

# NEWSLETTER



## DEAR PARENTS/CARERS/GUARDIANS

What a wet and windy week it has been! Despite the weather we have been busy learning here at Virginia. Our Rights Respecting School Council elections have finally concluded and we have a brand new group of children ready to make the school and the community a better, kinder and more inclusive place. I cannot wait to hear their ideas and their initiatives.

I am looking forward to seeing you next Friday morning (9:00) for an opportunity to reflect on last year's events, to look forward to this year and get to know you more.

Have a wonderful weekend

Barbara

## COMING UP!

**MONDAY 30TH - Y1 & Y2 NUMBOTS SESSION**

**WEDNESDAY 2ND OCTOBER - YR6 JUNIOR CITIZENSHIP TRIP**

**THURSDAY 3RD OCTOBER - YR1 WALK OF LOCAL AREA**

**FRIDAY 4TH - HEADTEACHER'S WELCOME**

**FRIDAY 4TH - CLASS PHOTOS**



**MONDAY 30TH - Y1 & Y2 NUMBOTS SESSION**  
for parents





**Y1 & Y2 Parent Drop in**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September**

**3pm – 4pm**

**The Bottom Hall**

Year 1 & Year 2 children will be taking part in a Maths homework trial using the online app/platform 'Numbots'. Drop in before or after home time on Monday where Rakhi and Amanda will be there to help you find out more, have a go or get support on how to help your child get the most from Numbots Maths!



# Tower Hamlets DLD Together Parent Group

You are invited to attend a group for parents of children diagnosed with Developmental Language Disorder (DLD). The group will be run by a Speech and Language Therapist and Specialist Teacher. Come along to learn more about DLD and how to support your child with their learning, and to meet other parents of children with DLD.

**Where: XX Place Health Centre (next to Mile End Hospital), Bancroft Road, E1 4DG**

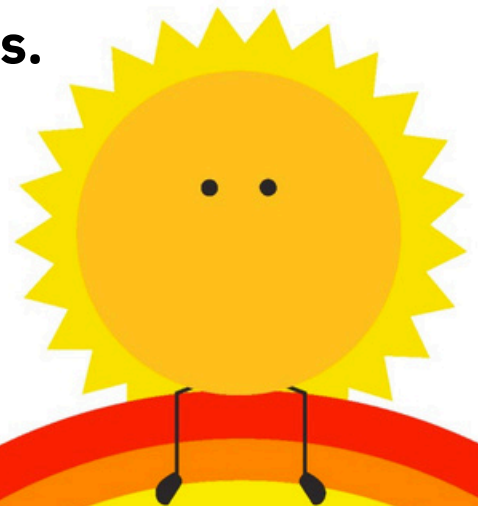
**When: Thursdays on 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th November 2024.**

**Time: 10.00-11.30 am**

**You must attend ALL sessions.**



Scan the QR  
code to book  
your place!



# School applications are now open

Don't miss the deadlines for admission to secondary, primary and nursery schools.



<b>Secondary admissions</b> For children born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014	31 October 2024
<b>Primary admissions</b> For children born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021	15 January 2025
<b>Nursery admissions</b> For children born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022	16 February 2025

Complete your application online at [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk)

For information about how to apply, scan the QR code or visit [towerhamlets.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://towerhamlets.gov.uk/schooladmissions) [school.admissions@towerhamlets.gov.uk](mailto:school.admissions@towerhamlets.gov.uk)



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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](http://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.

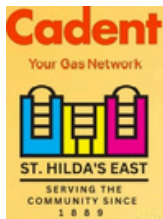
## Is my child guaranteed a place at one of our preferred schools?

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.

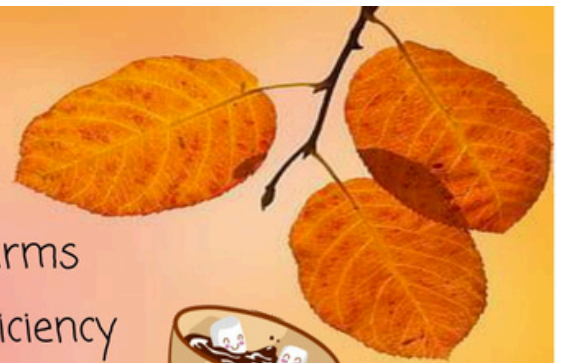


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# St. Hilda's East Autumn Festival

- Free Slow-cookers & CO Alarms
- Advice on Energy & Gas Efficiency
- Hot Chocolate Provided!!
- Wellbeing Clinic
- Games :)
- Surprise Raffle
- Free Advice on Benefits & Pension Credit



## Where and When?

Thursday, October 3rd  
 11:00am-2:00pm  
 @  
 18 Club Row, London  
 E2 7EY

Contact us!

Email → [mail@sthildas.org.uk](mailto:mail@sthildas.org.uk)

Telephone → 020 7739 8066

Check out our website!

