



St Paul's Newsletter

Friday 14th November 2025

An update from Mr. Rubin...

I hope all is well and that you enjoyed reading the SIAMS report. I have attached it with the newsletter – it really captures the very essence of our school and I hope it made you as proud as it made our staff and Governors.

It's been a busy few weeks. We have had open mornings and the feedback has been very positive. In this edition there is a lot to catch you up with: Ms Elizabeth led a beautiful Remembrance Service, We had the Royal Foundation visit us for some exciting workshops that made the children whoop with delight. There was a science show after school for parents/carers too. I will report back on the trips that have taken place. We do have space in our Early Years so if you know families looking for nurseries, do point them our way!

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



Kindness Cup

Compassion is one of our most important values and every week, our staff will identify a member of their class who has earned the Place2Be Kindness Cup. Our latest winner is so kind and shows great compassion to everyone, shining in everything she does.



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.





Odd Socks Day

We kicked off Friendship Week by celebrating Odd Socks Day, which is a brilliant way to remember that we are all unique! Just like those different socks, every person at St Paul's has their own special talents, ideas, and ways of seeing the world.

When we celebrate our own unique 'socks' and the 'odd socks' of others, we create a school where everyone feels welcome and valued.

Children have also been reflecting on and discussing what makes a good friend and how they can be even better friends to children in our school.



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.



Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day is a special time when we honour and remember those who have served and sacrificed in wars to protect our freedom and peace. From Early Years through to Year 6, our pupils learn about the importance of remembering the bravery and kindness of those who came before us.

Children observed the silence impeccably, showing great respect and understanding of the significance of this moment. The service was thoughtfully led by Ms Elizabeth, who helped us reflect on the meaning of remembrance and the value of peace.

This collective act of remembrance encourages empathy, gratitude, and a sense of community, helping our children appreciate the sacrifices made for the world we live in today. It is a powerful reminder for all generations to cherish peace and work towards a better future.





Royal Foundation Visit St Paul's

The Royal Institute of Science visited St Paul's for an exciting Science in Schools event, captivating pupils with an engaging show, full of hands-on experiments.

The interactive activities sparked curiosity and enthusiasm for science across all year groups. Pupils gained practical experience and a deeper appreciation of scientific enquiry. The day concluded with an inspiring community show for families, bringing science to life beyond the classroom.

A huge thank you to Mrs Reader for organising this memorable and motivating experience for our young scientists!





Year 4 Visit The Half Moon Theatre

Year 4 had a brilliant afternoon at the Half Moon Theatre, a renowned venue known for its commitment to inspiring young audiences through high-quality, culturally rich performances. The visit began with creative drawing activities that engaged the children's imaginations and prepared them for the show.

They then watched *Grandad Anansi*, a captivating play that brought traditional storytelling to life with vibrant characters and lively storytelling. The children were fully absorbed from start to finish, demonstrating excellent behaviour throughout the performance. This experience not only enriched their understanding of storytelling and culture but also supported their creative development and listening skills.

Thanks to the Half Moon Theatre for providing such a fun and memorable experience for our Year 4 pupils.





Open Morning





I am You Project

Year 5 pupils participated in the 'I am You' workshop led by law students from Queen Mary University of London, focusing on the Equality Act 2010 and discrimination. This engaging session helped pupils understand the importance of equality and the impact of discrimination. Through interactive activities, pupils explored the diverse differences that make each person unique, linking directly to their current PSHE unit on identity and respect. The workshop raised awareness about legal protections against discrimination and encouraged empathy and inclusion.



Early Years Visit Ideas **Store**

Butterfly Class enjoyed a trip to the Watney Market Idea Store for a story and songs carpet session, enriching early years reading and literacy.

The children had a lovely time visiting the library, which encourages a lifelong love of books.

It was a great experience that uses a local hub to inspire our youngest readers. It is free to attend. The singing and storytelling help build essential communication skills vital for development. Thanks to our parents and carers that were able to come.

We Love to Cook!

We are so grateful that we are supported by Reynolds Food Group who supply our fruit and vegetables that help our children learn to prepare such delicious healthy food. This is a valuable lifelong skill that our children really enjoy taking part in.





Climate Change Workshops

Our Year 4 class had a fantastic Climate Change workshop recently with a number of classes still to come! Pupils learned about how everyday actions affect our planet and the importance of caring for the environment. It was an engaging and informative session that inspired our young learners to think about their role in protecting the Earth

Anti-Bullying Workshops



Year 5 recently participated in an Anti-bullying workshop led by Konflux Theatre. This excellent work directly compliments Friendship Week by giving children practical skills to be better friends and powerful advocates for their peers. The session focused on essential strategies for standing up for themselves and others, building trust and creating a safe community. Kindness and compassion are essential for combatting bullying. By learning how to confidently challenge unfairness, our pupils are putting their values into action and actively living out the school's vision. This experience is a vital part of teaching children the key qualities of what truly makes a good friend: courage and commitment to justice



Supporting Children In Need

Thank you to all parents for your generous donations to 'Children in Need' which took place on Friday. Participating in such campaigns is vital as it teaches our pupils the importance of compassion—caring for others in need—and koinonia, which means community. These values are at the heart of our school ethos and help nurture empathetic, responsible young citizens. A non-uniform day for a purposeful cause not only raises funds but also reinforces the power of collective action to make a difference.

Together, we support children and young people across the UK, embodying our commitment to kindness and community spirit.

