St. Patrick's Newsletter

We strive for excellence within a caring and diverse community, nurturing the Catholic faith, respecting each other, living, working & growing together as part of God's family. .



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Diary Dates

Date	Event
25/10/2026	British Summer time ends- clock backwards 1 hour
31/10/2026	Secondary School Application closing date
01/11/2026	Solemnity of All Saints
02/11/2026	All Saints Feast Day
02/11/2026	Yr 4 Swimming Lesson Begin
4-10/11/2026	Book Fair
09/11/2026	Flu Vaccinations -2nd Session

HOUSE POINTS

1st - Galilee

2nd - Nazareth

3rd - Bethlehem

4th - Jerusalem

Headteacher's Award

This week the Head's Award goes to the all the staff for their amazing hard work.

Thank you!

Matthew 22:34-40

This Sunday's Gospel:

THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

Did any words or phrases stand out to you in the Gospel? If so, take a few moments to meditate on them.



Attendance

Our winning classes this week

EYFS & KS1	2F
KS2	5P

Punctuality

Our winning classes this week

EYFS & KS1	Nursery
KS2	4M

Wednesday Word

Please see the link below for this week's Wednesday Word.

https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/summer-holiday-booklet?pid=MTA101634&v=146.2

Attendance and Punctuality

As a school, we are working with the Local Authority to improve our overall attendance. You will need to provide evidence for illnesses longer than three days. A reminder, that holidays taken during term time will not be authorised by the school. Unauthorised absence may result in a Fixed Penalty Notice, being issued by the Borough of Waltham Forest. The local Authority will be looking into absences that are taken in the lead up to the holidays and the week we return. We also inform the Local Authority of any persistent absence below 90%.

Any parents who receive a letter from the school, the Local Authority will be sending you a Notification of Parental Responsibility (NPR).

Mrs Holden will also be closely monitoring punctuality as there are several children who persistently arrive late for school. Lateness impacts on children's progress and attainment.

Mobile Phones



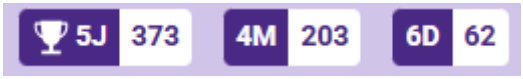
We are a mobile phone free school for children and parents. Anyone entering the school site must not be using a mobile phone. If parents would like Y6 children to have a phone when walking to school alone, then we ask that children do not have smart phones with internet access. All phones brought in by pupils will be locked away during the school day so that children cannot access them and we are adhering to new Government safeguarding guidelines.

Ready, Respectful and Safe Champions

This week's Ready, Respectful and Safe champions are: Ezequiel (4LB), who is our Ready Champion; Danyil (5P), who is our Respectful Champion and Rico (6D), who is our Safe Champion. Well done to these children for always modelling the correct behaviour around school.

Times Tables Rock Stars

Make sure you get on to play and make your class a winner! Here is a link to a short video that tells you how to support your class to be this week's champions! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LNavOd-voHc





It is with great sadness and heavy hearts that we say goodbye to Mr. Hamlet on Wednesday 4th November. Mr. Hamlet was a parent volunteer for 2 years before he became a permanent member of staff. His role as a Teaching Assistant has lasted 9 full years. We would like to thank you for your hard work and dedication to the children of St Patrick's. You will be hugely and sadly missed.

We wish you lots of luck on your future path and hope you come back to visit us soon.

Secondary School Applications

All children currently in **Year 6** are due to start secondary school in September 2027. You must apply for a secondary place for your child even if they have an older brother or sister at your preferred school. All applications must be made by logging onto the eAdmissions website and completing the online application. The closing date for applications is **31st October 2026**. If you need any help completing the online application, please contact the school office.

Open Days for Reception

We are holding Open Days on:

Tuesday 3rd November 2026 — 9:30am - 10:00am and 1:30pm - 2:00pm

Tuesday 1st December 2026 — 9:30am - 10:00am and 1:30pm - 2:00pm

If you have friends or family that are looking for a school place, please let them know. To book a place, please email school@st-patricks.waltham.sch.uk or call us on 02085094321.

For a Reception place September 2027

If your child was born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023, they are due to start in reception class at a primary school in September 2027.

You must apply for a reception class place for your child even if they attend a school nursery or have an older brother or sister at your preferred school. If your child currently attends our nursery this does not give them any priority for a place in reception class at St Patrick's. If you and your child live in Waltham Forest, you must apply through Waltham Forest. If you and your child live outside Waltham Forest, you must apply to the local authority in which you live, even if you are applying for schools in other areas.

All applications must be made by logging onto the eAdmissions website and completing the online application. The closing date for applications is **15th January 2027**. If you need any help completing the online application, please contact the school office.

