



NEWSLETTER Friday 13th February 2026

Dear Families,

As we reflect back on a busy half-term, it has been filled with wonderful learning experiences and opportunities for all of our children. This week has been no exception, with children in many year groups taking part in different educational enrichment activities, such as the Tower Hamlets Poetry Slam, singing at St. Paul's Cathedral and visiting the Life Exhibition. We hope that the children have shared these experiences with you. They have represented the school beautifully and we are truly humbled to serve such courteous manner. We hope this half-term has also provided you with further insight into how you can support your child in their learning through our parent consultations.

On Tuesday, children came together to learn about how to stay safe when using AI for this year's Safer Internet Day. Many of the children learnt that they are using AI in their daily lives already through items such as smart speakers and subscription services; whilst also exploring how not to use AI in their daily lives and that they should also talk to their trusted adults if they feel in danger with any form of technology that connects to the internet.

This week's collective worship looked at the parable of Matthew 6: 25-34 and how prayer can be used to talk to God when worries arise. We also explored who we can turn to if we need help with our worries and how to support someone who might be facing worries in their own lives.

Wishing a lovely weekend,

*Mrs Smith
& Mr Hall*



DIARY DATES

February Half term: 16th - 20th February

Children return on 23rd February

Wednesday 25th February - Year 6 Residential Parents meeting in class

Friday 27th February - Scholastic Book Fair

Closed for Polling on 7th May

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

STARS OF THE WEEK

Reception	Amarasade & Zen
Year One	Ariba & Hairui
Year Two	Belle & Ayaan
Year Three	Danyal & Emmeline
Year Four	Etta & Oscar
Year Five	Whole Class
Year Six	Paris & Alexander



WORSHIP FOCUS

Matthew 6: 25-34

Jesus teaches that we should not worry about our daily needs, but trust that God cares for us and seek first His kingdom, know



What helps you feel calmer when you are worried?

How can we help someone else when they are worried?



Our stars



Kindness leaves

Happy Birthday to you...

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| Florence | Isla |
| Andrea | Ronee |
| Hayden | Rosie |
| Evie | Taimullah |
| Zoe | Bobby |
| Phoebe | Ayden |
| Bobby | Ardin |
| Isla | Josephine |
| Ronee | |

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Year 2 Local Area Walk

Year 2 went on a school trip around Poplar to learn about our local history and geography. We walked around the area and visited places such as the George Lansbury mural, All Saints Church, Poplar Recreation Grounds and Crisp Street Market. We learned about important people from the past and how Poplar has changed over time. We looked for human features, such as buildings, shops and roads, and physical features, such as vegetation and parks. We talked about what Poplar was like in the past and compared it to life today in Poplar. We had lots of fun learning about our local area.



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Year 5 Poetry Slam Final

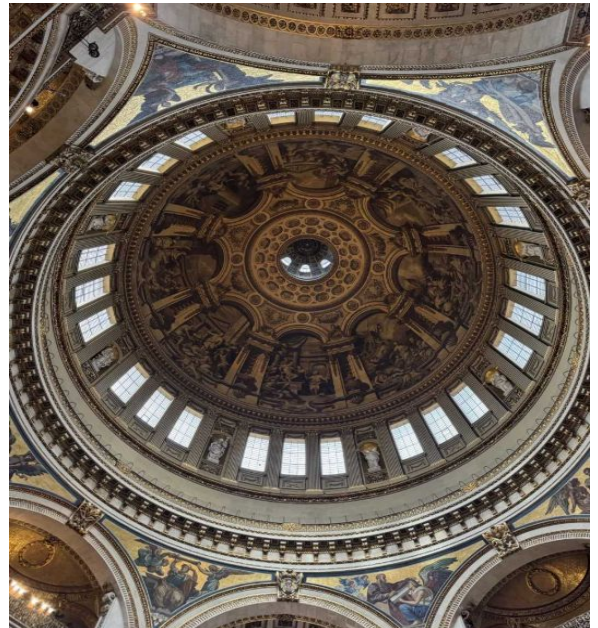
This week, children in Year 5 took part in the Tower Hamlets Poetry Slam final with other local schools. The competition was held at Rich Mix in Shoreditch and children competed for different prizes, including best line in in both group and individual poems, best supporting audience, and best overall performance. Year 5 won the best line in the group poem and were awarded with certificates and a trophy. Thank you to Shagufta, the published poet who came and supported the children in creating original and prize winning poems.



