



A Message from the Headteacher

As we come to the end of this first half term, I want to take a moment to say how proud I am of our whole school community. It has been a long but very successful half-term! Our new classes have settled brilliantly, and despite the many changes that come with a new school year, we have retained that strong sense of community and belonging that makes our school such a special place.

Our new Year 5 playground buddies have taken on their roles with real enthusiasm and maturity — it's wonderful to see them supporting our younger pupils so thoughtfully and helping to make playtimes such happy and inclusive moments for everyone.

We've also welcomed Liam, our new drumming teacher, who has been leading exciting Djembe sessions with Years 5 and 6. These lessons have brought great energy to the school and have been a fantastic addition to our music provision.

Our focus on attendance is also paying off — our whole school attendance is now higher than it was at this point last year. Thank you for your ongoing support in ensuring your children are in school every day and on time. We'll be sending home individual attendance updates later this week so you can see how your child is doing.

October has been a vibrant month of learning and celebration as we marked Black History Month. Children have engaged brilliantly with the topics planned across the school and enjoyed sharing their learning with families during yesterday's parent event. A huge thank you to everyone who came along — it was a joyful celebration of knowledge, creativity and pride.

We have scheduled Parents' Evening slightly later this year — on Monday 10th November (2pm–6pm), with additional slots for our larger Year 5/6 classes on Tuesday 11th November. Following our move to mixed-age classes, we felt it was important to give teachers more time to get to know the children before meeting with families. Booking will open when we return from the half-term break.

After such a full and lively half term, I know everyone is ready for a well-deserved rest. I wish all our children, families and staff a peaceful and refreshing break. I look forward to seeing everyone back for the second half of the autumn term — always a special time in school as we journey towards Advent and the joy of Christmas together.

Prayer at Home

Sometimes we face challenges that make us feel like giving up — whether it's learning something new, keeping a promise, or staying calm when things don't go our way. In those moments, God reminds us that we are never alone. He gives us strength, courage and patience when we ask for His help.

Perseverance means keeping going, even when something feels difficult. It's about having faith that, with God's help, we can overcome challenges and grow stronger through them. Just as Jesus stayed faithful to God's plan, even when it was hard, we too can show our faith by trying our best and not losing hope.

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Philippians 4:13

Reflect together as a family:

- When have you kept going even when something was hard?
- Who encourages you when you feel like giving up?
- How can prayer help you to be strong and not give up?

Prayer:

Lord,

Give us courage when things are difficult.

Help us to keep going, to stay patient, and to trust in You.

**May we remember that with Your help,
all things are possible.**

Amen.



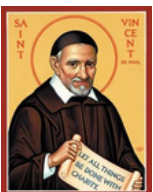
Attendance



Year 5/6 - St Edmund Campion Class = 91%



Year 5/6 - St Thomas Aquinas Class = 95%



Year 3/4 - St Vincent de Paul Class = 96%



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



Year 1 - St Francis Class = 94%



St John Class = 97%

Reception - St Anne Class = 98%

Nursery - St Anne Class = 94%

Attendance

At this point in the term, we want to take a moment to remind families how important good attendance is for your child's learning and well-being. Every day in school really does make a difference — children who attend regularly are happier, more confident, and make much stronger progress in their learning.

We understand that children sometimes feel under the weather, especially as the colder months approach. Please remember that the school has paracetamol and ibuprofen available for minor ailments such as headaches or mild colds, so children don't always need to miss a full day of school for these reasons. We'll always contact you if we feel your child is too unwell to stay in school.

As we move into flu season, we also encourage parents to consider the flu immunisation for their child. In most cases, this is a quick and painless nasal spray, helping to protect not only your child but the wider school community.

Finally, a reminder that holidays during term time cannot be authorised. This includes late returns to school following holidays taken during official school breaks. Every missed day matters — thank you for working with us to make attendance a real strength across our school.

If you need any advice or support with attendance or illness, please speak to the school office — we're here to help.

School Target = 96%

Whole School Attendance this week = 95%

100% attendance for the week?

You could win a £5  voucher!

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.



Parents Evening

We're looking forward to welcoming you to Parents' Evening on Monday 10th November. Due to class sizes, there will be additional appointment slots available for Year 5/6 parents on Tuesday 11th November.

 Booking will open after the half-term break – we'll send out a reminder once it's live so you can secure your time slot. It's a great opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and discuss their progress – we hope to see you there!



Parent Governor Election

We are looking for a parent to join our Local Governing Body. As a parent governor, you'll work with the board to make sure it effectively carries out the duties referred to above. You'll also play a vital role in bringing a parental perspective to the governing board, but you're not there to speak 'on behalf' of the parent body.

To be a parent governor you should have:

- A strong commitment to the role and to improving outcomes for children
- Good inter-personal skills, curiosity, and a willingness to learn and develop new skills

In addition, the governing board is keen for candidates who have skills in the following areas, although this is not essential:

fundraising, marketing, early child development, nutrition/healthcare

If you would like to find out more or to apply for the role please contact



Early Years Spare Uniform

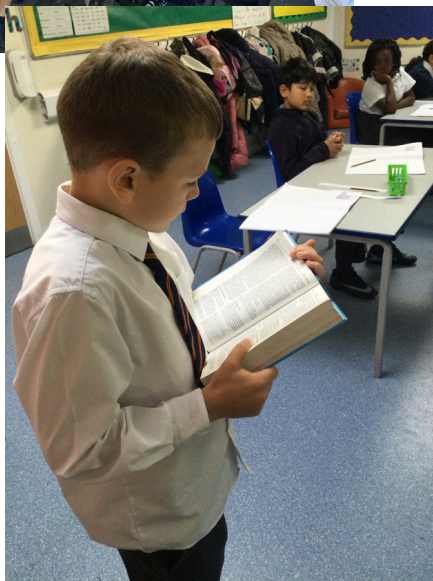
Please ensure that your child has a spare change of clothes in school at all times — this should include underwear, socks, and an extra pair of shoes. Accidents and spills are all part of early learning, and having spare clothes means your child can stay comfortable and continue learning without disruption.

