



St John's Newsletter

Friday 18th October 2024

An update from Mr. Rubin...

This week's newsletter highlights a wonderful array of activities and achievements, from sporting excellence to outstanding learning behaviour. We've had trips across London and fascinating lessons about how classrooms differed in Victorian times!

Thank you for your generosity during our recent Harvest Service. I'm proud to lead such a compassionate and supportive school community. Lastly, be sure to check page 9 for upcoming Magnificent November dates. More dates to follow...

Have a lovely weekend and be kind to one another.



Borough Champion

We have traditionally sent strong squads to the borough cross country competition. I am delighted to report that despite the inclement conditions, one student in Class 3 came first out of all competitors making her the best long distance runner in her age group in the whole of Tower Hamlets. What an incredible achievement! Well done to the whole squad and a big thank you to staff and volunteers who braved the conditions!



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=NHZsODQzc2w4NHZ2&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.



Internet Safety – Mrs Moses

On 3rd October, children took part in some Internet Safety Workshops with the drama workshop One Day Creative. KS1 learnt about the importance of staying safe online and learning who or who not to trust. The key message being: If something doesn't seem right - check with an adult. KS2 learnt about how to be safe online and also about the importance of being kind online.

Staying safe online is a key priority for our children and we understand how overwhelming this subject can be for parents.

Please check for more information on this website: <https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/>

And follow these six top tips to keep your children safe, happy and healthy.

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.

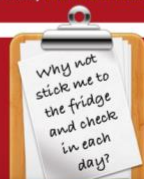


Remind them of key online safety principles

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).





Worship Council Update

We all know that Mrs Bahi works a number of miracles in our school but I could hardly believe my eyes when she sent me this picture of her recent Worship Council meeting.

This is the largest group of children we have ever had and I am looking forward to seeing how their contributions help everyone to Let Our Light Shine!

Kindness Cup Update

Everyone that visits our school notes how kind, compassionate and friendly the children are. Did you know that every Monday in Celebration Assembly, we celebrate the Value of Compassion by awarding the Place2Be Kindness Cup. In the picture on the left you can see the last couple of winners. We are very proud of these boys who set such a good example across the school.



Congratulations Reverend Philippa

It was such a pleasure to attend St Peter's Bethnal Green Church with Mrs Bahi to be at the licensing of Reverend Philippa who now holds the official title of Priest in Charge.

Thank you Reverend Philippa for all the help and support you give to our school!



School Council Update

The votes have been counted and verified and I am delighted to share with you our School Council line up for the 2024/25 season! School councillors are here to encourage respect and kindness, help people when hurt and ensure that we are a kind and caring school. I know that this group of children have already met with Mrs Moses to share many of their good ideas. I am looking forward to working with them so I can help implement their ideas. Thank you to Mrs Moses who regularly holds these meetings and makes sure that the democratic process is followed!

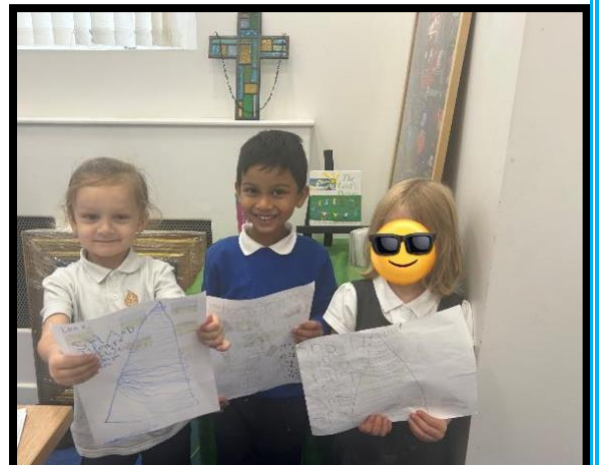
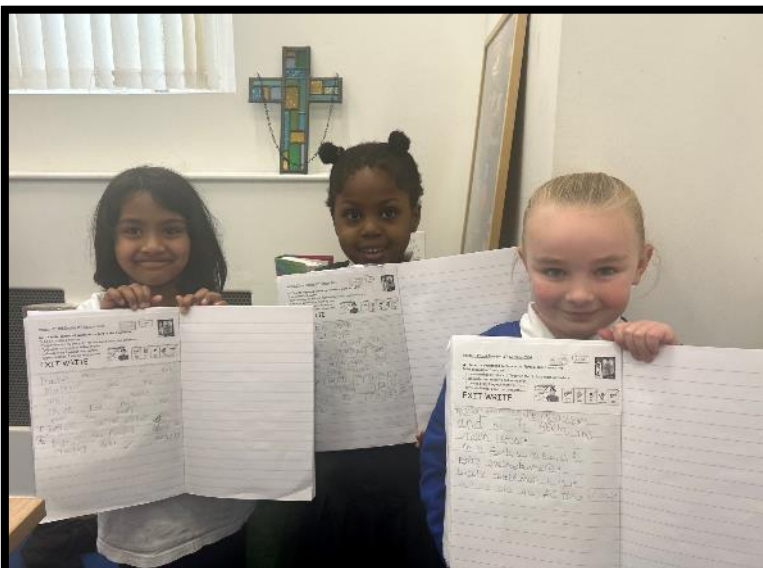
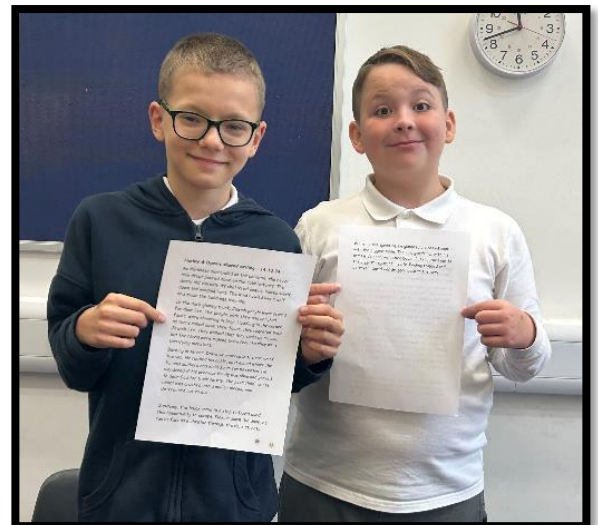


