



## NEWSLETTER Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Dear families,

This week we welcomed ministers as part of a delegation from the Malawian government and representatives from Think Equal. Our visitors focus was on how we safeguard children, especially in the Early Years and how Think Equal supports this along with national and local systems. We were joined by representatives from the Local Authority Safeguarding and Early Years teams in Sharifa and Charlotte who lead Safeguarding and Early Years. The visitors observed Think Equal in Nursery and phonics in Reception. They were very impressed by how mature yet free the children are, joining in and having fun. It was wonderful to host and share practice.

Our older children were successful in Poplar Parliament this week, winning the poster competition and representing the school brilliantly! Well done to all!

This week was also the start of moderation. At this time of the year teachers work with other partnership schools and moderate the standards of the children's books. This is an invaluable exercise where teachers can have an open conversation with other teachers and moderators about standards and ensure our children are making the necessary progress.

We look forward to seeing you on our zoom parental workshops for key SATs year groups so you are aware of your part in the partnership to support your child in doing their best without fear and anxiety. There is a saying in education by Malcom X "Education is the passport to the future; for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it" So let's get ready,

Wishing you a wonderful weekend,

*Mrs Smith*



### DIARY DATES

**Monday 20- 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel - encourage your child to walk, cycle or scooter to school everyday for two weeks.**

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

**Easter Bonnet Competition – Hats and bonnets be brought into school on Friday 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Easter holiday**

**3/4/23 – 17/4/23**

**Summer term starts:**

**18/4/23 – 20/7/23**

**Inset Day:**

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April**

**Bank Holiday:**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May**

**School Closure:**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May for the coronation**

Jesus said "I have come so that you can live life in all its' fullness" John 10:10

## STARS OF THE WEEK



*Our stars*



*Kindness leaves*

Areebah  
Kevin &  
Isambard

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!**

Micah	1st	Nursery
Alfie	5th	Yr5
Poppi	5th	Yr3
Lois-Rachel	6th	Yr5
Georgie	8th	Yr6
Varvara	12th	Yr2
Samara	12th	Yr4
Noah	13th	Reception
Ollie-Archie	15th	Nursery
Johnny	18th	Yr1
Jaciara	24th	Yr4
Crimson	26th	Yr3
Oscar	27th	Yr2



### WORSHIP FOCUS

**Living well in this life**

How do your beliefs affect how you live your life now?





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### Parent Workshops

As we approach the time of year when children sit assessment (May/June) we would like to use the time we have left before Easter as an opportunity to support our parents. This time we will be delivering the workshops via **ZOOM, starting at 4pm**, which will hopefully make it more accessible. Zoom links will be emailed to parents on the day.

**Monday 27th March: Year 6 SAT's**

**Tuesday 28th March: Year 2 SAT's & Year 1 Phonics**

**Wednesday 29th March: Year 5 Banding & Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)**

Any problems let me know

Mr. Hall

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Odd Socks Day is a national event all about celebrating what makes someone unique. It's organised by the Anti-Bullying Alliance which is a group of organisations, charities and individuals who work together to try and prevent bullying! – Thank you for your support!



## Poplar Parliament



On Wednesday the 22 of March, 6 pupils were nominated for a competition to create a presentation and poster relating to mental health and how we can improve it. These children only had 1 hour to complete the task, competing against 4 other local schools. We are so proud of our children who came out victorious. Each child received an amazing prize of £25 Amazon voucher.

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# EASTER BONNET & HAT COMPETITION



**ALL BONNETS & HATS TO  
BROUGHT INTO SCHOOL ON  
FRIDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH**

**PRIZES TO BE WON!  
WINNERS TO BE ANNOUNCED!  
GOOD LUCK!**

## SCHOOL NOTICE BOARD

**Starts Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March – 31<sup>st</sup> March. Please can encourage your child to scooter, cycle or walk to school.**



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Get set... we're taking part in Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel 2023 the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting challenge. The challenge runs from 20-31 March. It's free and we would love everyone to be involved.

**What do you need to do?**

Encourage your child(ren) to walk, use a wheelchair, scoot or cycle to school on as many days as possible during the event.

**Including everyone**

We want to make sure that everyone can get involved in Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel.

We know it may be more difficult for some pupils to take part than others. If you want to discuss more about your child(ren)'s specific needs, please contact Rachel and we will make sure to look into how your child(ren) can take part.

**Why we are taking part**

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel is a great way to build physical activity in children's daily routine which is important for their physical health and mental wellbeing.

