

NEWSLETTER W/E 3rd October 2025

Dear families,

This week the children have been thinking about who helps them and who offers them protection. The children looked at Psalm 91, which states that God is there to offer Christians protection in good and bad times. It was fantastic to see the children coming together to reflect on who offers them protection in their lives.

Our Year 6 Residential and Secondary School admissions workshops were very well attended. The partnership between home and school continues to flourish, which will ensure our children are supported to be their best. Year 5 have been channelling their inner Michael Jordan with a basketball session at a local secondary school.

The children have had an engaging and educational week, both inside and outside of the classroom, from Singing with St Paul's Cathedral, Sports with West Ham through to exciting and yummy food tech learning in DT.

Next week we look forward to a week filled with opportunities. Many of our KS2 children will be channeling their inner 'Chariots Of Fire' at the Tower Hamlets Cross Country Event. While Year 5 and 6 will be working with Alice our Gardener!



Have a restful weekend!

*Mrs Smith
& Mr Hall*

CLUB SPACES AVAILABLE

Email admin@spsl.towerhamlets.sch.uk with what club you would like your child to attend.

Drama Club Tuesday KS1 & KS2	Fencing Club Monday Y3 & Y4	Art Club Wednesday KS1 & KS2
Cooking Club Wednesday KS1 & KS2	Football Club Tuesday Y5 & Y6	Homework Club Tuesday KS1 & KS2
West Ham Multi-Sport Club Wednesday Y1 & Y2		

DIARY DATES



Tuesday 7th October- Yr3, Yr4, Yr5 & Yr6
Towerhamlets Cross-Country

Wednesday 8th October - Year 5 & 6 gardening

Tuesday 21st October - Harvest

Friday 24th October - Individual photos

Monday 27th October- Half term

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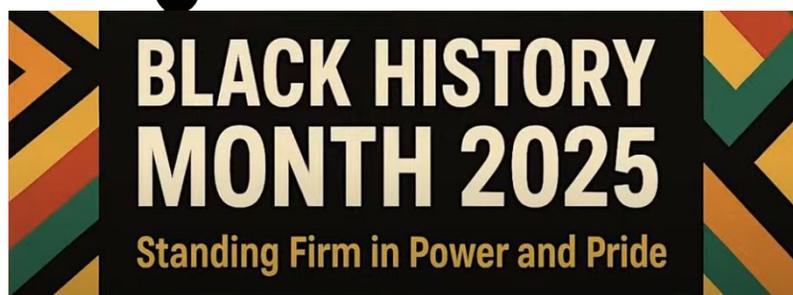
Goodbye and good luck

After over 20 years of service, supporting countless children and families, Miss Khanom is leaving us here at St Paul with St Luke. We would like you to join us in saying a huge thank you for the way she has impacted our school community with passion and care over the years.

We wish her all the best for the future, whilst ensuring she knows that she will always be a part of our school community.



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This week our children joined together in a live collective worship to learn about what Black History Month is and why it is so important that we celebrate it. Using resources from *Picture News*, we explored the meaning behind Black History Month and reflected on the impact of remembering and celebrating the contributions of Black people throughout history.

Next week, the children will continue their learning by focusing on a range of significant individuals. They will be exploring their achievements, learning how these remarkable figures helped to shape society, and reflecting on the importance of recognising diversity and equality.

As part of our learning, Chefs Dan and Ed will be serving a special menu on Friday 10th October. The menu will be Senegalese inspired and consist of;

Main 1: Chicken Yassa

Main 2 : Spinach Stew

Side: Jollof Rice

Vegetable: Plantain



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Budding basketball stars

Our Year 5 children had the wonderful opportunity of experiencing a basketball session at a local secondary school. The children had a fabulous time learning skills and playing games on the court under the tutelage of the professional basketball coaches on hand. We may be seeing some of our children starring in the NBA in the future.



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Harvest festival

As part of our Harvest celebrations where we will be attending St Paul's Bow Common church for our annual service on Tuesday 21st October. We are asking for families to donate food for the children to take to church. We are asking for non-perishables; tins, jars, dried foods; pasta, rice, lentils, etc with long use by dates on. These can be given to the class teachers. Thank you!