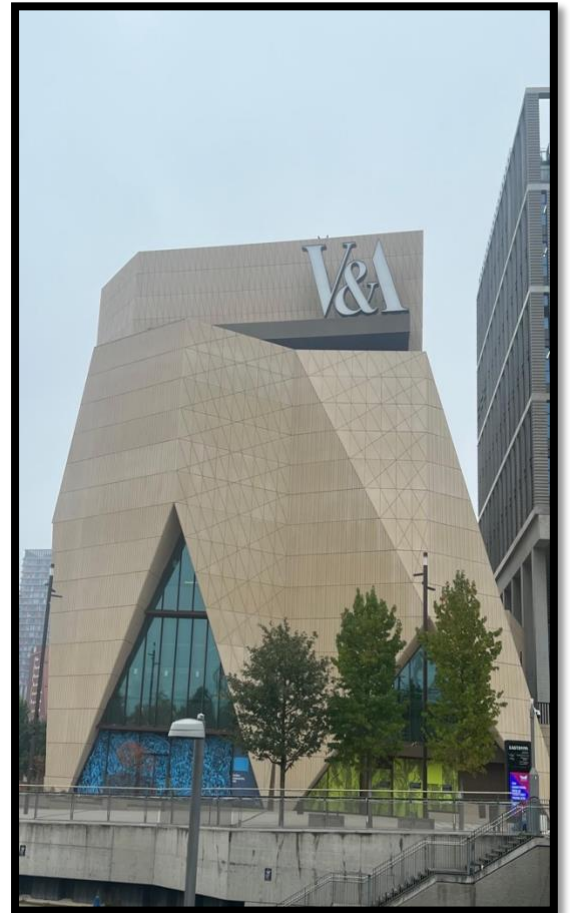
Federation Visit to Christ Church School

A big thank you to our friends at Christ Church school in Brick Lane who invited our children in Class 2 to visit the brilliant author Annemarie Anang where she read her latest book 'Dance Just Like So...' which was very interactive and hugely enjoyable!



SUPER LEARNING ACROSS THE SCHOOL





Y4/5
Architecture
Trip Across
London



Class 2 Visit Ragged School Museum

Year 2 class enjoyed an enriching visit to the Ragged School Museum learning how education used to be rather different from the experiences today. The children were transported back to the Victorian era, where they experienced what school life was like for children of that time. They explored an authentic Victorian classroom and participated in lessons using traditional methods, giving them a unique glimpse into the past.

During the visit, students took part in workshops, discovering the vital role of the Ragged Schools movement in providing education to less fortunate children.

It was a fantastic day that left our students inspired and perhaps a little more appreciative of their own learning journey!





Harvest Festival @ St John's



MAGNIFICENT MONTH OF NOVEMBER



at St John's CE Primary School

Thursday 7th November Cake Sale

Please bring donations of cakes to the school office by 12pm on Thursday 7th Nov.

Thursday 14th November Non Uniform Day

Donations of £1 can be made on the gate before and after school.

Thursday 21st November After School Disco - KS1 & EYFS



Thursday 28th November After School Disco - KS2 (tuck shop will be open on both dates)

Disco tickets are priced at £3 per child and £2 for each additional sibling. Available to purchase from the school office.

Children to be collected at 5:00pm.



RAISING HER GAME 

GIRLS SPORT CAMP

FREE
OF CHARGE

SCHOOL YEARS
4 & 5

27 OCTOBER
10 AM - 3 PM

Led by England Hockey Star Darcy Bourne

Girls only

Female coaches & staff

FREE kit & lunch

**Try a new sport!!
Hockey & rugby**



**27 Oct, 10am to 3pm at the John Orwell
Sports Centre, Tench St, London E1W 2QD**




**Scan the QRcode to register or
email info@raisinghergame.co.uk
with your child's full name and
school !**

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

The best of London
in one borough



"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

www.stjohns.towerhamlets.sch.uk @ admin@stjohns.towerhamlets.sch.uk 020 8980 1142

Find us on





CONTRACT CATERING SERVICES

LUNCH MENU

Apr 2024 - Oct 2024



CONTRACT
CATERING
SERVICES
feeding hearts, good food

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	05 July - 19 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 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

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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 Cajan Potato Wedges	Minced Beef Cottage Pie	Puerto Rican Chicken and Rice	Battered Pollock Fillet with Chips
Option 2	Bombay Vegetable Biryani	Honey & Ginger Veggie Stripes 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
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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 Angela
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



Wednesdays 3.45-4.30pm

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 & 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

Christmas Day	Wednesday 25 th December
Boxing Day	Thursday 26 th December

Spring Term 2025

New Year's Day	Monday 1 st January
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

Good Friday	Friday 18 th April
Easter Monday	Monday 21 st April

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	Tuesday 22 nd July

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

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