In line with the Early Years curriculum, our Nursery and Reception children play and learn outdoors in all weathers. Please make sure your child comes to school with appropriate clothing, such as a warm coat, hat and gloves in colder weather, and wellies and waterproofs for rainy days.

Outdoor play is a vital part of how young children learn, explore and develop — thank you for helping us ensure they can enjoy it safely and comfortably every day!



Moments of the week



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CONTRACT CATERING SERVICES LUNCH MENU Nov 2025 - Apr 2026



Week 1	Monday 'Planet Earth Day'	Tuesday 'Street Food Day'	FREE FROM Main Allergens Wednesday 'Traditional Day'	Thursday Hungary	Friday 'Favourites'
Dates	03 Nov 2025 • 17 Nov • 01 Dec • 15 Dec • 29 Dec • 12 Jan 2026 • 26 Jan • 09 Feb • 23 Feb • 09 Mar • 23 Mar • 06 Apr				
Option 1	Tomato, Basil & Mozzarella Potato Gnocchi	BBQ Veggie Chicken Tenders with Spicy Diced Potatoes	Veggie Bangers and Mash	Layered Cheesy Vegetables & Potatoes (Rakott Krumpli)	Vegetable Nuggets with Sweet and Sour Sauce & Rice
Option 2	Thai Red Vegetable Meatballs Curry with Noodles	Spaghetti Bolognese	Minced Beef Cottage Pie	Paprikash Chicken with Pasta or Rice	Cod Fish Fingers with Chips
On the side	Sweetcorn and Green Beans	Broccoli & Carrots	Braised Red Cabbage & Peas	Green Vegetable Medley	Garden Peas and Baked Beans
Salads	Mixed Bean Salad	Crunchy Red Coleslaw	Chef's House Salad	Hungarian Cucumber Salad	Asian Noodle Salad
Dessert	Fruity Yoghurt Bar with Toppings	Cheese with Breadstick	Seasonal Fresh Fruit Salad	Apple & Cinnamon Greek Style Yoghurt	Dates & Banana Yoghurt
DAILY OPTIONS: DAILY SALAD & SEASONAL FRESH FRUIT PLATTER FRESH BREAD & YOGHURTS					

Week 2	Monday 'Planet Earth Day'	Tuesday 'Street Food Day'	FREE FROM Main Allergens Wednesday 'Traditional Day'	Thursday Brazilian	Friday 'Favourites'
Dates	10 Nov 2025 • 24 Nov • 08 Dec • 22 Dec • 05 Jan 2026 • 19 Jan • 02 Feb • 16 Feb • 2 Mar • 16 Mar • 30 Mar				
Option 1	Cheese, Tomato & Basil Pasta Bake	Margherita Pizza with Cajun Potato Wedges	Chickpea & Vegetable Jollof Rice	Black Bean & Vegetable Burrito	Mediterranean Puff Pastry Tart with Chips
Option 2	Chickpea & Vegetable Tagine with Couscous	Chicken Shawarma with Rice	Lemon & Herb Roast Chicken Thigh with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Beef Feijoada with Rice	Battered Pollock Fillet with Chips or Jacket Potato with Tuna, Salmon & Sweetcorn Mayonnaise
On the side	Carrots and Broccoli	Vegetable Medley	Roasted Cauliflower and Green Beans	Baby Corn & Carrots	Garden Peas and Baked Beans
Salads	Beetroot & Spring Onion Salad	Carrot & Sultana Salad	Chef's House Salad	Brazilian Slaw (Salpicão Salad)	Crunchy Coleslaw
Dessert	Fruity Yoghurt Bar with Toppings	Cheese with Breadstick	Seasonal Fresh Fruit Salad	Banana & Mango Fruit Fool with Toasted Coconut	Mandarin Yoghurt Crunch
DAILY OPTIONS: DAILY SALAD & SEASONAL FRESH FRUIT PLATTER FRESH BREAD & YOGHURTS					

Please Note that some dishes may be subject to local changes to suit individual school needs

LOOK OUT FOR OUR POPULAR THEME DAYS.

DECEMBER
Christmas Lunch

MARCH
Eid Celebration

JANUARY
National Pie Day

MARCH
World Book Day

FEBRUARY
Chinese New Year

FEBRUARY
Pancake Day



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.



Tower Hamlets

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





Happy Birthday to the following children who will celebrate between the 11th October and 7th November:

Scarlett Kasperowicz - Reception

Anisa Hussain - Year 3/4

Esohe Irowa - Year 5/6

Nmesoma Udunna - Year 5/6



Dates for Your Diary



Tuesday 4th November

Y5/6 - NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe Class Workshop

Friday 7th November

Ms Harrison Class Assembly - Remembrance Day

Friday 7th November

Y3/4 Tower of London Trip

Monday 10th November - Friday 14th November

Anti-Bullying Week

Monday 10th November

Parents Evening 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Tuesday 11th November

Additional Parents Evening 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Wednesday 12th November

Y5/6 Trip to Bishop Challenor

Wednesday 12th November

EYFS Nature walk

Friday 14th November

Mr Oriowo Class Assembly - Anti-Bullying