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

Bikeability - Class 6	WB Mon 17 th November
Y3 Trip to ST Paul's Cathedral	Friday 21 st November
Y1 Class Assembly	Wednesday 26 th November
Nursery Visit to Ideas Store	Wednesday 26 th November
Y2 Class Assembly	Friday 28 th November
Y3 Class Assembly	Wednesday 3 rd December
Y4 Class Assembly	Friday 5 th December
Y5 Class Assembly	Wednesday 10 th December
Y6 Class Assembly	Friday 12 th December
Christmas Fayre	Wednesday 17 th December
Early Years Nativity	Thursday 18 th December
Last Day of Term (2pm Finish)	Friday 19 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**



Information from previous
Let's Talk SEND
meetings on the Local Offer.

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



CONTRACT CATERING SERVICES

LUNCH MENU

Nov 2025 - Apr 2026



Week 1	Monday 'Planet Earth Day'	Tuesday 'Street Food Day'	FREE FROM Main Allergens Wednesday 'Traditional Day'	Thursday Hungary	Friday 'Favourites'
Dates	03 Nov 2025 • 17 Nov • 01 Dec • 15 Dec • 29 Dec • 12 Jan 2026 • 26 Jan • 09 Feb • 23 Feb • 09 Mar • 23 Mar • 06 Apr				
Option 1	Tomato, Basil & Mozzarella Potato Gnocchi	BBQ Veggie Chicken Tenders with Spicy Diced Potatoes	Veggie Bangers and Mash	Layered Cheesy Vegetables & Potatoes (Rakott Krumpili)	Vegetable Nuggets with Sweet and Sour Sauce & Rice
Option 2	Thai Red Vegetable Meatballs Curry with Noodles	Keralan Style Chicken Curry with Savoury Rice	Minced Beef Cottage Pie	Hungarian Beef Goulash (Pörkölt) with Mashed Potato	Cod Fish Fingers with Chips
On the side	Sweetcorn and Green Beans	Broccoli & Carrots	Braised Red Cabbage & Peas	Green Vegetable Medley	Garden Peas and Baked Beans
Salads	Mixed Bean Salad	Crunchy Red Coleslaw	Chef's House Salad	Hungarian Cucumber Salad	Asian Noodle Salad
Dessert	Fruity Yoghurt Bar with Toppings	Cheese with Breadstick	Seasonal Fresh Fruit Salad	Apple & Cinnamon Greek Style Yoghurt	Dates & Banana Yoghurt
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 Brazilian	Friday 'Favourites'
Dates	10 Nov 2025 • 24 Nov • 08 Dec • 22 Dec • 05 Jan 2026 • 19 Jan • 02 Feb • 16 Feb • 2 Mar • 16 Mar • 30 Mar				
Option 1	Macaroni Cheese & Sweetcorn	Margherita Pizza with Cajun Potato Wedges	Vegetable Hotpot	Black Bean & Vegetable Stew with Rice	Mediterranean Puff Pastry Tart with Chips
Option 2	Chickpea & Vegetable Tagine with Couscous	Chicken Shawarma with Rice	Roast Beef with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Beef Feijoada with Rice	Battered Pollock Fillet with Chips or Jacket Potato with Tuna, Salmon & Sweetcorn Mayonnaise
On the side	Carrots and Broccoli	Vegetable Medley	Roasted Cauliflower and Green Beans	Baby Corn & Carrots	Garden Peas and Baked Beans
Salads	Beetroot & Spring Onion Salad	Carrot & Sultana Salad	Chef's House Salad	Brazilian Slaw (Salpicão Salad)	Crunchy Coleslaw
Dessert	Fruity Yoghurt Bar with Toppings	Cheese with Breadstick	Seasonal Fresh Fruit Salad	Banana & Mango Fruit Fool with Toasted Coconut	Mandarin Yoghurt Crunch
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Please Note that some dishes maybe subject to local changes to suit individual school needs

LOOK OUT FOR OUR POPULAR THEME DAYS.



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.



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: L.BTHAttendance&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.





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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/H3kgGgPOVuYUJqDZ>. 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).



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**

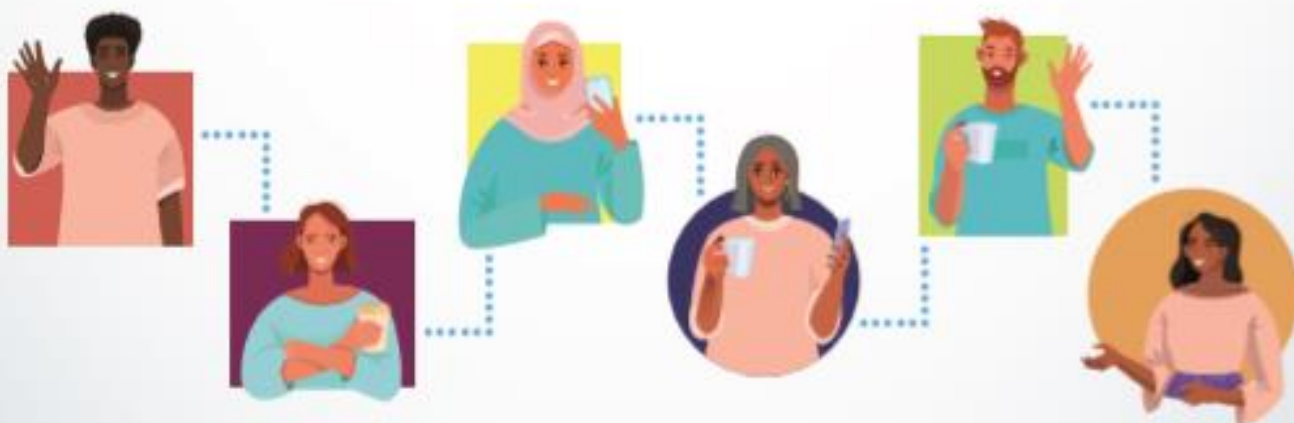
Our team also runs workshops for parents around the EHCP process, Annual Reviews, and Secondary School Transitions.

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 22 nd December – Friday January 2 nd
<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)