Active school runs also help to reduce congestion and air pollution outside the school gate. A 2021 YouGov study showed nearly half of UK children worry about air pollution near their school. And that children thought active travel was the best away to bring down these pollution levels.

Plus there are some great prizes to be won every day if we get enough children taking part!

**Useful resources**

To help you prepare, Sustrans has developed a handy free guide to walking, cycling or scooting to school. It is packed with advice to help you have hassle-free journey to school.

Download your free family guide using this link: <https://www.sustrans.org.uk/sign-up-to-receive-your-free-school-run-guide/>

For more information about the event go to [www.bigwalkandwheel.org.uk](http://www.bigwalkandwheel.org.uk). Enjoy the challenge!

Best wishes

St Saviour's School



**Discover how you can change your world by changing your journey**

- ✓ Be active and feel **more energised**.
- ✓ Help **the environment** by replacing a car journey
- ✓ Help your school win some fantastic **prizes**

**Are you taking part in the UK's biggest walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling to school competition?**

[www.BigWalkAndWheel.org.uk](http://www.BigWalkAndWheel.org.uk)

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## THAMES Music Centres and Ensembles



**Saturday Music Centre**  
Saturdays, 9.00am-12.30pm



**Wednesday Music Centre**  
Wednesdays, 4.00-5.45pm



**Soundbox Inclusive Ensemble**  
Saturdays (fortnightly), 10.30am-12.15pm

**Children's Choir**  
Mondays, 4.30-5.30pm

**Youth Orchestra**  
School holiday courses

For young people aged 7-18 who live or go to school in Tower Hamlets



For more information and to register visit  
[thames.lowerhamlets.gov.uk](http://thames.lowerhamlets.gov.uk)  
If you have any questions, contact the THAMES office: 020 7364 0431  
[THAMES.admin@towerhamlets.gov.uk](mailto:THAMES.admin@towerhamlets.gov.uk)

## THAMES Music Centres and Ensembles

**Saturday Music Centre**  
Orchestras, choirs, chamber groups, bands – the SMC develops students' musicianship and technical skills through playing with others. Open to musicians aged 7-18 who are Grade 1+ and have instrumental/vocal lessons.

**Wednesday Music Centre**  
The WMC is for children in the elementary stages of learning. It features a range of ensembles including strings, wind, brass, orchestra and choir. Open to beginner musicians aged 7-11 who are having weekly instrumental/vocal lessons.

**Soundbox**  
Soundbox is an all-ability inclusive ensemble that brings together disabled and non-disabled musicians aged 11+ to make and create music using a mix of traditional instruments, music technology and singing. No prior experience necessary.

**Children's Choir**  
The Children's Choir is for singers aged 7-11 and offers an opportunity to learn new songs, develop vocal technique and sing together as a choir. No prior experience necessary.

**Youth Orchestra**  
Tower Hamlets Youth Orchestra is the borough's leading youth ensemble. The orchestra meets for intensive rehearsals during school holidays, has recently toured Germany and also held residential courses outside of London. Open to musicians aged 11+ and Grade 5+ standard.







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# THAMES Children's Choir

**Mondays 4.30-5.30pm**

For 7-11 years olds who live or attend school in Tower Hamlets



# THAMES Children's Choir



THAMES Children's Choir is an exciting new singing group for children in Tower Hamlets, led by outstanding singers and music directors.

Each session will include:

- Fun singing warm-ups
- Learning a range of songs
- Developing musical and performing skills
- Working towards performances
- Meeting new friends

Join us on Mondays and be part of a vibrant, talented team of young singers!

### Where

Sessions will take place weekly during term time at Cayley Primary School, Ashton Street, E14 7NG

### When

Mondays during term-time, 4.30-5.30pm

### How to join

To find out more and register, click [here](#) or scan the QR code or visit the website.



Participation is FREE



Watch recent choir videos [here](#) or scan the QR code

If you have any questions, contact Alison Porter: 020 7364 0431  
alison.porter@towerhamlets.gov.uk

[thames.towerhamlets.gov.uk](http://thames.towerhamlets.gov.uk)

Spotlight.

# SPOTLIGHT EASTER HOLIDAYS

3RD - 14TH APRIL 2023



SEE WHAT'S ON

Free activities for 11 - 19 year olds. Up to 25 SEND

[wearespotlight.com/holiday](http://wearespotlight.com/holiday)  
or scan the QR code:



@weare\_spotlight / hello@wearespotlight.com

# EASTER HOLIDAYS WEEK 1

3rd - 14th April 2023

Spotlight.

