

## NEWSLETTER 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023

Dear Families,

This week we welcomed around 50 volunteers in from Clifford Chance -the international law firm-who helped us 'nurture in our welcoming community' by sprucing up our school both inside and out. We are very thankful for the wonderful painting and planting that has improved our school environment – thanks Clifford Chance!

Last year 6 pupils from Year 5 – now Year 6 – took part in a Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics project at a local secondary school. Here they worked on designing new technologies. The celebration of the project took place last night and a good time was had by all. Thank you to Ms Dimsdale and Ms Begum for enabling the children to attend the project.

It was lovely to see children in their clubs this week smiling, laughing and enjoying themselves! From choir to art; Arabic to boosters – it is joyful to see the children flourishing in their lifelong learning!

Have a wonderful weekend,

*Mrs Smith  
Mrs Sharpe*



## DIARY DATES

26/9/23 Parent conferencing – meet the teacher from 26<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> after school

04/10/23 Year 6 coffee morning & application workshop with Local Authority.

17/10/23 School photographs

26/09/23 SEND sport for a group of children – New Age Kurling

12/10/23 SEND climbing at Urban adventure

"Love one another as I have loved you" - John 15:12

STARS OF THE WEEK

Class	Name	Reason
Year 1	Oyemi	For showing care and respect to his friends at school.
Year 2	Maria	For her hard work and efforts
Year 3	Jeremiah	For being caring and respectful to everyone
Year 4	Yanis	For doing his best Maths lessons
Year 5	Omar	For being so attentive in class
Year 6	Zaynah	For being an excellent role model and demonstrating lifelong learning



WORSHIP FOCUS

Being forgiving



How have you felt when you forgave/didn't forgive someone?



The school photographer will be in school on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October.

A big well done to all our stars of the week for living out our school vision and for exemplifying our school values – we're really proud of you!

A special thank you to Sabahat and Ibadat's dad for the yummy cakes!

## SCHOOL NOTICE BOARD

# TALK TIME

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other,  
just as in Christ God forgave you.

Ephesians 4:32 NIV

In collective worship we talked about how God forgives us  
and how we can follow God's example and forgive others.

Question to discuss at home:

How have you felt when you forgave/didn't forgive  
someone?

Mrs Sharpe's challenge of the week:

Choose to forgive someone, even if you don't feel like it

Prayer: Thank you God that when we are sorry for the bad  
things we do, that you forgive us. Help us to forgive others  
too. Amen

Next week's foci:

Collective worship: Keeping going when it is difficult: Rejoicing  
in the joys and challenges of following Jesus

Executive Function: Emotional control

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Next week:  
School value- Lifelong Learning

### SPSL VALUES



### LIFE-LONG LEARNING

You can show this value by...

- asking and answering questions
- completing your home learning to a high standard
- sharing and contributing your ideas
- being on time for school and lessons
- learning from your mistakes
- being resilient and not giving up
- reading to further your knowledge
- presenting your work neatly
- finding out more about a topic independently
- visiting the local library
- taking part in school trips and visits

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As many of you are aware, we run a variety of clubs from a stay and play, to sports clubs, to booster clubs for learning. This enables both after school provision for working parents, children following their special sport interests and keeping healthier along with additional boosts to learning so they can achieve their academic best. Hence the choices are made by parents, pupils and teachers.

### AFTER SCHOOL PROVISION

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y1 and 2 boosters	Art KS1	Art KS2		Homework
Y3-6 boosters	Y6 boosters	Arabic		
	Choir			
Stay and Play	Stay and Play	Stay and Play	Stay and Play	Stay and Play

*Make sure you secure your place!*



Name	Class
James	Robin
Hawa	Owl
Ibadat	Owl

### CLASS COLLECTIVE WORSHIP ASSEMBLY DATES



Date	Class
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Dove class – Year 6
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Owl class- Year 1
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Swallow class- Year 4
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parrot class- Year 3
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Robin class – Year 5
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Swan class – Year 2



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# ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Good attendance relates to good attainment. Every day counts! At St Paul with St Luke School regular attendance is important to ensure the best possible learning outcomes for all our children. It helps our children make the most of their education, improving their chances in adult life. Regular attendance and punctuality are also important life skills which will help our children when they enter the world of work.

Our children receive certificates and prizes for good attendance half termly, termly and for the full year. Classes with the best attendance win cinema trips. Attendance for each class is monitored, shared weekly in our celebration collective worship and will now be displayed outside each classroom.

In addition to this we expect our children to be punctual. The school gates open at 8:30 and close at 8:45, giving you 15 minutes to get your child into school. Children are expected to be in class for the register by 8:50 am, ready to start their first lesson shortly afterwards. Being punctual means that lessons can start on time, enabling staff to maximise children's learning time. Your child will be given a late mark if they arrive in class after the register has been completed.

