

NEWSLETTER Friday 24th January 2025

Dear families,

We look forward to seeing you next week at our termly parent consultation meetings. This is our opportunity to work together on the children's next steps. There will be information in the hall as you wait for your slot. Please do enjoy going through your child's books and also any recent assessments and updating with any AI assisted learning logins. Our SENDCo, Ms Wilcox will also be available for you to share any concerns or speak with. Please feel free to come and talk with Ms Wilcox, or raise any concerns with the class teacher. Many of the children will be facing national assessments this term or the start of next so continuing our preparation together enables them to do their best academically supporting them to develop resilience.

This week we welcomed leads from St Paul's Cathedral because of the special lead music status with the cathedral and the opportunity that some of our children will be singing in the cathedral this half term as part of a celebration. Along with trips to the farm, around London, sports tournaments, the start of The Brilliant Club, we have been having a fun packed time.

Wishing you a warm weekend.

*Mrs Smith  
& Mr Hall*



## DIARY DATES

**21st Jan - Year 4 THEWS Sessions**

**27th Jan - The Brilliant Club Years 5 & 6**

**28th Jan - Year 5 Poetry Slam Workshop**

**Year 4 THEWS**

**29th Jan- Nursery Trip to Stepping Stones Farm**

**Inner London Cricket**

**Half term: Monday 17th February**

**End of Spring Term: Friday 11th April**

**Easter holiday: 14th - 25th April 2025**

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

## STARS OF THE WEEK

Reception	Isaacs	Khadija
Year One	Belle	Bertie
Year Two	Soele	Danyal
Year Three	Azaria	Mitchel
Year Four	Ricky	Sophia
Year Five	Jesse	Harper
Year Six	Samara	Adiyan



### WORSHIP FOCUS

**Luke 3:15-17,21-22**

The people begin by asking John the Baptist who he is, but end up finding out more about Jesus' identity



Encourage someone this week by telling them what you appreciate about their character.



*Our stars*



*Kindness leaves*



Zayan	Elizabeth
Grace	Dolly
Azaria	Everleigh-Mae
Jacob	Abigail
Adeola	Gavin
Aaliyah	Mia
Jason	Beau
Soele	Joe
Henry	Benjamin
Ahsan	Roman
George	Frankey

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# Information for Parents & Guardians

### Birthday Reminder:

We appreciate that celebrating birthdays is validating for children, for everyone, and so we enable this in school with sharing individual cupcakes or fruit, mindful that some pupils may be allergic or have different food preferences or allergies. If bringing in cakes for the whole class please ensure the ingredients are listed and all are included.

If people do wish to distribute party bags or birthday invites please do so off site. We do not distribute either of these as school, this is personal to your child. Thank you

## Parent Conferencing

Week commencing Monday 27th January. If you have not already signed up, please contact the office for a slot.

During parents evening there will be a drop in SENCO desk for you to meet with Miss Wilcox to talk about any concerns you might have. Please feel free to come and say hello before or after your appointment with your child's class teacher. If you do not have an opportunity to see Ms Wilcox, please flag up with the class teacher so that you can make an appointment at another time.

Do make sure you have a look at your child's learning in their books and ask about any recent assessments.

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### Share your views! Free School Meals Parent Focus Group

Parents and carers are invited to participate in a Parent and Carer Council focus group at the Town Hall to share your thoughts on the free school meals at your child's primary and/or secondary school.



**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025**  
**9.30am-11:30am**

**Tower Hamlets Town Hall,**  
**160 Whitechapel Road,**  
**E1 1BJ**

It has been over a year since Tower Hamlets Council became the first local authority in England to rollout universal free school meals to all primary and secondary pupils.

Universal free school meals provide financial, health and educational benefits to children and the council is committed to ensuring as many pupils as possible can benefit.

The Children and Education Scrutiny Sub-Committee is reviewing the borough's free school meal provision to explore how the council can continue working with schools, parents and pupils to increase uptake and satisfaction.

The session aims to focus on strengths, areas for improvement, balancing nutrition and appeal, accessibility, and communication in relation to free school meals.

Refreshments will be provided. Places are limited and booking is required.

