

NEWSLETTER W/E 10th July 2026



Dear Families,

We are proud to celebrate the opening of the new ARP (Additionally Resourced Provision) at our partner school this week. The event was attended by Dr Camilla Pang, alongside representatives from the local authority, who joined staff and pupils to mark this important milestone. The new provision represents an exciting step forward in ensuring more neurodivergent children can access the specialist support they need within their local community, and we look forward to seeing the positive impact it will have for many families.

A reminder that next Monday and Tuesday are our whole-school transition days. During these two days, children will spend time in their new classrooms with next year's class teacher and support staff, helping them become familiar with their new learning environment and routines. At the end of each day, children should be collected from their new classroom. These transition opportunities are an important part of preparing for September, helping to reduce any worries about change and ensuring children return after the summer holidays feeling confident, settled and ready for a successful start to the new school year.

We are excited about the week ahead, and hoping as many of our families as possible can join us for both the Leavers Church service at St Paul's Bow Common as well as the summer Fair.

Have a restful weekend!

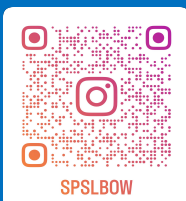
*Mrs Smith
& Mr Hall*



**Wednesday 15th
July- Summer
Fair-14:30-16:00**



DIARY DATES



Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th July - Transition Days- children in their new classrooms with class teams.

Tuesday 14th July- Yr6 Leavers Church Service- St Paul's Bow Common 14:00 **All Parents invited**

Thursday 16th July- Yr6 Leavers Assembly- 09:30 **Yr6 Parents invited**

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Our Top 3 Classes

Year 4 - 99%

Year 1 - 98%

Year 5 - 96%



Congratulations to you all — hopefully next week it'll be your turn!

**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.**

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

BE SMART BE THERE!

Percentages based on 190 academic days

**ATTENDANCE
MATTERS**

**WHAT DO YOUR
ATTENDANCE
FIGURES
ACTUALLY MEAN?**

Our Attendance Welfare Officers (AWOs), Lina Rahman and Samir Amin, attend the school every Thursday morning. Lina and Samir regularly monitor school attendance registers and may contact parents or guardians by letter or telephone where necessary. Meetings and home visits may also be arranged if there are concerns regarding a child's attendance.

Formal referrals will be made for pupils with persistent absence or attendance below 90%. It is important that children attend school every day to support their learning and wellbeing. Parents and carers should also be aware that continued non-attendance could ultimately result in legal action. Holidays should be taken during school holiday periods and not during term time.

We understand that, despite children attending school for 190 days of the year, they may occasionally become unwell. To support families, please see guidance from our local health teams on common illnesses and advice about when to seek medical support:

[Tower Hamlets Together – Care Confident Booklet](#)

Additional physical activities, including swimming, help children to become healthier, more active, and ready to learn. Please ensure that children are able to take full advantage of these opportunities by bringing the correct kit to school each week.

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	Pupil of the week	Kindness leaves	Value of the week
Nursery	Raihan Adwoa		Eliza Mia
Reception	Zehna Lorcan		Safa Akim
Year 1	Kine Alanta	Mal'achi Phuc	Allen Ikram
Year 2	Luke Noah	Yetiah-Mae Amani	Alara Minh
Year 3	Mohamoud Ibadat	Hayden Waseem	Zaiba Waseem
Year 4	Ahnaf Da'ud	Shanaya Sarah	Dana Simra
Year 5	Zara Ariana	Tagim Mehajabin	Alivia Mehajabin
Year 6	Laiba Sabahat		



WORSHIP FOCUS

Luke 19:1–10:
Jesus met Zacchaeus, a tax collector, and showed him kindness, leading Zacchaeus to change his ways and reminding us that Jesus came to seek and save those who are lost.

Happy Birthday to:



Aliza - Y4
Armaan - Y3



Christians believe Jesus helps people grow and change on the inside, offering new beginnings and second chances

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Monday 13th July - On Transition Day, all children will spend the day in their new classrooms with their new teachers. Children should arrive as usual in the morning, going to their new classrooms, and will be collected from their new classroom at the end of the school day.

Staff will be available in the playground at the beginning and end of the day to support children and help ensure a smooth and positive transition.

Teachers for next academic year

Year group	Teachers
EYFS	Ms Khatun
Year 1	Ms Begum
Year 2	Ms Akhtar
Year 3	Ms Tazmin
Year 4	Ms Chowdhury
Year 5	Ms Begum
Year 6	Mr Ali

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Official Opening of the Kingfisher Base

We were delighted to celebrate the official opening of the Kingfisher Base, our specialist Autism Resource Provision at St Paul with St Luke.

The event was attended by Dr Camilla Pang, who officially opened the base, alongside the Deputy Mayor of Tower Hamlets, local councillors, governors, parents and members of our school community. Mother Bernadette led a special blessing, marking the beginning of an exciting new chapter for our school.

