



St John's Newsletter

Friday 5th July 2024

An update from Mr. Rubin...

I felt rather bereft last week as I did not get my usual weekly dose of St John's as St Paul's finally received their Ofsted call. This meant I was over there for the best part of the week. My thanks as ever to Mrs Jheeta who led the school in my absence and as usual took everything in her stride. In addition, I would like to thank Ms Moses who dropped everything to head over to our Wapping site to be asked about Computing provision across the Federation. You will not be surprised to hear that she did very well indeed! In addition, I would like to say a big thank you to Ms Feruja, who came to help out at St Paul's after finishing her shift at St John's, and Mr John, who has been working across both sites in Mr Andy's absence. It is humbling to work with such an incredible team and our community is so supportive.

Being over at St Paul's meant I missed our SIAMS Celebration Day which I will talk about in the next edition. There will be one more newsletter before we break up for the Summer. Remember the last day of term is Tuesday 23rd July closing at 1:30pm

Have a lovely weekend and be kind to one another.

Class 2024/25 Staff Line Up

I am delighted to share with you the staff roster for next academic year. As you can see, we have retained all of our teaching staff which is great for continuity.

2024/2025 Classes	
Nursery	Ms Kayla
Reception	Ms Shebli
Year 1	Ms Pink
Year 2	Ms Moses
Year 3	Ms Palmer
Year 4/5	Mr Smee/Mrs Jheeta
Year 6	Mrs Bahi

Follow Us on Instagram

One of the very best ways to keep up to date with what is happening in our school is to follow us on social media. We are on X <https://twitter.com/5tJohnsTower> and on Instagram

https://www.instagram.com/stjohnsbethnalgreen?igsh=NHZsODOQzc2w4NHZ2&utm_source=qr

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

Deanery Leavers' Service

The perfect end to an Ofsted Inspection was to be able to attend the recent Y6 Deanery Leavers' Service at All Saints Church in Poplar. Church schools from across Tower Hamlets. This was an opportunity for our children across the borough to come together and share stories and meet new friends. It was a beautiful service led by Revd Philippa and with St John's and Mrs Bahi at the front, leading the singing!



Nursery Update Ms Kayla

In Nursery, we enjoy lots of messy play. On this day, the children got to explore painting on bubble wrap. Soon they began to use their hands and claimed they were turning into aliens!



Reception Class Update Ms Shebli

Some of our children are reading 'Pink' books now and were ecstatic! They couldn't wait to dive in and find out about the story.

Others' were keen to complete world map puzzle, and learnt about the seven continents and animals that lived there.



Family Dining Update

I am so happy to tell you that we have begun the first phase of transitioning to our family dining service. We no longer have trays – they have been replaced by shiny round plates and bowls. Children serve each other salad and pudding and water is now on the table so children can help themselves. So far, we have seen a greater uptake in salad consumption and a lovely atmosphere in the hall!

SUMMER TERM DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

10.07.24	Year 3 & 4 trip to seaside to beach Year 6 Cinema Trip & Choir trip to see child choristers late PM
11.07.24	Year 5 trip @ Discover
12.07.24	Year 6 End of Year Performance 2pm-3pm – Parents only 5pm-6pm – Parents only
15.07.24	Year 6 at Southend
16.07.24	EYFS Sports morning – 9.30 – 11am Year 6 at Tate Britain trip
17.07.24	Sports Day from Years 1-6
18.07.24	End of Year Church Service
19.07.24	Year 6 Graduation 9.30am – 10.30am
19.07.24	Summer fete 2pm – 6pm
22.07.24	Reception Graduation
22.07.24	Year 6 class party (small playground).
23.07.24	Last day of the school year – 1:30pm Finish

"The school's desire, through its vision, to be a beacon of hope to its community, is a living reality. The vision is inspirational."