<https://sthildas.org.uk/>



# FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Did you know the government gives additional funding to schools for those children entitled to free school meals (pupil premium)?

Schools use this money to obtain additional staff and resources that help improve the quality of education.

To find out whether your child qualifies for pupil premium, and hence whether their school would receive additional funding, please click the link below and complete the form.

In addition, the following pupils will be protected against losing their free school meals (pupil premium) as follows:

- Pupils who were eligible on 1 April 2018, or who became eligible since then, continue to receive free meals, even if their household is no longer eligible under the benefits/low-earnings criteria, up until March 2025 and then until the end of their phase of education
- New applicants for free school meals on or after 1 April 2018, who are in receipt of Universal Credit and have earnings above the earned income threshold, will not be eligible for free school meals

The Universal Credit rollout is currently expected to complete in March 2025

- A parent of a child attending any LGfL school can now use the link below to check their eligibility.
- If you qualify, please inform the school

[CLICK HERE TO CHECK](#)

**ALL CHILDREN RECEIVE FREE MEALS AT SCHOOL BUT NOT ALL CHILDREN ARE PUPIL PREMIUM. IT IS IMPORTANT TO CHECK YOUR ELIGIBILITY TO ENSURE THE SCHOOL DOESN'T MISS OUT ON FUNDING**

[Click here  
to learn more >](#)

# FREE SCHOOL MEALS

## what does it mean?

Schools may be entitled to extra funding for your child if you meet certain eligibility criteria. This extra funding is called Pupil Premium. **The council still needs to identify eligible children to allocate Pupil Premium funding correctly.**

Parent/carers do not have to do anything if:

- your child is already recorded as eligible to receive the benefit of free school meals at their school
- you do not receive any benefits and have an annual gross income of more than £16,190.

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If you receive any of the following benefits but your child has not received free school meals in the past, you must complete your child's application form.

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (if you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get).

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If this is not possible, call us on 020 7364 5001 and we can assist you. If you do not apply, your child/children's school may miss out on vital funding.

Information that parent/carers need to share:

- child's name, date of birth and school
- evidence of the parent's (or guardian's) income (unless this has been provided already) and national insurance details.

# attendance

Monday 23rd - Friday 27th September

YR	attendance	lates	award
REC	98%	0	
1	98%	2	
2	94%	1	
3	92%	9	
4	99%	3	
5	96%	5	
6	97%	3	

*for your diary*  
**DATES**

30th SEPTEMBER	YR1 & YR2 NUMBOTS SESSION FOR PARENTS 3PM
02nd OCTOBER	YR 6 JUNIOR CITIZENSHIP TRIP
03rd OCTOBER	YR 1 WALK OF LOCAL AREA
04th OCTOBER	HEADTEACHER'S WELCOME
04th OCTOBER	CLASS PHOTOS
15th OCTOBER	FLU VACCINE - R - YR6
18th OCTOBER	YEAR 6 FAMILY ASSEMBLY
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Janice would like to special mention Zayyan for inviting her to play and cheering her up

Adam would like to special mention Younis for working very hard and being very helpful

Zahara would like to special mention her table for their hard work and courage.

Dawud would like to special mention year 4 because they worked hard and had fun in Science

Danyal would like to special mention Hamid for sharing his pens in Art

Yusuf would like to special mention Ibadat for playing a very fun game during morning play.

Noora would like to special mention Theo for being an amazing teacher

## OUR LEARNING THIS WEEK

**YEAR 2** Zahra, Inaaya Zishan, Eiliyah have been reading The Bear and The Piano. The bear went to the city and played a piano.

**YEAR 4** Eda, An Nou, Yusha and EJ have been learning about electricity and circuits in Science. Circuits contents are light bulbs, wires, batteries and sometimes a motor.

**YEAR 6** Isra, Tailei, Sabira, and An Qian were making WW2 Newspapers about the Blitz. 350 bombs were dropped and killed many people. The war started September 7th 1939.



**WE MAKE FOOTBALLERS**



## FOOTBALL TRAINING FOR 4-12 YEAR OLDS IN

HACKNEY



Helping children of all abilities be the best footballers they can be



All year round training



Indoor and outdoor facilities



Suitable for children of all abilities

### Address

Haggerston School  
Dunloe Street entrance  
Hackney  
E2 8LS

Price: £99 for 9 sessions

4 - 7 year olds

Sunday  
9am - 10am

8 - 12 year olds

Sunday  
10am - 11am

Book your free introductory session



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### What will my child learn at weekly training?

Every week is different with children developing their technical ability, speed / movement / agility, fitness, game understanding as well as character and desire. We ensure that each player is being adequately challenged and continues to learn new football fundamentals throughout the year.



### Can all players come to weekly training?

Players of all abilities are welcome at We Make Footballers from ages 4-12. Our fun, engaging and challenging syllabus often provides children with their first introduction to football. Our coaching team will ensure that your child is developing at each session both technically and socially.



