

# St Paul's Newsletter

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2025

### An update from Mr. Rubin...

A warm welcome back to the start of the new academic year and to all of our new starters. It's great to be back and the children are working so hard, focusing and settling in well. We launched the year with our Vision Day where the children reflected on how they will let their light shine this year. You can see their focus in the pictures below.

Thank you to everyone that was able to attend our Meet the Teacher morning. The feedback was great and it was a good opportunity to hear about the year ahead. We will make sure that the slides get sent out to you with EYFS meetings to be arranged.

I am in the process of finishing off our School Improvement Plan which we will be working through over the next three years. I look forward to sharing that with you.

Have a great week 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

<a href="https://twitter.com/StPaulsCESchool">https://twitter.com/StPaulsCESchool</a> and

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

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



#### **Meet The Teacher Positive Feedback**

- 'It was very helpful as my child has moved to year 3 with lots of new changes I wasn't aware of but now I am and able to support at home too.'
- 'Teacher really friendly Good information about what the children will be learning.'
- 'Interested that the school uses zones of regulations.'







#### **Staff Training Update**

We welcomed all of the Federation back to school for our whole school staff training. We updated staff on the latest changes to safeguarding as well presenting our Vision and Values.

In addition, we had some training from the London Diocesan Board for Schools on Unconscious Bias. It was lovely to have everyone together in the one building.

#### **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.





#### **Celebration Assembly**

Every Thursday our whole school comes together to celebrate their achievements.

Each class nominates children for a certificate of significant achievement when they have done something especially noteworthy.

We recognise children who have earned their badges, we name our lunchtime helpers of the week, table of the week, oracy ambassadors, and those spotted by our staircase spy for acts like holding doors or moving around the school beautifully.

We also reward attendance with extra play for the class with the best weekly record. Finally, each teacher chooses one pupil to receive the Kindness Cup, one of the highest honours in the school. You can see from the picture above our first two very deserving winners.



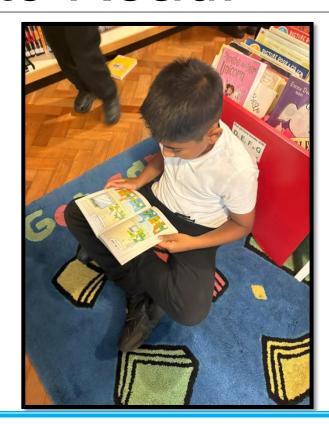
#### **Collective Worship Update**

Our weekly Clergy 'collective worship' focused on the importance of wisdom, sharing the recent Confirmation of a former pupil and the huge interest from our pupils in our Worship Council. Lots of children have applied for the role and we look forward to interviewing them.



# We Love to Read!







Year 2 Visit
Pizza
Express
Near The
Tower of
London









#### Fun in the Early Years

The Early Years have been using their senses to discover and explore the world around them. Children enjoy investigations and challenges that spark curiosity and promote oracy, helping them share their ideas with confidence. They make the most of our beautiful outdoor provision, where every corner offers new opportunities to play. create and learn. Our staff provide a warm and nurturing environment that encourages children to be curious, imaginative and independent. Whether building, painting, storytelling or problem solving, they develop the skills they need for the next stage of their learning journey. Families comment on the joy and enthusiasm they see when visiting and we are always delighted to welcome new children into our school community. We still have a small number of part time and full time places available in Nursery and Reception. To arrange a visit please contact us at parents@stpauls.towerhamlets.sch.uk















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

Harvest In The Orchard Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September from 3:30pm

(Swedenborg Gardens)

Class 3 and 4 to Pizza Express Wednesday 1st October Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October Internet Safety Workshops Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October Harvest Service at Church Tuesday 21st October Parents Afternoons/Evening

Wednesday 17th December Christmas Fayre









# 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 26<sup>th</sup> September 11am-12pm

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> 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



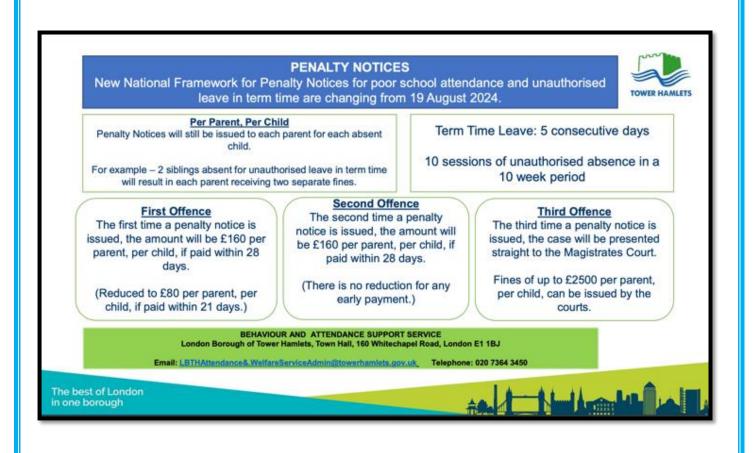
#### **Food Bank Update**

A big thank you to our brilliant team who every week help to coordinate our food bank. Thanks to Ms Sharena, Mr Andy and Ms Taybah for everything they do as well as our children who help with the assembling.

If you would like to be added to our distribution list, please email the school on parents@stpauls.towerhamlets.sch.uk

# <u>Penalty Notices Information – New</u> <u>National Framework</u>

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.







