

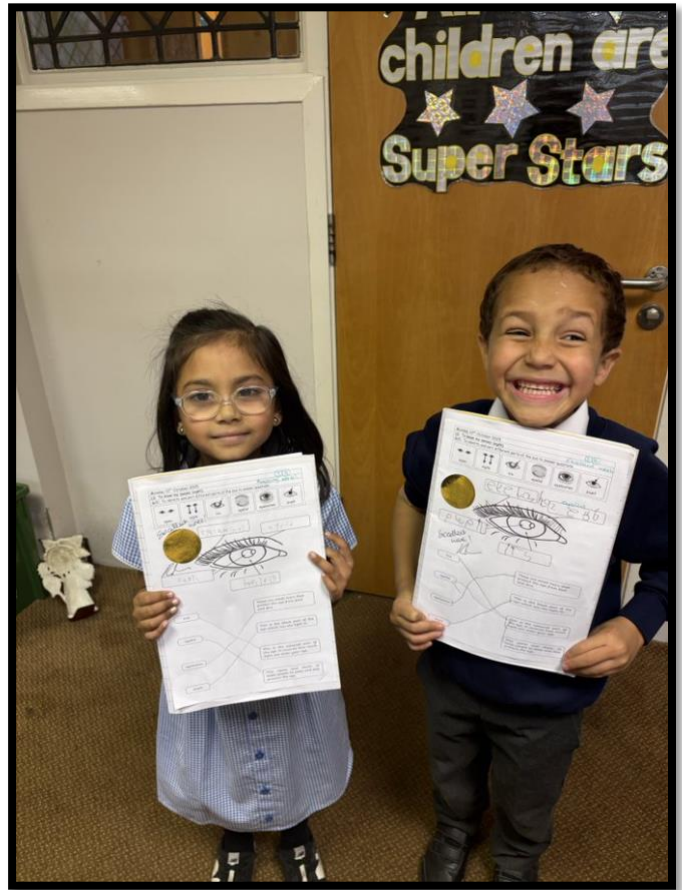


St Paul's Newsletter

Friday 17th October 2025

An update from Mr. Rubin...

Time speeds by as we approach the end of the first half term. How did that happen so quickly! The big news to share with you is that the school had its SIAMS Inspection on the 3rd October. I will look forward to sharing the report with you as soon as we receive it which I am hoping will be just before half term but before it arrives, I wanted to say a big thank you to our children and school community who work so hard every day. Whilst I have not seen the final report, we were humbled by the feedback we received on the day. I also wanted to thank our parent/carer community who were able to give up their time to speak to the Inspector, our staff including Mrs Bahi from St John's (who is our Federation RE Coordinator) – everyone did so well. A thank you to our Leadership Team who got everything organised so well and in addition thanks to Ms Elizabeth and Father Richard who do so much for us at the Church and to our Chair of Governors and our outgoing Foundation Governor Nathaniel who were tremendous! Have a wonderful weekend a fabulous Diwali 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.



Keeping Children Safe online

Andrew from Konflux Theatre came to school to deliver fun, interactive, and important messages to our pupils about how to stay safe online. The workshops were lively and engaging, capturing the pupils' attention through drama and participation. Pupils were encouraged to think critically about their online behaviour and the importance of protecting their personal information in a digital world. The sessions provided practical strategies that pupils can use to navigate the internet safely and responsibly. Throughout the workshops, pupils demonstrated excellent engagement and responded thoughtfully to the scenarios presented, showing a clear understanding of the risks and how to manage them.

Thank you also to Ms Blake for organising these valuable workshops and ensuring that our pupils have access to quality online safety education. This initiative is a key part of our commitment to fostering a safe, supportive school community for pupils in and out of the classroom.



New Parent Governor Needed

Huge thanks to Mr Ahmed who has stepped 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.



Harvest Update

We had a wonderful Harvest Church Service which was so much fun for our whole school community. Thank you to all our parents for their generous and kind donations of food, which will make a real difference to those in need.

The service was a great success and our SIAMS Inspector really enjoyed hearing the readings and taking part in the actions.

Thank you to Father Richard and Ms Elizabeth for leading the service and our actors and Worship Council for taking part. Thank you also to Mr Bruce for his musical accompaniment, which is always so lovely to hear. Yet another opportunity for our community to come together and shine!





