



# Sir William Burrough Primary

Prospectus



**“Pupils feel a strong sense of belonging  
and take pride in their school.”**

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# Welcome to Sir William Burrough our incredible Primary

Sir William Burrough Primary School is a nurturing, inspiring and ambitious community that has been rooted in the heart of Tower Hamlets for generations. We are proud of our rich history and equally proud of the forward looking education we provide for every child who joins us.

Although firmly connected to our local area, we aspire for all pupils to see themselves as global citizens. We want our children to develop a strong sense of self in every aspect of their lives and build the knowledge, confidence and character needed to understand the wider world and find their place within it.

As part of the University Schools Trust, we benefit from extraordinary partnerships that enrich our pupils learning far beyond what is typically offered in a primary school. With the support of six world leading universities, our pupils are encouraged to dream big from the very beginning of their educational journey.

At Sir William Burrough, our values of passion, creativity, community, growth, improvement and motivation sit at the heart of daily life. These values guide how we teach, how children learn and how we work together so that every pupil feels a strong sense of belonging, purpose and possibility. Our curriculum is carefully designed to spark curiosity, celebrate individuality and provide the highest quality learning experiences, supported by exciting visits and opportunities across London.

We hope this prospectus offers a glimpse into what makes Sir William Burrough such a special place for children and their families. There is, however, no substitute for experiencing our school in person. We warmly invite you to join us during one of our open days in the autumn term or to arrange a visit through our website.

Siobhan Fehim  
**Executive Headteacher**

David Hodges  
**Head of School**

# Our Values at SWB

At Sir William Burrough, our values shape every aspect of school life and underpin the rich, inclusive education we provide. We believe in nurturing well-rounded individuals who are curious, confident, and motivated to make a positive impact in the world around them. Our curriculum and wider school culture are built upon five key values: *Passion, Creativity, Community, Growth, Improvement and Motivation*. These values guide how we teach, how children learn, and how we support one another.

**Passion:** We place great emphasis on children having a go at new challenges and we nurture a 'You Can Do It!' philosophy for all pupils.

**Creativity:** Our lessons are designed to encourage pupils to ask questions, investigate and to find answers through their learning journey. We are passionate about providing opportunities for children to create, innovate and to gain confidence in expressing their ideas.

**Community:** We aim to make the best use of local resources and experiences available to pupils in our local area, and in London more widely, to contribute to the development of our pupils' cultural capital.

**Improvement and Motivation:** We believe that all children should experience a curriculum that broadens their horizons and gives them new experiences, knowledge, skills, interests and ideas.

**Growth:** We go above and beyond the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage framework and the National Curriculum, delivering a rich and varied education that motivates and inspires.

These values are woven into our daily routines, lessons, and wider opportunities to ensure that every child feels a strong sense of belonging, purpose and possibility as they progress through their educational journey.





"Pupils respond positively to the school's high expectations and achieve well." OFSTED 2025

# Our Curriculum

At Sir William Burrough, we are passionate about children reaching their full potential, having a strong sense of self and access to the highest quality learning experiences. Our aim is to prepare pupils for A World of Opportunity by nurturing and growing tomorrow's global citizens.

Our curriculum is designed to motivate and support children to know how to grow and improve in all areas of their development. These have helped us to create an ambitious, meaningful and progressive curriculum. It takes both the Early Years Foundation Stage framework and the National Curriculum into account, carefully designed by experienced and expert primary practitioners, in consultation with some subject specialists to provide an enhanced and challenging curriculum.

In some subject areas, our curriculum goes beyond the National Curriculum programme of study, offering broad and varied learning opportunities for our pupils.

Rooted in educational research and best practice, our curriculum enables all pupils to achieve excellence. Ongoing collaboration with schools in the University Schools Trust and other partners strengthens and enhances our approach, ensuring it remains innovative, exciting and impactful.



# The SWB Co-curriculum

Our co-curriculum runs seamlessly alongside the academic work that pupils undertake. We aim to ensure that every pupil has the opportunity to make the most of their existing talents, explore new interests, and enjoy a balanced lifestyle that supports their personal and academic growth.

## SWB Clubs

We offer wrap around care because we understand that for working parents the normal school day isn't ideal. Please see our support opportunities:

8am – 8:30 Breakfast club  
3:30-5:30pm Teatime club

## Educational Trips and Visitors

Our Educational Visits are organised as part of our co-curriculum offer to enhance and enrich their learning. During their time at SWB, pupils will visit a wide range of museums, art galleries, local places of interest, and more. Taking full advantage of everything our local area and London as a city have to offer.

<b>Reception</b>	Firefighter Visit Stepney City Farm Young V&A Museum
<b>Year 1 &amp; 2</b>	London Transport Museum Young V&A Museum The British Museum
<b>Year 3 &amp; 4</b>	The National Science Museum The Horniman Museum The British Museum
<b>Year 5 &amp; 6</b>	The London Docklands Museum Tower Hamlets Junior Citizens Workshop National Maritime Museum Year 6 Residential at Woodrow High House



"Children in the early years develop a genuine love for learning." OFSTED 2025



# Our Early Years Division

At Sir William Burrough, we recognise that the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) is a crucial time in every child's educational journey. Our Early Years include both Nursery and Reception and provide children with a strong and confident start to their education, ensuring they acquire the knowledge and skills needed to succeed in their next stages of learning and beyond.

