



## NEWSLETTER W/E 19th December 2025

Dear Families,

Another beautiful year comes to an end, warmer than the last, with climate change. As we reflect on the year, a full one, with inspections and fun, trying to stay true to our core values and vision whilst navigating the changes that continue to emerge.

We thank you for the gifts and support it is appreciated. We started the year with supporting a school in Hackney, and have ended it stepping away, not everything works all the time so it is just as important to stop than it is to start. Speaking of starts, we are due to open our base for children with communication and language needs (primarily autism) from January.

Our Christingle service, led by Mother Bernadette, at St Paul's Bow Common was a wonderful way to conclude 2025 at the church. The children sang beautifully, the sight of the candles alight with the sound of 'Away in a Manger' was truly wonderful.



*Mrs Smith & Mr Hall*

Have a restful break!



### DIARY DATES

**Monday 5th** - School Closed for INSET

**Tuesday 6th** - First day of term

**Wednesday 7th** - Reception & Nursery open morning, 09:15



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	Pupil of the week	Kindness leaves	Value of the week
Nursery	Whole Class		Nusaiba
Reception	Whole class		Safa
Year 1	Aiden Ela	Alanta Allen	Harry Maame
Year 2	Eunice Fabeha	Carter Istiayk	Minh Amani
Year 3	Armaan	Armaan Yusra	Ehsan Reuben
Year 4	Dana Sharleez	Dana Abid	Sarah Mikaela
Year 5	Winston Mehajabin	Christabel Mehajabin	Ehsan Kimberly
Year 6	Khadija Eshan	Amelia H Shaniya	Samuel



### WORSHIP FOCUS

Matthew 11:  
2–11

John the Baptist questions if Jesus is the Messiah; Jesus shows his works as proof.

Advent helps us practise waiting with hope and trust in God's promises.

*Happy Birthday to:*

*All of our students that are celebrating their birthday.*



Today, let's think about how we can prepare our hearts to receive God's love

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# Nativity performances

We are incredibly proud of our KS1 and EYFS children for their wonderful nativity performance. Every child took part with confidence and enthusiasm, delivering their lines clearly and demonstrating excellent acting skills throughout. It was a joy to see how well they remembered their roles and supported one another on stage.

The singing was a real highlight. The children sang beautifully, with smiles on their faces and great expression, filling the hall with festive cheer. Their hard work in rehearsals was clear to see, and they performed with maturity and confidence beyond their years.



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# Christingle service

The Christingle service was a calm and meaningful celebration, with Year 6 children reading the Angel story beautifully and setting a reflective tone throughout. The special hymn singing was lovely, and the moment of light during the Christingle, followed by *Away in a Manger*, created a particularly memorable atmosphere. Mother Bernadette's blessing of the crib was a special moment that brought the service together and made it a truly wonderful occasion.



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# Drama Club performances

The Drama Club put on a fantastic performance of *The Naughty Elf*, bringing lots of fun and laughter to everyone watching. The children were amazing, delivering their lines with confidence and showcasing excellent acting, energetic dancing and joyful singing. It was a lively and entertaining performance that clearly reflected their hard work and enthusiasm.



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### Santa Visit

Santa paid a special visit to the school, bringing gifts and plenty of good cheer for everyone. The children were full of excitement as they met Santa and his elf, creating a joyful and festive atmosphere



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# Christmas Parties



The Christmas parties were a joyful highlight of the festive season. The children had a wonderful time celebrating together, enjoying lively dancing and singing, and sharing delicious party food. Laughter and smiles filled the rooms, creating a warm and happy atmosphere that truly captured the spirit of Christmas.



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# CKC Winter HAF FREE CAMP 2025

Games • Skills • Learning • Free lunch

22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>,  
31<sup>st</sup> December

CKC COMMUNITY HUB  
104 Cavell St, E1 2JA

11AM TO 3PM

AGES 6 TO 16

COST: FREE



Participants must have a Tower Hamlets HAF code to register

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SCAN TO REGISTER NOW

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95%	=	<b>47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	=	<b>95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day
85%	=	<b>142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	=	<b>190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> 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 booklet, please contact the school office. [enquiries@st-paul-with-st-luke.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@st-paul-with-st-luke.org.uk)

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](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><b>Headache, earache and stomach ache</b></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..... <b>Seek medical advice.</b></p>	<p><b>High Temperature</b></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..... <b>Seek medical advice.</b></p>
<p><b>Diarrhoea and Vomiting</b></p>  <p>Children can return to school 48 hours after the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting</p>	<p><b>Coughs and Colds</b></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 <b>blue Inhaler</b> more often.</p>