

Monday 8th September 2025

Newsletter No. 01



## A Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to the new school year! I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable summer. It has been wonderful to see the children return with such energy, ready to learn and to make the most of all that this year will bring. I am looking forward to the year ahead and to working together with you to ensure that every child flourishes in our school community.

This year, one of our key priorities will be **improving attendance**. Last year, our overall attendance was too low when compared with national standards. Good attendance is vital for children to make the best progress, and we are determined to raise our standards in this area. We will be launching new initiatives to encourage and reward excellent attendance and will also be having more regular conversations with you, our parents and carers, to ensure that children are in school every day, on time, and having the very best start in life.

We will also be renewing our **focus on prayer and worship** across the school. As part of this, we will be supporting children to learn and use the traditional prayers of the Church. These prayers will be shared in home learning books throughout the year, and your support in helping your child to learn them will be very much appreciated.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I look forward to working closely with you this year and celebrating the achievements of all our pupils together.

### Prayer at Home

Starting a new school year is a time of fresh beginnings and new opportunities. God promises to be with us wherever we go.

***"Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."***

***Joshua 1:9***

You might like to reflect as a family on the following questions:

- What are you looking forward to most this year?
- How can you show kindness and friendship to others in your class?
- In what ways can you ask God for help when things feel difficult?

### A Prayer for Home

***Lord,***

***Bless us as we begin this new school year.***

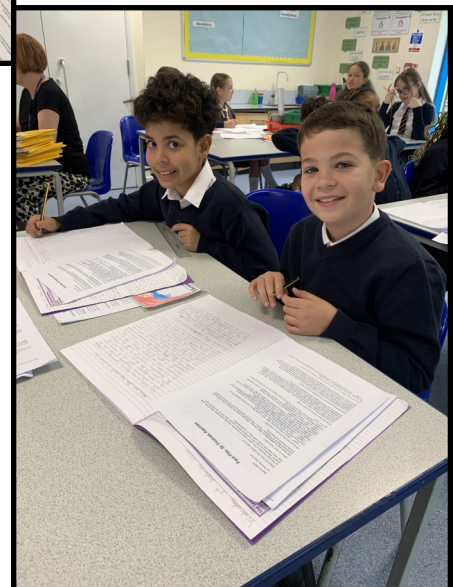
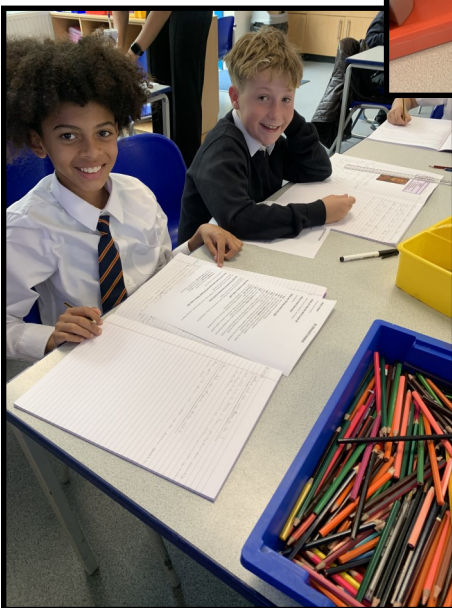
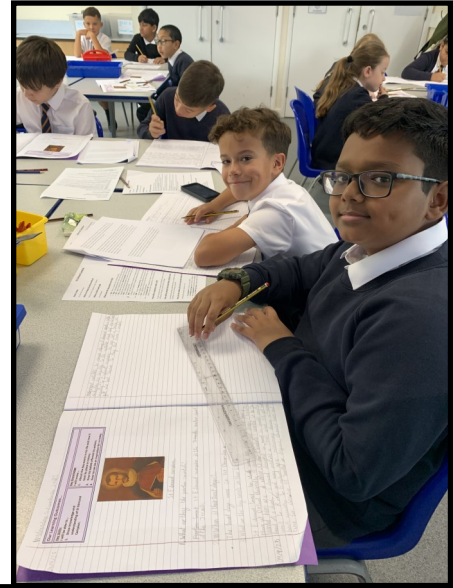
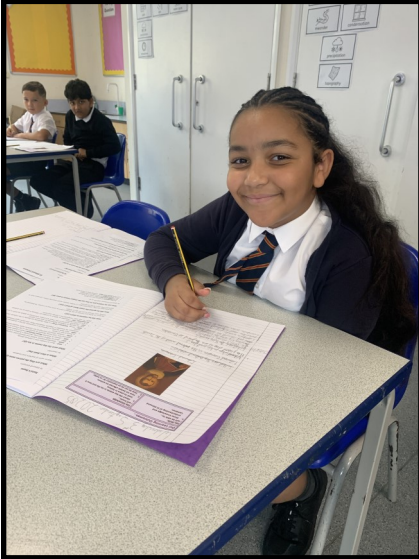
***Give us courage, kindness and patience.***

