



# St John's Newsletter

Friday 24th May 2024

## *An update from Mr. Rubin...*

The end of the penultimate term sees the completion of the Key Stage 2 SATs. I will write a little more about that below. The Value of the Term was Endurance and you can see how students embraced that, working hard doing their best and never giving up. We are very proud of them.

Our Value next term is Koinonia. This is one of my favourite as it focuses on how we look after our community. St. John's' has a long-standing tradition of doing just that and I look forward to sharing with you our plans for SEWA day next term. In addition, we will be having a Day of celebration now we have had time to reflect on our incredible SIAMS inspection. More details on that in the next edition.

Have a great half term break and be kind to one another.

### **Well done Class 6**

Huge congratulations to our friends in Class 6 who have now completed their Key Stage 2 SATS. Before every test, the children would come in early, have a delicious breakfast and relax with their friends.

You can tell by the pictures that the children were not stressed and nor should they have been. They prepared well and understood that they just had to do their best. Nothing more and nothing less. Thank you to Mrs Bahi and her team for their hard work and dedication and to Mrs Jheeta for helping to organise the delicious breakfasts every morning!





## Computing

We are so fortunate to have members of our Governing Body so invested in the school. This week, Mark visited both schools to explore computing, dropping in to some lessons and speaking to children and staff.

He was very impressed with how articulate the children were and the teaching and learning he observed. Thank you to Ms Moses for organising this.



## Class Assemblies

It has been lovely to have whole class assemblies back in the school hall. We have been educated and entertained so far by Reception class and our friends in Year 1. Thank you to everyone who has been able to spare the time to visit. Our children love performing in front of an audience!



## Follow Us on Twitter

A great way to keep up to date with what is happening in our school is to follow us on Twitter <https://twitter.com/5tJohnsTower>.

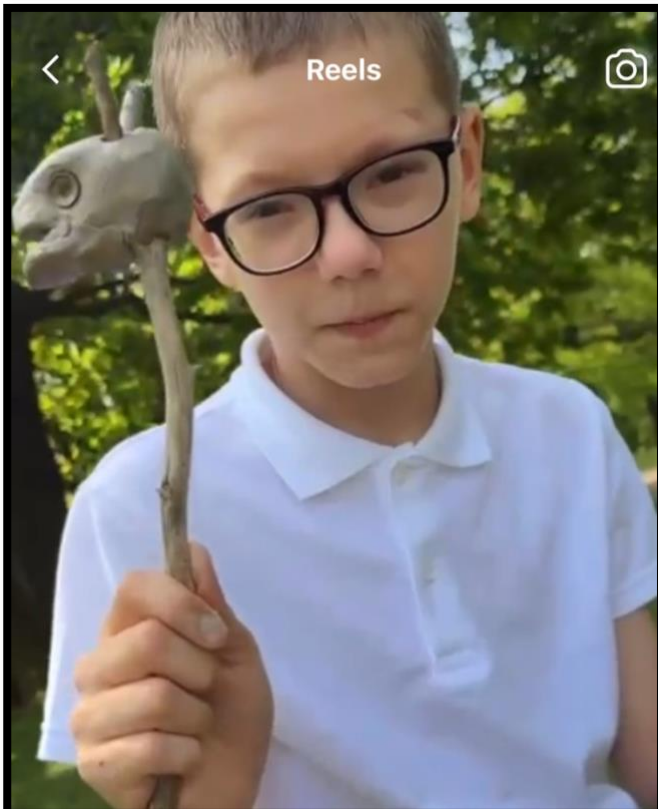
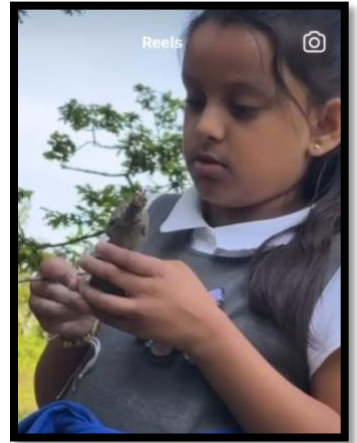
We have 555 followers and the more followers we have, the more people will see what a fantastic school this is.





### Class 5 Visit Epping Forest

Children in Class 5 had a grand adventure out in Epping Forest exploring the environment, heading out on a long hike and making beautiful art. Everyone had a great time and there were a lot of tired children who returned to school! Ms Palmer has done some additional research and there is information on the next page about a free trip to Epping Forest that takes place in half term.