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	Pupil of the week	Kindness leaves	Value of the week
Nursery	Eliza Nusaiba		Nirvana
Reception	Jordan Akim		Asiya
Year 1	Alanta Humaria	Ikram Kine	Riyad Ela
Year 2	Amani Hazera	Khadija Eunice	Amani Yetiah-Mae
Year 3	Ibadat Mohamoud	Ehsan Phong	Armaan Ibadat
Year 4	Abid Nabhan	Jisan Hafsa	Isla Ahmed
Year 5	Malikai Jeremiah	Eman Ariya	Ariana Aamira
Year 6	Khadija Charlie	Samuel Ismael	Awa Amelia H



WORSHIP FOCUS

Psalm 91: 1–6, 14–16

God promises to protect, care for, and be with those who stay close to Him. Living well in God's world means trusting in Him as our safe place—even when life feels scary or uncertain.

Happy Birthday to:



When something good happens, I can say thank you to God and stay close to Him.

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Year 6 - Applying for Secondary Schools Applications

Thank you to all of those who were able to attend the Year 7 transition meeting today. For those unable to attend, the powerpoint has been emailed to all parents. If you need further assistance with the application, please inform the office.

School applications are now open



Secondary Transfer School Visiting Dates for Admission to Year 7 in 2026

We advise that you check the individual schools website for up to date information.



Don't miss the deadlines for admission to secondary, primary and nursery schools.

Secondary admissions For children born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015	31 October 2025
Primary admissions For children born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022	15 January 2026
Nursery admissions For children born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023	14 February 2026

Complete your application online at www.eadmissions.org.uk

For information about how to apply, scan the QR code or visit towerhamlets.gov.uk/schooladmissions

schooladmissions@towerhamlets.gov.uk



SCAN ME

School	Open mornings	Open evenings
Bishop Challoner Catholic School www.bishopchallonerfederation.towerhamlets.sch.uk	Monday 20 September - Friday 10 October. Please arrive by 9.15am	Thursday 25 September, 4pm
Bow School www.bow-school.org.uk	Monday 22, Thursday 25 & Monday 29 September, Thursday 2, Monday 13 & Thursday 16 October, 9.45am-11.30am & 4pm	Wednesday 8 October 4.30pm
Canary Wharf College Crossharbour www.canarywharfcollege.co.uk	Thursday 2 & Tuesday 7 October, 9am	Tuesday 30 September, 5pm
Central Foundation Girls' School www.central.lowerhamlets.sch.uk	Wednesday 1, Thursday 2 & Friday 3 October, 9.30-10.30am	Tuesday 30 September, 4.30-6.30pm
George Green's School www.georgegreens.com	See school website	See school website
Langdon Park School www.langdonparkschool.co.uk	Thursday 18, Friday 19, Tuesday 23 September, Thursday 2 & Friday 3 October, 9-10.15am	Thursday 25 September, 5-7pm
London Enterprise Academy www.londonenterpriseacademy.org	Monday 15 - Friday 26 September, 9.15-11.45am Weekend Saturday 11 October, 10am-4pm	Tuesday 16 September & Thursday 2 October, 4.30-6.30pm
Morpeth School www.morpethschool.org.uk	Monday 15, Friday 19, Tuesday 23 & Thursday 25 September, Wednesday 8, Monday 13 & Thursday 16 October, 9.30-11.15am	Wednesday 1 October, 4-7pm & Monday 20 October, 2-3.30pm Additional Tours: Friday 28 September, Monday 6, Friday 17 & Wednesday 22 October 9.30-10.30am Book online to attend an additional tour: www.morpethschool.org.uk/2026/admissions-2026
Mulberry Academy London Dock www.mulberryacademylondondock.org	Monday 15 - Friday 19 & Monday 22 - Thursday 25 September, 9:30-10am. Please book online via school website	Tuesday 30 September, 4-6.30pm
Mulberry Academy Shoreditch www.mulberryacademyshoreditch.org	Monday 15 - Wednesday 17, Monday 22 - Wednesday 24 September, Monday 29 September - Wednesday 1 October & Monday 6 - Wednesday 8 October, 9.15am Weekend Saturday 11 October, 9-11am	Thursday 2 October, 4-6pm
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Mulberry Stepney Green www.mulberrystepneygreen.org	Friday 5, Thursday 11, Tuesday 16, Thursday 25 September, Friday 2, Tuesday 7, Thursday 16 & Tuesday 21 October, 9-11am	Wednesday 24 September, 4-6.30pm
Mulberry University Technical College (UTC) www.mulberryutc.org	See College website	See College website
Oaklands School www.oaklands.lowerhamlets.sch.uk	Thursday 18, Tuesday 23, Monday 29 September, Friday 10 & Thursday 16 October, 9.20-10.30am	Wednesday 24 September, 4-6.30pm
Stepney All Saints CofE Secondary School www.stepneyallsaints.school	Thursday 11, Wednesday 17 & Tuesday 30 September, 9.30-10.45am	Monday 22 September, 4.30-6.30pm Register online to attend at www.stepneyallsaints.school
St Paul's Way Trust School www.spwt.net	For Families: Monday 15 & Tuesday 16 September, 9.30-11am. For primary school tours: Wednesday 17 September 9.30-11am Please arrive before 10am to ensure you have time to enjoy a tour of the school.	Thursday 18 September, 3.45-6pm Visits are by appointment only. Book online at www.spwt.net
Swanlea School www.swanlea.co.uk	Wednesday 17, Friday 19, Monday 22 & Thursday 25 September, 9.15-10.15am	Wednesday 1 October, 4-6.30pm Family Fun Day: Saturday 13 September, 10am-3pm
Wapping High School www.wappinghigh.org	Thursday 11, Tuesday 16, Thursday 25, Tuesday 30 September, Thursday 9 & Tuesday 14 October, 9am	Thursday 18 September, 4.30-6.30pm