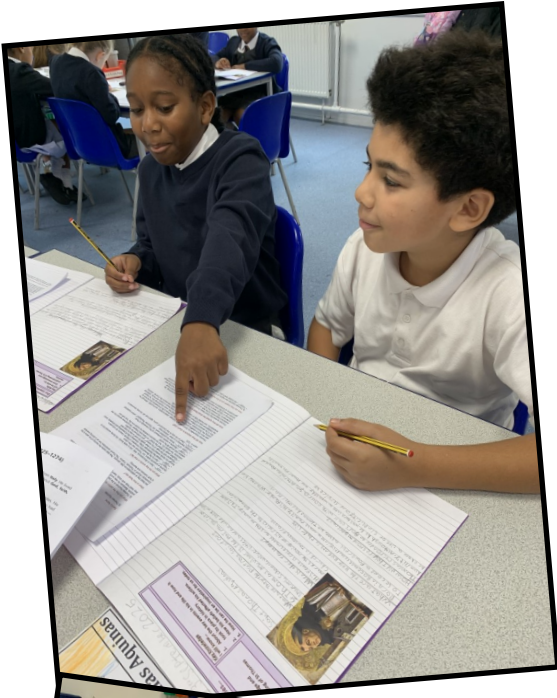
***Help us to grow in faith, friendship and learning.***

***Amen.***



# Welcome Back!



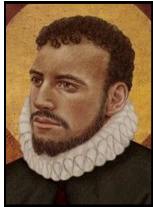




# Attendance

School Target = 96%

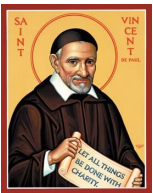
Whole School Attendance this week = 93.7%



Year 5/6 - St Edmund Campion Class = 89%



Year 5/6 - St Thomas Aquinas Class = 93%



Year 3/4 - St Vincent de Paul Class = 95%



Year 2/3 - St Peter & St Paul Class = 94%



Year 1 - St Francis Class = 96%



Reception - St Anne Class = 100%

Nursery - St Anne Class = 90%

# Attendance

**100% attendance for the week?  
You could win a £5 Amazon  
voucher!**

**amazon**

In a bid to improve our whole school attendance, we are having a weekly prize give away!

If your child is in every day of the week\* (present for both morning and afternoon register) their name will be added to the attendance wheel.

Each week a name will be chosen at random and that child will win a £5 Amazon voucher!



***“No Missed Moments,  
Only Big Wins!”***

*\*please note that for reporting purposes, the week will run from Thursday AM to the following Thursday PM.*

# Holiday During Term Time

I would like to send a reminder that the school will not authorise holidays in term time.

A polite reminder that **unauthorised absence** includes:

- Parents/carers keeping children off school unnecessarily e.g. because they had a late night or for non-infectious illness or injury that would not affect their ability to learn
- Absences which have never been properly explained
- Shopping trips
- Looking after other children or children accompanying siblings or parents to medical appointments
- Their own or family birthdays
- Holidays taken during term time without leave, not deemed 'for exceptional purposes' by the headteacher
- Day trips
- Other leave of absence in term time which has not been agreed

## **Penalty Notices (Fines)**

Parents may be issued with a penalty notice for taking holiday during term time. **If issued with a first penalty notice, the parent must pay £80 within 21 days, or £160 within 28 days. Please note**, each parent who is liable for the pupil's offence(s) can be issued with a penalty notice, but this will usually only be the parent/parents who allowed the absence.

Thank you for your support with this. Our full attendance policy can be found at [www.stannegapprimary.com/policies](http://www.stannegapprimary.com/policies)

# School Ties

A reminder that all pupils from Y1-Y6 are required to wear a school tie if they are wearing a collared shirt.

Ties can be bought from the school office. They are

**Elastic Tie: £3.75**

**Normal Tie: £4.50**



Please write your child's name on their tie so that we can return it if it is misplaced.

# Uniform

Please ensure that all uniform is labelled with your child's full name.

Summer uniform can be worn until October half term, whilst the weather is warm.

We have lots of pre-loved uniform that has been donated to the school, if you need a spare cardigan or jumper let us know!