If your child is absent from school due to a medical reason, please ring the school office by phone before 9.00 am. We will contact you if we haven't heard by this time as part of our safeguarding procedures. We understand that illness happens and if your child is not well then they may need to stay home, but we ask if your child has a runny nose, a headache or seems very tired that you still bring them into school. The below chart outlines how much learning is lost through non-attendance.

**Our school target is 97%**

This week's percentages		
Class	%	Lates
Reception	97%	1
Year 1	98%	6
Year 2	95%	1
Year 3	97%	6
Year 4	97%	0
Year 5	97%	2
Year 6	97%	3
Overall	96%	

**Well done Year 1!**  
**Most classes met the school target!**

100% Attendance	0 Weeks of learning missed	WELL DONE Best Chance of Success!! 
95% Attendance	1 Week, 4 Days of learning missed	
90% Attendance	3 Weeks, 4 Days of learning missed	POOR ATTENDANCE I'm Worried! 
85% Attendance	5 Weeks, 3 Days of learning missed	
80% Attendance	7 Weeks, 3 Days of learning missed	VERY POOR ATTENDANCE I'm Seriously Concerned!
75% Attendance	9 Weeks, 1 Day of learning missed	

Our attendance policy is on our school website. Paper copies are available from the office.



The Attendance Welfare Officer (AWO) checks our school registers regularly and will contact parents by letter, telephone or a home visit if there is a cause for concern. Formal referral of pupils with persistently less than 90% attendance may be made. Be aware that parents can ultimately be prosecuted for non-attendance offences.

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# \*SAVE THE DATE\*



## COFFEE MORNINGS CONFIRMED SO FAR

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October  
9-10am**

**Secondary transfer applications and support  
Led by local authority representative  
For Year 6 parents and carers**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October  
9:15-10am**

**PHONICS INFORMATION  
Led by Fahima Begum – English lead  
Year 1 and 2 parents/carers welcome**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November  
9am-10am**

**ONLINE SAFETY  
Led by Amy-Kate Garwood- from Communities Directorate in Tower  
Hamlets  
All parents and carers welcome**

**More coffee mornings will follow...  
including our own  
Macmillan Cancer Support coffee morning**

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### CLIFFORD CHANCE VOLUNTEER'S DAY AT SPSL

We truly lived out our school vision, as did our volunteers from Clifford Chance, when we worked together to nurture all in our community. The school environment has been transformed with painting and planting and loving and learning!





## SCHOOL NOTICE BOARD

# Is my child too ill for school?

**It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell.**

There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about [managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK](#). These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day. Let them know that your child won't be in and give them the reason.

If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let their teacher know.

### **Other illnesses**

Follow this advice for other illnesses:

#### **Coughs and colds**

It's fine to send your child to school with a minor [cough](#) or [common cold](#). But if they have a fever, keep them off school until the fever goes.

Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly.

#### **High temperature**

If your child has a [high temperature](#), keep them off school until it goes away.

#### **Chickenpox**

If your child has [chickenpox](#), keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over.

This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.

#### **Cold sores**

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have a [cold sore](#).

Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.

#### **Conjunctivitis**

You don't need to keep your child away from school if they have [conjunctivitis](#).

Do get advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.

#### **COVID-19**

If your child has mild symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, and feels well enough, they can go to school.

Your child should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people if they have [symptoms of COVID-19](#) and they either:

- have a high temperature
- do not feel well enough to go to school or do their normal activities

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### **Ear infection**

If your child has an [ear infection](#) and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.

### **Hand, foot and mouth disease**

If your child has [hand, foot and mouth disease](#) but seems well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off.

Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.

### **Head lice and nits**

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice.

You can treat [head lice and nits](#) without seeing a GP.

### **Impetigo**

If your child has [impetigo](#), they'll need treatment from a GP, often with antibiotics.

Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment.

Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.

### **Ringworm**

If your child has [ringworm](#), see your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP.

It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.

### **Scarlet fever**

If your child has [scarlet fever](#), they'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks.

Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.

### **Slapped cheek syndrome (fifth disease)**

You don't need to keep your child off school if they have [slapped cheek syndrome](#) because, once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious.

But let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.

### **Sore throat**

You can still send your child to school if they have a [sore throat](#). But if they also have a high temperature, they should stay at home until it goes away.

A sore throat and a high temperature can be symptoms of [tonsillitis](#).

### **Threadworms**

You don't need to keep your child off school if they have [threadworms](#).

Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.

### **Vomiting and diarrhoea**

Children with [diarrhoea or vomiting](#) should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours).