



St John's Newsletter

Tuesday 23rd July 2024

An update from Mr. Rubin...

What a whirlwind of a fortnight. We're barely catching our breath after a couple of weeks jam-packed with end-of-year celebrations! A huge thank you to Mrs Jheeta, Mrs Bahi and her team who worked tirelessly to make our graduation and leavers' performance and graduation ceremonies such a special occasion. The Year Six performance was truly outstanding, and a fitting tribute to all the hard work and dedication of our students. The graduation ceremony itself was a lovely way to say goodbye to our children ending reception and class six leavers and to celebrate their achievements over the years at our school.

We also can't forget the fantastic Summer Fete! It was wonderful to see so many families join us for a fun-filled afternoon of games, activities, and delicious food. A huge thank you to everyone who helped out in any way, from setting up and running stalls to selling hot dogs or making the most delicious chicken – it wouldn't have been possible without your support! Thanks again to Mrs Jheeta for putting this together.

It has been an extremely successful year. An Outstanding SIAMS report which I have attached with the newsletter and some excellent Key Stage 2 results which I look forward to sharing with you in September. If you know families that require a school place, please point them in our direction. **See you back at school on Wednesday 4th September.**

Have a great Summer and be kind to one another.



Writing Partners @ St John's

St John's pupils in Class 5 met their writing partners recently at the Discover Centre in Stratford taking part in a series of activities. What a lovely way to spend time! This intervention has been very impactful on children's writing, Thank you Ms Palmer for working on this programme.

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.



Message from Dr. Precey
Chair of Governors



Dear parent/carers,

As the end of the school year approaches, I wanted to thank you, as Chair of Governors, for entrusting your child/children to the schools in our Federation so that they are able to benefit from all the fantastic work and skills that all the staff have invested for the young people of St Johns and St Pauls.

By all "measures", it has been a very successful year for BOTH schools. First-rate teaching, great test results, loads of "extra" activities (which in fact are integral to our view of the curriculum), incredible but true SIAMS inspection for St John and a wonderful Ofsted inspection for St Pauls (more detail as soon as report can be released) and more.....

Most importantly, all of this is underpinned by clear values that actually live in the Federation especially:

- **The uniqueness and significance of each child and adult within our caring family.**

None of this would happen without your support as a parent/carers and we really do value **your** dedication and hard work as well. The Governors and I do look forward to working with you in a productive partnership so that your child/children can let their lights shine and go on, based on the firm foundations of their primary education, to be confident, caring, happy, healthy and contributing citizens in a few year's time.

Thank you.

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Robin Precey

(Chair of Governors, St John and St Paul CoE Primary Federation)

Foodbank – Open to all – Wednesday August 14th

Our foodbank will be open on Wednesday August 14th , if you wish to reserve a place contact the school at
parents@st-johns.towerhamlets.sch.uk



End of Year Church Service **St John's Bethnal Green**

A big thank you to Reverend Philippa for leading this service, and to Mrs. Bahi for the incredible work she does with our choir – their eight young voices were magnificent! The service was especially poignant as our children confidently led different parts. We are also grateful to all the parents and carers who joined us for this special occasion. Finally, a heartfelt thank you to all our dedicated staff who work tirelessly throughout the year to make St. John's such a special place.



SEWA Day

In a heart-warming display of compassion, St. John's Class 5 students recently celebrated SEWA Day. These thoughtful students volunteered their time to read with their younger friends in Class 1. This act of kindness wasn't just about sharing stories; it was a chance for the older children to offer their time, patience, and a helping hand to their younger peers. The smiles and shared laughter that filled the classrooms were a beautiful testament to the spirit of Sewa Day – a day dedicated to selfless service and putting the needs of others first.





Robin Hood at St John's

A huge round of applause for Mrs. Bahi and all the talented young performers who brought Robin Hood to life! Their dedication and hard work truly paid off. From the captivating acting to the beautiful singing, including the stunning solo parts, every child shone brightly on stage. These incredible role models not only entertained the audience but also made the entire St. John's community incredibly proud



"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**



Year 1 Update – Ms Pink

Year One's English unit is 'Poems to Perform'. Before we read Tony Mitton's poem 'Voices of Water', we played with some water and collected as many water sounds as we could think of.

What noises do you think water can make?

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.

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breakfast
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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 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

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)

New Year's Day Monday 1st January

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