



St John's Newsletter

Friday 5th June 2026

An update from Mr. Rubin...

Welcome to the final term. There is a lot still to pack in and we have set out the dates for the term ahead on page 6. More will be added and do check our calendar online. We also need to have our Ofsted Celebration day with the children and plans are underway to cram that into the calendar too!

A big congratulations to our Year 6 Class who have now completed their SATS. We are very proud of them. I know they will be busy preparing for their writing moderation too.

Eid Mubarak to all of our families who celebrated.

I said in the last edition that numbers are rising in our school and I am delighted about that. Next year, there will be no composite classes but it is really important that we fill our Nursery so if you know families that don't have a place yet, do point them in our direction.

Enjoy the weekend and remember to be kind to one another.



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=NHZsODOzc2w4NHZ2&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.



Class Three Update - Epping Forest Trip

Children in Class 3 embarked on a fantastic adventure to Epping Forest, navigating the journey on the tube before setting off on a brilliant hike through the woodland.

They loved exploring the forest environment, learning about local wildlife, and working together to navigate the trails.

We are incredibly proud of how beautifully they conducted themselves throughout the trip, showing fantastic teamwork and an eager curiosity at every turn. It was a joyful, memorable day out, and a wonderful way to see our children's lights shine in a completely new setting.

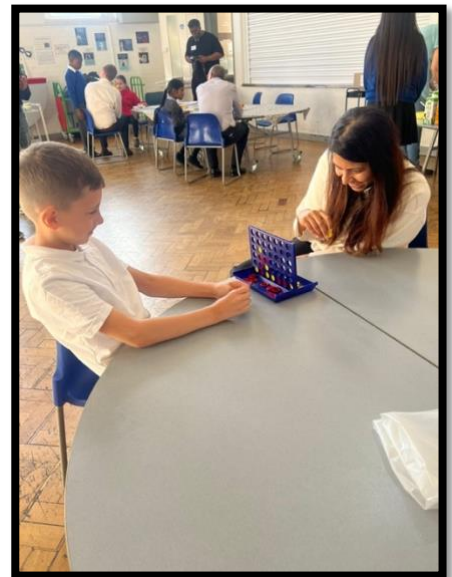




Magic Breakfast Deutsche Bank Visit

In partnership with Magic Breakfast, we were delighted to welcome a team of investment bankers from Deutsche Bank to our morning Breakfast Club. The team came along to see our brilliant facilities first-hand and to find out more about the positive impact that a free breakfast club has on our school community each day.

As always, our children completely stole the show. They were absolutely beaming with pride, speaking so confidently and passionately about why they love their school. The visitors were incredibly impressed by how beautifully our pupils articulated themselves and just how welcoming and polite they were. It was a fantastic morning, and a wonderful opportunity for our children to let their lights shine while chatting with professionals from the wider community.





Collective Worship Update

Thank you to Reverend Philippa for dropping by to lead our collective worship. She gave the children a brilliant introduction to Pentecost—essentially the celebration of the Holy Spirit arriving and what many call the official "birthday of the Church."

As always, our pupils were an absolute credit sitting beautifully and listening with genuine respect and focus.

It's always a proud moment to see how well our children lock in during collective worship, showing great curiosity and proving once again how brightly their lights shine when engaging with the wider community!

Year 6 SATS Completed!

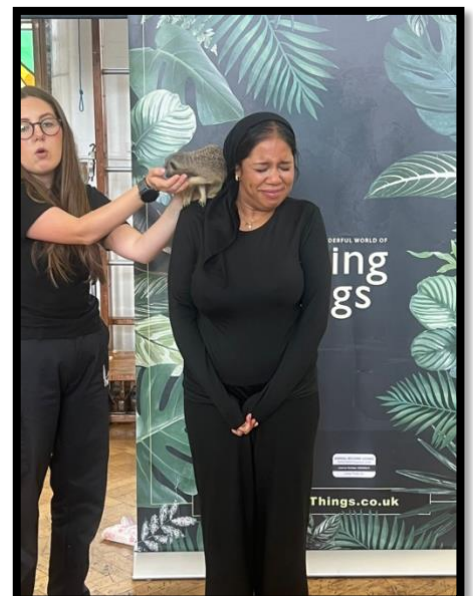
You will have picked up the general recurring themes of pride and letting our lights shine in this edition. I also wanted to take this opportunity to say how incredibly proud we all are of the children in Class 6 who have now finished their SATS tests. They have worked so hard throughout the year, with many attending booster classes and consistently trying their absolute best at everything they do. A huge thank you to Mrs Jheeta, Ms Kam and of course Mrs Bahi for helping out and organising the delicious breakfasts every morning—it was a real highlight for the children. Regardless of any outcomes, we are always proud of everything our pupils achieve.

