



St John's Newsletter

Friday 17th March 2023

An update from Mr. Rubin...

It is hard to keep up with the many things that are going on at school! In the last couple of weeks we have celebrated World Book Day, Neurodiversity Week, classes have been out on trips, we have once again excelled at sports and today (Friday 17th March) we are raising money for Comic Relief! I have included some information about the Easter Holiday Childcare Scheme later in the edition run by Tower Hamlets.

Have a lovely weekend and be kind to one another.



Simone Biles
has ADHD?



Did you
know...



Greta Thunberg
is autistic?

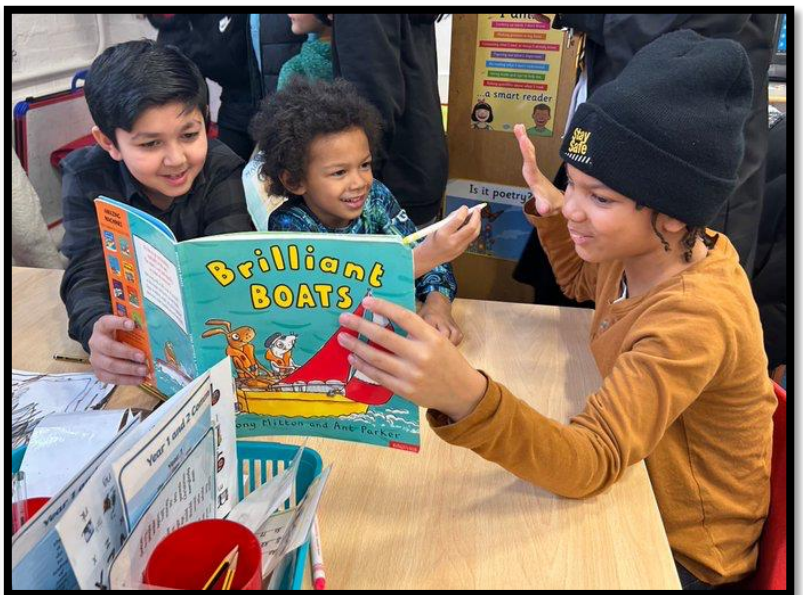


James Dyson is
dyslexic?

Neurodiversity Week

Neurodiversity Celebration Week is a worldwide initiative that challenges stereotypes and misconceptions about neurological differences. It aims to transform how neurodivergent individuals are perceived and supported by helping our school community to recognise the many talents and advantages of being neurodivergent, Thankyou Ms Dixon for all your work with this.

Our children are always so reflective and really thought about this message during your assemblies.



World Book Day 2023



Children thoroughly enjoyed their activities during World Book Day. One of the highlights was when children went into other classes to read. In these pictures, you can see that our Year 6 pupils are reading with Class 2. Thank you Mrs Jheeta for organising!



Celebrating Success

What a treat to have students visit me to share their good work. In this picture, we have four students from Year 3 who came in to discuss the way they had collaborated to complete their tasks in maths.





The very best way to keep up to date with what is happening in our school is to follow us on Twitter <https://twitter.com/5tJohnsTower> . We have 429 followers and the more followers we have, the more people will see what a fantastic little school this is!

Y2 at the Natural History Museum.

Year 2 had the most amazing time at the Natural History Museum. They managed to cram so much in exploring the Ocean Show, the terrifying dinosaurs, mammals, fish and bugs. You would think that would be it but they even managed to squeeze in the earthquake simulator!

Unsurprisingly, there were a lot of tired children on the way home. Thank you to Ms Moses and her team for taking them!





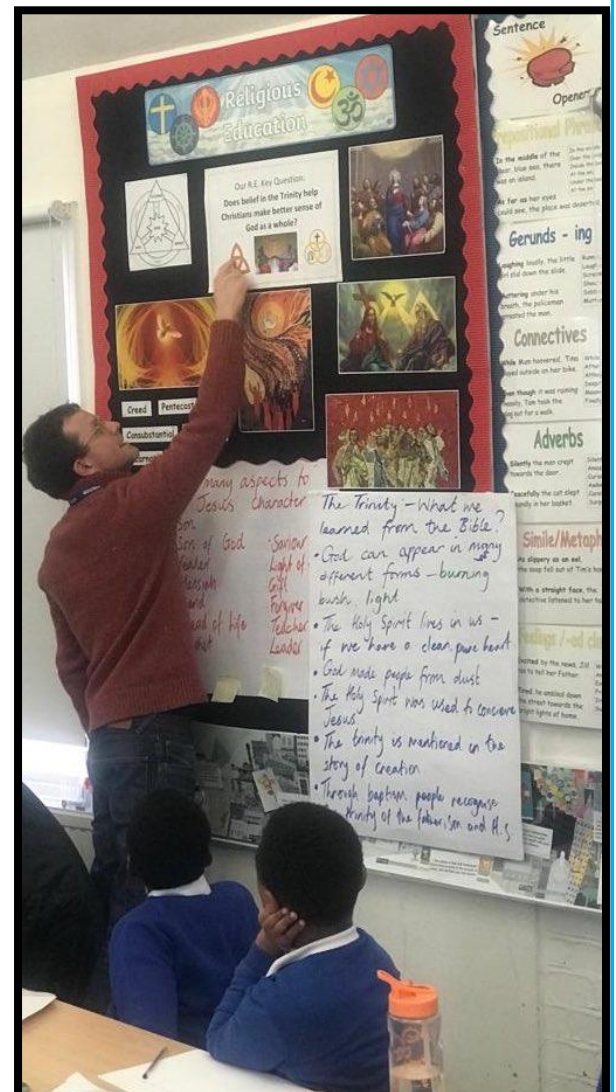
Tower Hamlets Panathlon Bowling Champions!

