



St John's Newsletter

Sunday 15th September 2024

An update from Mr. Rubin...

We're thrilled to welcome back our returning students and to extend a warm welcome to our new families. As we start this new academic year, we're filled with excitement and anticipation for all that lies ahead.

You may have noticed that our small playground renovations are progressing steadily - we expect the space to be ready for our students to enjoy in the coming weeks.

We're immensely proud of our recent Key Stage 2 SATs results, which reflect the hard work and dedication of our students and teachers. Our scores are higher than the Local and National averages in maths, reading and writing. Additionally, the feedback we received from our parent/carer surveys has been overwhelmingly positive, reaffirming our commitment to providing a high-quality education for every child. I will share this with you over the next few weeks. Our Meet the Teacher morning is Wednesday 25th September and we have the term dates on the last page for you.

It's a privilege to have the opportunity to educate your children and I am very proud to lead such a dedicated group of staff.

See you on Monday - be kind to one another.



First Trip of the Year !

We have only been back for a few days yet our first trip of the year has already taken place. Year Six had an incredible trip to the House of Commons in Westminster where they enjoyed an informative tour followed by an interactive workshop - a great start to their topic, 'Champions for Change.' And an opportunity to meet their friends at St Paul's!

Follow Us on Instagram

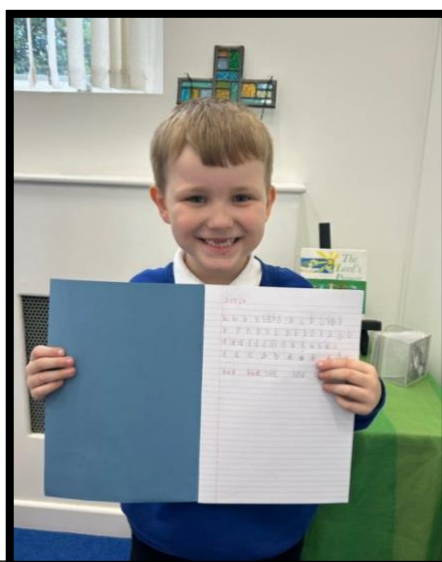
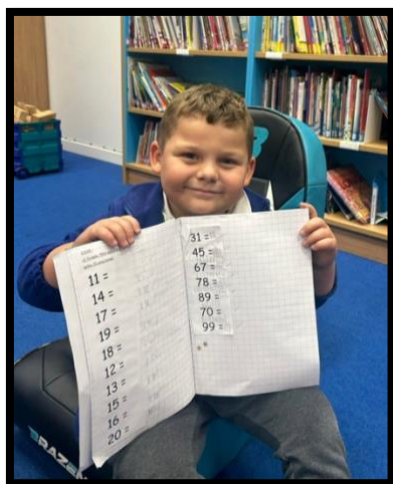
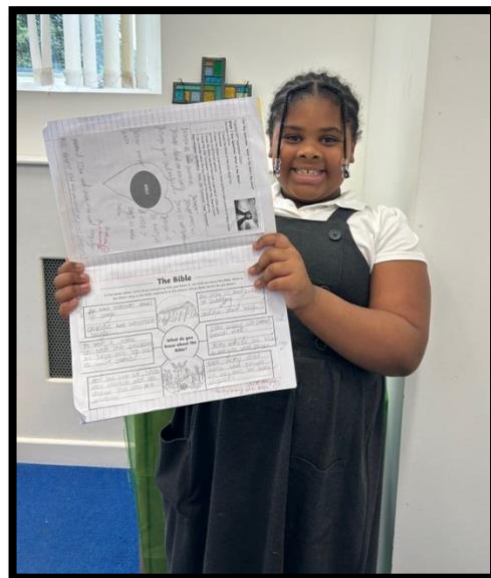
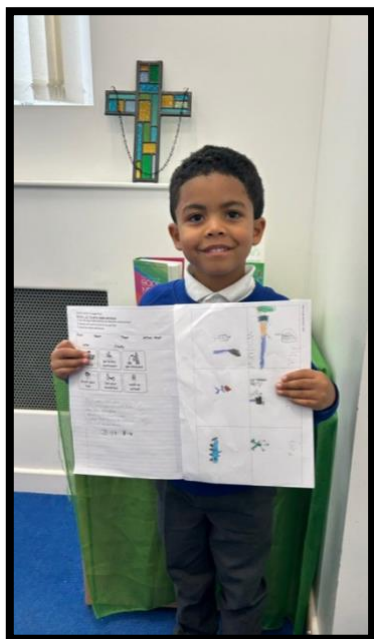
One of the very best ways to keep up to date with what is happening in our school is to follow us on social media. We are on X <https://twitter.com/5tJohnsTower> and on Instagram

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.

