blake was very impressed when these two students came into the office to share their great work!

To quote from our most recent Ofsted report, "*Pupils' personal development is a high priority for the school. The provision in place is of excellent quality.*"

We are very proud of our children and love to share their successes.



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

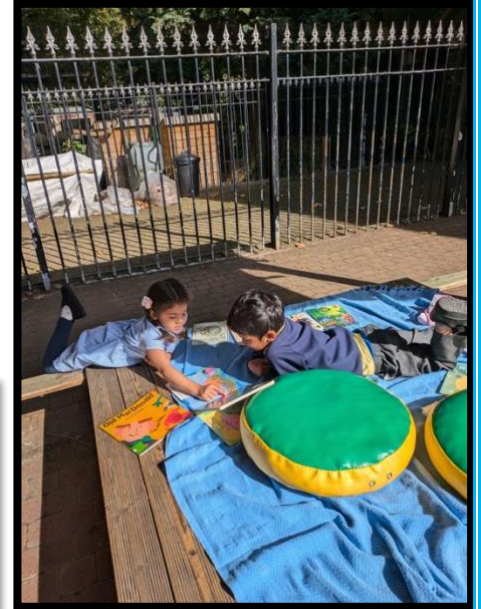
<https://www.instagram.com/stpaulswhitechapel/?hl=en>

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



Fantastic Early Years Provision

Our Early Years continues to blossom and we are so impressed with how the children have settled in and are working so hard. As Ofsted noted, *“Children in the early years settle quickly to well-established routines. They get a very strong start to their education through a curriculum designed to help children securely build the knowledge and skills that they need in the different areas of learning.”*



Meet the Teacher Event

Thank you to our parents and carers in Classes 1-6 that were able to come in for our open morning. It was nice to see so many of you there.

I know that the timings do not suit everyone which is why you should have received the slides from the meeting containing the useful information shared.

Thank you to everyone that filled out the feedback forms too. We will be in touch with people that are able to volunteer their time to help out. It is very much appreciated.



Staffing Update – Ms Foster

I am delighted to announce that Ms. Foster has agreed to join our Senior Leadership Team. Ms. Foster is a highly respected educator with a proven track record of success in leading mathematics across the Federation.

We are thrilled to have her on board as our team continues to grow. Her expertise and strategic insights will be invaluable as we work towards developing our new School Improvement Plan for 2025 - 2028. I am confident that Ms. Foster will make a significant contribution to our school's ongoing success.

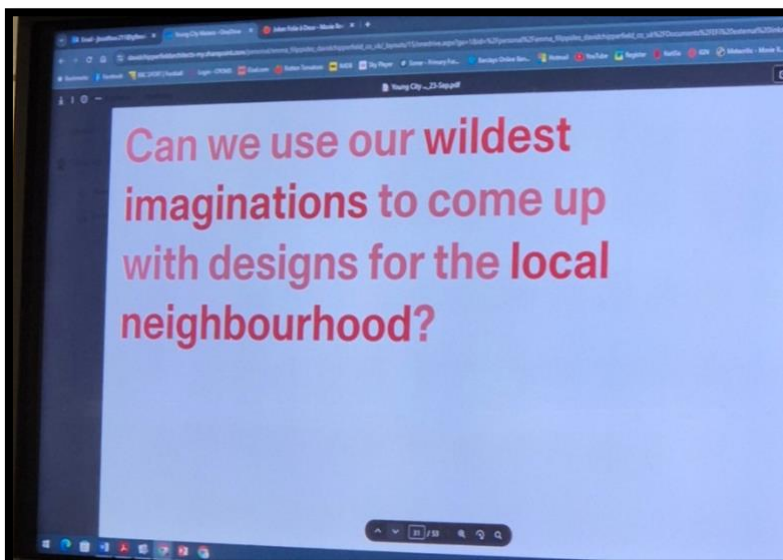


Year 5 Architecture Project

Emma and Mariia from 'Young City Makers' recently visited Year 5 to kickstart their architecture project. The class embarked on a journey to design the neighbourhood of their dreams. Armed with their imaginations and drawing materials, the students eagerly sketched their initial ideas.



The Architects in City Project is a collaborative initiative aimed at revitalising urban spaces in London. Inspired by the work of the Architects in City Project London, students embark on their own architectural journey to design the neighbourhood of their dreams. By participating in this project, children are able to experience first-hand the process of urban planning and design, and develop their own creative ideas for improving their community.



Tower Hamlets Book Awards Update

Some avid readers from our Year 6 class are taking part in the Tower Hamlets Book Awards. As usual, they are guided by Laura, our wonderful librarian. Some great books this year.

Usually there are six to choose from but competition was so fierce this year that there are now seven on the shortlist!



Drumming

We are thrilled to have Michael back to teach our children some new rhythms. Drumming can help develop coordination, rhythm and a sense of timing. It also encourages teamwork and collaboration as students learn to play together in harmony.



Kindness Cup

Another two winners of our Kindness Cup. We are proud to celebrate these students who have gone above and beyond to be nominated. Their actions remind us of the importance of treating others with kindness, respect and empathy.

Two excellent role models who I am sure will inspire other students to go that extra mile.



GB Hockey Expert Trains our Girls!

The Year 4 and 5 girls had a fantastic morning participating in a hockey taster session led by a professional hockey player who represents Great Britain! It was an incredible opportunity for the girls to learn from a true expert. They were all incredibly engaged and enthusiastic throughout the session and they thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to try their hand at hockey. This was a truly inspiring experience that will stay with the girls for years to come.



Planting at
Swedenborg
Gardens
&
Harvest
Festival
Celebration at
St Paul's



Class 6 Attend the Junior Citizenship Scheme

Our Year 6 class attended the annual Junior Citizenship Scheme at Shadwell Fire Station. They learnt how to stay safe, with talks from the staff and activities about knife crime, fire safety and DRABC (Danger, Response, Airways, Breath, Call 999). It was very informative!



Musician of the Week – Bob Chilcott

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As we continue with Choral Music Masters, this fortnight we celebrate the work of another choral composer, Bob Chilcott.

Robert Chilcott (born 9 April 1955) is a British choral composer, conductor, and singer, based in Oxford, England. Born in Plymouth, Bob sang in the Choir of King's College, Cambridge, both as a boy and as a university student. He performed the Pie Jesu of Fauré's Requiem on the 1967 recording. In 1985 he joined the King's Singers, singing tenor for 12 years. He has been a composer since 1997.

Chilcott is well known for his compositions for children's choirs, including *Can You Hear Me?*, which he has conducted in numerous countries. I hope you enjoy listening to his great music this fortnight.



Genre: Choral

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.





CONTRACT CATERING SERVICES

LUNCH MENU

Apr 2024 - Oct 2024



Week 1	Monday 'Planet Earth Day'	Tuesday 'Street Food Day'	FREE FROM Main Allergens Wednesday 'Traditional Day'	Thursday Turkish	Friday 'Favourites'
Dates	15 April - 23 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	Vegetarian Penne Pasta Bolognese	Beef Chili in Soft Taco Shell with Potato Wedges	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Beef Kofte in Sweet Pepper & Tomato Sauce with Pita 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'	FREE FROM Main Allergens Wednesday 'Traditional Day'	Thursday Puerto Rican	Friday 'Favourites'
Dates	22 April - 08 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 Chili with Rice	Quorn Carne Guisada with Garlic & Parsley Bread Slices	Cheese & Broccoli Guiche 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



CHICKEN RICE AND VEGETABLES



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

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.

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

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



Tower Hamlets and City
SEND IASS



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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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