To book your place, email your name and your child's school to  
[parentalengagement@towerhamlets.gov.uk](mailto:parentalengagement@towerhamlets.gov.uk)

This Parent and Carer Council Family Voice Event will be facilitated by the Tower Hamlets Parental Engagement Team and Corporate Strategy and Communities Service.  
[www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/parentfamiliesupport](http://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/parentfamiliesupport)

**Booking required**

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The Parental Engagement Team

### Dads' Network Baby Massage Session

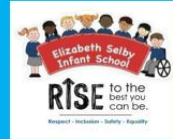
A fun session for dads and children aged under 2, exploring the benefits and techniques of baby massage!

**Booking required**



**Saturday 15 February,**  
**11am-12 noon**  
**Meath Gardens Family Hub**  
**1 Smart Street, E2 0SN**

Facilitated by The Parent and Family Support Service  
Email: [parentalengagement@towerhamlets.gov.uk](mailto:parentalengagement@towerhamlets.gov.uk)  
Telephone: 07858 689 243



 @elizabethselby

## Toy Library



Every Wednesday  
from  
9.15am till 11.00am

**Elizabeth Selby Infant School**  
**Old Bethnal Green Road,**  
**E2 6PP**

Toy hire for all



## National Puzzle Day Workshop Wednesday 29th January

A West Ham player will be leading workshops on Maths and Puzzle activities for Years 1, 2, and 3, as well as hosting a whole-school assembly featuring a maths quiz !



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# Magnify

Short, contemplative services  
from the Book of Common Prayer,  
sung by the All Saints' Junior Choir

**Tuesday evenings 6.30pm**



All Saints Poplar  
Newby Place  
London E14 0EY  
[www.poplar.church](http://www.poplar.church)

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom,  
teaching and admonishing one another  
in psalms, and hymns, and spiritual songs,  
singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

**Tuesday 28 January, 6.30pm**

**Choral Evensong**

Brewer, Evening Service in F  
Howells, *My eyes for beauty pine*  
Preacher: Rev'd Evonne Galloway

Psalm 138  
Romans 12.16-end  
Matthew 8.1-13

**Tuesday 11 February, 6.30pm**

**Holy Communion**

Oldroyd, *The Mass of the Quiet Hour*

Colossians 3.12-17  
Matthew 13.24-30

**Tuesday 25 February, 6.30pm**

**Choral Evensong**

Dyson, Evening Service in C minor  
Rodney Bennett, *A Song at Evening*  
Preacher: Rev'd Calebmark Onyemaobi

Psalm 119.97-104  
2 Corinthians 11.19-31  
Luke 8.4-15

**Tuesday 11 March, 6.30pm**

**Choral Evensong**

Morley, *Service in Fauxbourdons*  
Tchaikovsky, *The Crown of Roses*  
Preacher: Rev'd Phil Williams

Psalm 61  
2 Corinthians 6.1-10  
Matthew 4.1-11

**Tuesday 25 March, 6.30pm**

**The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Holy Communion**

Harwood, *Short Communion Service*  
Elgar, *Ave Maria*  
Preacher: Rev'd Gareth Hadow

Isaiah 7.10-15  
Luke 1.26-38

If you have a child who would like to join the choir,  
please email [choir@poplar.church](mailto:choir@poplar.church)

All Saints Poplar's Junior Choir meets on Tuesday evenings.

This Tuesday, we're starting a brand new service at 6.30pm, sung by our older choir group. Anybody is very welcome to attend - we'd love to see you there! It will last about 30 minutes.

On Sunday 2nd February, we're hosting a children's party at 3.30pm to celebrate **Candlemas**. All children are welcome! This will end with Evensong sung by our Junior Choir at 5pm.

If your child is interested in joining the choir, please email [choir@poplar.church](mailto:choir@poplar.church)

**Jonathan Pease**

Music Director, All Saints Poplar

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### WELCOME TO ST GEORGE-IN-THE-EAST

Dear parent/guardian,

It is my privilege to invite your child to join **St George's Youth Choir**. Places have been offered to students who have shown potential and enthusiasm in school and I hope that you will encourage your child to try out our choir and experience the many musical and social opportunities it will offer.

