



# John Scurr Newsletter

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## Hurray it's the Summer Term!

This is our favorite term at John Scurr as we get to celebrate all the amazing learning and the outside offer here at the school.

You will know from your children that all our pupils have been running 10 laps of the playground a day to ensure that by half term we have 'Run the length of the Thames' – this is to contribute towards our Gold Health School Award – which we are aiming for by the end of the summer term. All our pupils are getting fitter and tackling some of the possible obesity issues that are harmful now and in later life.

This week we celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee, with our Jamboree on Friday afternoon. Thank you to everyone who has helped make a hat and ensured the children have a Red, White and blue outfit for the day. We look forward to seeing you all at 2 45pm on the day for the winners Hat Parade. There are many events being planned locally for the children to enjoy in half term. Do look out for the chance to celebrate.

This event looks particularly fun and really close by at the Pavilion in Mile End.

[https://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/News\\_events/Events/2022/June/Half-Term-Fun-Jubilee-Arts-Crafts.aspx](https://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/News_events/Events/2022/June/Half-Term-Fun-Jubilee-Arts-Crafts.aspx)

You will hear both on the news and through my communications with you that there is a real focus on pupils' attendance now in school and as teachers, we can really notice the academic progress for those that have had good attendance this year and those that have low attendance. This is evident in all children – regardless of the ability or need. Simply put – our pupils need to be here every day and on time to ensure the very best possible start. Congratulations to Karmen class for their outstanding attendance last term – I wonder who will win the bowling trip this term? I also cannot stress enough the importance of getting all children here at 8 45am every morning. A late start disrupts your child's learning, the teachers start to the day and the learning for all over 29 pupils in the class.

Congratulations to our fabulous Year 2 and Year 5 pupils who have completed their national screening this term. You have worked very hard and your teachers are proud of you.

Just a reminder that Summer term uniform can be a blue gingham dress, grey 'school style shorts' and children can bring a sun hat (don't forget a water bottle too). Please leave coats and jumpers at home on a warm day.

I will post a list of dates shortly for you to add to your diary – don't miss our Sports Days, performances and fundraising events!

**Please do enjoy the half term – get out and about and celebrate the Jubilee festivities and come back to us on June 6th the for the final 7 weeks of term.**

In partnership

*Mania Lemington*

## Julia Scurr Garden Expansion



During the Easter holidays we were lucky enough to get two teams of corporate volunteers from the City of London to come into school to help us to expand our school garden. We have created a larger area so that we can grow more plants and get more children into the garden at one time. We have also relined the pond- much to the delight of our resident frog families.

A new picket fence will be installed shortly, around the new garden. The challenge now is to stop the foxes from digging the soil out of the planters and to keep everything watered. **Any help with watering gratefully received!**



*Joe Bentley*

*Science, P4C and Educational Visits Lead*



## Families on Fridays

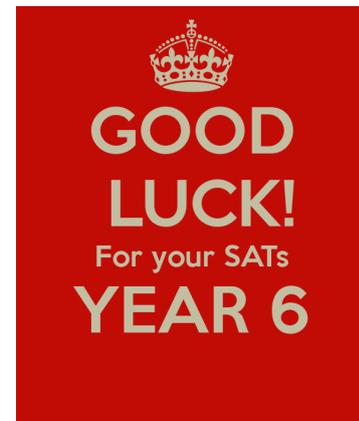
Our Early Years classes are now welcoming parents into their classrooms on Fridays. In our nursery classes, we have Stay and Play sessions where children can engage in their typical classroom play with their families. Meanwhile, our reception classes are hosting Stay and Learn where children can work with their families to build on new skills such as reading and writing. It was wonderful to see so many families at our first session and we hope to see you all again.

The partnership between our school and our families is very important to John Scurr Primary and it is great for our children to see this cooperation in their classrooms.

It is also an excellent way for families to see how our youngest children learn and see how adults interact with children at school. Regular attendance at these sessions can help your child to continue with a love of learning.

*Evelyn McSweeney*

*Early Years Lead*



## Year 6 SATs

Another successful year for the year 6 SATs. The children have been amazing. They remained calm at breakfast and all were perfect in their punctuation. It was a pleasure to be part of the team to organise and deliver their mornings so that they could be together in what was a great start to the day. I believe this made their success in doing their ultimate best during what can be a unnerving time in their lives. A huge round of applause to each and everyone who was involved. Congratulations!

