

NEWSLETTER W/E 14th November 2025

Dear Families,

Another busy week for our children, both inside and outside of the classroom. The children have been living the Church of England's vision of 'live life in all its fullness' by grasping the many opportunities afforded to them. On Tuesday, the whole school were learning about Armistice day and observed a two minutes silence to remember all those that have died in conflicts. We have been celebrating 'Interfaith week' this week, with a Live collective worship and a wide range of activities across the school. Year one's trip to the Soane Centre was unfortunately ended before it really began due to the weather, thankfully, this has been rescheduled for later in the term. Years five and six enjoyed their second lesson on making flax fibre with our gardener. Year five have also been out this week at a local secondary school where they had the opportunity to experience a dance session in a studio. Unfortunately the trip to Poplar Parliament was cancelled but this has now been rescheduled for next week. It was wonderful to see all of the children support and raise money for 'Children in need' today, by wearing their PJs and donate to such a wonderful cause.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend

*Mrs Smith
& Mr Hall*



DIARY DATES

Tuesday 18th November: Y2 cinema trip

Friday 21st November: Poplar Parliament at Langdon Park.

Tuesday 25th November: Y2 trip - Monument
Y6 Ice Skating

Friday 28th November: Y6 trip - Book awards



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Remembrance day

Children across the school commemorated Armistice day by learning about the significance of November 11th 1918. The children created art work and impeccably observed a two minutes silence across the school.



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Children in need

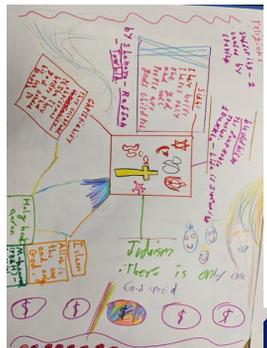
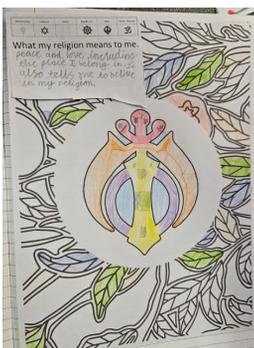
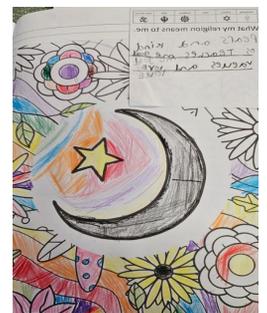
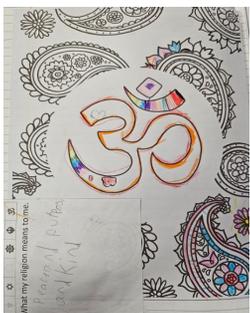
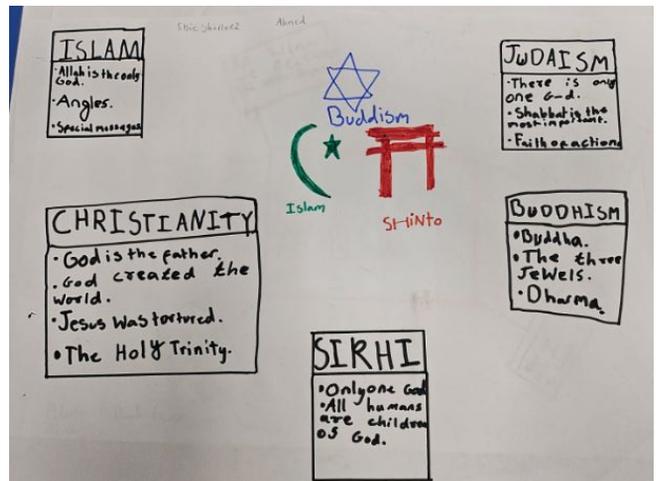
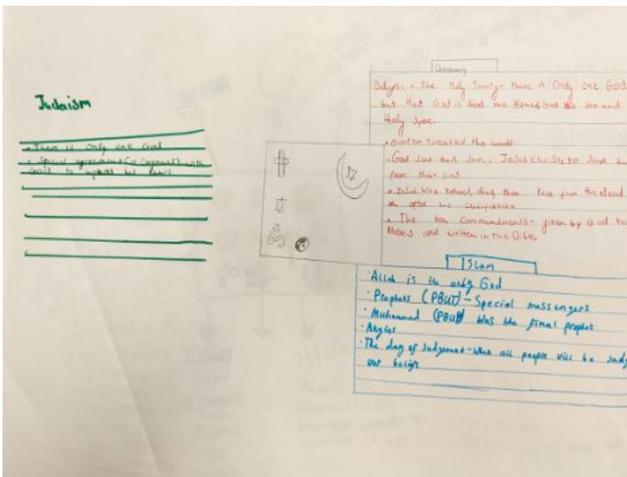
This week, our pupils joined in supporting Children in Need by coming to school in their pyjamas and making generous donations. The day was filled with fun and excitement, while also raising awareness of the importance of helping others. We are extremely grateful for everyone's contributions, which will make a real difference to children in need across the country.



