



NEWSLETTER W/E 12th December 2025

Dear Families,

What a fantastic week for our school community, filled with festive cheer and exciting activities! Our children were decked out in their Christmas jumpers as they were treated to a delicious Christmas lunch prepared by Chef Eddie and team. The children thoroughly enjoyed the scrumptious meal, the festive atmosphere in the dining hall was truly heartwarming! Our Year 1 class managed to attend their long awaited rescheduled trip to the Soane centre, studying trees and plants as part of their science topic. To enhance their learning on World War II, our Year 6 children visited the Imperial War Museum, where they had the opportunity to make their own documentaries.

The sights and sounds of Christmas continued at our 'Christmas Fair' which was again a huge success with biscuit decorating, face-painting, a visit to see Santa and much more. A huge thank you to all of our families for their continued support. Next week our EYFS and KS1 children will be performing their Nativity, please ensure you return your slips if attending.



Mrs Smith & Mr Hall

Have a restful weekend!



No boosters or after school clubs next week. Stay & Play running as usual from 3:30pm to 4:30pm.



DIARY DATES



Monday 15th - Nativity Performance, 09:30 (Nursery & Year 1 families Only)

Tuesday 16th - Christingle Church Service, 14:30 (all families welcome)

Wednesday 17th - Nativity Performance, 09:30 (Reception & Year 2 families Only)

Friday 19th - Last day of term - 13:30 finish .

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	Pupil of the week	Kindness leaves	Value of the week
Nursery	Zoey Ajaz		Millie-Louise
Reception	Jordan Akim		Asiya
Year 1	Jordan Jibrael	Aiden Amira	Jordan Jibrael
Year 2	Khadijah Istiayk	Amani Minh	Taha Peggy
Year 3	Reuben Zaiba	Janet Phong	Areeba Phong
Year 4	Tawhid Jihsan	Dana Nabhan	Yunus Abid
Year 5	Fawzan Ariya	Anaya Kimberly	Eman Anaya
Year 6	Mariah Khadija	Laiba	Samuel Awa



WORSHIP FOCUS

Matthew 3: 1-12

John the Baptist calls people to prepare for Jesus by turning away from wrong and living differently.

Advent helps us get ready by giving us time to reflect and make changes.

Happy Birthday to:



Harry - Year 1

How we can remember that God is holy and important in our everyday lives.

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Christmas Fair



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Christmas
Jumper
day and
Christmas
lunch!

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The ACT Foundation generously gifted our children at SPSL with thoughtfully prepared Christmas bags containing toys, stationery, chocolates and other lovely surprises. They also donated essential items for families, including food supplies such as rice, flour, lentils, sugar and tea bags, as well as baby clothes, car seats, toys and other necessities. We are deeply grateful for their generosity and continued support, and we hope all children enjoy their gifts.



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Year 1 trip to the Soane Center

Year 1 enjoyed a hands-on trip to the Soane Centre, where they learned about plants and trees; identified different wild plants and explored a range of fresh herbs. It was a fantastic opportunity to bring their science learning to life.



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Year 6 trip to the Imperial War Museum