Congratulations to the group of children who recently took part in the Ten Pin bowling competition at the O2 Hollywood Bowl. An amazing afternoon was had by all and a special well done to our Key Stage 2 children who came out as winners no less! What a result! Thank you to our friends from Tower Hamlets Sports and their colleagues from the Panathlon Challenge for organising such a great event. Thanks to Ms Dixon for organising!

St John's Welcome Father Chris!

It was a pleasure to welcome Father Chris from St. James the Less Church. He came to visit us to discuss with Year 5 the complexities of the Holy Trinity for their unit in RE. Father Chris shared some valuable insight into the subject.

Mrs Bahi is working very hard to plan arrangements for our Easter Service. We have some exciting announcements to share with you about that next week.





Year 6 Out and About in Central London...

I do not think I know any other Year 6 classes that go on so many trips and visits. Here are some pictures showing our friends in Year Six learning how to make delicious pizza at the Pizza Express restaurant in Leadenhall Market. We think it is so important that our children work hard and do the best that they can. What is also important is that they get to have fun and Ms Walker and her Year 6 team make sure that there is a perfect balance.



Year 1 Shape Treasure Hunt

One of the favourite parts of my job is when I walk around the classes and get to see the fabulous teaching and learning taking place. As I was walking around the other day I bumped into a very excited Year one class with Ms Pink who were exploring the school on a treasure hunt, trying to identify lots of different shapes.



Thank you Lions Clubs International



Thank you so much to this incredible charity who recently visited our school to share with us the work they do to help and support communities. The Lions Club has sponsored our football kits so we can finally start to look as good as we are playing! Thank you Mrs Jheeta for your help with this too!



Year 5 Ancient Greek Pottery



**Federated
Hermes**
Limited

Thank you to our friends at Federated Hermes Limited who have kindly donated £500 towards our school library. Thank you to Rowena, one of our Governors for helping to make this happen!



Holiday Childcare Easter Scheme 2023

Information for professionals

The Tower Hamlets Holiday Childcare Easter 2023 half-term scheme is now open for bookings for working parents' resident in the borough and for vulnerable referrals. Non-working parents / carers are welcome to book places from 21st March 2023.

Scheme dates

Monday 3rd April – Friday 14th April 2023 (8 days). The scheme will be closed on Good Friday and Bank holiday Monday

Our scheme dates are based on the Tower Hamlets school holidays.

Booking closing date: 28th March 2023 by 12pm or earlier once bookings are full

Venue

St Anne's and Guardian Angels Catholic Primary School, Underwood Road, E1 5AW

Please support and share this information with families you feel may benefit from our scheme. To refer a child please complete our [referral form](#) and support the family to book following the steps on our [booking system](#).



Holiday Childcare Scheme

Ages 3-13 years old

The Tower Hamlets Childcare Scheme offers Ofsted registered childcare.
020 7364 0523
www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/hcs

Easter Scheme 2023
3 to 14 April
(8 Days)

Bookings now open





Are you concerned about a child or a family?

Make a factual record of your concern.

(Include day, date, time, other witnesses, concern and your signature)

You must share your concerns without delay.

The Designated Members of Staff Responsible for Safeguarding and Child Protection at St Johns are:



Terry Bennett –Executive Headteacher



Darren Rubin –Executive Head of School



Bal Jheeta – Deputy Headteacher



Lisa Lee – Business Manager



Marie Dixon- SENCO

St John's & Paul's Whitechapel CE Primary Schools Term Dates and Holidays - 2022/ 2023

Autumn Term 2022 (70 days)

Staff Training	Thu 1st & Friday 2nd September
First Day of Term	Monday 5 th September
Half Term	Monday 24 th – Friday 28 th October
Second half of term	Monday 31 st October
Last Day of Term	Friday 16 th December

<i>Christmas Day</i>	<i>Sunday 25th December</i>
<i>Boxing Day</i>	<i>Monday 26th December</i>

Spring Term 2023 (58 days)

<i>New Year's Day</i>	<i>Sunday 1st January</i>
Bank Holiday	Monday 2 nd January
Staff Training	Tuesday 3rd January
First Day of Term	Wednesday 4 th January
Half Term	Mon. 13 th to Fri. 17 th February
Second half of term	Monday 20 th February
Last Day of Term	Friday 31 st March

<i>Good Friday</i>	<i>Friday 7th April</i>
<i>Easter Monday</i>	<i>Monday 10th April</i>

Summer Term 2023 (64 days)

Staff Training	Monday 17th April
First Day of Term	Tuesday 18 th April
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 1 st May
Bank Holiday	Monday 8 th May (The King's Coronation)
Staff Training	Friday 26th May
Half Term	Monday 29 th May to Friday 2 nd June
Second half of term	Monday 5 th June
Last Day of Term	Friday 21 st July

<i>Ramadan begins</i>	<i>Wednesday 22nd March* 2023</i>
<i>Eid Al-Fitr</i>	<i>Saturday 22nd April* 2023</i>
<i>Eid Al-Adha</i>	<i>Thursday 29th June 2023</i>

190 School Days, **5 Staff Training Days**

* to be confirmed