## Early Years Uniform (Nursery & Reception Children)

Boys Winter Early Years Uniform	Girls Winter Early Years Uniform
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• White polo shirt</li><li>• Plain navy blue tracksuit (no labels, motifs or branding)</li><li>• Dark coloured socks</li><li>• Black / white Velcro trainers</li><li>• Suitable raincoat</li><li>• Winter hat, scarf and gloves (children will not be allowed to play in the outside area without a hat in cold weather)</li><li>• <i>Optional:</i> Wellies &amp; waterproof clothing will not be provided by the school so we advise parents to supply this for outside learning</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• White polo shirt</li><li>• Plain navy blue tracksuit (no labels, motifs or branding)</li><li>• Dark coloured socks</li><li>• Black / white Velcro trainers</li><li>• Suitable raincoat</li><li>• Winter hat, scarf and gloves (children will not be allowed to play in the outside area without a hat in cold weather)</li><li>• <i>Optional:</i> Wellies &amp; waterproof clothing will not be provided by the school so we advise parents to supply this for outside learning</li></ul>

Boys Summer Early Years Uniform	Girls Summer Early Years Uniform
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• White polo shirt</li><li>• Grey shorts</li><li>• Navy blue sweatshirt</li><li>• White socks</li><li>• Black / white Velcro trainers</li><li>• Lightweight jacket</li><li>• Sun hat (children will not be allowed to play in the outside area without a hat in hot weather)</li><li>• Sun cream (minimum SPF 30), clearly labelled with child's name</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Navy blue checked summer dress or</li><li>• White polo shirt</li><li>• Navy shorts</li><li>• Navy blue sweatshirt</li><li>• White socks</li><li>• Black / white Velcro trainers</li><li>• Lightweight jacket</li><li>• Sun hat (children will not be allowed to play in the outside area without a hat in hot weather)</li><li>• Sun cream (minimum SPF 30), clearly labelled with child's name</li></ul>

## Years 1 - 6 Uniform

Boys Winter Uniform	Girls Winter Uniform
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• White collared shirt (long sleeve)</li><li>• School tie</li><li>• Navy V-neck pullover jumper</li><li>• Grey trousers</li><li>• Dark coloured socks</li><li>• Black shoes / black trainers</li><li>• Suitable raincoat</li><li>• Winter hat, scarf and gloves (children may not be allowed to play outside without a hat in cold weather)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• White collared shirt (long sleeve)</li><li>• School tie</li><li>• Navy V-neck pullover jumper or cardigan</li><li>• Grey skirt / pinafore / trousers</li><li>• Navy tights</li><li>• Black shoes / black trainers</li><li>• Suitable raincoat</li><li>• Winter hat, scarf and gloves (children may not be allowed to play outside without a hat in cold weather)</li><li>• Plain navy hair bands / ties</li></ul>

Boys Summer Uniform	Girls Summer Uniform
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• White collared shirt (short sleeve) with school tie Or</li><li>• White polo top (short sleeve) without school tie</li><li>• Grey shorts or trousers</li><li>• Navy V-neck pullover jumper</li><li>• Dark coloured / white socks</li><li>• Black shoes / black trainers</li><li>• Lightweight jacket</li><li>• Sun hat (children will not be allowed to play outside without a hat in hot weather)</li><li>• Sun cream (minimum SPF 30), clearly labelled with child's name</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• White collared shirt (short sleeve) with school tie</li><li>• Grey skirt / trousers / pinafore Or</li><li>• Navy and white / blue and white checked summer dress</li><li>• Navy V-neck pullover jumper or cardigan</li><li>• White socks</li><li>• Black shoes / black trainers</li><li>• Lightweight jacket</li><li>• Navy hair bands / ties</li><li>• Sun hat (children will not be allowed to play outside without a hat in hot weather)</li><li>• Sun cream (minimum SPF 30), clearly labelled with child's name</li></ul>

***You can buy school ties from the office.***

Boys & Girls PE Kit (all seasons)	Jewellery (all seasons)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• White plain T-shirt</li> <li>• Navy shorts</li> <li>• Socks</li> <li>• Trainers / plimsolls to change in to</li> <li>• Dark coloured tracksuit in winter months</li> <li>• All long hair tied back</li> <li>• Earrings removed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A wrist watch (analogue or digital) – no 'smart' watches or watches with messaging/internet access (for example, Apple Watches)</li> <li>• One pair of small stud earrings</li> <li>• No hooped/dangling earrings</li> <li>• No necklaces</li> <li>• No bracelets</li> <li>• No rings</li> </ul> <p><i>Please note that earrings and watches must be removed for PE lessons. The school will not accept responsibility for loss or damage of watches and earrings, all items are worn at your own risk.</i></p> <p><i>If your child must wear an item of jewellery for religious reasons (for example, a Kara or Kada) please speak to the Headteacher.</i></p>

## Reminder

Our School Handbook containing details about the day-to-day running of the school is available on the Parents page of our school website:

[Www.stannesgaprimary.com](http://www.stannesgaprimary.com)

## Communication

A reminder that if you have a concern about your child's wellbeing or education please raise it **with the class teacher in the first instance**. They are with your child each day and usually know best what's been going on in class and the playground on a day-to-day basis.