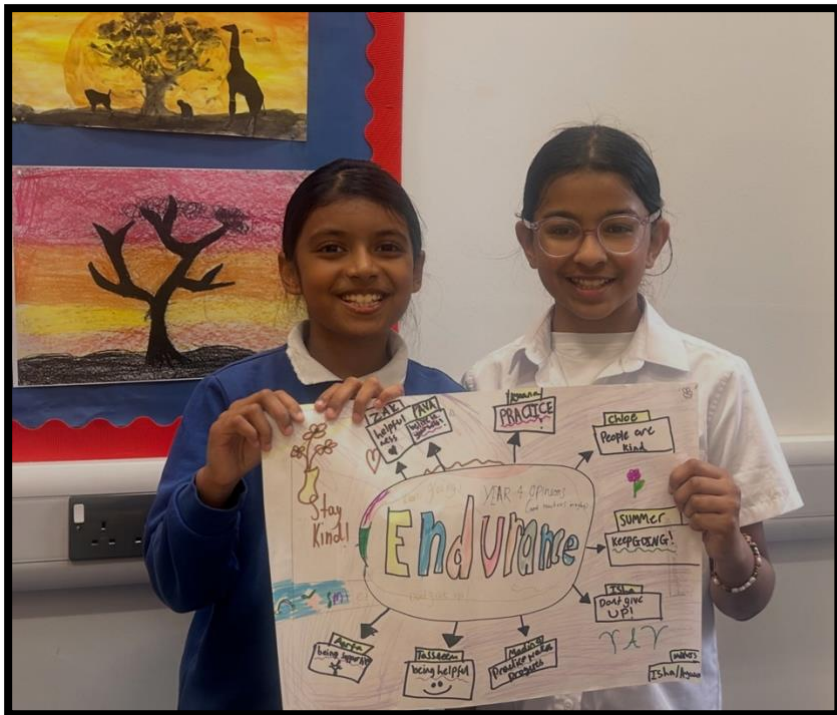




The Rainforest comes to St John's !

Our Year 3 children had an absolute wild time as we brought the rainforest straight to the classroom! Since a trip to the actual Amazon was a little out of reach, we welcomed a fantastic workshop company who brought the jungle directly to us. The children were completely captivated as they got up close and personal with some incredible living things, including everything from slithering snakes to very curious meerkats balancing right on top of their heads! It was an amazing, hands-on opportunity for the pupils to explore different animal habitats, learn about the biodiversity of our planet, and build up their confidence around wildlife. We are so proud of how brave, enthusiastic, and respectful the children were with our special guests—it was an unforgettable afternoon of learning!





Value of the Term

I was delighted when two students in Class 4 popped into the office to share their thoughts on our Value of the Term which was Endurance. This is all about making sure that you are resilient, that it is okay to get things wrong and to keep going when things are tricky. This value was particularly apt for our Learners in Class 6 as they embarked on their SATS.

This Term our Value that we are focusing on is Koinonia. That is all about the importance of our Community.

Key Dates Coming Up (Do check the calendar on the website too)

Reception to Hackney Farm	Wednesday	10 th June
Nursery to Hackney Farm	Thursday	11 th June
Breck Internet Safety Workshops	Tuesday.	16 th June
Y3 to Chalkwall	Tuesday	23 rd June
Y6 Girls and Boys Football	Thursday	25 th June
EYFS Sports Day	Tuesday	30 th June
Sports Day	Wednesday	1 st July
Y6 Deanery Service	Thursday	2 nd July
Summer Fete	Friday	3 rd July
Class Photos	Monday	6 th July
Year 6 Graduation	Thursday	9 th July
Reception Graduation	Friday	10 th July
Carrot Wood	WB	13 th July
Last Day (2pm Finish)	Friday	17 th July





MEASLES CASES ARE RISING

Measles is a very serious illness and can spread very easily between children who are not vaccinated.

Measles starts with cold like symptoms, with a cough, fever and red eyes. Days later, a red or purple bumpy rash appears.

