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NEWSLETTER W/E 09th October 2026



Dear families,

It has been another busy and exciting week at school! We were incredibly proud of our Years 3–6 pupils who represented the school at the local Cross Country Championship. Their enthusiasm, determination and team spirit were fantastic to see, and they did a wonderful job representing our school community.

Our book fair returns next week, please find information below of when your children's classes can attend.

We continue to place a strong emphasis on the importance of reading and the wonderful opportunities it provides for children both in school and at home. To support families in understanding their child's learning and progress, we will be continuing our parent workshops with class teachers. These sessions will provide an opportunity for families to find out more about what their children are learning, how they can support them at home, and any statutory assessments that children may take in the coming year. We hope these workshops will be informative and give families a clear picture of how we can work together to support every child's success.

Finally, we are delighted to announce the resumption of Kitchen Heroes, led by chefs Dan & Regina. Each week, children who demonstrate excellent behaviour in the dining hall, show a willingness to try new foods and are keen to learn more about our new kitchen team have the opportunity to take part in cooking workshops. We are looking forward to seeing our Kitchen Heroes develop new skills, explore different foods and have fun in the kitchen. A huge thank you to the kitchen team for creating this exciting opportunity for our children!



Have a restful weekend!

Mrs Smith & Mr Hall

Date	Parent workshop
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

Monday 12th October- Book Fair: 15:30-EYFS & Yr1

Tuesday 13th October- Book Fair: 15:30-Yrs 2, 3 & 4

Wednesday 14th October- Book Fair: 15:30- Yrs 5&6

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	Pupil of the week	Kindness leaves	Value of the week
Kingfisher	Ayat Yahya		Safwan Adian
EYFS	Austin Nusaiba		Daisy Isa
Year 1	Lorcan Naima		Aisha Akim
Year 2	Riyad Allen	Aiden Alanta	Zayd Mohammed
Year 3	Amani Noah	Idrees Carter	Peggy Erum
Year 4	Armaan Layla	Zaiba Layla	Hayden Areeba
Year 5	Jisan Alexia	Sharleez Ahnaf	Ahmed Simra
Year 6	Jeremiah Ariana	Yusuf Eman	Christabel Ariana

WORSHIP FOCUS

Exodus 20.1–4, 7–9, 12–20
Psalm 19

God helps us by telling us what to do. Let us remember the first three commands especially well this week: How can we show God that we are putting Him first?

Happy Birthday to:



Adam - Y1
Zaiba - Y4
Safir - Kingfisher

How can we encourage each other to keep these rules/ commandments?

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Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

Our Top Class

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

Year 6 - 97%

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.

Harvest festival service at St Paul's Bow Common



This week, we celebrated our Harvest Festival with a wonderful service led by Mother Bernadette. The church was filled with joy, music, and a true sense of community spirit. Our children did an amazing job reading from the Bible and singing the Harvest hymn, beautifully showcasing their talents and reminding us all of the importance of gratitude during this special season.

We are also pleased to share that all of the food collected will be distributed by St Dunstan's Food Bank. Your generous donations will make a real difference in the lives of those in need, and we are sincerely grateful for your continued support.

Thank you once again for your kindness and for being such an important part of our school community. Together, we continue to spread compassion, care, and hope.





Year 6 parent workshop



Thank you to all of those families that were able to attend our Year 6 Workshop. For those of you that were unable to attend, the information shared will be sent out via email. We appreciate the ongoing support and continued partnership between home and school.





Kitchen Heroes













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Children will be dismissed from the school hall

EYFS + Y1 - Monday 12th October

Y2/Y3/Y4 - Tuesday 13th October

Y5/Y6 - Wednesday 14th October

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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March 2027						
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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