

Friday 2nd December 2021 "I have come so that you can live life, in all its' fullness." John 10:10

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Weekly Worship & reflection  
Being prepared for the coming of  
Jesus.



Dear Families,

Happy Birthday to us!! This week, we have been celebrating our birthday with cake and special learning about the History of our school. We have a long and rich history stretching back to over 150 years. During this time, the school has mirrored many themes and local and national events which have shaped Poplar life since Victorian times: from being founded in the 1860s to help the poor, to suffering bombing during the first half of the 20th century and being rebuilt at a time of hope in the 1950s. We hope to inspire our pupils, families and community to learn about our shared heritage and to support the learning which takes place in our school. This week each class had the opportunity to visit our Living Museum.



We are very lucky to have some wonderful artefacts and documents from the schools past in the Museum. This was put in place 6 years ago to commemorate the schools 150th Birthday and is a Victorian inspired installation displaying many wonderful pieces from the school's archive along with items found during building projects. This interactive exhibition brings the schools history to life for our pupils and provides many valuable learning opportunities. Included in the Victorian Wall are public notices and appeals which are a testament to the incredible dedication of men, such as Father Dolling, to help raise the living standards of the poor of the area. Pictures of our Living Museum can be seen on the next page and children visiting it can be seen on the next couple of pages.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Smith

### Coronavirus Update

All of our precautions up until now have required us only to have to close two bubbles in the last 18 months. However, more recently we had an increased number of positive Covid-19 cases due to a rise in community transmission. This means that cases are rising locally and nationally.

Thankfully, we are grateful for those of you who have kept children at home when they are symptomatic and taken PCR tests. Please remember if any children develop Covid-19 symptoms (regardless of vaccination or if they are a close contact) we will ask you to:

- Self-isolate for 10 days or
- Get a PCR test- children can only return to school after they have received the negative result.

We have increased our protection measures. From wearing masks to restricting larger cohort mixing. Sadly, this means that our assemblies will be in smaller phases.

Where children have been a close contact with pupils who have tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) we will have already contacted you and advised you to follow the below advice from Public Health England.

### Church Services

- All Saints Church - Wednesday 15 December at 6pm. 'The St Saviour's school choir are singing.'
- Messy Church at St Nicks. Thursday 9th December 4pm-6pm. A festive messy afternoon of crafts, a story and a sit down meal. All welcome.

**Last day for Christmas  
donations will be  
Thursday 16th  
December**

### Important dates:

**Wednesday 15th December** — Christmas lunch for pupils and staff

**Thursday 16th December** — Christingle time to be confirmed

**Monday 20th December** — Panto

**Tuesday 21st December** — class parties non uniform day—all children to be collected by 1.30pm

### Important reminders:

If you have a new contact number/email address or new medical information please could you kindly inform the office.

All children return on **Wednesday 5th Jan 2022.**

Dear Families,

It is with sadness and appreciation that we say a fond farewell to Mr Rowland, Miss Williams and Mr Lowson this December.

Mr Rowland is retiring after over thirty five years of teaching most at St Saviours! His commitment and service is a testament to the love in our community and his love of teaching and our school. A great teacher makes a difference and we know that he has made a difference to us all. A trusted professional, he has always been a great listener and wise counsel to myself, staff and my predecessor, Mr Porter. Although he may have slowed down a little, in running annual marathons, he still jet sets around the world and will be able to enjoy art and travels in term time! We wish well in what will not be a usual retirement!

Miss Williams may have only been at St Saviour's a mere decade in comparison, but she has been an outstanding teacher and leader who has been instrumental in our journey. To think she only came to London for a year! Her love of the children and the school kept her with us and now she is leaving to take up a Deputy Headship back home in Hereford, near family at last! Although she will be physically leaving London, she will be staying on as a member of the Governing Body as Poplar is still her adopted second home!

Teaching is a calling that does not suit everyone at all times in their life, Mr Lowson is lucky enough to be able to stay home and look after his new baby! We wish the whole Lowson family good luck in their growth and future, big or small!

Being a teacher since the last millennium, has taught me that change is inevitable in the life of a school. The current context is making everyone evaluate their lives. In this instance, I would quote Sting for those old enough to remember - "If you love somebody... set them free. " I know you will join me in wishing Mr Rowland, Ms Williams and Mr Lowson the best of luck and love on their journey and know they will return because they will always be a part of who we are and our journey as a school.

We are appointing a Year 1 teacher from this term to ensure a smooth handover and an Assistant Headteacher next term.

If you would like to leave a farewell message for Mr Rowland on an electronic board and card please do so by clicking here- <https://www.kudoboard.com/boards/Ho60CQVH> and for Miss Williams—<https://www.kudoboard.com/boards/F6ujQc5F> you can do this on a smart phone you do not need to sign up or pay anything. Just leave your good wishes and know that your messages can be seen and saved for all!