We understand the importance of having qualified teachers in the Early Years. This is why our division is supported by experienced Learning Support Assistants who provide consistent care and encouragement. This ensures that every child feels secure, valued, and ready to thrive. Our Early Years children benefit from a seamless transition from Nursery to Reception, with familiar adults, routines, and approaches that support their emotional wellbeing and learning continuity.

Our curriculum is carefully planned to nurture curiosity, independence, and early academic skills. Children develop strong foundations in reading, writing, and mathematics through purposeful play and structured learning experiences.

Through engaging activities and expert teaching, our EYFS children grow into enthusiastic, capable learners who are well prepared for the next stage of their education.



# Our SEND Division

Inclusion and individuality are at the heart of life at Sir William Burrough. We believe every child has the ability to reach their fullest potential and are committed to providing inclusive access to the entire curriculum. Our aim is simple: to help every child become the very best they can be.

Every pupil is celebrated as a unique individual, and we take pride in tailoring our support to meet their specific needs. For children with SEND, we offer a rich and responsive range of provision, including adaptive tools, personalised teaching and planning, targeted interventions, and access to our sensory hub, Discoverers. Our dedicated staff receive regular training to ensure they can provide the highest level of support, and we work closely with external professionals to enhance the quality of teaching and interventions for all learners.

Our curriculum for children with SEND is thoughtfully designed around their individual needs. Lessons, interventions and activities are engaging and enriching, sparking curiosity, building confidence, and nurturing essential skills for life.

At Sir William Burrough, we believe every child deserves the opportunity to shine and we are committed to helping them thrive.





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# Enrichment Beyond the Classroom

At Sir William Burrough, we believe that learning extends far beyond the classroom. Our enrichment programme offers pupils a wide variety of opportunities to develop their skills, explore new interests, and broaden their horizons. Pupils can take part in creative activities and enhance their musical talents through a vast number of unique opportunities available due to our amazing partnerships.

Our commitment to academic enrichment is also reflected in experiences that give pupils a taste of university life and inspire future aspirations. Our children also benefit from industry engagement through programmes and experiences.

Alongside these opportunities, we offer a range of physical activities to encourage a healthy and active lifestyle. Through these experiences, pupils develop confidence, creativity, and teamwork, while discovering new passions and building skills that will support them both in school and beyond.

## Enrichment Trips

Coding at HSBC

QMUL Campus Visits

New Direction Drama Workshops

Science Summer School at SPW

UoG Campus Visits

Drapers Mayors Parade

Tower Hamlets Arts and Music Education Service (THAMES)

Swimming Lessons

Choir

Bow Arts Workshops



# Our Facilities

We are proud to offer a range of excellent facilities that support both learning and play. The school is housed in a beautiful Victorian building, a landmark of the local community that holds a rich history and serves as a proud symbol for generations of families.

Our grounds are extensive for an inner-city school, with plenty of green spaces and trees, as well as fruit trees that link directly to pupils' learning and recreation. Children can enjoy our adventure playground equipment, including monkey bars, as well as two dedicated outdoor and indoor areas for PE lessons. This ensures pupils can stay active whatever the weather.

For sporting activities, we have a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) and a second football pitch, offering opportunities for team games at lunch and during lessons.

Our learning spaces are equipped for the needs of children in the modern world, providing classrooms with everything they need to thrive academically. We also have a library for research and quiet study, and a dedicated music room to support creative development.

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# Proudly part of University Schools Trust

As UST's Trust Leader I am proud to introduce you to our group of incredible schools. We are fortunate to count SPW as one of our own, working alongside colleagues in all of our schools to provide an excellent education that is derived from exceptional teaching and learning.

## **We were founded on the premise of transformation through partnership**

We began as a unique partnership of six worldleading universities and other sector-leading bodies, supporting our shared vision of inclusive, high-quality and transformational education delivered by schools which are deeply rooted in the communities they serve.

Collaboration has always been at the heart of providing transformational experiences. Whether it's our incredible partners, school to school partnership groups, staff CPD opportunities or working alongside our dedicated parents, we learn from one another to improve the life chances of every child in our care.

## **We believe in innovation and improvement**

The UST School of Education, our innovative centre of excellence supports the development of our curriculum, teaching and learning principles and wider school improvement.

## **We prioritise a rich student experience**

We want Headteachers to focus on what they do best, educating students, so our team works to alleviate the workload on them and use our network to increase opportunities for their pupils. We believe that as a group we are in a stronger position to enrich students' experiences. From greater access to university through to better IT resources, we harness our collective skills and resources to ensure pupils in a UST school get the best.

I look forward to welcoming you and your family into the UST family when you join SPW!

**Gillian Kemp, Trust Leader**

## **Partnerships with Impact: Broadening horizons**

It's never too early to show children what their future could look like. Thanks to UST's partnership with Queen Mary University of London and the QMUL Legal Advice Centre 'I AM YOU' Project, our pupils in Year 5 and 6 benefit from direct work with law students from QMUL to learn about the Equalities Act 2010. Pupils think about the importance of inclusion and equality, and how to challenge all forms of discrimination.





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