The opening celebrated our commitment to inclusion and ensuring every child has the opportunity to thrive in a nurturing and supportive environment. We look forward to seeing the Kingfisher Base make a lasting difference to the lives of our children and families.



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Today we welcomed David Corbishley into school to lead a fantastic mindfulness workshop focused on relationships, teamwork and communication. Throughout the session, the children took part in a range of fun and engaging games that challenged them to cooperate, communicate effectively and support one another to achieve shared goals. It was wonderful to see everyone working together so positively, and we are already looking forward to welcoming David back for another session next week.



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Wednesday 15th July 2:30

SUMMER FAIR

Parent & Family Donations

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Summer is here! We need your support to help make our Summer Fair a fantastic afternoon for everyone. As we're aiming to raise as much as possible for the school, we're asking families, if they're able, to donate one item per child from their child/ren's class list below. From your donations, we'll make hampers for parents & guardians to purchase raffle tickets to win!

☐ Summer Hampers

Class	Donation Item
Nursery & Reception	Beach items and toys 🏖️
Year 1 & 2	Bottle of drinks (any bottles) 🥤
Year 3 & 4	Packet of biscuits & sweets 🍪
Year 5 & 6	Health and beauty ☑️

Please give these donations to your child to hand in to their class.

🥄 Sweet Donations — Decorate a Jar!

We need your help to create and donate a jar!

We're asking families to decorate an empty jar (e.g. a coffee or sauce jar) — get as creative as you like! Fill it with sweets, chocolates, or anything fun.

Final collection day: **Tuesday 14th July**

There's plenty of time to get creative — we can't wait to see what you come up with!

Once your jar is ready, please send it in with your child to hand in to their class.

Thank you for all your support! 😊

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WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

WEEK 1

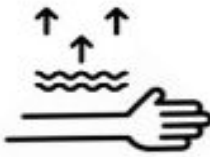
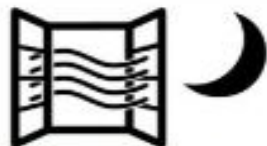
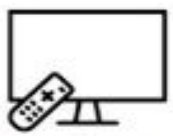
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN (OPTION 1)	Tomato Pasta & Cheese (Gluten, Dairy, Celery)	Chicken Curry (Sulphites, Dairy)	Margarita Pizza (Gluten, Dairy, Celery)	Shredded Chipotle Chicken (Sulphites)	School Made Fish Fingers (Gluten, Fish, Dairy)
MAIN (OPTION 2)	Chefs Choice Pasta (Gluten)	Spinach Dhal (Mustard)	Tomato Pasta (Gluten, Celery)	Refried Beans & Cheese (Sulphites, Dairy)	Haloumi Fries (Gluten, Dairy)
SIDES	Focaccia (Gluten)	Rice & Naan Bread (Gluten)	Cauliflower cheese (Dairy, Gluten)	Corn Tortillas & Mexican Rice	Crinkle Chips
VEGETABLES	Broccoli	Pakoras	Steamed or Raw Carrots	Tomato Salsa & Guacamole (Sulphites)	Peas
DESSERTS	Fruit & Yoghurt (Dairy)	Chocolate Cake (Gluten, Eggs, Dairy)	Fruit & Yoghurt (Dairy)	Chefs Choice Seasonal Dessert	Fruit & Yoghurt (Dairy)
EXTRAS	Fresh Fruit Platter, Mixed Salad Bar and Greek Yoghurt Available Daily If you have any questions, please speak with you School Chef				

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

WEEK 2

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN (OPTION 1)	Mac & Cheese (Gluten, Dairy)	Chicken Chow Mein (Sulphites, Soy)	Beef Samosa (Gluten, Dairy)	Piri-Piri Chicken	Fish Fillet Burger (Gluten, Fish, Dairy)
MAIN (OPTION 2)	Chefs Choice Pasta (Gluten)	Stir Fry Vegetables (Sulphites, Soy)	Vegetable Samosa (Gluten, Dairy)	Bean Burger (Dairy, Soy, Gluten)	Halloumi Fries (Gluten, Dairy)
SIDES Where main includes, portion will be offered as optional extra	Focaccia (Gluten)	Noodles (Gluten)	Chickpea Curry	Couscous & Garlic Bread (Gluten, Dairy)	Crinkle Chips
VEGETABLES	Broccoli	Chinese Cabbage (Sulphites, Soy)	Vegetable Pilau Rice	Corn on the cob (Dairy)	Garden Peas
DESSERTS	Fruit & Yoghurt (Dairy)	Homemade Fruit Ice cream (Dairy, Eggs)	Fruit & Yoghurt (Dairy)	Chefs Choice Seasonal Dessert	Fruit & Yoghurt (Dairy)