Wishing you a safe advent!

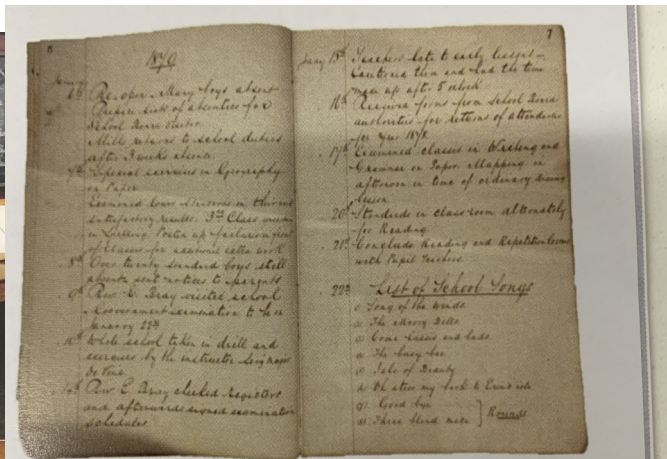
## **Nativity**

Given the rise in cases and community anxiety in yourselves and staff we will be videoing the performances. Venues ask for vaccination certificates and or proof of a negative test, we know that many of you would do so gladly. However as a school we cannot ask for those nor do we feel we can force you to comply, yet the level of anxiety expressed by parents and staff means it would not be prudent to go ahead with having 240 sets of parents in the hall at this time.





A selection of Victorian clay pipes discovered during building work at the school.



St. Saviour's School Log Book, 1879.



The cane: a well used St. Saviour's School behaviour strategy during the late 19th and early 20th century (not in use today!).



# CAROL SERVICE



## ALL SAINTS CHURCH

15th DECEMBER 2021• 6pm

JOIN US FOR CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT WITH THE THAMES  
CHAMBER CHOIR AND ST SAVIOURS SCHOOL CHOIR  
FOLLOWED BY FESTIVE REFRESHMENTS.  
ALL WELCOME

Raffle tickets are on sale from  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec, You can  
purchase these from all gates.  
£1 a strip



Thank you and Good Luck!



### Christmas Hampers donations



Christmas is on its way! As we are all aware, we would have loved to have a school fair but unfortunately, this is not possible. We are trying to make it as fun as possible to raise money for the school. Therefore, we are asking families, if they could donate **one item per child** from their classes from the list below. From your donations, we will then make hampers for parents & guardians to purchase a raffle tickets to win the hampers and other prizes.

### Nursery & Reception - Chocolates

Years 1 & 2 – Bags of Sweets

Years 3 & 4 – Cakes & Biscuits

Years 5 & 6 – Drinks (non- alcoholic or alcoholic)

Could these items be given to your child for them to take into their classes. We would like these items to brought into school starting from Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November



Thank you for your support :)

Well done to our Stars of the Week!

**Nursery**

**Henry & Erin**

**Reception**

**Elijah & Alexander**

**Year 1**

**Amelia & Franky**

**Year 2**

**Mia & James**

**Year 3**

**Rayna & Joseph**

**Year 4**

**Olivia & Ben**

**Year 5**

**Riley & Dejaun**

**Year 6**

**Olivia & Ejaz**

Well done to all our children who received a  
Kindness Leave this week!

**Reception**

**Ella & Kelani**

**Year 1**

**Gavin & Savannah**

**Year 2**

**Mimi & Ayman**

**Year 3**

**Rayna & Joseph**

**Year 4**

**Logan & Alfie T**

**Year 5**

**Riley & Dejaun**

**Year 6**

**Odin & Robbie**



Happy Birthday



Azaria	03 Dec 2016	Reception
Chloe	04 Dec 2012	Yr4
Ella	05 Dec 2012	Yr4
Jacob	07 Dec 2013	Yr3
Adeola	09 Dec 2013	Yr3
Aaliyah	10 Dec 2014	Yr2
Yasin	12 Dec 2011	Yr5
Tasha	12 Dec 2011	Yr5
Berk	12 Dec 2012	Yr4
Lacey	13 Dec 2012	Yr4
Shyamak	16 Dec 2010	Yr6
Reagan	18 Dec 2011	Yr5
Mya-Rose	19 Dec 2012	Yr4
Muhammad	20 Dec 2015	Yr1
Henry	23 Dec 2017	Nursery
Shawn	23 Dec 2013	Yr3
Frankey	24 Dec 2015	Yr1
Dolly	24 Dec 2016	Reception
Sabiha	26 Dec 2013	Yr3
Noelle	28 Dec 2014	Yr2
Gavin	29 Dec 2015	Yr1
Mia	29 Dec 2014	Yr2
Beau	30 Dec 2014	Yr2
Rayleigh	31 Dec 2010	Yr6