

NEWSLETTER Friday 6th September 2024

Dear Families,

Welcome back everyone, existing and new members of our school community, it is an absolute joy to be back and see how much the children have grown! From fishing to swimming, from Southend to seas around the globe, the children have returned enriched by their experiences and ready for school. Their growing maturity is evident, settling in so well already so that school is a calm, yet exciting environment to be in. An utter joy!



The start of the year is so special because it allows us to create the atmosphere, conditions and climate for the year from treating each other with care, respect and love so that we are inspired to be the best of ourselves. The heartfelt hope of a fresh start and school creation seems unique to education and a privilege to be part of. Rev Matt come in to lead our worship as he and other members of the Poplar team do weekly and was able to bless our school and all the people in it, young and old. The children's faces lit up with huge smiles, school is joyous!

Wishing you a wonderful weekend,

*Mrs Smith
& Mr Hall*



DIARY DATES

Classical Concert: Lunchtime concert for school council members at Clifford Chance to listen to BBC Young Musician Finalists.

Jeans for Genes Day: Friday 20th September- wear jeans and the rest of your school uniform and give as much as you can for genetic conditions from autism to cerebral palsy.

School Book Fair: Monday 7th – 9th October, browse or buy books

BEE project starts with year 6: 21st October

Flu vaccines available for children: 17th October

Half Term: Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November

Anti-Bullying Week: 11th – 15th November

School's Birthday: 1st December celebrated on Friday 29th November

Christmas performances: Week beginning 16th December – Christmas Panto and other events to be confirmed.

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Term Dates

St Saviour's School 2024/25 Academic Calendar

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INSET DAYS;

2nd 3rd September
6th & 7th January

Good Friday 18th April
Easter Monday 21st April

SATs week: 12th May

School Birthday 1st December
celebrated 2nd December

After the pandemic, some families and children struggled to get back routines and attendance at school. We know that every second counts. When children miss school they are out of step with their peers, they miss vital parts of learning concepts so they fall behind or have gaps and miss their friends. Some have told us that they feel **'lonely, confused, upset, out of energy, left out or left behind'**. Being in school matters in many ways so please let us know if you are struggling and do book any appointments or events outside of school time. Thank you.

Unless you are able to establish relationships, relate with the adults and your friends you may not be able to regulate your emotions in the same way or develop the resilience you needs to flourish. We want all our children to be healthy and flourishing.

If you are struggling to support your child's attendance do let us know how we can help you. To enable this we will not be agreeing any holidays in term time.

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Volunteers – We Need You!

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer? Some of the ways volunteers can help in the school are:

- ❖ • Reading with children
- ❖ • Supporting school events from the schools birthday to the summer fair
- ❖ • Supporting fundraising from singing at hospices to Canary Wharf
- ❖ • Attending trips and visits
- ❖ • Support in the classes with learning or lunchtimes with play
- ❖ • Gardening with and without children

We look forward to hearing from you and your generous offer of help!

If you can help, please contact Rachel, thank you.



Wear jeans to save lives! How to celebrate Jeans for Genes Day?

The day encourages children and teachers to join in with fundraising by wearing jeans and casual wear to school. Those who participate by wearing jeans then donate money. Jeans for Genes Day focuses on birth or genetic diseases like Down syndrome, cancer, cystic fibrosis, and genetic blindness.

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We would like to welcome new staff who have started this week they include our librarian Mr Hekim, Shakan, who met with year 5 boys last term to talk about books and preferences and has already revamped our school library with the library service to include the children's preferences. Mr Hekim, Shaju, will be running book groups on Thursdays including a Tower Hamlets Book Award group after school.



We would also like to welcome Ella Deeks, our play therapist who will be working with our children on Mondays. Ella is familiar with the school and has already had a handover to enable her to support families and our children.



Our speech and language therapist, Trully Kheswa, starts next week along with Mr William Bruce, our St Paul's musical outreach and our new iRock tutor, Mr Will Juton.

I know some of you have already met Ms Rocha, our new year teacher in year 3 and MFL lead.

A huge welcome to all our new staff this year.

Changes will always happen in schools, it is the nature of life that things do not stay the same, there is a season for everything and a season for everyone. The people who come are ones who love our children, we are blessed to belong to such a beautiful community. Some of our people are missing at the moment, our hearts and good wishes are with them. Thank you

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Pupils leading the way!

St Saviour's pupils are use to having and using their voice to help lead the school. They have always been part of our decision making, from feeding into the school development plan to day to day decisions, to staffing. This is their school so they have a say in how we live out our vision and values and the school we create. Last year they chose to remodel the junior toilets, allocate staff to different year groups, among other things. (The toilets look brilliant by the way and the staff are lovely)

We congratulate all our pupil leaders:

	School Council	Worship leaders	Eco Warriors	Anti-bullying Ambassadors
Year 6	Jack & Jaciara	Lyra & Jacob	Samara & Cairo	Emily & Isambard
Year 5	Rose, Dulcie & Lilian	Tilly-Mae & Beau	Elsie & Tommy	Paris & Camela
Year 4	Florence & Bobby	Frankie & Zoe	Pixie & Freddy	Enerel & Teddy
Year 3	Jessie & Alanna	Josephine & River	Jason & Elena	Maya & David
Year 2	Georgie & Evie	Jay & Rahela	Henry & Xing Chen	Lean & Noah P
Year 1	Belle & Micah	Olivia & Ebenezer	Claire & Benjamin	Teddy & Ayah

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Who do I see or speak to when.....



For any safeguarding or confidential issues see Mr Hall, Mrs Smith

For any behavioural concerns see Ms Robin

For any financial or mental health support see Rachel Sablon

For any concerns about a member of staff see Mr Hall or Mrs Smith

For any concerns about Mr Hall or Mrs Smith, see governors & clerk

For any appointments call the office, tell them the nature of your concern and who you would like to see we will endeavour to see you within a week

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95%	=	47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	=	95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day
85%	=	142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	=	190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

**WHAT DO YOUR
ATTENDANCE
FIGURES
ACTUALLY MEAN?**

BE SMART BE THERE!

Percentages based on 190 academic days

**Our school target is 96%
come on everyone!**
We are in school 190 days
so that is 177 days off!

Polite reminder:
Children need to be in school on time.
Gates open at 8:45 and close at 8:55.
Early morning learning at this time sets
the children up for the day.

Our Attendance Welfare Officer (AWA), Ranu Begum, attends school weekly. Ranu checks our school registers regularly and may contact parents & guardians by letter or telephone if and when needed. For guidance on what to expect – please see below.

Percentage	Expectation of action	Services
100%	Celebration, certificates, trips	FLO
96%-100% Cohort winners	Treats in school	FLO
90%-96%	Monitor, invited to talk about challenges and provide early support	FLO & AWA
80%-90%	Formal support with AWA + Non- attendance and compliance with the Individual attendance plan, Referral to external agencies will ensue from the SENDCo, Tower Hamlets Services, to Social Care if not improved.	AWA, FLO, ESW, SLT
50%-80%	Formal sanctions enforced to the Local Authority including court proceedings.	AWA, SLT