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Top Tips for Staying Cool		
	Stay inside During the heat of the day, stay inside and wear light, loose-fitting cotton clothes. Avoid being too active whilst it is hot.	
	Don't cook – eat cold food Eat cold food, especially fruit and salad with a high-water content.	
 Tepid not cold!	Cool yourself- evaporation Take a lukewarm (<u>not cold</u>) shower or bath. Pat skin with a towel, leaving it damp as water evaporating has a cooling effect. Dampen your skin regularly.	
	Cool yourself-hydration Drink cold drinks throughout the day. Water is best. Avoid caffeine.	
 Day - close up	Cool your home - windows When it is hot outside, close all windows, blinds and curtains. Open windows in the early morning, evening and during the night.	 Night - open up
	Cool your home – fans Putting a bowl of ice water in front of your fan makes it cool a room down more. Even just placing bowls of iced water and house plants in a room has a cooling effect.	
 Switch off!	Cool your home – switch off Turn off lights and any non-essential electrical equipment as they generate heat.	 Finished? Turn off!

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Parent Reminder – Playground Safety at Collection Time

A gentle reminder that children should not play on the playground equipment at the end of the school day during collection time. While we understand that children are eager to play, this is a busy period with many families moving around the space, and the equipment is not supervised at this time.

For everyone's safety, we ask that children remain with their parent or carer and leave the playground promptly once they have been collected.

Children should not be playing or rearranging any equipment in the EYFS playground during drop offs and collection. Unfortunately, the mud kitchen protective clothing has recently been disturbed and left in a messy condition. We kindly ask for your support in ensuring all equipment is respected and left as it is.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep all children safe.



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Reminder – Children not bringing personal items in from home.

A gentle reminder that children should not be bringing in toys, cards, stickers, fidget spinners, lip glosses, hand-creams, key chains or stationary from home. These can be lost, damaged or stolen and can often cause unnecessary conflict between children. All stationary that the children need is provided by the school. If children, after agreement with class teachers and the SENDCo, require a fidget toy, these will also be provided by school. If the children need cream or lip balm, these are to be given to class teachers to keep in the medical bag.

Thank you for your continued support.



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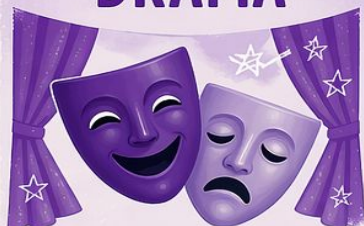
GET INVOLVED. MAKE FRIENDS. TRY NEW THINGS.

SCHOOL CLUBS

THERE'S A CLUB FOR EVERYONE!

JOIN. LEARN. GROW. ♥

DRAMA



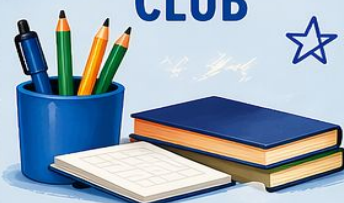
Step into the spotlight!
Build confidence, creativity
and performance skills.

COOKING



Get hands-on in the kitchen!
Learn new recipes, try
new foods and have fun.

HOMEWORK CLUB



Need a hand? We've got you.
Get support, stay organized
and reach your goals.

ATHLETICS



Move. Compete. Achieve.
Build fitness, teamwork and
school spirit.

TENNIS



Serve up some fun!
Improve your skills, stay active
and enjoy the game.

GET INVOLVED TODAY!

JOIN A CLUB. DISCOVER YOUR PASSION.
BE PART OF OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY!



YOUR
SCHOOL.
YOUR
COMMUNITY.
YOUR
FUTURE.
♥



COME AND SPEAK THE ADMIN
IN THE OFFICE
FOR MORE DETAILS! ♥

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Inclusive Summer Holiday Activity

Steel Warriors

Wednesday, from 5 August, 12 pm - 1 pm
The Aberfeldy Practice, E14 OXA

Thai Fighter Boxing Academy

Friday, from 7 August, 10 am - 11 am
The Feldy, 18 Aberfeldy Street, E14 OXA

Access Sport, Steel Warriors and Thai Fighter Boxing Academy, funded by Clarion Futures, are hosting summer holiday provision for children and young people aged 8-16 who have a disability and their siblings.

Sign up now to book your spot!

<https://tinyurl.com/TowerHamletsSENDsummer>



Event supported by:



www.AccessSport.org.uk
Registered charity no. 1156819



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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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Tower Hamlets School Health Service



Visit our website to find out more



Who can access our service?

- All school-aged children (age 5 to 19)
- Or up to 25 for individuals with SEND
- Their parents/carers

What can we support with?

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| • Healthy eating | • School anxiety | • Long-term health conditions |
| • Dental health | • Fussy eating | • Parenting |
| • Friendships & relationships | • Sleep | • Behaviour |
| • Body image | • Bullying | • Continence |
| • Emotional health | • Sexual health | • Referral onto other services |



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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?

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.

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 sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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