Sharing Great Work!

Just over one week back and the office has been inundated with children coming in to share their hard work. They look very pleased with themselves and rightly so!





Great Start to the New Academic Year

It's been a truly impressive start to the new academic year, and I couldn't be prouder of our students. The dedication and enthusiasm they've demonstrated have been nothing short of exceptional. Just look at the picture below of our Year 2 class lining up in such impeccable order.

The picture on the left shows one of our students serving salad to her classmates in the lunch hall. This small act of kindness perfectly encapsulates the compassionate and caring nature of our children.

At St. John's we believe that kindness is a fundamental value. We strive to create a nurturing environment where our students feel safe, supported, and look out for each other. We are truly one big, happy community!



David Tovey's Art on Display

We were absolutely thrilled to see David Tovey's stunning installation, featuring our very own school sign, exhibited at the prestigious Saatchi Gallery. It was an incredible honour to have our school's history showcased in such a renowned venue.

Constructed in our playground, When David presented his work to Prince William, we were delighted to hear that His Royal Highness was deeply impressed.





Singing with Jonathan Pease

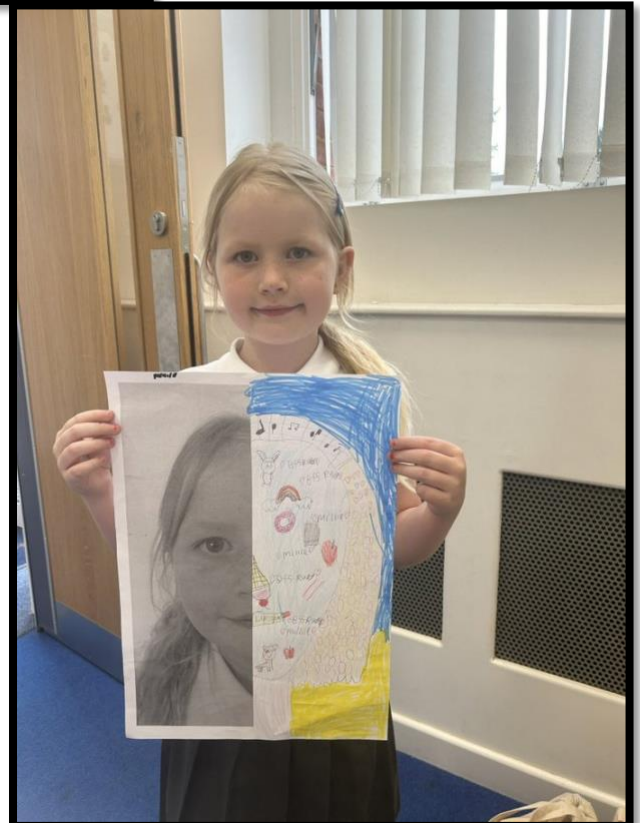
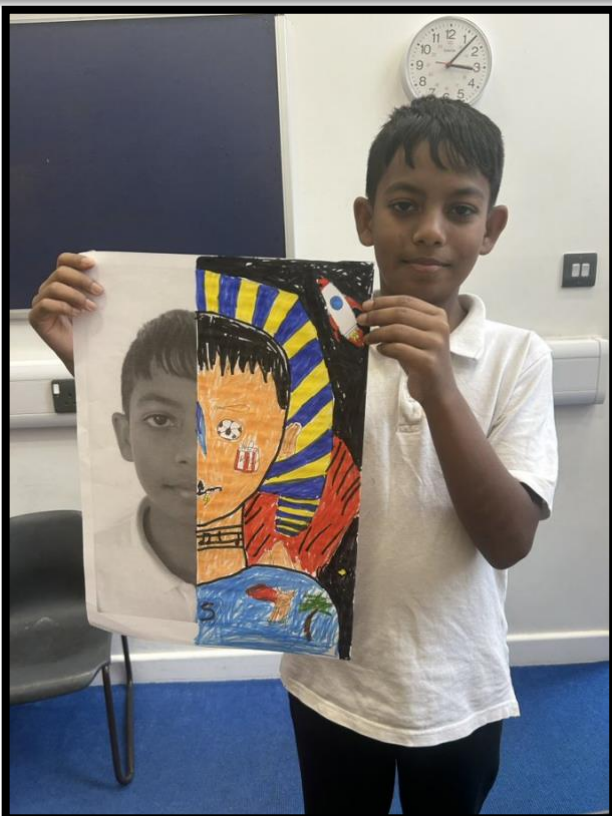
We are delighted to once again express our sincere gratitude to the composer Jonathan Pease for his continued support of our school choir, led by Mrs. Bahi.