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Year 7 Open Mornings and Evening Application Deadline 31st October 2025

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SECONDARY TRANSFER 2026

Your child is in Year 6 so you will now need to make an online application to transfer from primary school to secondary school in September 2026.

Go to www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions where you will find:

- **The 'Ready for Secondary School in Tower Hamlets' booklet** – this has information on how to apply, secondary schools in Tower Hamlets and the admissions policy for Tower Hamlets Schools
- Key information on school admissions
- Visiting dates for Tower Hamlets schools

If do not live in the borough of Tower Hamlets you must follow the information provided by your home borough on how to apply for a secondary school place for your child. You must still apply online by visiting www.eadmissions.org.uk

If your child has not taken the CATS4 Banding Assessment in their Tower Hamlets primary school during September, you must also complete a [Banding Registration Form](#) and provide it to school.admissions@towerhamlets.gov.uk by 24 October 2025.

Remember to complete both the online application and **where necessary** the Banding Registration Form. If you do not submit the required forms, your application to Tower Hamlets schools cannot be fully considered and may reduce the chances of a place being offered.

Important dates:

From 1st September 2025 Make your application online at www.eadmissions.org.uk

You will receive an Application Reference Number once submitted which confirms receipt.

By 24th October 2025 Submit your Banding Registration Form to school.admissions@towerhamlets.gov.uk if your child has not taken the CATS4 Banding Assessment in their primary school.

31st October 2025 National closing date for applications

2nd March 2026 National Offer Day

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Institute of Education

Faculty of Education and Society



Final phase of our research on socioeconomic status & children's language and nonverbal abilities

Introducing the researcher



I'm Mahi, a PhD student at the Institute of Education at University College London, supervised by Professors Andy Tolmie and Michael Thomas. If you wish to view a short video introduction from me, please feel free to scan the QR code here.



To our participating families

Thank you once again for your valuable participation in the first wave of our research. I appreciate all the support you provided so far. This research will help us understand how children's experiences shape their learning and development. The findings will have important implications for education, helping to create better support and opportunities for all children to reach their full potential.

What does participation involve for my child?

- Approximately 35 minutes of the same cognitive (language and spatial) activities your child was engaged in at school last year.
 - Your child will participate in activities like matching words with pictures, recreating patterns with blocks, identifying missing pieces, and describing object similarities.



What do I need to do?

As you generously agreed last year to be contacted again for the final stage, I am now reaching out to kindly request your permission for your child to take part in this final phase of the research. You can provide your consent easily by scanning the QR code below or by using the link sent to you by headteachers.

If you have any questions, please email me @ mahitab.elgama1.23@ucl.ac.uk

If you wish to receive a personalized report for your child's performance please feel free to drop me an email 😊

Please scan this QR code to view all the information & provide your consent

When you click through to the end of the form, you'll see a thank-you message confirming your response 😊



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95%	=	47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	=	95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day
85%	=	142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	=	190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

WHAT DO YOUR ATTENDANCE FIGURES ACTUALLY MEAN?

BE SMART BE THERE!

Percentages based on 190 academic days

Polite reminder:

Children need to be in school on time.