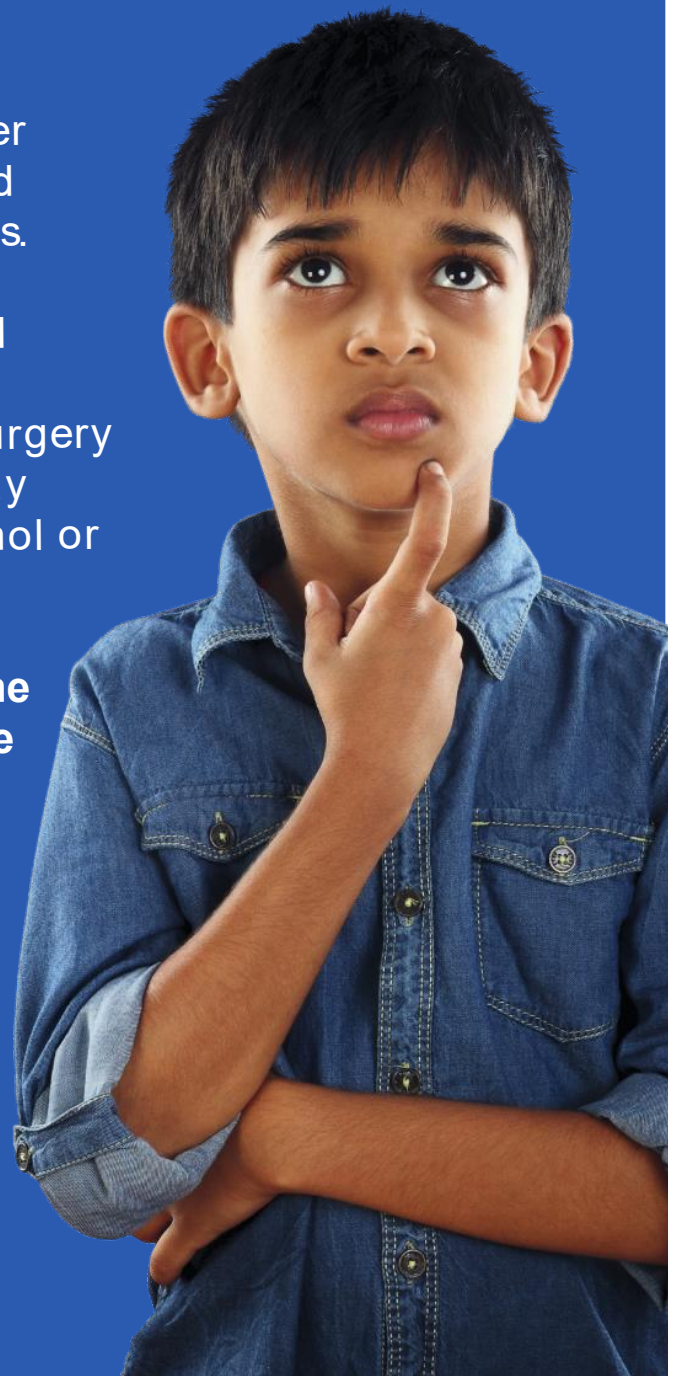
If you think you or your child has measles do not go out.

Stay at home. Call your GP surgery or NHS 111. Rest, drink plenty of fluids and take paracetamol or ibuprofen.

The free MMR/MMRV vaccine gives the best, most effective protection against measles - it's quick, it's free, and it could save their life.

If you think you or your child have missed a vaccine dose, check their Red Book or ask your GP surgery.

More information
www.nhs.uk/measles





NHS

হামের প্রকোপ বাড়ছে

হাম একটি অত্যন্ত গুরুতর রোগ এবং টিকা না দেওয়া শিশুদের মধ্যে এটি খুব সহজেই ছড়িয়ে পড়তে পারে।

হামের শুরু হয় সর্দি-কাশির মতো উপসর্গ দিয়ে, সাথে থাকে কাশি, জ্বর এবং চোখ লাল হওয়া। কয়েকদিন পর, শরীরে লাল বা বেগুনি রঙের ফুসকুড়ি দেখা দেয়।

যদি আপনার মনে হয় যে আপনার বা আপনার সন্তানের হাম হয়েছে, তাহলে বাইরে যাবেন না।

বাড়িতে থাকুন। আপনার জিপি সার্জারিতে (GP surgery) অথবা এনএইচএস ১১১-এ (NHS 111) ফোন করুন। বিশ্রাম নিন, প্রচুর পরিমাণে তরল পান করুন এবং প্যারাসিটামল বা আইবুপ্রোফেন খান।