His invaluable guidance and expertise have been instrumental in nurturing the singing abilities of our students.

We are particularly excited about the growth of our choir this year, as more and more pupils are discovering their passion for singing. We can't wait to showcase their talents at our upcoming Evensong performance, where we hope to captivate and inspire our

parents and the wider community. We believe that the arts play a vital role in the holistic development of our

students. Music, in particular, has the power to enrich their lives, foster creativity, and build confidence. The beautiful artwork created by two of our pupils is a testament to the talent and imagination that our students possess.






Vision Day at St John's Bethnal Green

Our annual Vision Day at St. John's Bethnal Green Church was a truly inspiring experience for our children. Drawing inspiration from the Book of St. Matthew, our school's vision, "Let Our Light Shine," was the focus of the day. Our students reflected on how they can embody this vision in their daily lives, exploring their unique talents and considering how they can make a positive impact on the world. Our Value of the term is Wisdom. Our children learn the importance of making thoughtful choices, seeking knowledge, and applying their understanding to make a difference. Thanks to Mrs Bahi for organising.



"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

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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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 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

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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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Every effort is made to minimise risk of cross-contamination. However, it should be noted that our food is prepared in a kitchen where known allergens may be present and therefore the risk of cross-contamination remains a risk. Please ask staff for further details regarding specific dietary requirements and/or allergens.

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

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

Fantastic FOOD IN SCHOOLS

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**

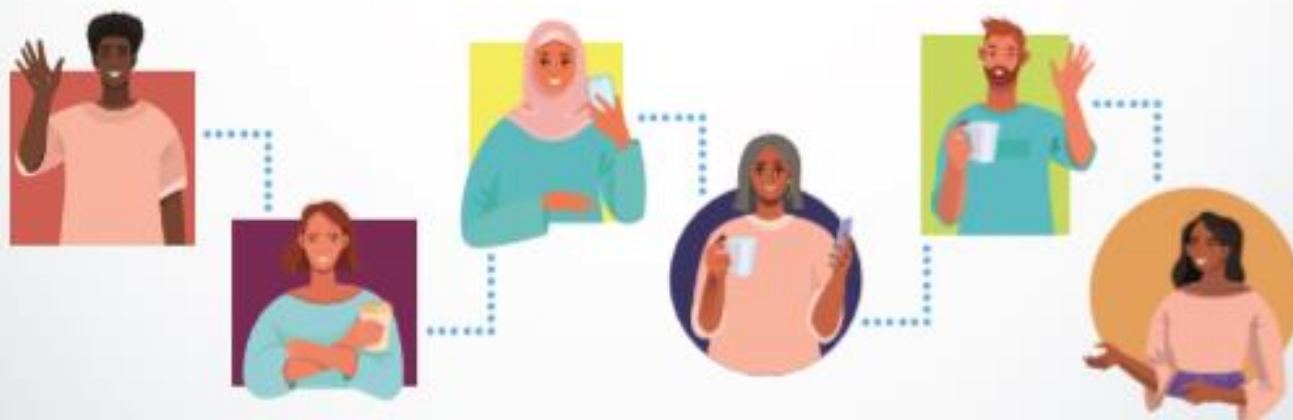
Our team also runs workshops for parents around the EHCP process, Annual Reviews, and Secondary School Transitions.

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 - 2024/ 2025

Autumn Term 2024

Staff Training	Mon 2 nd & Tue 3 rd September
First Day of Term	Wednesday 4 th September
Half Term	Monday 28 th – Friday 1 st November
Staff Training	Mon 4 th November
Second half of term	Tuesday 5 th November
Last Day of Term	Friday 20 th December
<i>Christmas Day</i>	<i>Monday 25th December</i>
<i>Boxing Day</i>	<i>Tuesday 26th December</i>

Spring Term 2025

<i>New Year's Day</i>	<i>Monday 1st January</i>
First Day of Term	Monday 6 th January
Half Term	Mon. 17 th to Fri. 21 st February
Second half of term	Monday 24 th February
Last Day of Term	Friday 4 th April
<i>Good Friday</i>	<i>Friday 18th April</i>
<i>Easter Monday</i>	<i>Monday 21st April</i>

Summer Term 2025

First Day of Term	Tuesday 22 nd April
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 5 th May
Half Term	Tuesday 27 th to Friday 30 th May
Second half of term	Monday 2 nd June
Last Day of Term	Thursday 24 th July

<i>Ramadan begins</i>	<i>Friday 28^h February 2025*</i>
<i>Eid Al-Fitr</i>	<i>Sunday 30th March 2025*</i>
<i>Eid Al-Adha</i>	<i>Friday 6th June 2025*</i>

195 days including 5 staff training days - 2 staff training days to be arranged

* 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