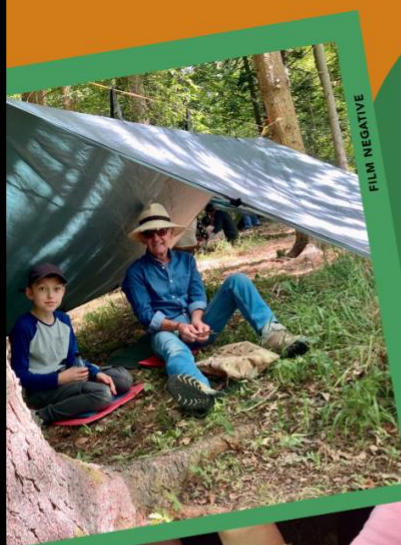




# Growing Wild Epping Forest

Join us in the woods for fun and  
adventure with your tribe!

Set up a camp together among the  
trees and join in with some great  
family activities designed to build  
outdoor confidence and help you  
explore deeper into Epping Forest!



**Tower Hamlets  
Families:  
26th May**

Places are free but very  
limited, please register ASAP:

<https://qrco.de/beyLIM>

**Two sessions:**

**10.30am - 12.30pm**

**1.30pm - 3.30pm**

**Booking  
QR Code**



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mailing list**



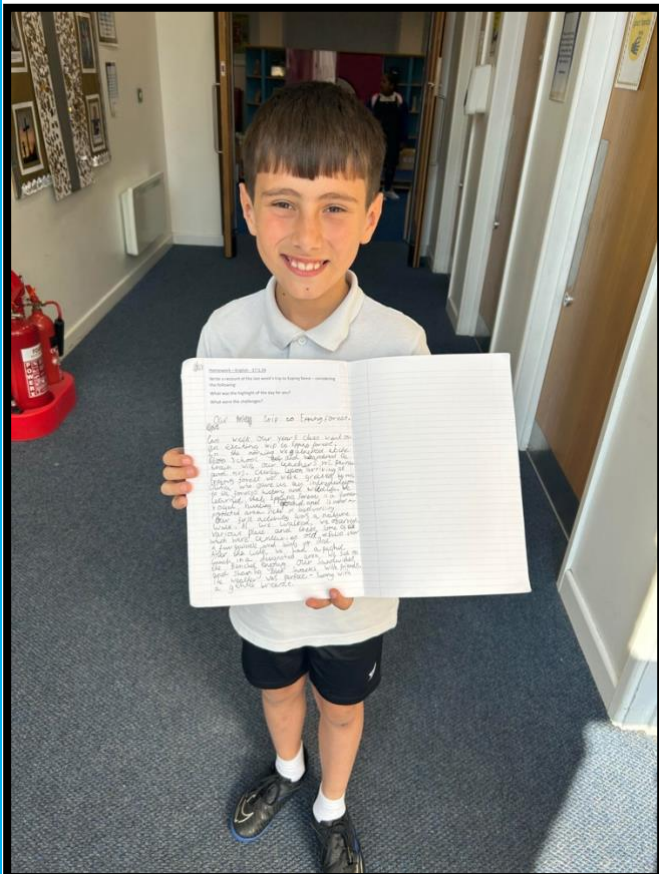
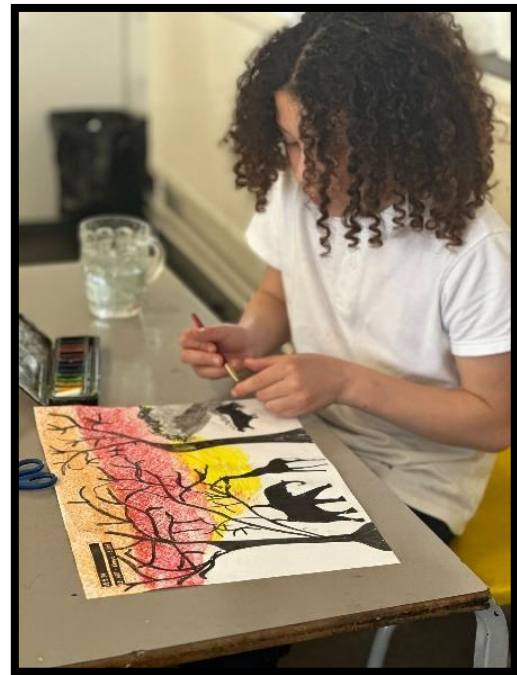
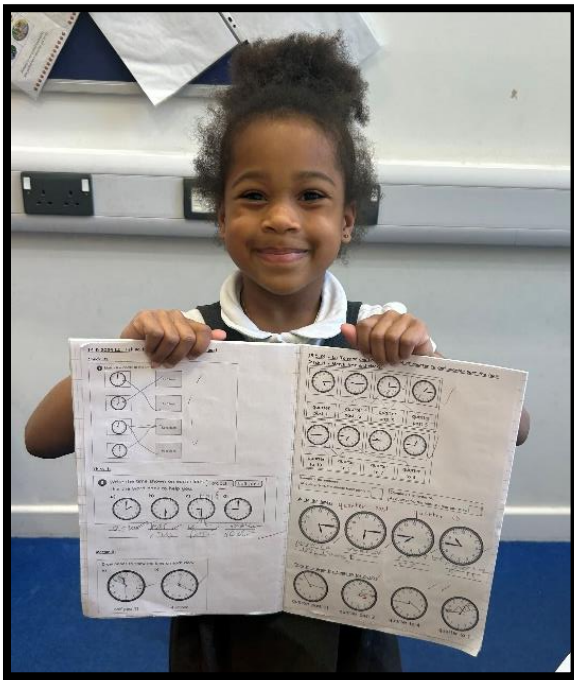
**TinderSticks**  
[www.tindersticks.org.uk](http://www.tindersticks.org.uk)