বিনামূল্যে দেওয়া এমএমআর/
এমএমআরভি (MMR/MMRV)
টিকা হামের বিরুদ্ধে সবচেয়ে ভালো
ও কার্যকর সুরক্ষা দেয় - এটি দ্রুত
দেওয়া যায়, বিনামূল্যে পাওয়া যায়
এবং এটি তাদের জীবন বাঁচাতে পারে।

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ডোজ নিতে ভুলে গেছেন,
তাহলে তাদের রেড বুক (Red Book)
দেখুন অথবা আপনার জিপি
সার্জারিতে (GP surgery) জিজ্ঞাসা
করুন।

আরও তথ্য www.nhs.uk/measles





Breakfast Club

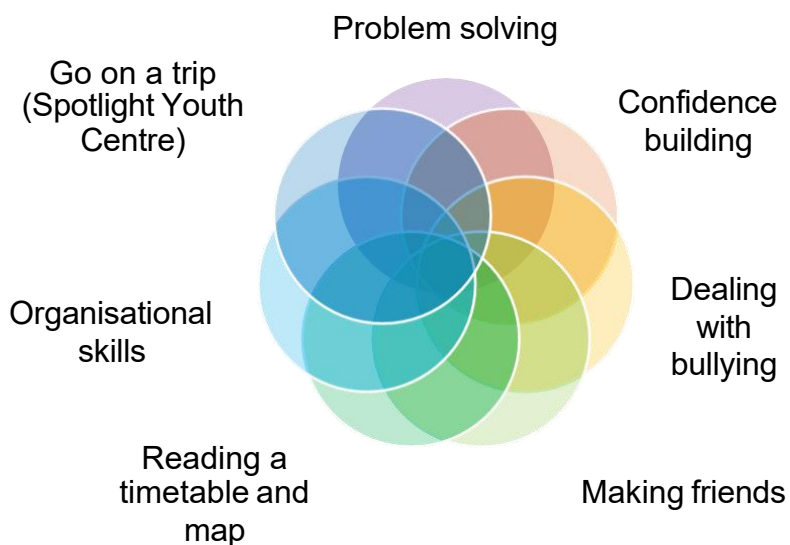
Our free breakfast club is open to all pupils from 8am every morning. By providing a healthy start to the day, we ensure no child begins their learning on an empty stomach. Why not let us organise the morning rush; get your children in early so they are settled, nourished, and fully ready to learn by nine. There is lots to do and I am delighted to say that Mr Fernandez will now be joining us in the mornings which means even more fun for our growing breakfast club children.



Getting Ready for Secondary School

A FREE Holiday Club for Year 6 pupils with SLCN starting secondary school in September 2026

Your child will meet new people and have fun, while learning how to make the move to secondary school easier!



- ✓ **Parents are responsible for bringing their children to Langdon Park and picking them up at the end of each day**
- ✓ Please bring the forms we will send with completed emergency contacts and consent for photographs with you on the first day.
- ✓ Bring packed lunch and a pencil case with pencil, pens, rubber etc and a notebook

Monday 27th to Friday 31st July 2026
From 9.45 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.

Langdon Park School,
Bright Street, London, E14 0RZ
Phone number: 0207 987 4811

**Please contact your child's teacher/SENCO to secure your child's
WE WILL ALLOCATE PLACES TO THE CHILDREN CONFIRMING
FIRST:
For SENCOs: To refer a student contact Memory Kampiyawo, SENCO**

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**A YOUTH MOVEMENT IN TOWERHAMLETS
CREATING COMMUNITY AND CHANGING CULTURE**

AT ST JOHN ON BETHNAL GREEN

FREE DROP IN YOUTH SESSION
FROM 3:30-5:00PM

EVERY MONDAY TERM TIME





SCHOOL EVENSONG

A child-friendly service of Evensong,
led by St John on Bethnal Green
Primary School Choir,
ending with an all-age address

Thursdays 4.15pm



St John on Bethnal Green
200 Cambridge Heath Road
London E2 9PA

stjohnonbethnalgreen.church

Staying Safe Online Tips

Don't worry about screen time; aim for screen quality

Scrolling through social media isn't the same as making a film or story, or video calling Grandma. Use the Children's Commissioner's 'Digital Five A Day' to plan or review each day together.