Gates open at 8:45 and close at 8:55.

Early morning learning at this time sets the children up for the day.

Every day matters.
Every minute counts.

Attending primary school regularly provides a wealth of social, health and academic benefits for children.

"Going to school helps me achieve my very best."

For a 2020 - 2021 copy of this book visit https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/attachment_data/file/464444/primary-school-attendance-booklet-2020-21.pdf

Our Attendance Welfare Officer (AWA), Lina Rahman, attends school every Tuesday morning. Lina checks our school registers regularly and will contact parents & guardians by letter or telephone. Meetings and home visits will be completed if there is a cause for concern.

Formal referrals of pupils with persistent absence or below 90% attendance will be made. Children need to be in school every day. Parents should be aware that they can ultimately be prosecuted for non-attendance offences. Holidays should also be taken in school holidays and not in term time.

We know that sometimes- even with children at school 190 out of 365 days in the year- they may fall ill. This can be worrying so please see advice from our local teams on https://www.towerhamlets-together.com/files/Care_Confident_Booklet_A5_InteractiveBooklet2.pdf on common illnesses and when to seek support. Additional sports, including swimming, benefit children to be healthier and smarter. Please ensure children take full advantage of this by wearing appropriate kit and making sure they bring it with them each week!

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WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

WEEK 1

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN (OPTION 1)	Tomato Pasta & Cheese (Gluten, Dairy, Celery)	Stir Fry Beef and Broccoli (Sulphites, Soy, Mustard)	Margarita Pizza (Gluten, Dairy, Celery)	Shredded Chipotle Chicken (Sulphites)	School Made Fish Fingers (Gluten, Dairy)
MAIN (OPTION 2)	Chefs Choice Pasta (Gluten)	Stir Fry Broccoli (Sulphites, Soy, Celery)	Tomato Pasta (Gluten, Celery)	Refried Beans & Cheese (Sulphites, Dairy)	Haloumi Fries (Gluten, Dairy)
SIDES	Garlic & Herb Focaccia (Gluten)	Noodles (Dairy, Eggs)	Cauliflower cheese (Dairy, Mustard)	Corn Tortillas & Mexican Rice	Roast Potatoes
VEGETABLES	Italian Herb Broccoli	Soy & Garlic Spring Greens	Steamed or Raw Carrots	Tomato Salsa & Guacamole (Sulphites)	Peas
DESSERTS	Fruit & Yoghurt (Dairy)	Homemade Fruit Ice cream (Gluten, Dairy)	Fruit & Yoghurt (Dairy)	Chefs Choice Seasonal Dessert	Fruit & Yoghurt (Dairy)
EXTRAS	Fresh Fruit Platter, Mixed Salad Bar and Greek Yoghurt Available Daily If you have any questions, please speak with you School Chef				

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

WEEK 2

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN (OPTION 1)	Mac & Cheese (Gluten, Dairy)	Chicken Curry (Sulphites, Dairy)	Cheesy Empanada (Dairy, Gluten, Sulphites)	Beef Lasagne (Dairy, Celery, Gluten)	Curried Fish Croquettes (Gluten, Dairy)
MAIN (OPTION 2)	Chefs Choice Pasta (Gluten)	Spinach Dhal (Mustard)	Vegetable Fian (Gluten, Dairy)	Vegetarian Lasagne (Dairy, Gluten)	Halloumi Fries (Gluten, Dairy)
SIDES <small>Where main includes, portion will be offered as optional extra</small>	Garlic & Herb Focaccia (Gluten)	Rice & Naan Bread (Gluten)	Vegetable Bulgur Wheat	Garlic Bread (Wheat, Dairy)	Oven Baked Paprika Chips
VEGETABLES	Italian Herb Broccoli	Pakorras	Roast Aubergine	Roast seasonal vegetables	Garden Peas
DESSERTS	Fruit & Yoghurt (Dairy)	Chocolate Cake (Gluten, Eggs, Dairy)	Fruit & Yoghurt (Dairy)	Chefs Choice Seasonal Dessert	Fruit & Yoghurt (Dairy)

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Academic Calendar 2025-2026

Term Dates 2025-26

Yellow = INSET staff training - school closed to pupils

Green = Parent consultation days

Blue = School holidays - school closed

September 2025							October 2025							November 2025							December 2025						
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National test times: May and June, for phonics, year 4 and year 6

Meeting with parents: Every term