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FOUNDATION**



# Let Our Light Shine at St John's



## Follow Us on Instagram

Another way to keep up to date with what is happening in our school is to follow us on Instagram by clicking this link.

[https://www.instagram.com/stjohnsbethnalgreen?igsh=NHZsODQzc2w4NHZ2&utm\\_source=qr](https://www.instagram.com/stjohnsbethnalgreen?igsh=NHZsODQzc2w4NHZ2&utm_source=qr)

We have 72 followers so far. There is some lovely content on there so if you have this platform, please take the time to have a look and follow us.



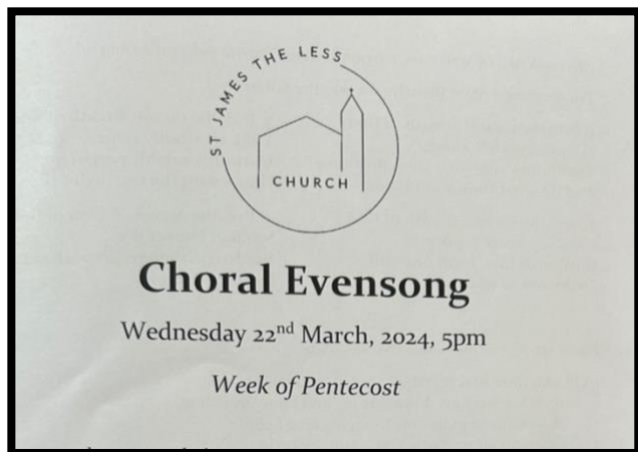


## Year 6 Bake Sale

Our Year 6 class are very impressive. When challenged with the task to raise funds for their Southend trip, they worked together as a team to come up with a plan. Not only are they running an interesting enterprise scheme, they pooled their skills together to create a cake sale with the help of parents and carers. Thanks to our generous school community, they raised over £250! Thank you to everyone that helped including our friends at the hotel who provided some amazing cakes.







Thank you to Mrs Bahi and Jonathan Pease who took our children to St James the Less Church for a Pentecost Evensong Service. Our children sang so beautifully.



## **Federation INSET day at St John's**

It was a busy day at St John's as colleagues from St Paul's joined us for presentations on Fantastic Food in School by Claire from The Healthy Lives Team. We will soon be moving to our Family style dining service at St John's, something we have been doing for a while now at St Paul's.

We were also fortunate enough to have a presentation on Wellbeing led by Julia from Place2Be who do such a fantastic job in both of our schools.



# School term and holiday dates

## School term dates 2024/25

### Autumn term 2024

Period	Dates
Term 1	Monday 2 September 2024 - Friday 25 October 2024 40 Days
Half Term	Monday 28 October 2024 - Friday 1 November 2024
Term 2	Monday 4 November 2024 - Friday 20 December 2024 35 Days
Christmas break	Monday 23 December 2024 - Friday 3 January 2025

### Spring term 2025

Term 3	Monday 6 January 2025 - Friday 14 February 2025 30 Days
Half term	Monday 17 February 2025 - Friday 21 February 2025
Term 4	Monday 24 February 2025 - Friday 4 April 2025 30 Days
Easter break	Monday 7 April 2025 - Monday 21 April 2025

### Summer term 2025

Term 5	Tuesday 22 April 2025 - Friday 23 May 2025 23 Days
Half term	Tuesday 27 May 2025 – Friday 30 May 2025
Term 6	Monday 2 June 2025 – Thursday 24 July 2025 39 Days

