



St Edward's Newsletter

28th June 2024

Summer is finally here!

It seems like we finally have some real summer weather with lots of sunshine. Please remember that children can wear their summer school uniform that includes summer dresses for girls, grey shorts for boys and short sleeve white shirts. For PE children can wear shorts and a t shirt. Please also remind your children to bring a water bottle with them. Water bottles can be filled up in school during the day.

Again this term there is lots to highlight as well as celebrate key events. Have a look through our articles and photos. Some of these and more articles will also be uploaded to our school website as well as our school Instagram account.

As we come towards the end of another school year there are lots of preparations in place for 2024/2025. Children will be meeting their new class teachers for September 2024 in the last week of term.

End of year reports for pupils will be sent home this week and next week. Your child will bring them home in a sealed envelope. If you have any queries please speak to your child's class teacher.

We still have a few weeks left until the end of term and there are many more events taking place. Our final newsletter of the year will be published in the week beginning the 15th of July 2024.

Mr Underwood – Head Teacher



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CYO Performance at St Edward's

On Friday the 21st of June the Commonwealth Choir came together for an end of year special performance at St Edward's. The choir sang some of their beautiful songs and we were honoured to have Roberta Moore back. Roberta enjoyed the performance and commented on how talented the children are.



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Japanese Club

Some Year 4 children enjoyed being part of a Japanese after school club with Ms O'Connell, who had a previous life working in Japan! They looked at Japanese language and writing, they practised using chopsticks, and they heard about different aspects of Japanese culture. Do you know what *ikebana* is? Ikebana means arranging flowers or making flowers come alive.



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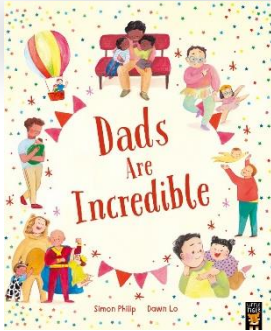


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Thorpe Park Excitement

Year 6 enjoyed a fantastic day at Thorpe Park on Wednesday the 5th of June. The children arrived bright and early so they could arrive on time and make full use of all the amazing rides and entertainment activities.



Father's Day Fun!

The PTA organised a wonderful father's day event on Wednesday the 12th of June. Some of our dads came along to be part of a football match. Is that a QPR shirt that Mr Underwood is wearing? It all got very competitive but at the end of the day it was an opportunity to come together and celebrate the amazing men in our families.



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Blitz Detectives

Year 6 went on an Educational Visit linked to their History topic to West Ham Park where they became Blitz Detectives. They had opportunities to unearth clues to the local events that took place in WW2. This included map reading, code breaking and clue solving to discover what happened at the park during the war.



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Year 6 Graduation

The Year 6 Graduation ceremony took place on Wednesday the 26th of June. The children and staff looked lovely in their gowns and hats and there were some very proud parents. Each child wrote a speech about their memories of St Edward's school which were truly wonderful to listen to. We were honoured to have Sir Stephen Timms join us for this very special occasion. Well done to the class of 2024!



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Mini Master Chefs!

Some of our children have been taking part in cooking lessons to develop their understanding of how food is bought, prepared and cooked. They have made fruit salads, flapjacks and fairy cakes. Look out for many more delicious and exciting recipes to come.



Dance Champion

We have a dance champion in our school who we are truly proud of. Khaliya in Ivy class went to Croatia for the European dance championships and excelled in different styles of dance. She came into school with her trophy to show her friends and teachers. Congratulations on a remarkable achievement.



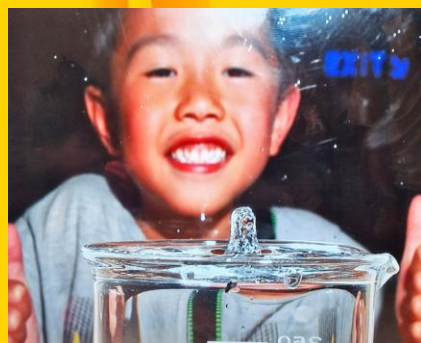
Congratulations

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Reception & KS1 Sports Day



Children in Reception and KS1 enjoyed a super sports day in the school playground on Tuesday the 25th of June. The sun was shining and the sky was blue. The children took part in a number of different activities and there was even a mums and dads race at the end which the children thoroughly enjoyed watching. Well done to everyone who took part and cheered for their peers in true sportsmanship spirit. A big thank you to Ms Collings for organising this event along with the staff who helped run each station. The children in the winning house team from each class received a medal as well as the winners of each race.



Thank You, Science Superstars! 🌟

Wow, what an amazing Science Selfie Competition we had this year! You all did such a fantastic job with your cool experiments and exciting explorations. From homemade lava lamps to the classic exploding volcanoes, your creativity and curiosity really shined!

We saw some awesome projects like:

- **Mentos and Coke explosions** 🚀
- **Balloon experiments** 🎈
- **pH balance testing** 🌈

Some of you even visited museums and attended science workshops to learn even more about your favourite science topics. That's super impressive!

I truly wish I could give prizes to every single one of you because you all did such a great job. You're an inspiration to everyone around you, showing how fun and exciting science can be.