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Interfaith week

During Interfaith Week, our pupils learned about a variety of world faiths and explored the values and traditions that guide people's lives. Through storytelling, discussions and creative activities, they reflected on how respect, kindness and understanding help us live and work together as a community. The week encouraged curiosity, empathy and an appreciation for diversity, showing how our differences can strengthen the school community.



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Gardening

This week, Year 6 took part in a hands-on gardening and science activity, learning how flax plants can be turned into thread. After harvesting and preparing the flax from our school garden, the children used a hand-spinning device to twist the fibres into strong, smooth thread.

The class showed great focus and teamwork, and were fascinated by how a simple plant could be transformed into a usable material. We are very proud of their hard work and enthusiasm throughout the project.



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Dance dance dance!

Year 5 had an exciting visit to Bishop Challoner for a dance workshop, where they created and performed a dance inspired by the sights, sounds, and energy of a funfair. The pupils explored movement, rhythm, and teamwork, bringing their own creativity to the performance. It was a lively and inspiring experience that encouraged confidence, expression, and a love of dance.



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	Pupil of the week	Kindness leaves	Value of the week
Nursery	Niyah		Mazreen
Reception	Nihad Yunus		Athena
Year 1	Mohammed Jordan	Zaviyar Harry	Aiden Ela
Year 2	Amaani Aliysha	Taha Noah	Alara Daniyal
Year 3	Phong Janet	Waseem Ibadat	Hayden Zaiba
Year 4	Mikaela Sarah	Alexia Isla	Shanaya Tawhid
Year 5	Eman Alivia		Jeremiah Lillie
Year 6	Casey Taiyeba	Nusrat Siyana	Amelia A Siyana



WORSHIP FOCUS

John 15: 12-13

“My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”



Remembering those who showed great love helps us live with love and kindness every day.

Happy Birthday to:

Musa Eshan



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Let's Talk SEND



Join us for an opportunity to help develop a Tower Hamlets SEND Co-Production Charter — a shared commitment to working together to shape future services. Be part of the change and help make Co-production real in Tower Hamlets.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Tel: 0207 364 4461

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Tuesday 2nd December
Grocers Wing Tower Hamlets Town Hall
10am-2pm

- Introduction from Director of Children's services
- Presentations about Co-Production
- Information stalls
- Tea/Coffee and lunch provided.

[Sign up here](#)



For details of previous Let's Talk SEND events please look on the Tower Hamlets Local Offer Website



CYPHWS
Service Criteria & Threshold Guidance



Service Criteria Overview

Compass Children and Young People's Health & Wellbeing Service (CYPHWS) works with children and young people age 5 to 19, (or up to 25 for individuals with SEND) and their parents/carers in Tower Hamlets. We can provide short term (max 4 session) prevention and early intervention support for a range of health needs.

CYPHWS **can** support children, young people and families with:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy eating • Dental health • Friendships and relationships • Body image • Bullying • Sleep • Emotional / Mental health • Continence | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sexual health • Harm Reduction advice • Substance information and advice. • Specialist substance misuse support. • Long-term health conditions • Parenting • Behaviour • Referral onto additional services |
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CYPHWS **cannot** support children, young people and families who require:

- Specialist health care support and care planning.
- Support with moderate to severe mental health needs.
- Longer term support for health needs.
- Crisis intervention or urgent out of hours support.

If you are unsure whether a child or young person would benefit from CYPHWS please call the team on **0203 9540091**

Our Request for Support Form (RFS) can be found on our webpage: <https://compass-uk.org/services/children-and-young-peoples-health-and-wellbeing-service/>

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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/544444/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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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>