INSET Days Monday September 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday September 3<sup>rd</sup> 2024

(3 more to be arranged)



# **BETHNAL GREEN BULLDOGS**



## **CRICKET**

### **SUMMER COMMUNITY SESSIONS**

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**THURSDAYS 7.00pm-8.00pm**

**16th May until 25th July 2024 (10 weeks)**

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**WEAVERS FIELD, MAPE STREET, BETHNAL GREEN, E2 6HD**

- ☐ All sessions are free to students from Bethnal Green & Globetown Primary Schools
- ☐ Open to boys and girls
- ☐ Level 2 qualified & DBS checked coaches
- ☐ Opportunities to take part in competitive matches



## **PLATFORM**

Supporting young people to progress  
through and in cricket

**Please contact Jahid Ahmed (Hub Supervisor) to confirm your place: 07872 947 882**

**[jahid.ahmed@thysf.org](mailto:jahid.ahmed@thysf.org)**



**Breakfast Club**  
**@ St John's**

Did you know our breakfast club is open every morning from 8am? You can have a delicious nutritious breakfast, play with friends or get your homework completed. It costs £1.00 a day from 8am and is free to everyone from 8:30am. Give it a try!



**St John's CE Primary School**  
**Bethnal Green**

**BREAKFAST CLUB**

**8:00 - 8:45am Monday- Friday**



Our Breakfast Club is available to all St John's pupils from Nursery to Year 6 for only £1 when arriving before 8:30. After 8:30 our Breakfast Club sessions are completely **FREE** of charge to all.

**magic**  
**breakfast**  
fuel for learning

 [www.stjohns.towerhamlets.sch.uk](http://www.stjohns.towerhamlets.sch.uk)  [admin@stjohns.towerhamlets.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stjohns.towerhamlets.sch.uk)  020 8980 1142

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Tower Hamlets and City  
**SEND IASS**

Your guide to information and  
services for families in Tower Hamlets

**LOCAL OFFER**  
localoffer@towerhamlets.co.uk



## **SEND SUPPORT GROUP**

- Come along and meet other parents
- Share information
- Younger children are welcome
- Monthly guest speakers
- No Diagnosis needed

**This Terms Sessions are:**

**Thursday April 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Thursday June 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Thursday July 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00AM ~ 12:00PM**

**For more information or to book a parking space  
contact:**

**Tower Hamlets & City SEND IASS**

**30 Greatorex Street, London**

**E1 5NP**

**0207 364 6489**





# CONTRACT CATERING SERVICES

## LUNCH MENU

Apr 2024 - Oct 2024



Week 1	 Monday 'Planet Earth Day'	 Tuesday 'Street Food Day'	<b>FREE FROM</b> Main Allergens Wednesday 'Traditional Day'	 Thursday Turkish	 Friday 'Favourites'
Dates	15 April - 29 April - 13 May - 27 May - 10 June - 24 June - 08 July - 22 July - 05 Aug - 19 Aug - 02 Sept - 16 Sept - 30 Sept - 14 Oct - 28 Oct				
Option 1	Vegemince Penne Pasta Bolognese	Beef Chilli in Soft Taco Shell with Potato Wedges	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Beef Kofta in Sweet Pepper & Tomato Sauce with Pita Bread or Rice & Tzatziki	Cod or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips
Option 2	Chickpea & Vegetable Jambalaya	Red Pepper & Sweetcorn Pizza with Potato Wedges	Vegetarian Tikka Masala with Rice	Turkish Vegetable Ratatouille (Turku Turku) with Rice	Battered Vegetable Sausage with Chips
On the side	Sweetcorn & Broccoli	Roasted Mediterranean Vegetables	Green Beans & Roasted Cauliflower	Shredded Green Cabbage & Carrots	Peas & Baked Beans
Salads	Tomato, Basil & Red Onion Salad	Crunchy Red Coleslaw	Chef's House Salad	Turkish Shepherd's Salad	New Potato & Chive Salad
Dessert	Fruity Yoghurt Bar	Cheddar Cheese with Breadstick	Fresh Fruit Salad	Minted Lime & Strawberry Yoghurt	Apple & Berries Yoghurt Crunch

DAILY OPTIONS - Daily Salad / Fresh Bread / Seasonal Fresh Fruit Platter / Yoghurt