FREE PROGRAMMES FOR AGES 11 - 19 (25 SEND) See what's on: [wearespotlight.com/holiday](http://wearespotlight.com/holiday)

MONDAY 3 April 2023	TUESDAY 4 April 2023	WEDNESDAY 5 April 2023	THURSDAY 6 April 2023
One Youth Dance Easter School 11-4pm 13-16 Spotlight	One Youth Dance Easter School 11-4pm 13-16 Spotlight	Lunch Club 12-1pm 11-16 Spotlight	One Youth Dance Easter School 11-4pm 13-16 Spotlight
Lunch Club 12-1pm 11-16 Spotlight	Lunch Club 12-1pm 11-16 Spotlight	Beginners Studio Time 1-3pm 11-16 Spotlight	Lunch Club 12-1pm 11-16 Spotlight
Beginners Studio Time 1-3pm 11-16 Spotlight	London College of Fashion Easter School 1-5pm 11-16 Spotlight	Aids Walking project 1-4pm 11-16 Spotlight	Beginners Studio Time 1-3pm 11-16 Spotlight
London College of Fashion Easter School 1-5pm 11-16 Spotlight	Spotlight Skates 1-5pm 11-16 Tower Centre	Spotlight Superheroes 1-4pm 11-25 SEND Spotlight	Drumming 1-3pm 11-16 Spotlight
Podcast Slaz 1-3pm 11-16 Spotlight	Podcast Slaz 1-3pm 11-16 Spotlight	Podcast Slaz 1-3pm 11-16 Spotlight	Podcast Slaz 1-3pm 11-16 Spotlight
Chill Out & Games 2:30pm-5:30pm 11-16 50 Football Way	Mixed Basing 4:30-6pm 11-16 Spotlight	Chill Out & Games 4:30pm-6:30pm 11-16 50 Football Way	Advanced Studio Time 5-6pm 11-16 Spotlight
Advanced Studio Time 3-5pm 11-16 Spotlight	Creative Tip: For Black Boys... (When the Hue Gets Too Heavy) 6:15-7pm (54) Spotlight	Girls Club 1:30pm-5:30pm 11-16 50 Football Way	Mixed Basing 4:30pm 11-16 Spotlight
Fit Club 4-5pm 11-16 Spotlight	Advanced Basing 6:1-7:45pm 164 Spotlight	Advanced Studio Time 3-5pm 11-16 Spotlight	After Hours: One Youth Dance Slaz 5-6pm Spotlight
After Hours: DJ Clash 5-6pm 11-16 Spotlight	Mixed Basing 4:30-6pm 11-16 Spotlight	Mixed Basing 4:30-6pm 11-16 Spotlight	Football 5-6pm 11-16 Lanc
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	One Youth Dance Easter School	One Youth Dance Easter School	



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### EASTER HOLIDAYS WEEK 2

3rd - 14th April 2023

Spotlight

FREE PROGRAMMES FOR AGES 11 - 19 (25 SEND) See what's on: [wearespotlight.com/holiday](http://wearespotlight.com/holiday)

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
11 April 2023	12 April 2023	13 April 2023	14 April 2023
Lunch Club 12:15pm - 11:15pm   Spotlight	Reworded - Fashion Upcycling 1:45pm - 11:15am   Spotlight	Trip - Wembley Stadium 10:45pm - 11:15am   Spotlight	Lunch Club 12:15pm - 11:15am   Spotlight
Beginners Studio Time 1:35pm - 11:15am   Spotlight	Lunch Club 12:15pm - 11:15am   Spotlight	Lunch Club 12:15pm - 11:15am   Spotlight	Customise a Hoodie 1:35pm - 11:15am   Spotlight
Spotlight Skates 1:55pm - 11:15am   Spotlight	Beginners Studio Time 1:35pm - 11:15am   Spotlight	Drumming 1:35pm - 11:15am   Spotlight	Youth Theatre 1:45pm - 11:15am   Spotlight
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Advanced Studio Time 3:55pm - 11:15am   Spotlight	Chill Out & Games 1:30pm-6:30pm (11-16) 8 Pauls Way	Reworded - Fashion Upcycling 1:45pm - 11:15am   Spotlight	Career Clinic 3:30pm-6:30pm (11-16) 8 Pauls Way
After Hours - Young V.A 4:7pm - 11:15am   Spotlight	Girls Club 1:30pm-6:30pm (11-16) 8 Pauls Way	After Hours - Karaoke in the Kaff 5:7pm - 11:15am   Spotlight	Chill Out & Games 3:30pm-6:30pm (11-16) 8 Pauls Way
Mixed Boxing 4:30pm - 11:15am   Spotlight	Advanced Studio Time 3:55pm - 11:15am   Spotlight	After Hours - Easter Showcase 5:7pm - Open to All   Spotlight	After Hours - Easter Showcase 5:7pm - Open to All   Spotlight
Advanced Boxing 6:7:45pm - 11:15am   Spotlight	Mixed Boxing 4:30pm - 11:15am   Spotlight	Fi Club - Invite Only 5:30-6:30pm (11-16)   Spotlight	Fi Club - Invite Only 5:30-6:30pm (11-16)   Spotlight
	After Hours - Stop and Search Workshop 5:7pm - 11:15am   Spotlight		
	Advanced Boxing 6:7:45pm - 11:15am   Spotlight		




