

St Paul's Newsletter

Sunday 15th September 2024

An update from Mr. Rubin...

We're thrilled to welcome back our returning students and to extend a warm welcome to our new families. As we start this new academic year, we're filled with excitement and anticipation for all that lies ahead.

It has already been a busy start to the term. Our Year 6 class have visited the Houses of Parliament and we were delighted to welcome our local MP, Rushanara Ali into school. She was very impressed with our children and her tour of the school.

We're immensely proud of our recent Key Stage 2 SATs results, which reflect the hard work and dedication of our students and teachers. Our scores are outstanding . Additionally, the feedback we received from our recent parent/carer surveys has been overwhelmingly positive, reaffirming our commitment to providing a high-quality education for every child. I will share this with you over the next few weeks. Our 'Meet the Teacher' morning for classes 1-6 is Thursday 19th September and we have the term dates on the last page for you. I look forward to sharing our Ofsted report as soon as it is published. It should be any day now.

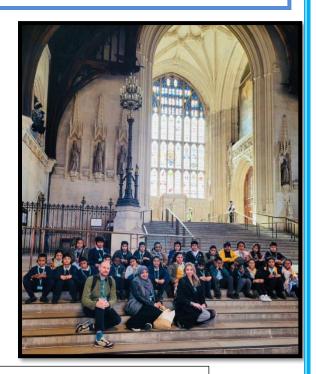
It's a privilege to have the opportunity to educate your children and I am very proud to lead such a dedicated group of staff. We will see you on Monday - be kind to one another.

First School Trip of the Year

We have only been back for a few days yet our first trip of the year has already taken place. Year Six had an incredible trip to the Houses of Parliament in Westminster

where they enjoyed an informative tour followed by an interactive workshop - a great start to their topic, 'Champions for Change.' And an opportunity to meet their friends at St John's!







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 <u>https://twitter.com/StPaulsCESchool</u> and <u>https://www.instagram.com/stpaulswhitechapel/?hl=en</u> Follow us – there are some fantastic photos and clips of your children.



First Kindness Cup Winner of the Year

Our Value of the term is Wisdom and focuses on children having the strength to make the right choices. I know that Ms Foster certainly applied those skills when choosing the first Kindness Cup Winner of the year. Congratulations to this pupil – a very worthy winner.







Thank you Mr. Bruce

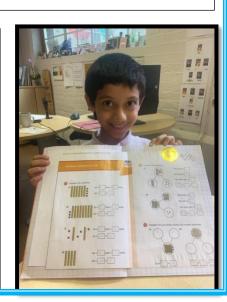
Singing sessions have already begun with Mr, Bruce. We are so fortunate to have him leading our singing in the school.



First Golden Book Entry of the Year

A fantastic piece of maths work was completed by one of our Y5 pupils. It was such a lovely piece of work that Ms Blake decided that it should be the first addition to our Golden Book for this term. Great news and well done!













Rushanara Ali Visits St Paul's

What an honour it was to have our local MP Rushanara Ali visit our pupils.

Rushanara grew up in our borough attending Mulberry school and Tower Hamlets College. She was the first in her family to go to university and studied Philosophy, Politics and Economics at Oxford University

She spoke to our children about the importance of democracy and they asked some excellent questions. Rushanara noted on her twitter feed how impressed she was with the children and the school.







EYFS Whole Class Speech and Language Intervention

Our Reception class is thriving with our whole-class language intervention program.

Our children love learning through engaging activities and games. This investment in early language skills is crucial and we are fortunate to have our Speech and Language Therapist, Deneice Dyer, and Mrs. Mitchell supporting our students' language development across all year groups.







Summer Food Bank at St Paul's

I wanted to say a big thank you to staff who selflessly gave up a day of their holidays to support our food bank. Thanks to their assistance in setting everything up, we were able to provide support to over 45 families.

We would also like to extend our heartfelt thanks to The Hygiene Bank, The Felix Project, and Reynolds Grocers for their generous donations. Their kindness and support have made a significant difference. Thank you to Mr. Andy for going above and beyond by driving to collect hygiene products too. You can see how tightly packed his car was!.

This act of service aligns perfectly with our school's values of Compassion and Koinonia, supporting our community and Letting Our Light Shine!





Message from Rachael at Place2Be 12th September 2024

St Paul's continues to work with Place2Be, a national charity supporting schools to improve the confidence and wellbeing of children and young people. Place2Be provides emotional and therapeutic support to children and young people, families and staff in more than 450 schools nationwide. It gives children and young people a space to express themselves through talking and creative work, and to think about any worries they might have. Place2Be also provides support for parents and staff too.

Place2Talk

As you know, one of the most popular aspects of this service is called 'Place2Talk'. It's open to all children and young people at St Paul's, and they can make an appointment to spend 15 minutes with a trained counsellor, either by themselves or with a friend. On average, about a third of children and young people who access the service in schools take advantage of this service every year. Children and young people often talk about friendships or any worries they may have.

Place2Be will record your child's name, date of birth, year group, gender, ethnicity, the broad topic of discussion and any actions taken as a result of the session. This information is stored securely. It is used in key coded form to evaluate Place2Be's service and improve our work. Please see the separate sheet, at the end of this letter, for more information on this

Parental Agreement for Accessing Place2Talk

Unless we hear otherwise from you in the next 2 weeks, from the date on this letter, the school and Place2Be will assume that your child has parent/carers' permission to come to Place2Talk.

If you would like to find out more, please contact Rachael, The Place 2Be School Project Manager on 020 7480 6581 ex 206 who will be very happy to answer any questions. If you would prefer that your child does not use this service, please ask Taybah for the opt out sheet in reception for you to sign.













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.









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





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

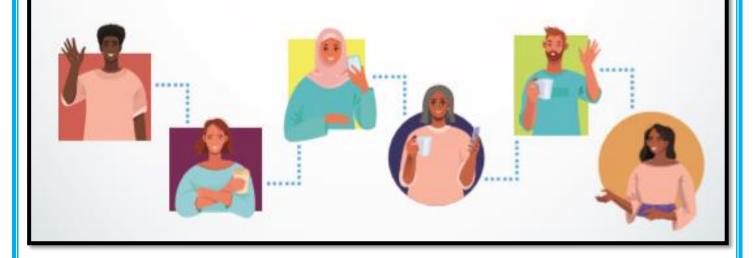
Our team also runs workshops for parents around the EHCP process, Annual Reviews, and Secondary School Transitions.

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.

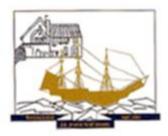
We have a dedicated telephone line, **020 7364 6489**, that you can call to speak to an advisor Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m-17:00 p.m.

You can also email us at: towerhamlets&city.sendiass @towerhamlets.gov.uk

You can visit our website at: https://www.towerhamletsandcity sendiass.com/







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

Christmas Day Boxing Day Monday 25th December Tuesday 26th December

Spring Term 2025

New Year's Day Monday 1st JanuaryFirst Day of TermMonday 6th JHalf TermMon. 17th to FSecond half of termMonday 24th JLast Day of TermFriday 4th App

Monday 6th January Mon. 17th to Fri. 21st February Monday 24th February Friday 4th April

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

Summer Term 2025

First Day of TermTuesday 22nd AprilMay Day Bank Holiday Monday 5th MayHalf TermTuesday 27th to Friday 30thSecond half of termLast Day of TermThursday 24thJuly

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

195 days including 5 staff training days - <mark>2 staff training days to be</mark> arranged

* to be confirmed