#### **WRAPAROUND CARE**

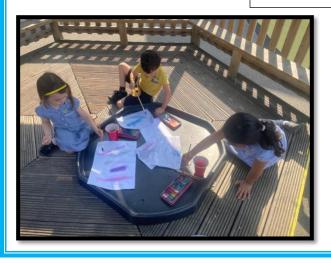
Our wraparound care after school club has started.

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.











# **ADVENTURE FOR** QUIDOOR ACTIVITY CENTRE ALL FESTIVAL

2025

30th September 2025 10:00am - 12:00pm

Food and drink will be provided

Embracing adventure and celebrating abilities in the outdoors! Join us for an exciting half day filled with outdoor activities tailored for everyone. This is a wonderful opportunity to explore new experiences, bond with others, and create lasting memories.













# 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 Sceam Children and Family Connere, 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





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: <a href="https://forms.gle/H3kgGgPQVuYUYJqD7">https://forms.gle/H3kgGgPQVuYUYJqD7</a>. 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.

Be Mindful Connect

Give to Be Active

Get

Creative



# 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

Apr 2025 - Oct 2025







Dates

Option 1

Option 2



**REE FROM** Main Allergens Wednesday













Tuesday 'Street Food Day

Tandoori Chicken with

Rice

Margherita Pizza with Baked Potato

Wedges

'Traditional Day' 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

ast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy

Swedish Beef Meatballs with Dill Cream Sauce & Mashed Potatoes

Cod Fish Fingers with Chips



**Curried Roasted** & Broccoli

Vegetable Tikka Masala with Rice (3) Carrots & Sweetcorn

edish Cheese Pie with Mashed Potatoes ( G

Green Beans & Mashed Swede with

Mexican Bean Vegan Roll with Chips



Salads **Mixed Green Salad** 0

**Cucumber Raita** 

Chef's House Salad 0

DAILY OPTIONS: DAILY SALAD & SEASONAL FRESH FRUIT PLATTER 🕝 FRESH BREAD & YOGHURTS 🔕

Carrots Cucumber, Red Onion and Dill Salad

a

0 **Crunchy Colesiaw** 

0

Peas & Baked Beans



Fruity Yoghurt Bar with Dessert Toppings

Macaroni Cheese

Cauliflower & Chickpea Korma with Rice

Cheddar Cheese with Breadstick

Seasonal Fresh Fruit

**Blueberry Fruit Fool** 

Strawberry & Banana Yoghurt with Rice Krispies











**FREE FROM** Wednesday



Thursday Singapor













On the side

Salads

Dessert



Street Food Day

Crispy Southern Fried Chicken Fillet Burger with Baked Potato

Wedges

'Traditional Day'

Singapore Chicken Stir Fry with Noodles

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



Spicy Chicken Style Strips & Vegetable Wrap

Green Beans &

Cheese, Tomato & Basil Turnover Puff with Baked

Potato Wedges

Jacket Potato with Leek, Onion & Beans (7)

"Roast Beef with Roast Potatoes & Gravy"

Quorn Rendang Curry with Rice (7)

Bubble Crumb Fish Bites or Bubble Salmon Fillet with Chips Cheese & Broccoli Quiche with Chips





Sweetcorn (7)

Broccoli & Baked Beans

Spring Cabbage & Carrots (7)

Vegetable Medley (7)

(7)

Fruity Yoghurt Bar with Toppings

Beans & Chilli Salsa Salad (7)

Chef's House Salad (7)

Seasonal Fresh Fruit

0

Italian Crouton Salad

Tropical Fruity Yoghurt Yoghurt with Pineapple & Toasted Coconut



**Cheddar Cheese with** 



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!!!





(C) (G)

# Every effort is made to

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.

AWARD BRONZE poroveo SCHOOL **PLATES** 

AWARD

Fantastic FOOD IN SCHOOLS



HASSANE X

TH - BASE MENU





# 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

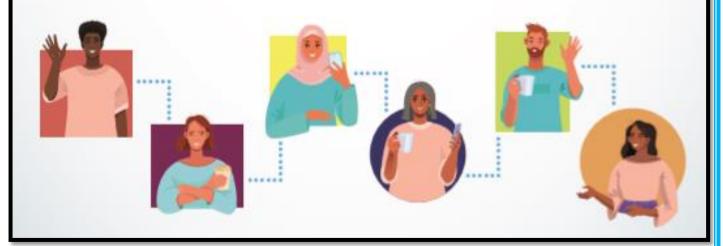
Our team also runs workshops for parents around the EHCP process, Annual Reviews, and Secondary School Transitions.

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/



DISC VER FOOTBALL

# FORTRILL

£6.00

PER SESSION

YOUTH AGE

5-7

WEDNESDAY TERM TIME ONLY

4:45-5:45 PM

ST PAULS WHITECHAPE PRIMARY SCHOOL E1 8GN

PLEASE USE BACK GATE

**BOOK VIA HAPPITY** 

Gĕorge

east

FOOTBALL+STGEORGEINTHEEAST.ORG



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



Darren Rubin
Executive Headteacher



Kathy Blake
Deputy Headteacher



John Boutflour

Assistant Headteacher



Rebecca 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<sup>th</sup> October(38 days)

Half Term Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October

Term 2 Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December (35 days)

Christmas break Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Friday January 2<sup>nd</sup>

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

Spring Term 2026

Staff Training Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January (1 day)

Term 3 Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February (29 days)

Half Term Monday 16th February-Friday 20th February

Term 4 Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February-Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March (25 days)

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

Summer Term 26

Term 5 Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April-Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May (29 days)

May Day Bank Holiday Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May Spring Bank Holiday Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May

Half Term Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May

Term 6 Monday 1st June- Thursday 16th July (34 days)

Staff Training Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July (1 day)

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

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