Check the safety settings are turned on

Whether it's your home internet, mobile devices, consoles, apps or games, there are lots of settings to make them safer. The key ones are - can they chat to strangers, can they video chat or 'go live', are their posts public? What about safe search and Youtube? See parentsafe.lgfl.net for more.



Get your children to show you their apps and games

You don't need to know all about the latest app or game, but if your child shows you what they are doing and with whom, you'll probably see if it's appropriate or not. Remember 18 games are not more advanced - they are harmful to children! For parent guides to apps, including recommendations for kidsafe apps and video platforms, search for **Common Sense Media** reviews.



Don't try to hide news about scary things in the news

If you don't talk about it, your children might read inappropriate pages, believe scare stories or simply catastrophise in their heads. Why not watch **Newsround** together and talk about how they feel - there is guidance from **Childline** to help you.



Remind them of key online safety principles

There are too many to list, but remember human behaviour is the same online and offline. Remind your children to be a good friend, to ask for help if they are worried or if someone is mean, not to get undressed on camera and most important of all... if somebody tells them not to tell or ask for help because it's too late or they will get in trouble, **THAT'S A LIE!**

If you aren't sure, ASK!


Your school may be able to give you advice, but there are plenty of other places to ask for help as a parent or a child, whether it is advice or help to fix something. Lots of sites are listed at reporting.lgfl.net, including ones to tell your kids about (they might not want to talk to you in the first instance).



Penalty Notices Information – New National Framework

Please read and familiarise yourself with the latest guidance from Tower Hamlets. Please note that the fines go to the local authority and that all schools receive this information to share with parents/carers.

PENALTY NOTICES
New National Framework for Penalty Notices for poor school attendance and unauthorised leave in term time are changing from 19 August 2024.



Per Parent, Per Child
Penalty Notices will still be issued to each parent for each absent child.
For example – 2 siblings absent for unauthorised leave in term time will result in each parent receiving two separate fines.

Term Time Leave: 5 consecutive days
10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period


First Offence
The first time a penalty notice is issued, the amount will be £160 per parent, per child, if paid within 28 days.
(Reduced to £80 per parent, per child, if paid within 21 days.)

Second Offence
The second time a penalty notice is issued, the amount will be £160 per parent, per child, if paid within 28 days.
(There is no reduction for any early payment.)

Third Offence
The third time a penalty notice is issued, the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates Court.
Fines of up to £2500 per parent, per child, can be issued by the courts.

BEHAVIOUR AND ATTENDANCE SUPPORT SERVICE
London Borough of Tower Hamlets, Town Hall, 160 Whitechapel Road, London E1 1BJ
Email: LBTHAttendance&WelfareServiceAdmin@towerhamlets.gov.uk Telephone: 020 7364 3450

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Bethnal Green Junior Choir



Wednesdays 3.45-4.30 pm

St. John on Bethnal Green

Primary School,

Peel Grove, E2 9LR



Years 3-6 welcome



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 & Paul's Whitechapel CE Primary Schools Term Dates and Holidays - 2025/ 2026

Autumn Term 2025

Staff Training	Monday 1 st & Tuesday 2 nd September (2 days)
Term 1	Wednesday 3 rd September – Friday 24 th October (38 days)
Half Term	Monday 27 th – Friday 31 st October
Term 2	Monday 3 rd November - Friday 19 th December (35 days)
Christmas break	Monday 22 nd December– Friday January 2 nd
Christmas Day	Thursday 25 th December
Boxing Day	Friday 26 th December

Spring Term 2026

Staff Training	Monday 5 th January (1 day)
Term 3	Tuesday 6 th January -Friday 13 th February (29 days)
Half Term	Mon. 16 th to Fri. 20 th February
Staff Training	Friday 27 th February (1 day)
Term 4	Monday 23 rd February – Friday 27 th March (24 days)
Good Friday	Friday 3rd April
Easter Monday	Monday 6th April

Summer Term 2026

Term 5	Monday 13 th April – Friday 22 nd May (29 Days)
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 4 th May
Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 25 th May
Half Term	Monday 25 th May to Friday 29 th May
Term 6	Monday 1 st June – Friday 17 th July - 2pm (35 days)
Ramadan begins	18 th February 2026
Eid Al-Fitr	20 th March 2026
Eid Al-Adha	27 th May 2026

190 School Days, 5 Staff Training Days (1 as a twilight)



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:



Darren Rubin – Executive Headteacher

Monday & Tuesday



John Boutflour – Assistant Headteacher

Wednesday



Bal Jheeta – Deputy Headteacher

Thursday and Friday