



NEWSLETTER W/E 20th March 2026



Dear Families,

This week, our children have thoroughly enjoyed preparing for Eid celebrations this coming weekend. There has been a real sense of excitement across the school, with children taking part in activities and sharing in the joy of this special time. Class parties will take place on Monday, where we look forward to laughter and togetherness. The celebrations will also include our special Eid lunch, where Chef Dan will treat the children to a delicious Indian-inspired menu.

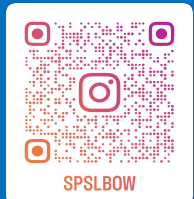
Looking ahead, we are excited to begin our preparations for Holy Week and our upcoming Easter celebrations. We have a full programme planned, including our Easter service at St Paul's Bow Common, the ever-popular Easter bonnet parade, and a special Easter lunch. We are very much looking forward to seeing all of our children take part in these meaningful and joyful events.

Wishing you a lovely weekend and a happy Eid-ul-Fitr to all families who are celebrating.

Mrs Smith & Mr Hall



DIARY DATES



- Monday 23rd March**- Cross Teach Easter CW, Eid parties
- Tuesday 24th March**- Easter Service at 14:00
- Wednesday 25th March** - THEWS coffee morning, Year 3 trip to London Zoo
- Thursday 26th March** - Year 3 History Live session in class
- Friday 27th March** - End of term, early finish 13:30pm

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	Pupil of the week	Kindness leaves	Value of the week
Nursery	Zoey Eliza		Eliza Zion
Reception	Lorcan Nihad		Lorcan Nihad
Year 1	Astou Zaviyra	Riyad Maryam	Riyad Maryam
Year 2	Carter Aliysha	Carter Aliysha	Amani Isaiah
Year 3	Mohamoud Tommy	Mohamoud Phong	Mohamoud Ibadat
Year 4	Tawhid Aliza	Sharleez Shanaya	Isla Abid
Year 5	Mehajabin Winston	Eman Jeremiah	Alivia Jeremiah
Year 6	Samuel Ismael	Amelia A Laiba	Whole class



WORSHIP FOCUS

John 19: 16-42

Jesus is handed over to be crucified. He carries his cross to Golgotha, where he is crucified with two others. Pilate places a notice above him reading "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Soldiers divide his clothes, and Jesus speaks to his mother and the disciple he loves. Knowing everything is now finished, Jesus says, "It is finished," and dies.

Happy Birthday to:

Christabel - Year 5

Adian - Year 1

Tagim - Year 5

Isaiah - Year 2

Arisha - Reception



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Jesus is crucified, dies on the cross, and is buried.

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Eid Preparation

As part of our Eid preparations at SPSL, the school has been filled with excitement, creativity, and a strong sense of community. Children across the year groups have been busy making beautiful Eid decorations, using a range of materials to design colourful displays that brighten our classrooms and shared spaces.



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Monday 23rd March 13:30 - 15:00

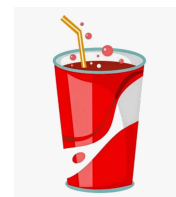
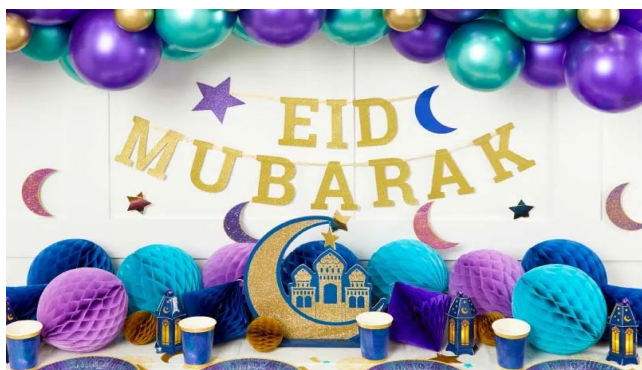


EID PARTY

Non School Uniform
(party clothes)



Children are celebrating EID on Monday with their classes - **please bring in a £1 donation.** The school will buy the food for the parties.



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We will be having an Indian inspired lunch to celebrate Eid on Monday 23rd March.

Chicken & Veg Biryani

Naan Bread

Pakorras

Date Cookies

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EASTER SERVICE

**Tuesday 24th March 2026
At St Pauls Bow Common at
2:30pm**



**You are welcome join us
for our Easter service, as
we celebrate the joy and
hope of the resurrection!**

He is risen!

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EASTER BONNET COMPETITION

Hop into the Easter spirit and show off your creativity!
Design and decorate your very own Easter bonnet for a chance to win fantastic prizes!

Friday 27th March

Please bring your bonnet to school on the day - Good Luck!

The theme for the Easter Bonnets this year will be The Easter Story.

**Winners will be announced on Friday, 27th March.
One child from each class will be selected.**

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We will be having a treat day/lunch to celebrate Easter on Friday 27th April.