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Year 5 Trip to St. Paul's Cathedral

On Thursday, Year 5 were invited to attend the Diocesan annual service for schools at St. Paul's Cathedral. The service was attended by over 150 schools and it was a privilege to be able to attend and sing with a small number of other schools under the dome of the cathedral. The theme for this year's service was The Power of Forgiveness: Restoring Relationship. The children practised in the run up to the service with Mr. Bruce and their voices sounded beautiful during the service. The children performed the hymn Pilgrims of Hope. Thank you to Mr. Bruce and the children for representing St. Saviour's so wonderfully.



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Y3 and 4 trip to the Life Exhibition

This week children from Years 3 and 4 visited the Life Exhibition at Mile End Baptist Church. The exhibition uses vibrant displays, interactive tablets, music and storytelling to help students explore the story of Jesus and key aspects of Christian belief, complementing what they are learning in the classroom in their R.E. lessons.





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Workshops for families

Workshops	For Year groups	Date	Times
Healthy Eating	Nursery, Reception, Years 1 & 2	Wednesday 4 th , 11, 16 th & 25 th March	9am – 10:30am

Benefits of School Workshops

- ✓ Encourages stronger family involvement in education
- ✓ Improves children's academic confidence
- ✓ Helps parents support learning at home
- ✓ Builds community and support networks
- ✓ Enhances communication between families and teachers



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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



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What if I am not a Tower Hamlets resident but would like a place at a Tower Hamlets school?

You can submit an online application via the E-admissions website: www.eadmissions.org.uk naming Tower Hamlets schools.

What if my child has an Education, Health & Care Plan (EHCP)?

The application process is different for children with an EHCP and you do not apply online. Contact the SEN team for more information.

What if I apply late?

It's really important that you make your application before the closing date otherwise your application will not be considered until all on time applicants have received their outcomes and the school may then be full.

Is my child guaranteed a place at one of our preferred schools?

Most families will be offered a place at one of their preferred schools, but this cannot be guaranteed. When a school receives more applications than the number of places available, not all children can be admitted. Therefore, please fully consider the likelihood of your child getting a place at a preferred school before you make your application. **Only naming one school does not increase your chances of being offered the school.**

If my child is already in the school's nursery class, is there an automatic right to a place in the school's reception class?

When parents/carers apply for their children to start reception, no priority is given to children that attend the nursery of the school. The decision on whether a place can be offered will be made in accordance with the school's admission policy.

How will I be notified about the outcome of my application?

You will receive an email and a letter on National Offer Day.



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Holiday Childcare February Scheme 2026

Information for professionals

The Tower Hamlets Holiday Childcare February 2026 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 27th January 2026.

Scheme dates

Monday 16th to Friday 20th February 2026 (5 days).

Our scheme dates are based on the Tower Hamlets school holidays.

Booking closing date: 10th February 2026 by 12pm or earlier once bookings are full.

Venue

St Mary & St Michael Catholic Primary School, Sutton Street, E1 0BD

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.

We will look forward to receiving your bookings.

Holiday Childcare Team
Parent & Family Support Service
Education Directorate
London Borough of Tower Hamlets


TOWER HAMLETS

Holiday Childcare Scheme

Bookings now open

Ages 3-13 years old

The Tower Hamlets Childcare Scheme offers Ofsted registered childcare.

020 7364 0523

www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/hcs

February scheme Monday 16 to Friday 20 February 2026 (5 days)



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FamiliesMatter
Tower Hamlets Parental Engagement Team



The Healthy Families Programme – promoting a healthier lifestyle



Do you want tips on healthy meals and portions?



Do you want to help your whole family to be more active?



How much do you know about hidden sugars?



Are you confused by so called healthy branding?

Sessions include useful tips to make small changes that have a positive impact on family health and well being.
Sessions are practical, fun and accessible to all

This programme is delivered by the Tower Hamlets Parental Engagement Team

Healthy Families Workshop

St Saviours CofE Primary School

Wednesday 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th March at 9am

4 weeks Workshop

If you are interested in attending this workshop, please register with your child's class teacher during parent consultations.