If you have a **serious concern** about something to do with school we

encourage you to make an appointment to see Miss Nottage, Miss Laxton or our SENCO Mrs Howick. You can do this through the school office. We find that most parents' concerns and worries can be alleviated by having a chat with us. We may not be available to meet straight away but we will always make time for you as soon as possible.

Please direct all e-mails to Miss Nottage and Miss Laxton through the office e-mail ([office@stannesgaprimary.com](mailto:office@stannesgaprimary.com)) rather than e-mailing directly.

Thank you.

## **Pupil Premium Grants**

All children in Tower Hamlets are currently entitled to free school dinners, but based on family circumstances some children are entitled to pupil premium funding which supports the school in providing extra support and extracurricular activities for your child.

***Please complete the form regardless of the fact that your child receives a free school dinner at our school.***

Your child may be eligible if you receive any of the following benefits (or have at any time in the last six years):

- Universal credit (provided you have a net income of £7400 or less)
- Income support
- Income-based jobseekers' allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of state pension credit
- Child tax credit, provided that you are not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of £16,190 or less

Children who are or have been in care, and children who have a parent who is or was in the armed forces, are also entitled to pupil premium.

In addition, pupils who have qualified for Pupil Premium Funding on the above grounds in the past, but are no longer eligible, continue to receive pupil premium for the next six years.

**If you think your child may qualify, please register using the following link:**

[https://benefitforms.towerhamlets.gov.uk/VictoriaForms/Viewer-VicForms.asp?user=anon&Form=Free%20School%20Meals%20\(1.1\).wdf](https://benefitforms.towerhamlets.gov.uk/VictoriaForms/Viewer-VicForms.asp?user=anon&Form=Free%20School%20Meals%20(1.1).wdf)

**Or call the Tower Hamlets Benefits Team on  
0207 364 5000**



# Tower Hamlets

## Local Offer...

16<sup>th</sup> October 2025

LOCAL OFFER



Tower Hamlets and City  
SEND IASS



## Let's Talk SEND 'SURGERY'

An opportunity to have a meeting with a member of the Special Educational Needs Assessment and Review Team (SENAR) to discuss your child/young person's Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) and special educational needs.

Where? Parents  
Advice Centre  
30 Greatorex St.  
E1 5NP

If you would like to book a 20 minute appointment with a member of SENAR to discuss any issues in relation to your child/young person's EHCP please scan the QR code below or email:

[towerhamlets&city.sendiass@towerhamlets.gov.uk](mailto:towerhamlets&city.sendiass@towerhamlets.gov.uk)



When? Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2025

# Tower Hamlets Local Offer...



## Support for dads to get involved with their child's learning

A session is being held for dads and male carers of children with SEND to help them get involved with their child's learning. The session is being delivered by the SENDIASS team and will include tips, advice and support, including:

- How to support their child's learning at home
- Effective communication strategies with teachers
- Fun activities to do with their child
- Resources and support available for SEND families.

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 3.30pm-5pm**

**Ocean Children and Family Centre,**

**Whitehorse Road E1 0ND**



For more information, email [mark.penn@towerhamlets.gov.uk](mailto:mark.penn@towerhamlets.gov.uk)  
or call 07858 689 243

[Use the QR code or this link to sign up](#)





## Happy Birthday to...

**Happy Birthday to the following children who will celebrate between the 1st and 21st September:**

Julio - Reception

Nova - Y1

Stanley - Y2/3

Skylar - Y3/4

Alana - Y3/4

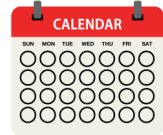
Ramelle - Y3/4

Ruby - Y5/6

Ryan - Y5/6



## Dates for Your Diary



### **Wednesday 24th September**

Y6 Trip - Junior Citizenship

### **Wednesday 1st October**

Pupil Rosary Prayer Group

Black History Month begins

### **Monday 6th—Friday 10th October**

Y6 Bike Training Week

### **Tuesday 14th October**

Nursery and Reception trip to Spitalfields Farm

### **Friday 17th October**

9:00am - Y5/6 Class Assembly (Mr Joseph's Class)

### **Tuesday 21st October**

Y2/3 Class Trip - Westminster Abbey

### **Thursday 23rd October**

2:30pm—3:15pm Parent Event - Black History Month Sharing Event

### **Monday 27th - Friday 31st October**

**HALF TERM**