### What's the philosophy?

Our coaches encourage players to play creatively, freely and to make their own decisions in a game situation.

The fundamentals covered in the drills section of our sessions give players the knowledge, the skillset and opportunity to develop to become more technically gifted footballers.

Children are always paired with a player of similar ability to ensure they are adequately and continuously challenged. We play fantastic upbeat music during matches to create a fun atmosphere in which players score goals, have a whale of a time and cheer on their team-mates!

### Please contact the team on

✉ samr@wemakefootballers.com

📷 wmfislingtonhackney

☎ 07593 984756

📍 We Make Footballers Islington & Hackney



# CAMP CANARY

## Reception - Year 6

# OCT HALF TERM

### holiday childcare

Oct 28 - Nov 1  
Hermitage Primary E1W

Bright Horizons, Childcare Vouchers & TFC accepted

TRUSTED

SAFE

FUN

EDUCATIONAL

For more information:  
0773 704 2024 | www.campcanary.co.uk

# Class Teams 2024/25

Year 6

CLASS TEACHER – Salma Haris

Supported by – Anneka Grant Martin & Rohema



Year 5

CLASS TEACHER – Tom Stutters

Supported by – Emily Harris Casey



Year 4

CLASS TEACHER – Sheila Parro Gonzalez

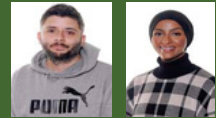
Supported by – Anneka Grant Martin & Rohema



Year 3

CLASS TEACHER – Theo Kokkinos

Supported by – Sabreen Ahmed



Year 2

CLASS TEACHER – Nusrat Shikder

Supported by – Hasina Khatun & Yumi Enokido Lineham



Year 1

CLASS TEACHER – Lydia Pendino

Supported by – Hannah Ahmed & Aysha Khadim



RECEPTION

CLASS TEACHER – Hadley French Gerrard

Supported by – Faheema Khatun



NURSERY

CLASS TEACHER – Rakhi Trivedi

Supported by – Clare Spittles





# School Uniform

I would like to remind all parents and carers to ensure that children come in wearing the correct school uniform. In particular I have noticed trainers of lots of different colours being worn. Trainers should be black.



Jewellery should not be worn for safety reasons; the only earrings acceptable are very small hoops or studs.



Headscarves, if worn, should be plain white, black or green and not cover the shoulders. They should be the slip-on ones and not be held together by pins. We have noticed longer headscarves being worn and they can present a danger when children are running or doing physical activity. Thank you for your support.

Barbara Lo Giudice  
head teacher



# take note

We are a cashless school, all payments must be made by bank transfer to;

LBTH Virginia Primary School

**SORT CODE: 60-03-19**

**ACCOUNT: 19701829**

**PAYMENT REFERENCE: YOUR CHILD'S NAME**

(followed by what you're paying for, e.g.

ASC-After School Club (wrap around care) £10

BC - Breakfast Club                      £ 1.50 per day

BB - Book Bag                                £ 4.50

WB - Water Bottle                         £ 1.50

SD - School Dinner                        £ 2.90

Please note, full time nursery children are NOT entitled to free school meals and must therefore pay for school dinner

## WE ARE A NUT-FREE SCHOOL!!!

We are a nut-free , healthy school and do not encourage parents to bring in sweets, however we will allow Cadbury's Heroes for sharing at home time on special occasions like birthdays. We have concluded that Heroes is a safe choice for the children.

If you would like to bring a box or 2 of Heroes to celebrate your child's birthday, please do so via the office.





# TERM DATES 2024/25

## AUTUMN 2024

AUTUMN TERM 1	WEDNESDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER
HALF TERM	28TH OCT - 1ST NOV
AUTUMN TERM 2	4TH NOVEMBER
CHRISTMAS BREAK	23RD DEC - 3RD JANUARY

**TERM ENDS FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER @1:30**

## SPRING 2025

SPRING TERM 1	6TH JANUARY 17TH -
HALF TERM	21ST FEBRUARY
SPRING TERM 2	24TH FEBRUARY
SPRING BREAK	7TH APRIL- 21ST APRIL

**TERM ENDS FRIDAY 4TH APRIL @1:30**

## SUMMER 2025

SUMMER TERM 1	22ND APRIL
HALF TERM	26TH - 30TH MAY
SUMMER TERM 2	2ND JUNE 2023

**TERM ENDS FRIDAY 18TH JULY @1:30**

## OTHER DATES & HOLIDAYS

Monday 2nd September  
Tuesday 3rd September  
Monday 31st March  
Monday 21st July  
Tuesday 22nd July  
Wednesday 23rd July

Inset day - school closed  
Inset day - school closed  
Occasional Day - School Closed  
Inset Day - School Closed  
Inset day - school Closed  
Inset Day