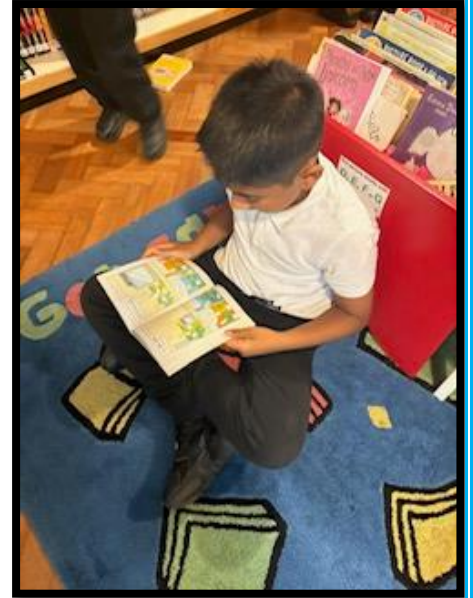
Worship Council Update

We are pleased to announce that our Worship Council is now up and running! Meeting regularly, this dedicated group of pupils shares thoughtful ideas on how we can actively live out our school Values inside the classroom and throughout the wider community. At our school, we recognise the importance of worship, spirituality, prayer, and reflection across all faiths and for those of no particular faith. These moments foster a sense of belonging and shared purpose, enriching our community and supporting personal growth. We are especially grateful to Ms Elizabeth for her support and guidance with this project. Her commitment helps ensure that our Worship Council's work is inclusive, inspiring, and impactful, strengthening the spiritual life and shared values of our school community.





We Love to Read!





Class Trips and school workshops have been great fun so far this term!



Fun in the Early Years

I am always so impressed with the awe and wonder you see when you walk through our Early Years classes. It is such a beautiful environment to learn, grow, play and have fun!



Oracy Update Class 4

How lovely to see children in class 4 honing their oracy and debating skills. Being able to think critically and consider different points of view is such a skill.



Cross Country at Victoria Park

Congratulations to our Cross Country Team who recently visited Victoria Park to take part in the borough wide tournament. They all did ever so well and had a lot of fun.. Big thanks to Coach Idris and our parent volunteers for organising and taking on the day.





Place2Be Update

We had an important Place2be parent session focusing on the transition from Year 6 to Year 7. Thank you to Ms Rachael and Ms Naddy for supporting our parents with this.



Teddy Bear Hospital

We had a wonderful group of trainee doctors and dentists here today running our annual Teddy Bear Hospital. Our Y1 and Y2 class had a great time learning about their bodies and teeth and how to be healthy and have good oral hygiene. Thank you to Ms Reader for organising.

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

Parents Afternoons/Evening	Tuesday 21 st October
Photo Day (and Sibling)	Monday 3 rd November
Open Mornings	Wednesday 5 th November
Odd Socks Day	Monday 10 th November
Children in Need	Friday 14 th November
Bikeability - Class 6	WB Mon 17 th November
Y3 Trip to ST Paul's Cathedral	Friday 21 st November
Nursery Visit to Ideas Store	Wednesday 26 th November
Christmas Fayre	Wednesday 17 th December



Let's Talk SEND

Come along to an information event for parents and carers to find out about Coproduction and help develop a Borough wide charter

For further information, contact us at:

Tel: 0207 364 4461

Email: Mark.Penn@towerhamlets.go.uk

When: Friday 26th September 11am-12pm

Friday 24th October 10.30am-11.30am

Friday 21st November 11am-12pm

Where: Parents Advice centre, 30 Greatorex street,

E1 5NP



www.localoffertowerhamlets.co.uk/pages/local-offer/send/lets-talk-send

What's On at St Margaret's House for Children and Families

Join us for free workshops, a low-cost performance for families and find out about our term-time activities

Young People

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Tickets: FREE

FREE Half Term Circus sessions

Sessions support the development of new skills, communication and creative thinking! Children will learn different juggling and balancing techniques.

Free to attend thanks to funding from the Tower Hamlets Mayor's Community Fund.