Keep exploring, keep experimenting, and most importantly, keep having fun with science! You're all amazing! 🌟 🔬 ✨

Mrs Khanom – Science Lead



Balloon experiment



Get Active with Fun Family Activities This Summer!

Get ready for a summer packed with laughter, learning, and adventures! We've got a ton of exciting activities planned at Shipman and East Ham Library, all designed to make your summer unforgettable.

Here's a peek at the exciting lineup at Shipman Youth Centre:

Story and Rhyme Stay and Play (10-11am): Join us for a morning of storytelling, rhymes, and playtime for babies and parents. It's the perfect way to bond with your little one while making new friends.

Time with Dad (10-12pm): Dads, this one's for you! Bring your little ones for a fun-filled morning of games, activities, and bonding time.

Get those wiggles out with our lively Music & Movement session **Music & Movement on Tuesday at 10-11am**. Sing along, dance, and enjoy some musical fun with your child

Or Relax and connect with other parents and caregivers over a warm cup of coffee and conversation with our **Warm Coffee and Chat on Tuesday**.

Need help with your wellbeing, work, or finances? Our Family Navigator is here to assist you on Wednesday.

Join us for a fun, family-friendly cooking session at our **Breakfast Club starting 6th September** on Friday. Learn new recipes, enjoy delicious food, and bond with your loved ones.

Youth Activities (Ages 10-25): We have a variety of activities for teens and young adults. Check out the link for details: <https://padlet.com/YESLBN/youth-empowerment-weekly-programme-r5x77y7xlyou>

At East Ham Library: Get support and advice on breastfeeding or formula feeding from our expert staff on Wednesday at our **Baby Feeding Café activity**.

Let your little ones explore, play, and socialize at our **Stay & Play session on Tuesday**.
More Family Fun:

Join us for a memorable day trip to **Woburn Safari Park**, filled with animal encounters and fun for the whole family on August 9th

Get advice, support, and guidance on housing, school admissions, eviction, benefits, and council tax from our **Family Navigator drop in** sessions (Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, 9:30am-11am)

Exciting News! - Our four informative brochures are now available on our website !

Don't miss out! - Sign up for Family Hubs: https://newham-self.achieveservice.com/service/Family_Hub_Registration

Find out more about Family Hubs and read our brochures online:

<https://families.newham.gov.uk/kb5/newham/directory/family.page?familychannel=1>

We can't wait to see you and your family at our events this summer!

Happy summer!

Family Hubs Network Newham

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 2nd July – KS2 Sports Day at Central Park

Wednesday 3rd July – Year 1 at London Zoo

Thursday 4th July – Teddy Bear's Picnic for Nursery

Friday 5th July – Year 6 Summer Soiree

Tuesday 9th July – Rock Steady Concert

Wednesday 10th July – Chestnut class assembly

Monday 15th July – Rock Steady Concert

Wednesday 17th July – Whole School Mass in church

Wednesday 17th July – Achievement Afternoon

Thursday 18th July – Year 6 Leaver's Assembly

End of year raffle – Date TBC

Friday 19th July – End of term; home time at 1.15 pm

Wednesday 4th September - School reopens for pupils after the summer holidays for the start of the new academic year

Friday 28th June - Today's Gospel reading: Matthew 8:1-4

When Jesus came down from the mountain, great crowds followed him. And then a leper approached, did him homage, and said, "Lord, if you wish, you can make me clean."

He stretched out his hand, touched him, and said, "I will do it. Be made clean." His leprosy was cleansed immediately.

Then Jesus said to him, "See that you tell no one, but go show yourself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them."



Friday 28th June - Today's Gospel reflection

In this gospel reading, we encounter a powerful narrative that showcases Jesus' boundless compassion and the transformative power of faith. The passage begins with Jesus descending from the mountainside, followed by a large crowd. Amidst the throng, a man afflicted with leprosy approaches Him with a plea that reverberates through the ages: "Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean."

This brief yet profound interaction between Jesus and the leper offers profound lessons for our spiritual journey.

The leper's approach to Jesus was an act of immense courage. In ancient times, leprosy was a condition that led to social ostracism and profound isolation. Those afflicted were often banished from their communities, labelled as unclean, and forced to live on the fringes of society. Yet, despite the stigma and fear that surrounded his condition, the leper dared to come forward. His action reflects a deep faith—a belief that Jesus had the power to heal, a faith that transcended societal barriers and personal shame.

This courage invites us to reflect on our own lives. How often do we hold back from seeking help or expressing our deepest needs due to fear of judgment or rejection? The leper's example encourages us to approach Jesus with our burdens, no matter how insurmountable they may seem. It is a reminder that faith involves stepping out of our comfort zones, trusting that God's love and mercy surpass all human understanding.

In our daily lives, we are called to emulate this compassion. We are surrounded by individuals who are marginalized, hurting, or in need of a kind word or a helping hand. Jesus' example challenges us to extend love and compassion to all, regardless of their circumstances. It reminds us that true discipleship involves seeing and addressing the needs of others with a heart full of love.

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