Main 1 - Spring - Chicken burger.

Main 2 - Beetroot and Bean burger.

Side – Fries.

Veg – Coleslaw.

Pudding - Chocolate Rice crispy cakes with mini eggs.

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BE WELL
HEALTH | WELLNESS | PLAY

Easter swimming crash courses

Accelerate the kids' swimming progress with our Easter holiday intensive swimming courses at Mile End, Tiller and York Hall leisure centres. Perfect for:

New SEND courses available

- ✓ Beginners needing extra support
- ✓ Building confidence during the Easter break
- ✓ Trying out our fantastic swimming lessons
- 📅 Courses available between 30 March – 9 April
- 🕒 Daily 30 minute lessons
- 4+ For ages 4+
- 👥 Small class sizes for focused learning

This course is open to everyone, and our friendly teachers are in the pool with beginners to provide support and make learning fun! Secure your child's spot today!


Book your place today!



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School Admissions Service – Drop-in sessions for parents and carers

 **Every Friday (term-time only)**

 **10:00 AM – 12:30 PM**

 **Residents Hub, Tower Hamlets Town Hall, 160 Whitechapel Road, London, E1 1BJ**

Are you a parent or carer with questions about admissions?

You may find the answers online:

Visit us at towerhamlets.gov.uk/schooladmissions

If you need more support, we're here to help!

No appointment needed - sign up for a 10-minute slot on the day

Friendly, knowledgeable staff

Quick answers to your questions

Let's make admissions easier — together!

For more information, email school.admissions@towerhamlets.gov.uk

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HOLIDAY HAMMERS

Ages 5 - 14 years old

9am - 3pm

30th March - 1st April

8th April - 10th April

Bobby Moore Primary



9am - 3pm

31st March - 2nd April

7th April - 10th April

The Foundry

SCAN ME



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At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about WHATSAPP

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

WhatsApp is a free messaging app owned by Meta, allowing users to send text and voice messages, share multimedia, make video calls, and chat in groups. With end-to-end encryption, only the sender and receiver can view messages. This may offer privacy, but it also comes with risks that parents and educators need to be aware of.

GROUP CHAT PRESSURES

Group chats enable multiple users to message in the same space, but this can also make it easier for young people to feel excluded or overwhelmed. Negative comments can escalate quickly, and young people may feel pressure to respond or stay engaged even when the conversation is uncomfortable or upsetting.

SCAMS TARGETING YOUNG USERS

Scammers are increasingly using WhatsApp to trick users into sharing personal information. Common scams include fraudsters posing as family members in an emergency or tricking users into revealing security codes. These can lead to identity theft or access to private conversations.

DISAPPEARING AND HIDDEN MESSAGES

WhatsApp offers features like disappearing messages and 'Chat Lock', which can give users a false sense of security. While intended to protect privacy, they can be used by young users to hide inappropriate conversations or content, making it harder for adults to spot potential issues.

EXPOSURE THROUGH CHANNELS

'Channels' are an optional feature that allows users to follow updates from public figures or organisations; however, there is no way to block this feature or filter its content by age. Young users may encounter adult or distressing content, including misinformation and harmful ideologies.

UNWANTED CONTACT AND LOCATION SHARING

WhatsApp users can share their live location, and if not managed carefully, this can allow others – even those in mutual groups – to track someone's whereabouts. Also, without the right privacy settings, young users may be contacted by strangers.

COMMERCIAL AND AI CONTENT

WhatsApp now includes ads in the 'Updates' feed and has introduced an AI assistant – Meta AI – across the app, which cannot be removed. These additions raise concerns about targeting, privacy, AI use, and the type of content children and young people might interact with.

...ONLINE...

Advice for Parents & Educators

REVIEW PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER

Help young users check who can see their profile photo, status, and location. Activate the 'Silence Unknown Callers' setting and set group chat invitations to 'My Contacts' or 'My Contacts Except...' for added safety.

TEACH HOW TO SPOT SCAMS

Encourage caution around unusual and unexpected messages, especially if they involve money or codes. Help young users understand the signs of scams and what to do if they receive a suspicious message. Enable two-step verification to add an extra layer of protection.

BE OPEN ABOUT HIDDEN CHATS

Discuss why children and young people might use features like disappearing messages or 'Chat Lock'. Encourage them to share if something made them uncomfortable, even if the messages are gone. Let them know that privacy should not mean secrecy.

TALK ABOUT ADVERTISING AND AI

Explain that WhatsApp now includes ads and AI tools. Discuss the difference between genuine and sponsored content, and the potential for AI to share inaccurate or age-inappropriate responses. Encourage young users to think critically before trusting or interacting with these features.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian Government comparing internet use and setting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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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 the Primary School Attendance Booklet, please contact the school office.

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!