*Tina Lindsay*

*HLTA*

## Year 1 - Spitalfields City Farm

This term in year 1 we took a trip to [Spitalfields City Farm](#). In science we have been learning about animals and humans. As part of our learning we visited the farm to study the animals.

The children had a wonderful time interacting with the pigs, donkeys, goats, sheep, hens and guinea pigs. The children took their sketch books and were able to draw detailed pictures of the animals they saw.

**Did you know donkey can live for over 40 years!** We had lunch in the large colourful tent and visited the beautiful gardens on the farm, which had a range of different vegetables and flowers growing there.

The year one team are incredibly proud of the children as this is only their second trip they have been on in their schooling journey. We look forward to taking them on many more!





## Pupil Voice Committee The Big Battery Hunt



The Pupil Voice Committee have been really excited to launch the Big Battery Hunt! We are aiming to collect a total of 360 batteries to be recycled between Monday 16th May and Friday 10th June.

The Pupil Voice Committee have been learning about how it is so important that we recycle our batteries, otherwise they end up in landfill and can be very harmful to our environment.

Thank you so much for your contribution already, and please do continue to send in your batteries over the next 3 weeks.

*Sophie Lewis*  
Pupil Voice Committee



## Ideas Store - Library Visit

Some of our Year 3 pupils and parents visited the Whitechapel idea Store on Wednesday 11th May, we had a lovely experience visiting the library and joining too! Our Pupils borrowed books straight away

It's very quick and simple to join the Library and very helpful staff, membership is free- all you need to is fill a short form with your name address and parents details. Parents need a proof of address and you can join, if you're a member you get your own card! Once you joined you can borrow up to 12 books and have them for 3 weeks- then go back to return and borrow more books the staff are very helpful and will explain everything. Adults can join the library, there's so much to see.

**Pupils, if you have an Idea store library card, you can visit the Tower of London for £1 only and see the crown jewels, You can also go to the cinema buy 1 ticket and get 1 free, there's an art club for kids and lots more, so don't miss out!**

Parents- If you would like to join me on the next trip, remember to join the IDEAS STORE and watch out for a reminder or a call from me.

here is a link to join the library online  
<https://www.ideastore.co.uk/idea-store-whitechapel>

*Rofina Begum*  
Family Support Worker



## Debate Mate News

Exciting Debate Mate news! On Friday 6th May, our Year 5 debators dazzled some executives from the huge international company, Deloitte. One of the attendees from Deloitte was none other than the CEO himself!

Our amazing children played debating games with the adults, then pitched ideas to them about how they would improve their local community with £1000 of Deloitte's money.

All the adults commented afterwards how confident and articulate the children were. Some future CEOs in the making perhaps?

*Tom Cottom*  
Class Teacher/Debate Mate

## Guide to treating minor ailments

Please see the link below, a guide which will help you when treating your child for minor ailments.

<https://www.towerhamletstogether.com/care-confident>

[https://www.eastlondonhcp.nhs.uk/downloads/ourplans/Children/Resources%20for%20CYP/BeCareConfident\\_Guide\\_To\\_Common\\_Illnesses.pdf](https://www.eastlondonhcp.nhs.uk/downloads/ourplans/Children/Resources%20for%20CYP/BeCareConfident_Guide_To_Common_Illnesses.pdf)

Minor Ailments and common childhood illnesses are;

### **Fever, Coughs, colds, flu, Diarrhoea & vomiting, constipation, and skin condition.**

Please remember it's important for children to eat healthy nutritious meals every day, take exercise and have plenty of sleep to keep healthy and well.

## Celebrating Attendance



Karmen class celebrated their excellent attendance with a trip to Surrey Quays to play Ten Pin Bowling. This was a chance for the children to have some well deserved fun outside of school with their friends.

Lots of STRIKES and SPARES were being highlighted on the large screen as the children bowled those skittles down.

We love celebrating your children's excellent attendance and to enrich them with opportunities outside of school.

Enjoy the pictures of your fabulous children having a great time.

