

Friday 26th September 2025

Newsletter No. 02



A Message from the Headteacher

It has been wonderful to see how well the children have settled into the start of our new term. Already, teachers have been meeting with senior leaders to talk through the children's learning, consider any short-term support that might be needed, and set ambitious targets for the year ahead. This is especially important as we have moved into mixed-age classes this year, and we are keen to ensure that every child gets the very best start.

Our music provision is also in full swing, and it is fantastic to see so many children beginning to learn a string instrument for the very first time. Years 5 and 6 are also enjoying the chance to play the Djembe drums – a new addition this year – with our tutor Liam, who is making the lessons fun, engaging and memorable.

We are delighted to welcome our new PE coach, Ty, to the school. He is working alongside Wesley, who the children know well, and together they are bringing great energy and expertise to our sports provision.

Next week we begin the month of October, which marks the start of Black History Month. Each class will follow a carefully planned curriculum that gives children a rich understanding of the many important aspects of black history. October is also the Month of Mary, and as a Catholic school we will be renewing our focus on Our Lady and the prayer of the Rosary together.

Prayer at Home

Jesus calls us to be good friends, showing kindness and care for one another. This is something we think and speak about regularly in school and we all recognise that sometimes it isn't easy to be a good friend. Jesus tells us,

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."

John 15:12

Take some time to reflect together as a family:

What makes a good friend?

How can you show love to your friends this week?

How can you be a friend to someone who is lonely?

Prayer:

Jesus,

You are our best friend.

Help us to love one another as you love us.

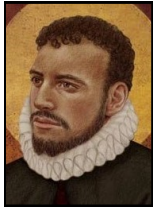
Amen.



Attendance

School Target = 96%

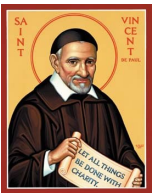
Whole School Attendance this week = 95%



Year 5/6 - St Edmund Campion Class = 92%



Year 5/6 - St Thomas Aquinas Class = 94%



Year 3/4 - St Vincent de Paul Class = 97%



Year 2/3 - St Peter & St Paul Class = 96%



Year 1 - St Francis Class = 96%



St John Class = 98%

Reception - St Anne Class = 98%

Nursery - St Anne Class = 96%

100% Attendance

Golden Ticket Winners

Well done to our recent Golden Ticket Winners who have each won a £5 Amazon Voucher!

A reminder that all children with 100% attendance for the week (Thursday-Thursday) are entered into our prize draw each Friday morning.



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.*

Uniform: School Shoes

Please ensure your child wears black shoes or fully black trainers to school.

Colourful trainers, white trimmed trainers, heavy boots, Ugg-style boots and converse are not allowed.



Uniform: School Shoes



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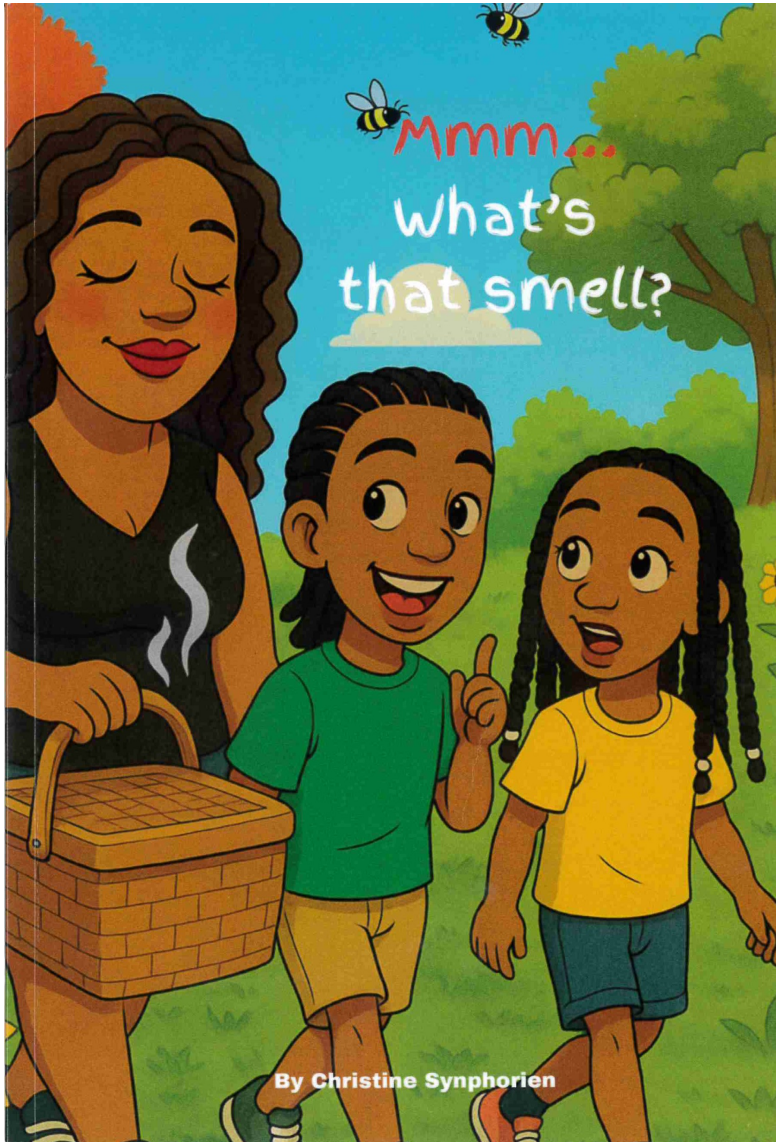
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Mmm...

