



NEWSLETTER W/E 27th March 2026

Dear Families,

As another busy half-term draws to a close, this week has been no exception. On Monday, we welcomed members of the Crossteach team to perform their Easter performance for the school community. The performance taught the children that if they make a mistake, they can seek forgiveness for their mistakes. Year 3 visited London Zoo and Year 1 hosted a tea party for our partner school St Saviour's.

On Tuesday we attended our 'Holy Week' service at St Paul's Bow Common. The children read and performed beautifully and there was a real sense of reflection and celebration in the run up to Easter. Holy Week and the school break offers a moment to pause, reflect, and look forward with hope. For Christians, it is a time to remember the story at the heart of the Bible; a story of courage, sacrifice, and new life. All of us can see this as a valuable opportunity to appreciate themes of renewal, compassion, and fresh beginnings. As a school community, we celebrate Easter by encouraging kindness, reflection, and connection with others.

The always-popular Easter Bonnet Parade brought a splash of colour and creativity to the school! Children proudly showcased their handmade bonnets, and the effort put into each one was truly impressive. Well done to everyone who took part judging was no easy task! A big thank you goes to the kitchen team Dan, Max and Helen, who prepared a delicious Easter Lunch for everyone to enjoy. The children loved tucking into their chicken burgers while finishing off with some sweet and crunchy Rice Krispie treats a perfect Easter meal to round off the term.

It's been a brilliant few months full of learning, friendship, and fun. We're so proud of all our pupils for their hard work, curiosity, and kindness.

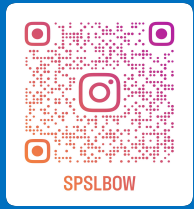


Wishing you a lovely break and a happy Easter.

Mrs Smith & Mr Hall



DIARY DATES



Monday 30th - Thursday 2nd April - SATs Booster school for Year 6 9:00 - 12:30 pm

Monday 13th April- First day of the Summer Term Year 6 Start Swimming

Wednesday 22nd April - LDBS Mass Choir rehearsal trip - Yr 4

Wednesday 29th April - LDBS Mass Choir trip Yr 4

Monday 4th May - May Bank Holiday

Thursday 7th May - Closed for Polling

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	Pupil of the week	Kindness leaves	Value of the week
Nursery	Mia Zoey		Millie-Louise Albert
Reception	Jesmeen Maya		Mya-Rose Asma
Year 1	Maame Tamjid	Aiden Musa	Aiden Musa
Year 2	Alara Amina	Amina Eunice	Minh Sidra
Year 3	Hayden Phong	Janet Ehsan	Whole Class
Year 4	Abid Isla	Sharleez Isla	Sharleez Rafsan
Year 5	Damian Jeremiah	Eman Christabel	Anaya Christabel
Year 6	Janelle Shaniya	Casey Amelia H	Sonny Jannath



WORSHIP FOCUS

Gospel of Matthew 28:1–10

Mary Magdalene and the other Mary found the tomb empty, and an angel told them that Jesus had risen. As they went to tell the disciples, Jesus met them and told them not to be afraid and to share the good news.

Happy Birthday to:

Ehsan - Year 3
Jordan - Reception
Yunus - Reception
Erum - Year 2
Dana - Year 4
Fawzan - Year 5
Daniyal - Year 2
Jeremiah - Year 5



The women find the tomb empty; an angel tells them Jesus is alive; Jesus appears to them.

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Holy week church service



Our recent Easter service at St Paul's Bow Common was a truly special and reflective occasion for our school community.

The children represented the school beautifully, reading confidently and clearly from the Bible, demonstrating both understanding and reverence. Their voices filled the church with meaning, bringing the Easter story to life for all who attended. The hymns were sung with great enthusiasm and joy, creating a warm and uplifting atmosphere.



We were especially grateful to be blessed by Mother Bernadette, whose presence and words added to the significance of the service and helped the children reflect on the true meaning of Easter.

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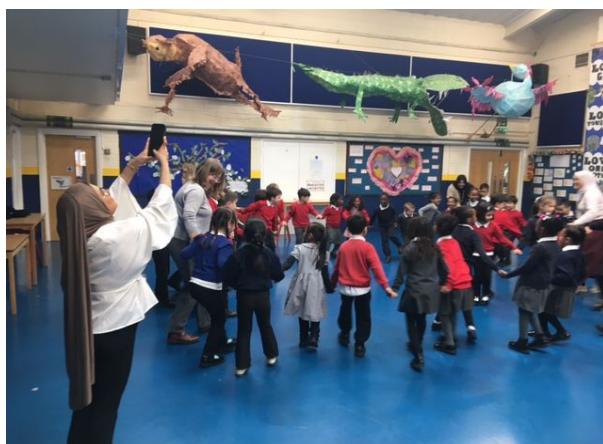
Year 1 Tea Party

Year 1 at SPSL recently hosted a wonderful tea party for the Year 1 children from St Saviour's Primary School as part of their exit point celebration.