**Well Done Karmen Class.**

*Satnam Sokhal- Achievement Advocate & Deputy Safeguarding Lead*

## School Dates for the Diary

Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June	HALF Term
Monday 6th June at 8.45am	School re-opens
7th June	Y2: 1-1 Parent Meeting
8th June at 3.45pm	Nursery Parents Open Afternoon
Every Wednesday from 9th June	Reception classes Tesco visit
Families on Fridays: Stay & Learn 8.45-9.15	Nursery, Reception, Packham
10th June	Y3 to Museum of London
Week beginning 13th June	Maths Week
14th June	Y3: 1:1 Parent Meetings
15th June	Y5-6 Athletic Competition
20th June	Y5 Singing Performance for parents 2.45pm
21st June	Packham Class to Genesis Cinema
22 June at 3.45pm	Reception Parents Open Afternoon
23rd June	Y5-6 Harry Potter Night
28th June	Sports Day - Nursery to Year 1
4th July	Packham Class to Museum of London
4th July	Nursery and Reception Garden visit
5th July	Sanderson Class to Gorsefield
5th July	Reception: 1-1 Parents Meeting
7th July	Karman Class to Gorsefield
11th July	Y5 End of Year Performance
13th July: 2-4pm	Summer Fayre
14th July: 11am	Y3 End of Year Performance
15th July: 10.30am	Y4 End of Year Performance
15th July: 9am & 2pm	Nursery & Reception: End of Year Performance
18th July	Y1 (am) & Y2 (pm): End of Year Performance
18th July: 1.30pm	Y6 Graduation at Morpeth School
19th July: 9am	Packham: End of Year Performance
20th July	Year 6: End of Year Performance
22nd July at 1.30pm	End of School for Summer break
Autumn Term begins Thursday 1st September, 2022	School Re-opens at 8.45am