SIAMS - Feb 2024


St John's CofE
Primary School
Bethnal Green
'Let Our Light Shine'





"Staff have high expectations of pupils. They expect pupils to do their best by working hard. Pupils respond well to this challenge and enjoy learning new things."
Ofsted - Nov 2021

FREE
NURSERY PLACES
FULL TIME & PART TIME
AVAILABLE

Breakfast Club available to all
Nursery children from 8am onwards.

Contact our school office for more information.

 020 8980 1142
 Peel Grove,
Bethnal Green

 admin@st-johns.towerhamlets.sch.uk
 www.stjohns.towerhamlets.sch.uk

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 2nd Tuesday September 3rd 2024

(3 more to be arranged)

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

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Your guide to information and
services for families in Tower Hamlets



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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 25th

Thursday May 9th and 23rd

Thursday June 6th and 20th

Thursday July 4th and 18th

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'	FREE FROM 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 Kofte in Sweet Pepper & Tomato Sauce with Pitta 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'	FREE FROM 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 Ceviche 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**

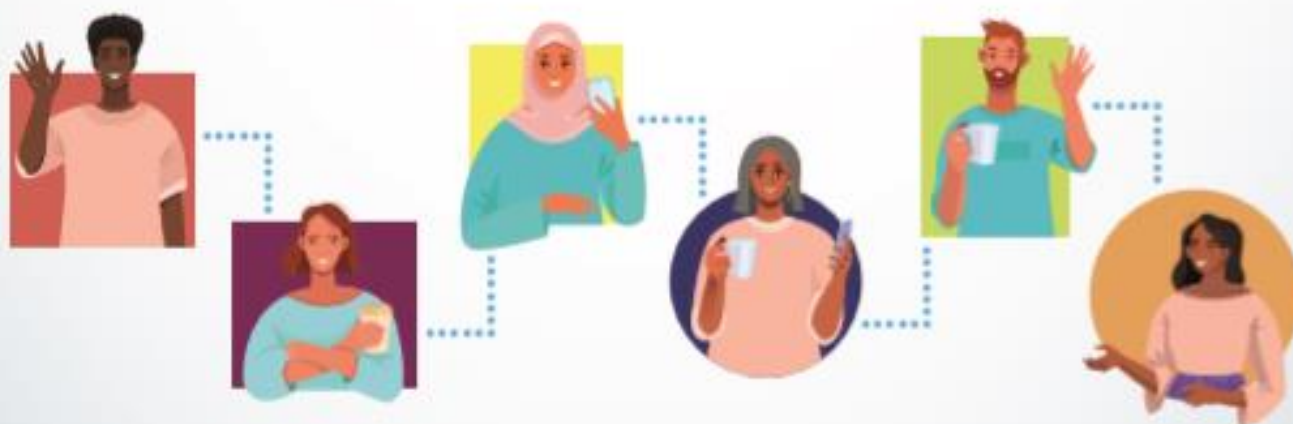
Our team also runs workshops for parents around the EHCP process, Annual Reviews, and Secondary School Transitions.

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

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 th & Tue 5 th September
First Day of Term	Wednesday 6 th September
Half Term	Monday 23 rd – Friday 27 th October
Second half of term	Monday 30 th October
Last Day of Term	Friday 22 nd December

Christmas Day Monday 25th December
Boxing Day Tuesday 26th December

Spring Term 2024 (54 days)

<i>New Year's Day</i>	<i>Monday 1st January</i>
Staff Training	Monday 8 th January
First Day of Term	Tuesday 9 th January
Half Term	Mon. 12 th to Fri. 16 th February
Second half of term	Monday 19 th February
Last Day of Term	Thursday 28 th March

Good Friday Friday 29th March
Easter Monday Monday 1st April

Summer Term 2024 (66 days)

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

*Ramadan begins Sunday 10th March 2024**
*Eid Al-Fitr Tuesday/ Wednesday 9th/ 10th April 2024**
*Eid Al-Adha Sunday/ Monday 16th/ 17th 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