Week 2	 Monday 'Planet Earth Day'	 Tuesday 'Street Food Day'	<b>FREE FROM</b> Main Allergens Wednesday 'Traditional Day'	 Thursday Puerto Rican	 Friday 'Favourites'
Dates	22 April - 06 May - 20 May - 03 June - 17 June - 01 July - 15 July - 29 July - 12 Aug - 26 Aug - 9 Sept - 23 Sept - 7 Oct - 21 Oct				
Option 1	Macaroni Cheese	Southern Fried Chicken Burger with Cajun Potato Wedges	Minced Beef Cottage Pie	Puerto Rican Chicken and Rice	Battered Pollock Fillet with Chips
Option 2	Bombay Vegetable Biryani	Honey & Ginger Veggie Strips Stir Fried with Egg Noodles	Vegetable & Beans Chilli with Rice	Quorn Carne Guisada with Garlic & Parsley Bread Slices	Cheese & Broccoli Quiche with Chips
On the side	Peas & Sweetcorn	Green Vegetable Medley	Carrots & Green Beans	Latina Broccoli & Baby Corn on the Cobs	Peas & Baked Beans
Salads	Couscous Salad	Crunchy Coleslaw	Chef's House Salad	Cauliflower Caviche served with homemade tortilla	Asian Noodle Salad
Dessert	Fruity Yoghurt Bar	Cheddar Cheese with Breadstick	Fresh Fruit Salad	Tropical Fruity Yoghurt	Apple & Banana Yoghurt with Rice Krispies

DAILY OPTIONS - Daily Salad / Fresh Bread / Seasonal Fresh Fruit Platter / Yoghurt

Please Note that some dishes maybe subject to local changes to suit individual school needs



CHICKEN  
RICE AND  
VEGETABLES



Recipe  
Inspired by  
**Elijah**  
Year 4  
St. Anne's &  
Guardian Angels  
Primary School

Fantastic FOOD IN SCHOOLS

This term we  
are making  
**WEDNESDAY  
ALLERGY  
FREE DAY**

With a new menu  
that does not contain  
any of the  
**14 MAJOR ALLERGIES**

Bethnal Green

# **JUNIOR CHOIR**

... welcomes new members!



**Wednesdays, 5-6pm**

St. James the Less Church  
St. James's Avenue, Bethnal Green,  
London E2 9JD

**Completely free of charge!**



# **Tower Hamlets & City SENDIASS**

## **(Special Educational Needs Information, Advice and Support Service)**

The SENDIASS Team provides free and impartial expert advice to parents of children with SEND and to children and young people themselves who are residents within Tower Hamlets or City of London. Some of the ways we can support you are:

- **Attending meetings with schools/professionals**
- **Applying for an Education Health and Care Plan**
- **Mediation with the Local Authority**
- **Preparing and attending SEND Tribunals**
- **Providing information about other support services and departments**

Our team also runs workshops for parents around the EHCP process, Annual Reviews, and Secondary School Transitions.

If your query can not be resolved during the telephone consultation, we will take a referral and you will be allocated a caseworker who will contact you within 10 working days.

We have a dedicated telephone line, **020 7364 6489**, that you can call to speak to an advisor Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m-17:00 p.m.

You can also email us at:  
**[towerhamlets&city.sendiass@towerhamlets.gov.uk](mailto:towerhamlets&city.sendiass@towerhamlets.gov.uk)**

You can visit our website at:  
**<https://www.towerhamletsandcitysendiass.com/>**



St John's & St Paul's Whitechapel CE Primary Schools  
**Term Dates and Holidays - 2023/ 2024**

**Autumn Term 2023** (75 days)

Staff Training	Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> & Tue 5 <sup>th</sup> September
First Day of Term	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September
Half Term	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October
Second half of term	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October
Last Day of Term	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December

*Christmas Day Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December*

*Boxing Day Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> December*

**Spring Term 2024** (54 days)

*New Year's Day Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January*

Staff Training	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January
First Day of Term	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January
Half Term	Mon. 12 <sup>th</sup> to Fri. 16 <sup>th</sup> February
Second half of term	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February
Last Day of Term	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March

*Good Friday Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March*

*Easter Monday Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April*

**Summer Term 2024** (66 days)

Staff Training	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April
First Day of Term	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May
Staff Training	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May
Half Term	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May
Second half of term	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June
Last Day of Term	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July

*Ramadan begins Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024\**

*Eid Al-Fitr Tuesday/ Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>/ 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024\**

*Eid Al-Adha Sunday/ Monday 16<sup>th</sup>/ 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024\**

195 days including 5 staff training days

\* to be confirmed





## **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 John's are:**



**Darren Rubin –Executive Headteacher**

**Monday -Wednesday**



**Bal Jheeta – Deputy Headteacher**

**Wednesday – Friday**