This special event marked the end of their learning journey inspired by the book *Thank You, Omu!*, where children explored themes of kindness, generosity and sharing. Bringing this learning to life, the children came together to share food, show hospitality and celebrate with one another.

The tea party was filled with joy, laughter and a real sense of community. Children enjoyed sitting together, sharing their treats and even ending the celebration with some dancing.

It was a lovely way to celebrate their learning and to strengthen the partnership across our federation. We are incredibly proud of how well our children demonstrated the values they have been learning.



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Year 1 Tea Party



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Year 3 London Zoo trip

Year 3 had a fantastic trip to ZSL London Zoo yesterday, and what a wonderful day it was!

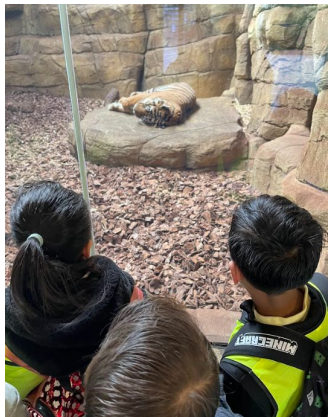
The children were a credit to the school, exceptionally well behaved, enthusiastic and fully engaged throughout the visit. They had great fun exploring the zoo and were excited to see such a wide range of animals up close.

One of the highlights of the day was watching the lions playing together, which was a truly memorable experience for everyone. Another special moment that brought lots of smiles was when a butterfly gently landed on Ms Tazmin head much to the delight of the children!

It was a brilliant day filled with learning, laughter and unforgettable moments. Well done, Year 3!



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THEWs coffee morning



We were delighted to welcome so many of our parents, carers and governors into school to our recent THEWS workshop.

The session provided a valuable opportunity to share information about attendance, routines and how we can work together to support children in achieving their very best. Parents engaged positively in discussions, asked thoughtful questions and appreciated the guidance and support available.



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Special Easter lunch

Our Easter lunch was a wonderful highlight of the week, beautifully prepared by our talented in-house team, Dan, Max and Helen.

The menu was a real treat, with children enjoying a delicious spring chicken burger or a beetroot and bean burger, served with fries and fresh coleslaw. To finish, everyone was delighted with chocolate rice crispy cakes topped with mini eggs a perfect festive touch.

The dining hall was filled with excitement and smiles as children sat together, enjoying their meal and celebrating the occasion. It was lovely to see such positive attitudes, great manners and a real sense of joy. Thank you to kitchen staff; Dan, Max and Helen for creating such a memorable experience for our children.



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Easter bonnet competition

We had a fantastic time celebrating our Easter Bonnet Parade this year, and what a wonderful turnout it was! The children were full of excitement as they proudly showed off their incredible creations. From fluffy chicks to blooming spring flowers, each bonnet was a unique and colorful masterpiece.

The parade was a joyful spectacle, with everyone enjoying the chance to admire one another's hats. The creativity and effort put into each design made it a truly memorable event. It was clear that a lot of time, love, and imagination went into every single bonnet!

As if the parade wasn't exciting enough, the children also had a special surprise visit from the Easter Bunny! There were big smiles all around as each child got to meet the Bunny and received a chocolate egg to take home.

With so many amazing entries, the competition was incredibly tough. Our judges had a very difficult time choosing the winners – every bonnet was special in its own way. We're so proud of all the children for taking part and sharing their Easter spirit.

Take a look at some of the fabulous entries and meet our talented winners below.

Well done to everyone – you were all egg-cellent!