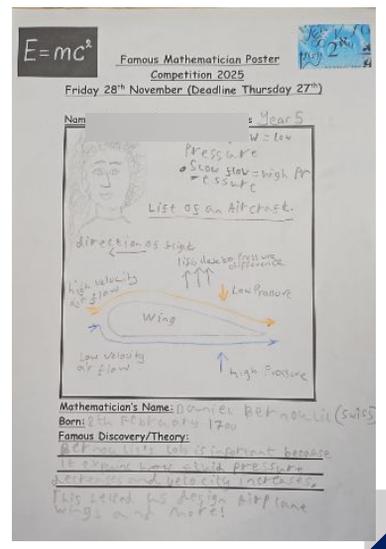
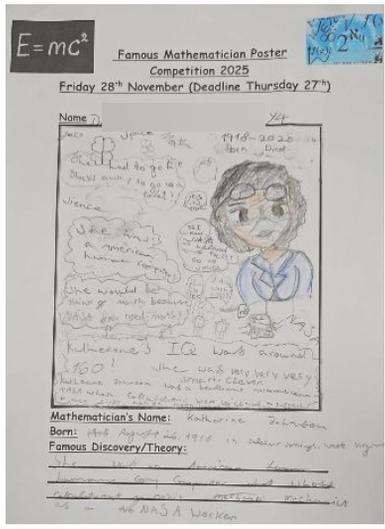
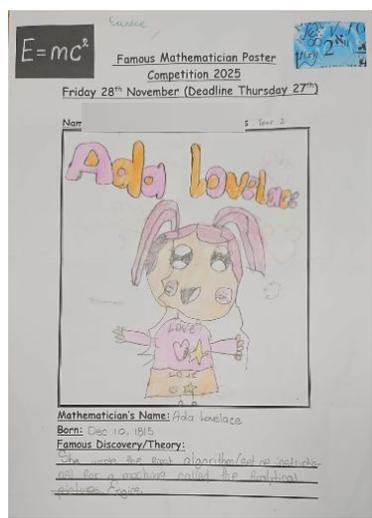
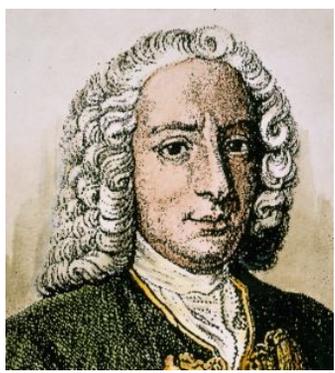
Year 6 visited the Imperial War Museum to deepen their understanding of World War II as part of their history topic. The trip gave them a vivid insight into the events and experiences of the war, bringing their classroom learning to life.



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Maths Poster competition

During Maths Week, children were invited to research a mathematician and create a poster about their life and work. We were delighted to receive an extraordinary number of entries! Here are the winning posters, showcasing creativity, effort, and a love for learning.



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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/464848/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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Christmas Dates



Monday 15th December: EYFS and KS1 Performance – 9.30am (Nursery and Year 1 parents Only)

Tuesday 16th December: Christingle at St Paul's Bow Common 2.30pm

Wednesday 17th December: EYFS and KS1 Performance – 9.30am (Reception and Year 2 parents Only)

Friday 19th December: Class parties in the morning. Children finish school at 1.30pm.



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About Winter Illnesses and School Attendance

As we head into the colder months, it's common to see an increase in seasonal illnesses such as colds, coughs, and other respiratory infections. We understand that it can sometimes be difficult to decide whether your child should attend school when they are feeling unwell.

To help support your decision-making, please note the following guidance:

- **Children with mild cold symptoms**, such as a runny nose or a slight cough, **can still attend school** if they are otherwise well in themselves (eating, drinking, and alert).
- However, **children should stay at home** if they are experiencing more severe symptoms, such as:
 - A high temperature or fever
 - **Vomiting or diarrhoea** (children should remain at home for at least **48 hours after the last episode if it is norovirus**)
 - Any illness that makes them too unwell to take part in normal school activities

We encourage good hygiene habits, such as regular hand washing and covering coughs and sneezes to help reduce the spread of germs. If your child is unwell and staying home, please remember to notify the school as soon as possible.

Thank you for helping us keep our school community healthy and safe during the winter season.

Illness and Advice	
<p>Headache, earache and stomach ache</p>  <p>Children with headache, earache or stomach ache can go to school—just let the staff know they have felt unwell. Give paracetamol and plenty of fluids to drink. If headache, earache or stomach ache persists..... Seek medical advice.</p>	<p>High Temperature</p>  <p>Give paracetamol and plenty to drink. After paracetamol, if your child feels better, bring them into school. If your child's high temperature continues for three days or more..... Seek medical advice.</p>
<p>Diarrhoea and Vomiting</p>  <p>Children can return to school 48 hours after the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting</p>	<p>Coughs and Colds</p>  <p>Children should be given paracetamol, plenty of fluids to drink and can be sent to school.</p> <p>If your child is asthmatic, remember they may need their blue Inhaler more often.</p>