#### What is St George's Youth Choir?

St George's Youth Choir is run by St George-in-the-East Church and is proudly the first 'Choir Church' initiative in the country. We are also delighted to be a partner of St Paul's Cathedral's Choral Foundation. Striving for excellence, team spirit, fun, and amazing performance opportunities, we work to help young people grow and be the best they can be. In recent years, we have taken members to sing at St Paul's Cathedral and Kings College, Cambridge. We are an inclusive choir and we welcome children of all faiths, and none.

#### Where and when does the choir rehearse?

The choir rehearses weekly at **St George-in-the-East Church** on **Wednesdays** during term time from **4:00-5:00 PM**, with **snacks and socialising from 3:45 PM**.

#### How much does it cost?

With the generous support from a number of trust and foundations, our choir is **FREE** to join!

#### How do I confirm my child's place?

Places are limited, so please sign up your child as soon as possible using the following link: <https://forms.gle/H3kgGgPQvUYUjgDZ>. A member of our team will then be in touch to confirm your child's place.

Will Bruce and Elizabeth Stout

Choir Director and Schools and Families Pastor

"We believe that every young person should have access to the world's best music — that's why we're committed to providing performance opportunities at the highest level."

Will Bruce  
Choir Director

Proudly in partnership with:



## LIGHT OF THE WORLD

**Sunday, 2 February 3.30pm**

All Saints' Church, Newby Place, E14 0PT

**Celebrate Candlemas  
with a children's party!**

**Treasure hunt Crafts  
Biscuit making**

**... ending with Evensong at 5pm**



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**TOWER HAMLETS**  
**ACTIVITY PROGRAM**  
**FRIDAYS**

**5.30 PM | FINANCE 101 FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**  
8-16 YEARS OLD

**7.00 PM | FEMALE WELLBEING & PEER SUPPORT GROUP**  
13 YEARS OLD +

**VENUE: FELDY, 18 ABERFELDY SQUARE, E14 0XA**  
**EMAIL FOR WEEKLY SIGN UP FORM AND REGISTRATION INFO:**  
[INFO@TREASUREBOXINGCLUB.COM](mailto:INFO@TREASUREBOXINGCLUB.COM)  
[WWW.TREASUREBOXINGCLUB.COM](http://WWW.TREASUREBOXINGCLUB.COM)

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• 5PM: CHILDREN 6-12 YEARS OLD

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### Workshops run by Farhana our School Social Worker Establishing Routines Workshop, Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 9am-10am at St Saviours Primary School

Delivered by our Early Help School Social Worker, covering the following:

- What is a routine, it's importance and benefits
- Practical advice and tips around establishing routines for children at home
- Resources and examples will be shared on tools that can be used to help with routines.

This session is targeted for parents who are struggling to establish a routine at home and for those who are struggling to bring their children into school on time however it is open for all. I look forward to seeing you all there.

### Reducing Screen Time Workshop, Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 9am-10am at St Saviours Primary School

covering the following:

- Importance of reducing screen time and its harmful effects including safeguarding perspective
- Practical advice and tips around boundaries and reducing screen time at home
- Resources and examples of activities will be shared on tools parents can use alternatively with their children to improve communication with their children and reduce screen time.

This session is targeted for parents who are struggling to reduce screen time at home, set boundaries and would like to find out practical ways to connect with and communicate with their children. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Farhana Rohim (Early Help School Social Worker)

EVERY FRIDAY



### Adult Martial Arts with Mr Everiste

Unlock strength, discipline, and confidence through martial arts! Whether you're looking to improve fitness, learn self-defense, or cultivate mental focus, martial arts offers a path to personal growth.

Fri  
31  
Jan

10:30 - 11:30 am (DROP-IN)  
St Pauls Way Centre  
E3 4AJ  
Fee: £10

Contact  
community.centre@poplarharca.co.uk



## flu: 5 reasons to vaccinate your child



- 1. Protect your child**  
The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia
- 2. Protect you, your family and friends**  
Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family
- 3. No injection needed**  
The nasal spray is painless and easy to have
- 4. It's better than having flu**  
The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record
- 5. Avoid costs**  
If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

Most children have the nasal spray vaccine which is the preferred vaccine. A vaccine injection is also available which does not contain gelatine from pigs (porcine gelatine).

For more information visit  
[www.nhs.uk/child-flu](http://www.nhs.uk/child-flu)

Flu 1mmunisation  
helping to protect children, every winter

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