Sessions are aimed at children aged 5-8 years. Click the picture to find out more and book your ticket

Venue: Tramshed Community Hub, Digby Street, E2 0LS

Dates & Time:

- Tuesday 28th October, 10am-12noon
- Thursday 30th October, 2-4pm
- Friday 31st October, 10am-12noon

Young people

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Tickets: from £5

Dan of All Tricks - Family Show

Roll up, roll up! Dan's got some circus tricks to share with you! Prepare to be wow-ed! Join us for a whistle-stop-tour through juggling, balancing and much, much more. This show will amaze as you travel through the many tricks Dan has got up his sleeve. This is a family experience not to be missed. Click the picture to find out more and book

Venue: Mulberry Hall, St Margaret's House, 21 Old Ford Road

Date: Saturday 1st November

Times: 11am and 2pm

Running Time: 35mins plus 15 mins of circus play

Suitable for children 3+ and their families

St Margaret's House Arts and Wellbeing Centre, 21 Old Ford Road, E2 9PL

www.stmargarethouse.org.uk



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Half term swimming crash courses

Get a head start with swimming this October half term with our short, intensive swim crash courses at Mile End, Tiller and York Hall leisure centres. Perfect for:

- ✓ Beginners needing extra support
- ✓ Building confidence during half term
- ✓ Trying out our fantastic swimming lessons

- 📅 27-31 October
- 🕒 Daily 30-minute lessons
- 👤 For ages 4+
- 👥 Small class sizes for focused learning

This course is open to everyone, and our friendly teachers are in the pool with beginners to provide support and make learning fun! Secure your child's spot today!

**Book your
place today!**



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.



TOWER HAMLETS

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.





Light Up!

"Join us for an afternoon of light and fun!"

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Support for dads to get involved with their child's learning

A session is being held for dads and male carers of children with SEND to help them get involved with their child's learning. The session is being delivered by the SENDIASS team and will include tips, advice and support, including:

- How to support their child's learning at home
- Effective communication strategies with teachers
- Fun activities to do with their child
- Resources and support available for SEND families.

Wednesday 24th September 3.30pm-5pm
Wednesday 6 August, 10-11.30am
Ocean Children and Family Centre,
Whitehorse Road, E1 OND
Whitehorse Road E1 OND



For more information, email mark.penn@towerhamlets.gov.uk

or call 07858 689 243

[Use the QR code or this link to sign up](#)



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



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.



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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.towerhamletsandcitysendiass.com/>



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



Mr Rubin
Executive Headteacher



Ms Blake
Head of School



Ms Foster
Senior Leader

Term Dates and Holidays - 2025/ 2026

Autumn Term 2025

Staff Training	Monday 1st & Tuesday 2nd September (2days)
Term 1	Wednesday 3rd September–Friday 24 th October(38 days)
Half Term	Monday 27 th October – Friday 31 st October
Term 2	Monday 3 rd November – Friday 19 th December (35 days)

Christmas break Monday 22nd December – Friday January 2nd

<i>Christmas Day</i>	<i>Thursday 25th December</i>
<i>Boxing Day</i>	<i>Friday 26th December</i>
<i>New Year's Day</i>	<i>Thursday 1st January</i>

Spring Term 2026

Staff Training	Monday 5th January (1 day)
Term 3	Tuesday 6 th January- Friday 13 th February (29 days)
Half Term	Monday 16 th February-Friday 20 th February
Term 4	Monday 23 rd February-Friday 27 th March (25 days)

<i>Good Friday</i>	<i>Friday 3rd April</i>
<i>Easter Monday</i>	<i>Monday 6th April</i>

Summer Term 26

Term 5	Monday 13 th April-Friday 22 nd May (29 days)
<i>May Day Bank Holiday</i>	<i>Monday 4th May</i>
<i>Spring Bank Holiday</i>	<i>Monday 25th May</i>
Half Term	Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May
Term 6	Monday 1 st June- Thursday 16 th July (34 days)
Staff Training	Friday 17th July (1 day)

<i>Ramadan begins</i>	<i>18th February</i>
<i>Eid Al-Fitr</i>	<i>20th March</i>
<i>Eid Al-Adha</i>	<i>27th May</i>

195 School Days including 5 training days (1 to be arranged)