NEWSLETTER W/E 16th October 2026



Dear families,

Another busy week of exciting learning opportunities for our children. Our book fair was again a big success with so many children fostering their love of reading and purchasing books to enjoy at home. Our KS2 children enjoyed our 'Road Safety' show while Year 4 and 5 found out about the Disney in Schools project that they are embarking on.

We were delighted to welcome Emily Rubin (SCERTS co-founder) to St Paul with St Luke to spend time in our Kingfisher Base, our Additional Resource Provision (ARP), and support our ongoing SCERTS journey. SCERTS helps us support children's communication, understand their emotions and provide the right support so they feel secure, ready to learn and to flourish. During her visit, Emily spent time with the children and provided valuable mentoring for staff, helping us explore how we can further support each child's individual needs through everyday learning and play.

Our SCERTS journey continues across our federation as we work together to help every child feel understood, included and confident.

Thank you to Emily for her guidance and huge thank you and well done to our dedicated Kingfisher team for the care and support they give our children every day.



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

Wednesday 21st October- Year 1 Parent workshop; Expectations, Handwriting and Phonics

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	Pupil of the week	Kindness leaves	Value of the week
Kingfisher	Sumayah Safwan		Adian Ayat
EYFS	Zoey Jeremiah		Arham Maisarah
Year 1	Aisha Selina	Adam Akim	Asiya Athena
Year 2	Saiha Zahra	Jordan Amira	Safwa Tamjid
Year 3	Ayan Eunice	Luke Erum	Amani Alara
Year 4	Janet Zaiba	Areeba Phong	Layla Armaan
Year 5	Ayham Asiya	Alexia Aliza	Zion Nabil
Year 6	Lillie Eman	Yusuf Alivia	Anaya Christabel

WORSHIP FOCUS

***Psalm 147.1–7**
***Luke 10.1–9**

Key Message:

Good news is good to tell.

Happy Birthday to:



Riyad - Year 1

What good things do we have to share that God has done for us?

Road safety Workshop



Our KS2 children were treated to a fun, engaging and informative road safety workshop.











Kitchen Heroes





This week's wonderful kitchen heroes continued their culinary journey this week. Making chocolate cake inside hollowed out oranges. Each week the children are having fun learning skills in the kitchen with our wonderful staff.





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Attendance Matters
Every student. Every day.

Our Top 2 Class

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

At School Everyday Great Attendance!

Year 2 - 98%

Year 6 - 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.

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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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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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