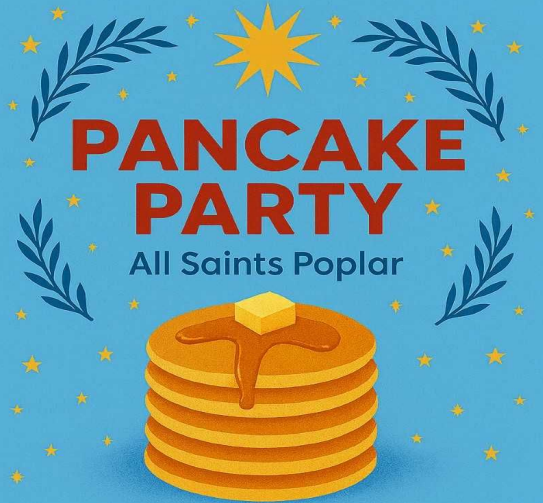
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All Saints Children's Choir

Rehearsals taking place
Tuesdays 5pm – 7pm
At All Saints Church
KS2 children (ages 7-11)

To register or ask questions, contact
admin@poplar.church



PANCAKE PARTY

All Saints Poplar

• **TUESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY**
5:00PM – 6:30PM

Come along, bring a friend,
and enjoy a pancake.



BE WELL
HEALTH | WELLNESS | PLAY

Make a splash with intensive swimming lessons!

Get a head start in swimming this Spring half term with our short, intensive swim course at Mile End and York Hall Leisure Centres. Perfect for beginners needing extra support and building confidence before heading back to school.

- 📅 16-19/20 February
- 🕒 Daily 30 minute lessons
- 👤 For ages 4+
- 👥 Small class sizes for focused learning

Fun, friendly lessons with teachers supporting beginners in the pool!

Book your place today! 



All Saints Adult Choir

No experience needed –
just come along and sing

Rehearsals taking place on:
Tuesdays 7:45 – 9:00pm
Sundays 9:30 – 10:00am

Contact admin@poplar.church
for more details

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ADVENTURE FOR ALL HALF TERM PROJECTS



About us

We provide a fun and inclusive three day adventure project for young people aged 9+ with special educational needs. Activities are designed to build confidence, independence and friendships in the outdoors.

Monday - Wednesday
11:00am - 3:30pm
£7.50 per day

- Kayaking
- Canoeing
- Sailing
- Bouldering
- Tennis
- Bellboating
- High ropes
- Orienteering
- Team building

Please bring: spare clothes, suitable shoes and a packed lunch.

A pre show around visit is compulsory for all participants so you're prepared for your activities.



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WANT TO HELP IMPROVE HEALTH AND WELLBEING IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

Tower Hamlets Public Health is looking for local resident volunteers to become **Community Health & Wellbeing Champions**.

You'll help share important health information and support people in finding the services they need. You will connect people, listen to residents' views, and gather feedback on health programmes to help us understand what works and what doesn't. You'll share messages through your everyday contacts and existing networks - like friends, neighbours, clubs, or parent groups - and take part in local events and health fairs.

You don't need any previous experience. We'll provide accredited training and ongoing support. We're looking for friendly people who are connected with their communities, aged 18 or over, who can volunteer 8-10 hours a month. If you speak a community language like Bengali or Somali, that's a bonus but not required.

WWW.VCTH.ORG.UK [SIGN UP HERE](#) 



family action

LifeSkills Open

Join us for a **FREE 4 week LifeSkills course**


Sessions are informal, fun and make you feel part of a supportive inclusive community group

- Sessions cover:
- Writing personal/professional action plans
 - Understanding the skills you have and areas you need to develop
 - Money management
 - Personal budgeting/managing your debt
 - CV surgery
 - Interview skills
 - Writing cover letters/applications

Starting **26th Feb** for 4 weeks

 City FOOD Club
1 Artizan Street
E1 7AF

 Thursday
12-1pm

 For more information or to book your place email
Sarah.Selvarajah@family-action.org.uk or call 07825 852635