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NEWSLETTER W/E 2nd October 2026



Dear families,

A wonderful week where we were able to meet with the families who were able to attend the parent meetings, if you were unable to please make an appointment to meet your child's teacher. Working in partnership with families plays a vital role in supporting the education of all our children and strengthening our school community.

Thank you for sharing your ideas as to how to make our school even better or meet any changing needs. We greatly value your input and look forward to continuing our collaboration throughout the year to ensure the best possible outcomes for all children. There will be more on this as we consider your feedback.

Looking ahead, the school is actively preparing for our annual Harvest Celebration. This special occasion allows us to come together in a spirit of gratitude and generosity, with pupils contributing food to support local families in need. We are excited to mark this meaningful event with the entire school community.



Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Smith & Mr Hall

Date	Parent workshop
7/10/26	Yr 6 - Expectations, SATS and Residential
21/10/26	Y1- Expectations, Handwriting and Phonics
4/11/26	Y5 - Expectations, Reading and Oracy
11/11/26	Y2 - Expectations, Phonics and Oracy
18/11/26	Y4 - Expectations, MTC and Oracy
25/11/26	Y3 -Expectations, Reading and Oracy

DIARY DATES

HEALTHY SCHOOLS LONDON GOLD AWARD

SPSLBOW

Monday 5th October- Tower Hamlets Cross-Country, Years 3-6

Tuesday 6th October- Harvest festival service at St Paul's Bow Common

Wednesday 7th October- Year 6 Parent workshop; Expectations, SATs

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	Pupil of the week	Kindness leaves	Value of the week
Kingfisher	Kameel Ayat		Musa Safwan
EYFS	Katalea Adwoa		Millie-Louise Khaleef
Year 1	Francis Athena	Isabella Aisha	Maya Adam
Year 2	Ela Tamjid	Maryam Safwa	Alanta Astou
Year 3	Isaiah Khadijah	Amani Eunice	Carter Yetiah-Mae
Year 4	Yusra Ehsan	Phong Areeba	Tommy Waseem
Year 5	Hafsah Ahnaf	Simra Dana	Sabrin Ahnaf
Year 6	Winston Anaya	Zahra Lillie-Jane	Yusuf Jeremiah

WORSHIP FOCUS

Psalm 91: 1–6, 14–16

God promises to protect, care for, and be with those who stay close to Him. Living well in God's world means trusting in Him as our safe place—even when life feels scary or uncertain.

Happy Birthday to:



No birthdays

When something good happens, I can say thank you to God and stay close to Him.

Attendance Matters
Every student. Every day.

Our Top 3 Classes

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

Year 1 - 97%
Year 2 - 96%

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.



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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Harvest festival

As part of our Harvest celebrations where we will be attending St Paul's Bow Common church for our annual service on Tuesday 6th October. We are asking for families to donate food for the children to take to church. We are asking for non-perishables; tins, jars, dried foods; pasta, rice, lentils, etc with long use by dates on. These can be given to the class teachers. Thank you!



Secondary School Transition

A huge thank you to the parents and to Aleha from Parent and Family Support Service supporting families in the Secondary School Transition Workshops.

We really appreciate your time, support and enthusiasm. It was wonderful to have such positive engagement and thoughtful conversations about this important next step for our children.

Thank you for helping to make the workshops so valuable and meaningful. We hope you found them useful and came away feeling more informed and confident about the transition to secondary school.

Thank you once again for your continued support! 🌟

If you need any support with applying for secondary school please book an appointment with Rachel who will be happy to support in this.

Moving Up 2027 - Supporting Secondary Transfer

Tower Hamlets Transition Support Service advocates early intervention to support children, young people and their families with information and advice at key points of transition to help manage change and make informed decisions about the next steps of their learning journey.

To support families with the secondary transfer application process, Tower Hamlets Transition Support Service are holding **online information sessions as well as sessions delivered in schools for parents/carers of children in year 6.**

Online sessions will be delivered through **TEAMS** until October half term. Tower Hamlets Admissions Service will be present, and this is a good opportunity for parents/carers to ask questions directly about how applications are processed.

Parents/carers can book a place for online sessions on Eventbrite by clicking the link below:

https://MU27.eventbrite.co.uk

Dates:

Wednesday 30th September 2026 - 10 am
Tuesday 6th October 2026 - 10 am
Wednesday 14th October 2026 - 10 am
Tuesday 20th October 2026 - 10 am

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Updating Your Child's Information

If your child has a new medical condition, or if there are any changes to your emergency contact numbers, email address, or home address, please ensure that you inform the school office promptly.

Please email the school directly using the school email address provided below to notify us of any changes.

admin@spsl.towerhamlets.sch.uk

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October half term swimming crash courses

Accelerate the kids' swimming progress with our October half term swimming crash courses at Poplar and Mile End Park Leisure Centres. Perfect for:

New SEND courses available

- Beginners needing extra support
- Building confidence during the October half term
- Trying out our fantastic swimming lessons

- Courses available between 26 – 30 October 2026
- Daily 30 minute lessons
- For ages 4+
- Small class sizes for focused learning

This course is open to everyone, and our friendly teachersare in the pool with beginners to provide support and make learning fun!

Book your place today!

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Academic Calendar 2026-2027

St Paul's with St Luke CofE Primary 2026 to 2027 dates

September 2026						
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November 2026						
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April 2027						
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June 2027						
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July 2027						
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T1: 3/9/26 - 23/10/26	
T2: 2/11/26- 18/12/26	
T3: 5/1/27-12/2/27	
T4: 22/2/27-25/3/7	
T5: 12/4/27-28/5/27	
T6: 7/6/27-23/7/27	
School Holidays, EID & Bank Holidays	
INSET days staff only	

Eid to be arranged and an additional INSET day

National test times: May and June, for phonics, year 4 and year 6

Meeting with parents: Every term