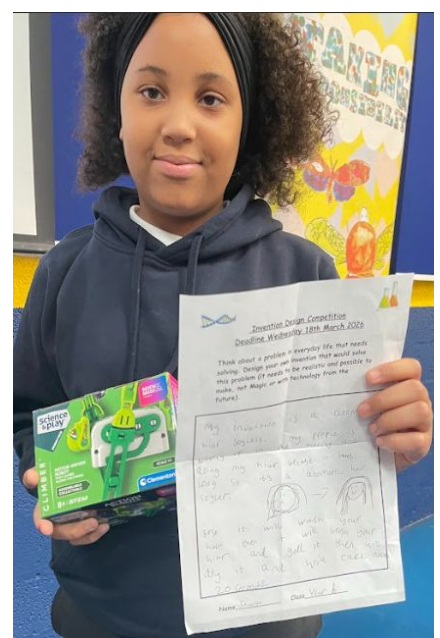
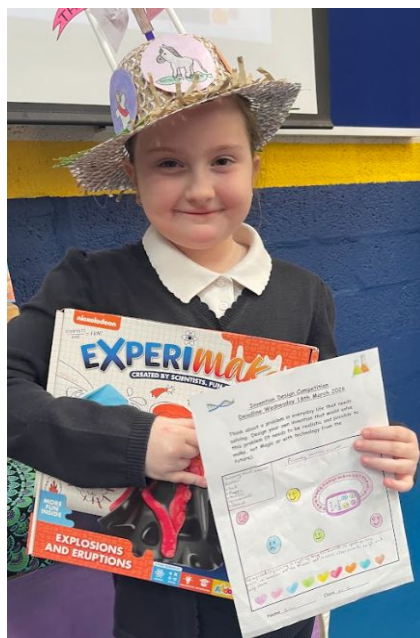
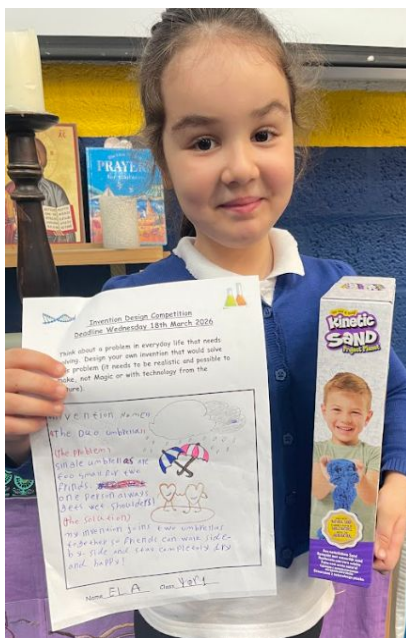
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Science week: Invention competition winners

Our recent Science Invention Competition was a fantastic success, with a large number of entries showcasing creativity, innovation and thoughtful design.

We were incredibly impressed by the range of ideas presented, from imaginative inventions to practical solutions for everyday problems. It was clear that a great deal of effort and enthusiasm went into each submission.

Congratulations to our winners, who stood out for their originality and creativity. Well done to everyone who took part we are very proud of all who participated and shared their brilliant ideas!



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Reception Writers



In Reception, our children have been doing some truly fantastic writing based on animals that interest them.

The children chose a range of animals to research, from wild jungle creatures to ocean animals and even pets. They have been learning to write simple facts, using their phonics knowledge to sound out words and form sentences. We have been particularly impressed with their growing confidence to write independently, as well as their enthusiasm to share their work with others.

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Swimming

Polite reminder that all children should attend swimming lessons. These are a compulsory part of the national curriculum for physical education and form an important element of your child's learning experience. These lessons are not optional and are designed to ensure that all children are able to meet national swimming expectations by the end of primary school.

As such, if your child is well enough to be in school, they are expected to take part in swimming sessions. If you consider your child has a medical condition that prevents them from swimming, please provide written evidence from your GP. However, in the absence of such a reason, all pupils will be expected to attend and take part in each lesson.

What to bring:

- Swimwear (trunks or swimming costume)
- Towel
- Swimming cap
- Goggles


Also reminder no earrings, please ensure these are taken out the night before.

Thank you for your support in helping us provide all pupils with the skills and confidence they need to stay safe in and around water. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school.

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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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School's out!

30 March-9 April, 9am – 5pm • £23.30 per day

Mile End Park Leisure Centre & Stadium Easter Holiday Club

Our Easter Holiday Club has plenty of activities to help your children make the most of their free time.

5-15 years



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No plans for the Easter holiday? No problem!

Our Holiday Club will run every Monday-Thursday throughout the Easter holiday, excluding bank holidays. Each day will be packed with fun activities from sports to arts and crafts; helping your child to make the most of their Easter holidays. Activities will include:

- Trampolining
- Football
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Arts & crafts
- Gymnastics
- Bouncy castle sessions
- Athletics
- Basketball

Great news! There are funded spaces for children who attend a Tower Hamlets school, are aged 5-15 years and are in receipt of benefit related free school meals. Spaces are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis for applications satisfying the eligibility criteria. For more information and to apply for a funded place please visit www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/HAF

For more information, visit be-well.org.uk
To book, scan the QR code.



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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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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

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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 2021-2022 copy of this book, please contact the school office.

www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/yourlocalprimary

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.gov.uk/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!