



St John's Newsletter

Monday 30th September 2024

An update from Mr. Rubin...

I cannot believe it is almost October! I hope that you are all okay and those that have been poorly are making a swift recovery. There is a lot sickness going about at the moment.

Thank you to everyone that was able to attend the 'Meet the Teacher' morning. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive. I hope you enjoy the newsletter this week. I am very grateful to our staff that send me such beautiful pictures of the children to share with you all.

See you at the gate - be kind to one another.



Thank you Ms Kam

I was asked by our friends at Place2Be if we would like to do a special project involving some of our younger children in Class 1. I cannot wait to tell you a little more about it in the editions to come but I wanted to share some of these incredible pictures that Ms Kam took and say thank you to her and Ms Pink for being so accommodating. The children were brilliant!



Follow Us on Instagram

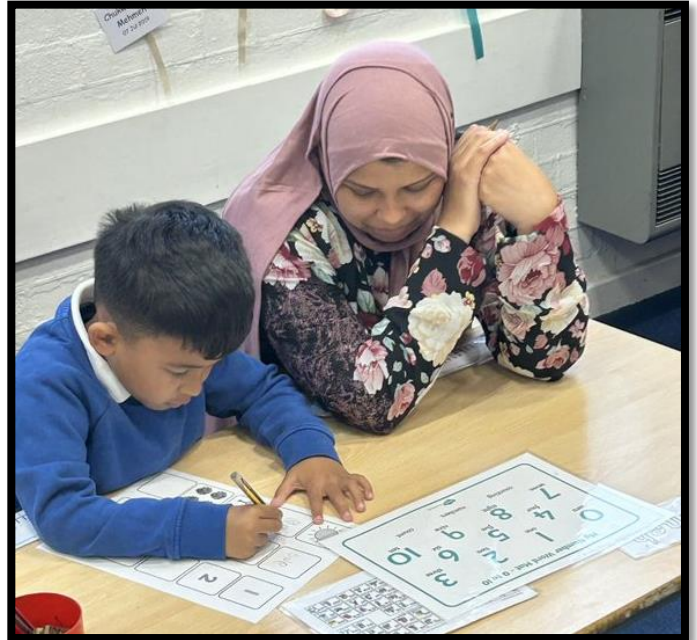
One of the very best ways to keep up to date with what is happening in our school is to follow us on social media. We are on X <https://twitter.com/5tJohnsTower> and on Instagram

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.

Meet the Teacher

Thank you to our parents and carers in Classes 1-6 that were able to come in for our open morning the other week. It was so nice to see so many of you there. I know that the timings do not suit everyone which is why you should have received the slides from the meeting containing the useful information shared. Thank you to everyone that filled out the feedback forms too. We will be in touch with people that are able to volunteer their time to help out. It is very much appreciated.



Lunchtimes at St John's

Did you know that if you are in Reception to Class 6 and you would like to have a school meal, it is completely free of charge. Our menus can be found later in the edition. The food is of a very high standard and it is always accompanied with fresh salad and delicious fruit. Our lunches cater for all dietary needs and our children sit on round tables and support one another serving salad and fruit etc – just like a family. If you would like more information on school meals, do email the school on parents@st-johns.towerhamlets.sch.uk

If you could only have one of these,
what would you choose?

fame

friends

Oracy Sessions

You are well aware that lunchtimes are very important. Not only is it a time to relax and to eat good food, it is also an opportunity to develop your oracy skills. Children were encouraged to reflect on whether they would rather have fame or friends. They discussed with one another and then shared their ideas with everyone. We will be working on this with all year groups as we continue to enhance our lunchtime provision.



Year 4/5 Visit The Saatchi Gallery

I noted in the last edition that we were very proud that David Tovey's incredible installation, featuring our very own school sign was exhibited at the prestigious Saatchi Gallery and seen by Prince William.

What an honour it was for Year 4/5 to be invited by David to come and have a look at the exhibition, hear from him and take part in a workshop. The children had such good fun and were of course impeccably behaved. Thanks to Mrs Jheeta for organising.



Musician of the Week – Bob Chilcott

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As we continue with Choral Music Masters, this fortnight we celebrate the work of another choral composer, Bob Chilcott.

Robert Chilcott (born 9 April 1955) is a British choral composer, conductor, and singer, based in Oxford, England. Born in Plymouth, Bob sang in the Choir of King's College, Cambridge, both as a boy and as a university student. He performed the Pie Jesu of Fauré's Requiem on the 1967 recording. In 1985 he joined the King's Singers, singing tenor for 12 years. He has been a composer since 1997.

Chilcott is well known for his compositions for children's choirs, including *Can You Hear Me?*, which he has conducted in numerous countries. I hope you enjoy listening to his great music this fortnight.

Genre: Choral



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

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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 (Turlu Turlu) 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

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

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

Spring Term 2025

New Year's Day Monday 1st 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