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APRIL TO OCTOBER 2022

# WEEKLY MENU

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>WEEK 1</b>	Vegan Bolognese Twists 1.14 Vegetable & Chick Pea Curry with Rice 14	Sweet & Sour Chicken 12 Cheese & Tomato Stack Wrap 12.7	Roast Chicken & Gravy Sweet Potato Fimalee 14	Keema Pie Tomato Pasta Bake 12.7	Fish Fingers 1.8 Baked Bean Burger in a Bun 1.5 14
18TH APRIL					
16TH MAY	Jacket Potatoes with 0 Choice of Toppings 7x3	Jacket Potatoes with 0 Choice of Toppings 7x3 Rice	Jacket Potatoes with 0 Choice of Toppings 7x3 Rustic Roast Potatoes or Julief Rice Carrots, Cabbage	Jacket Potatoes with 0 Choice of Toppings 7x3 Sweetcorn Cauliflower	Jacket Potatoes with 0 Choice of Toppings 7x3 Chips, Baked Beans Peas, Colelaw 9
20TH JUNE					
18TH JULY					
19TH SEPTEMBER	Fruit Pots 7 Toughnut 7	Cheese & Biscuits 1.7 Fruit Pots	Fruit Pots, Toughnut 7	Cheese & Biscuits 1.7 Fruit Pots	Banana Bar 1.5 Fruit Pots, Toughnut 7
17TH OCTOBER					
<b>WEEK 2</b>	Margherita Pizza 1.2x 1 Chick Pea Jambalaya 14	Barbeque Chicken Tomato Buns 14	Roast Turkey & Gravy Caribbean Pasta 14	Penne Bolognese 1 Cauliflower & Potato Cheese 12.7	Chicken Bites 1.7 Cheese & Tomato Salad 1.7
25TH APRIL					
23RD MAY	Jacket Potatoes with 0 Choice of Toppings 7x3	Jacket Potatoes with 0 Choice of Toppings 7x3 Rice, Cauliflower Peas	Jacket Potatoes with 0 Choice of Toppings 7x3 Rustic Roast Potatoes or Julief Rice Broccoli, Carrots	Jacket Potatoes with 0 Choice of Toppings 7x3 Seasonal Vegetables	Jacket Potatoes with 0 Choice of Toppings 7x3 Chips, Baked Beans Peas, Carrot Sticks
27TH JUNE					
29TH AUGUST	Sweetcorn Peppers	Cheese & Biscuits 1.7 Fruit Pots	Fruit Pots, Toughnut 7	Cheese & Biscuits 1.7 Fruit Pots	Carrot Cookies 1.7 Fruit Pots, Toughnut 7
28TH SEPTEMBER					
24TH OCTOBER	Fruit Pots, Toughnut 7				
<b>WEEK 3</b>	Shepherdess Pie 1.14 Vegetable Sausages & Gravy 1.42x 1	Chicken Pie 1 Cheesy Focilli 12.7	Soury Minced Beef & Yorkshire Pudding 1.2x 1 Soury Vegan Pasta 1.14 & Yorkshire Pudding 1.2x 1	Sweet Chicken Curry Tomato & Herb Twists 1.14	Fish Fingers 1.8 Stuffed Peppers 7.7
2ND MAY					
6TH JUNE	Jacket Potatoes with 0 Choice of Toppings 7x3	Jacket Potatoes with 0 Choice of Toppings 7x3 New Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables	Jacket Potatoes with 0 Choice of Toppings 7x3 Rustic Roast Potatoes Broccoli, Cauliflower	Jacket Potatoes with 0 Choice of Toppings 7x3 Rice, Sliced Carrots Green Beans	Jacket Potatoes with 0 Choice of Toppings 7x3 Chips, Baked Beans Peas, Cucumber Sticks
4TH JULY					
5TH SEPTEMBER	Mashed Potato Sweetcorn Peppers	Cheese & Biscuits 1.7 Fruit Pots	Fruit Pots, Toughnut 7	Cheese & Biscuits 1.7 Fruit Pots	Chocolate Brownie 1.5 Fruit Pots, Toughnut 7
3RD OCTOBER					
<b>WEEK 4</b>	Mozzoni Cheese 1.7 Rice & Bean Burrito 1.14	Sausages with Gravy 1.6 Vegan Sausage Roll 1.14	Roast Chicken & Gravy Meatfree Meatballs 1.14	Mild Mexican Mince 4 Cheese & Broccoli Twists 1.7	Salmon Fish Cake 1.8 Margherita Pizza 1.2x 1
9TH MAY					
13TH JUNE	Jacket Potatoes with 0 Choice of Toppings 7x3	Jacket Potatoes with 0 Choice of Toppings 7x3 Mashed Potato, Cabbage	Jacket Potatoes with 0 Choice of Toppings 7x3 Rustic Roast Potatoes or Julief Rice Seasonal Vegetables	Jacket Potatoes with 0 Choice of Toppings 7x3 Rice, Cauliflower, Green Beans	Jacket Potatoes with 0 Choice of Toppings 7x3 Chips, Baked Beans Peas, Colelaw 9
11TH JULY					
12TH SEPTEMBER	Baked Wedges Green Beans Sliced Carrots	Baked Beans Cheese & Biscuits 1.7 Fruit Pots	Fruit Pots, Toughnut 7	Cheese & Biscuits 1.7 Fruit Pots	Fruity Flapjack 1.5 Fruit Pots, Toughnut 7
10TH OCTOBER					

1 Wheat Gluten 2 Cereals 3 Soybean 4 Mustard 5 Sesame 6 Sulphites/Sulphur Dioxide 7 Milk 8 Fish 9 Egg 10 Peanuts 11 Polynices 12 Celery/Celery 13 Nuts 14 Lupines 15 Hot Gluten 16 Barley Gluten

Key:   
Vg Vegan   
V Vegetarian

Available Daily: Selection of Salads 9. Home-made Bread 1.3, 7.9

Some of our schools may use pre-prepared potatoes or vegetables on occasions. These may contain sulphites and cereals. Please discuss with your manager.



## KICK START YOUR SUMMER WITH JUNIOR FOOTBALL

Keep your children active and social this summer and book them onto one of our junior football skills courses.

Join us every Sunday at the following times:

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- 6 - 8 years 09:45 am
- 9 - 15 years 10:45 am

Sessions last for one hour.

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Book now at [better.courseprohome.co.uk/onlinejoining/home](http://better.courseprohome.co.uk/onlinejoining/home)

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## GIRLS FOOTBALL IN TOWER HAMLETS

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07949743993

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