# NEWSLETTER W/E 23rd October 2026



Dear families,

As we come to the end of another busy and rewarding half term, we would like to thank all our families for their continued support. The children have settled well into their new classes, enjoyed a wide range of learning experiences and made wonderful progress. As the season changes and we move further into autumn, we have been noticing the changing colours of the leaves, the cooler weather and the beauty of the natural world around us. Over the half term holiday, we will also be looking ahead to spring, with the planting of bulbs that will bring new life and colour to our school grounds in the months to come. We look forward to seeing the children's excitement as they watch these bulbs grow and bloom!

Another busy week full of opportunities, Years 4 & 5 embarked on their Disney journey into the wonderful world of 'The Jungle Book' with their first rehearsals, we look forward to seeing and hearing their performances in the coming months. Our Kitchen Heroes continued to impress with their culinary skills and we welcomed our Year 1 families to join us for their 'Expectations, Phonics and Handwriting' Workshop.



Have a restful half term break!

*Mrs Smith & Mr Hall*

| Date | Parent workshop |
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| 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 2nd November-** Year 1 trip

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| Kingfisher | River<br>Safir | | Sumayah<br>Uthman |
| EYFS | Kayden<br>Khadija | | Isa<br>Lyla |
| Year 1 | Adam<br>Asiya | Arisha M<br>Asma | Asma<br>Athena |
| Year 2 | Niham<br>Alanta | Maryam<br>Jordan | Phuc<br>Mal'achi |
| Year 3 | Hazera<br>Yetiah-Mae | Istiayk<br>Erum | Eunice<br>Yetiah-Mae |
| Year 4 | Tommy<br>Ehsan | Areeba<br>Ehsan | Areeba<br>Ibadat |
| Year 5 | Elsie<br>Ahnaf | Elsie<br>Dana | Alexia<br>Ahmed |
| Year 6 | Damian<br>Anaya | Zahra<br>Aamira | Jeremiah<br>Damian |

## WORSHIP FOCUS

**Psalm 90.1–6, 13–17**
**Matthew 22.34–end**

Being God's children means we are loved.

The Greatest Commandment

## Happy Birthday to:



Aiden - Year 2
Sarah - Year 5
Khadija - Nur
Demi - Year 5

I wonder what it looks like to 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'?

# Kitchen Heroes





This week's wonderful kitchen heroes continued their culinary journey by making chicken wraps. The children choose their own spices to flavour their chicken, the results were delicious.





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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 5 & 6 - 94%

**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 attends 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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Secondary School online applications must be submitted by **31st October 2026**. Please ensure your application is completed and submitted by the deadline.

Secondary School

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# Year 6 Parents - Don't miss the deadline!

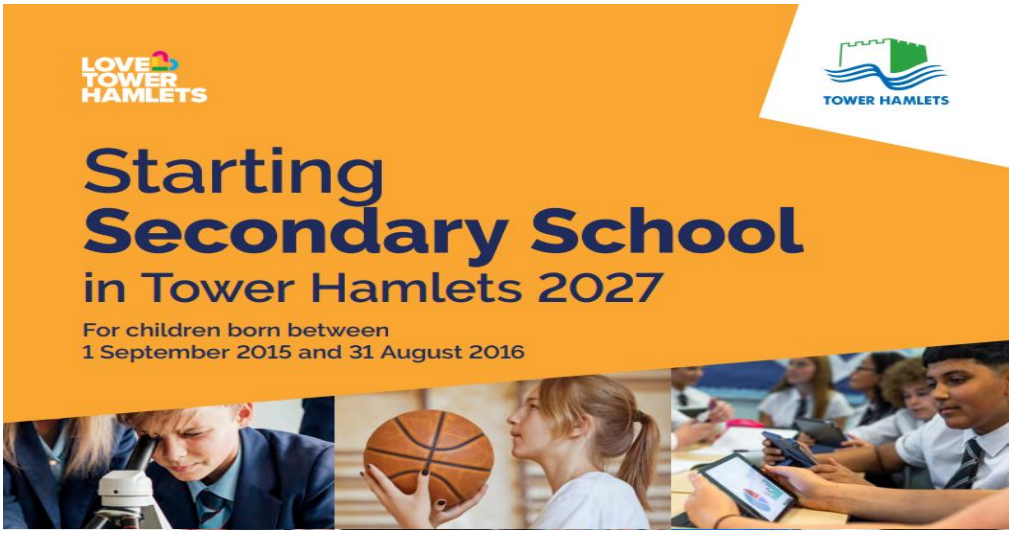
**Applying for secondary school for September 2027? Make sure you submit your child's Year 7 application by 31 October 2026.**

## Link to secondary school information:

https://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/lgnl/education_and_learning/schools/school_admissions/Secondary-admissions/Admission-to-Year-7.aspx

## Link to apply for secondary school

https://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/lgnl/education_and_learning/schools/school_admissions/Secondary-admissions/How-to-apply.aspx



# School Clothing Grants – Tower Hamlets

We would like to make parents and carers aware that Tower Hamlets Council is offering School Clothing Grants to help eligible families with the cost of school uniform. For the 2026/27 academic year, grants of £50 are available for children starting Reception or moving into Year 3, and £150 for children starting Year 7 or moving into Year 10. To be eligible, families must generally live in Tower Hamlets and have a household income below £60,000. Applications can be made between 1 May and 31 October 2026, once your child's school placement has been confirmed. Parents and carers who think they may qualify are encouraged to visit the council's website for further information and to apply.

**For full eligibility criteria and to apply, please visit:**
https://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/lgnl/advice_and_benefits/benefits/School-clothing-grants.aspx

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HEALTH | WELLNESS | PLAY

# 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

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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