What's That Smell



We are delighted to share that **Christine Synphorien**, a proud former pupil of St Anne's and now grandmother to children at our school, has recently published a wonderful children's book titled:

"Mmm... What's That Smell?"

Christine's heart-warming story is a delightful exploration of family, food, and curiosity — perfect for young readers who love fun and engaging tales. It's a beautiful reminder of the joy that comes from storytelling and imagination.

Christine's connection to St Anne's spans generations, and we're incredibly proud to see her creative journey come full circle.

You can find the book now on **Amazon:**

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Whats-that-smell-Christine-Synphorien/dp/B0FPM62XG7>



TfL Gold Award



We have just been awarded our **GOLD TfL Travel for Life Award!**

We've been trying really hard to make better choices for sustainable travel and encourage students to cycle, walk or scoot to school wherever they can. Not only is healthy for your muscles but it also cuts down on emissions which helps our environment and those of us who suffer from asthma.

I'm very proud of our whole school community who have helped us to achieve this, well done!

Junior Citizenship Scheme



The Year 6 pupils visited **Shadwell Fire Station** as part of the **Junior Citizenship Scheme**, participating in a workshop designed to promote understanding of

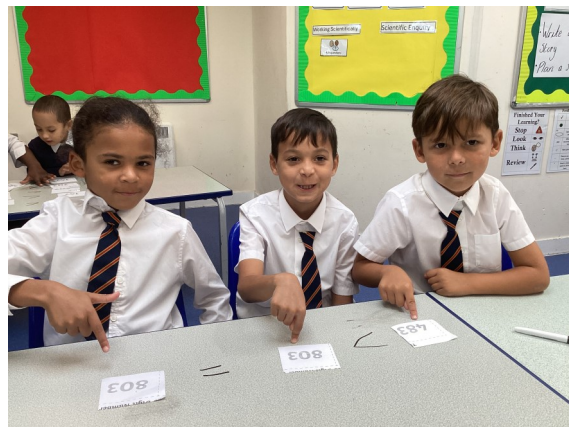


- Personal safety
- Respect
- Responsibility
- Public transport awareness.



During the visit, students engaged in practical activities, observed demonstrations by fire service personnel, and developed valuable life skills, enhancing their confidence, decision-making, and awareness of community responsibilities.

Moments of the week



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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**



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Local Offer...

School applications are now open



Don't miss the deadlines for admission to secondary, primary and nursery schools.

Secondary admissions For children born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015	31 October 2025
Primary admissions For children born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022	15 January 2026
Nursery admissions For children born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023	14 February 2026

Complete your application online at www.eadmissions.org.uk

For information about how to apply, scan the QR code or visit towerhamlets.gov.uk/schooladmissions

school.admissions@towerhamlets.gov.uk



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Local Offer...



TOWER HAMLETS

Holiday Childcare Scheme

Ages 3-13 years old

The Tower Hamlets Childcare Scheme offers Ofsted registered childcare.
020 7364 0523
www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/hcs

Bookings now open

October scheme
Monday 27 to Friday 31 October 2025
(5 days)





Happy Birthday to...

Happy Birthday to the following children who will celebrate between the 22nd September and 10th October:

Bonnie - Reception

Diego - Reception

Blake - Reception

Brooke - Year 2

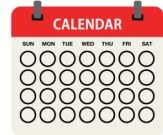
Andrew - Year 2

Nikol - Year 3

Tibyan - Year 6



Dates for Your Diary



Wednesday 1st October

Pupil Rosary Prayer Group

Black History Month begins

Monday 6th—Friday 10th October

Y6 Bike Training Week

Tuesday 7th October

Y1/2 Class Trip - Soanes centre

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

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