JOIN THE VICTORIA PARK RANGERS FOR

### EASTER IN VICTORIA PARK

**TUESDAY 4 APRIL 2023**  
**ARTS AND CRAFTS**  
At the Hub Building  
10:30am-12:30pm

**WEDNESDAY 5 & THURSDAY 6 APRIL 2023**  
**STICKER HUNT**  
Collect Maps/worksheet from the Hub lobby between  
10:30am-2:30pm

**WEDNESDAY 12 APRIL 2023**  
**POND DIPPING**  
10:30am-12:30pm  
Location: Model Boat lake, behind the playground with the big slides

These events are free.  
No need to book, just drop in.  
For enquiries please contact:  
[victoriapark@towerhamlets.gov.uk](mailto:victoriapark@towerhamlets.gov.uk)



### Holiday Childcare Easter Scheme 2023

#### Information for professionals

The Tower Hamlets Holiday Childcare Easter 2023 half-term scheme is now open for bookings for working parents' resident in the borough and for vulnerable referrals. Non-working parents / carers are welcome to book places from 21<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

#### Scheme dates

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2023 (8 days). The scheme will be closed on Good Friday and Bank holiday Monday. Our scheme dates are based on the Tower Hamlets school holidays. Booking closing date: 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023 by 12pm or earlier once bookings are full.

#### Venue

St Anne's and Guardian Angels Catholic Primary School, Underwood Road, E1 5AW

Please support and share this information with families you feel may benefit from our scheme. To refer a child please complete our [referral form](#) and support the family to book following the steps on our [booking system](#).

More information can be found on our website [www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/hcs](http://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/hcs)

We will look forward to receiving your bookings.

Holiday Childcare Team  
Parent & Family Support Service  
Children and Culture Directorate  
London Borough of Tower Hamlets



### TRANSITION EVENT

(For parents of Year 4 and 5 children with EHC plans)

Presentation from SEN Department on transition process  
Independent travel training  
Local Offer  
Meet the Secondary SENCos

#### Date:

Wednesday 17th May 2023

#### Time:

9.30AM – 2.00PM

#### Venue:

BRADY ARTS CENTRE,  
192 – 196 HANBURY ST, LONDON E1 5HU  
Lunch will be provided

For more information or to book a place please contact us on 020 7364 6489 or email:

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

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Upcoming Events

**Tower Hamlets Independent Send forum (THSEND)**  
**Check Out List of Events for 2023**

March  
**16**

**Online meeting**

Online Forum Catch Up and end of year report

April  
**27**

**THSend Forum Catch Up**

Catch up and forward planning for send Parents

Tower Hamlets Town Hall 10.00-12.00.  
Please book your place with  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/thsend-forum-catch-up-tickets-590124447107>

June  
**17**

**Market street**

**information Fun day**

It's time for family event. We will invite all families to join the the Family Fun Day. Tons of fun activities will be held for everyone to enjoy, whilst having the opportunity to engage with send services

St Pauls Bow Common, Burdett Rd, London, E3 4AR

October  
**05**

**THSend Forum Catch Up**

Cubitt town primary school 10.00-12.00

Please book your place with  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/thsend-forum-catch-up-tickets-590139291507>

November **information day**

**30**

Opportunity to engage with send services including Health and Social care, education and many more

Brady Arts centre 10.30-14.00

Guest speaker TBC look out for more information

For detailed information: [www.thsendforum.co.uk](http://www.thsendforum.co.uk)

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Facebook or Instagram