Holiday Club



Holiday Club: *Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2026.* To book your child's place, you will need access to ParentPay and follow the instructions. If you do not have access to ParentPay, please contact the school office for your login details. The daily cost is £30.00 per child, £25.00 for siblings. The club runs from 8:00am to 6:00pm. A range of exciting activities will be offered for the children. We will also be offering daily Reading and Mathematics to help children with their learning. If you would like us to provide your child with additional Mathematics and Reading work, please let the office know. Outdoor activities will also be available (weather permitting). Children will be offered a healthy breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack with choices of fresh fruit, fresh juice, milk or water.

To book, please follow the link: https://www.parentpay.com/

HOLIDAY CLUB TIMETABLE

26TH - 30TH OCTOBER 2026

MONDAY & WEDNESDAY - ACTIVITES WILL BE PROVIDED BY AN EXTERNAL COMPANY SUPPORTED BY OUR HOLIDAY CLUB STAFF

DAY THEME OF THE DAY	MONDAY DANCE & DRAMA	TUESDAY ARTS & CRAFTS	WEDNESDAY SPORTS ACTIVITIES	THURSDAY CAKE/BISCUIT MAKING/ DECORATING	FRIDAY SUPERHERO DRESS UP
08:00 - 09:30	Breakfast & Games	Breakfast & Games	Breakfast & Games	Breakfast & Games	Breakfast & Games
10:00 - 12:00	Theme day Activites or outdoor play	Theme day Activites or outdoor play	Theme day Activites or outdoor play	Theme day Activites or outdoor play	Theme day Activites or outdoor play
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch See lunch menu	Lunch See lunch menu	Lunch See lunch menu	Lunch See lunch menu	Lunch See lunch menu
13:00 - 16:00	Theme day Activites or outdoor play	Theme day Activites or outdoor play	Theme day Activites or outdoor play	Theme day Activites or outdoor play	Superhero film and popcorn
16:00 - 17:00	Snack Time	Snack Time	Snack Time	Snack Time	Snack Time
17:00 - 18:00	Board games, Puzzles & reading time	Board games, Puzzles & reading time	Board games, Puzzles & reading time	Board games, Puzzles & reading time	Board games, Puzzles & reading time

ST. PAT'S HOLIDAY CLUB, LUNCH MENU

Lunch	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	Pizza Fun Day!	Stir Fry Chicken	Hot Dogs!!!	Texas Roast Chicken	Fish Fingers
Vegetarian	Pizza & Pasta!	Grilled Tofu	Veggie Franks	Southern Spiced Quorn Goujons	Mac & Cheese
Carbohydrate Where main includes, portion will be offered as optional extra	Freshly Baked Bread		Garlic Potato Wedges	Cajun Roast Potatoes or Rice	Chunky Chips
Vegetables	Italian Salad	Stir Fry Veg	Crispy Coleslaw	Corn on The Cob	Garden Peas & Baked Beans
Dessert	Donuts!	Yogurt & Melons	Ice Cream	Yogurt & Cut Fruit	Ice Cream
Extras	Gluten FREE	MILK	SALAD BAR	DAIRY FREE	Halal

FRESHLY CUT FRUIT SERVED EVERYDAY ALONG WITH GRANARY BREAD, NATURAL YOGURT, SEMI SKIMMED MILK, SOYA MILK (UPON REQUEST) & WATER.

Florence Nightingale Museum—Year 2

19.10.26 – Today we went on a trip to visit the **Florence Nightingale Museum**. As we came out of Westminster Station and crossed Westminster Bridge we saw Big Ben (the Elizabeth Tower), the Houses of Parliament and the London Eye. We then walked through the grounds of St Thomas' Hospital to find the museum. Florence was waiting to greet us. She told us all about her early life as a child and growing up, her dream of becoming a nurse, her journey and experiences at Scutari during the Crimean War – and all that happened to her after that. We got to role-play with her, show her all we had learnt already at school and explore the museum. After the visit, we had lunch at Mary Seacole's statue, before heading home. We had lots of fun and learnt lots of new things. We even got to see Florence's owl, Athena!





















Natural History Museum - Year 3

As part of our Science topic this half term, ***Rocks, Soils and Fossils***, Year 3 have been discovering the fascinating world of fossils! We also read the book *Stone Girl, Bone Girl* by Laurence Anholt, which tells the inspiring story of **Mary Anning**, a famous fossil hunter. After learning about Mary's incredible discoveries, we were excited to visit the **Natural History Museum** to see the real fossils she discovered when she was just 12–13 years old!

It was amazing to see these extraordinary discoveries up close and imagine how Mary must have felt finding them all those years ago. We also explored the impressive dinosaur and mammal exhibits, finding out many more fascinating facts along the way. It was a wonderful trip that brought our learning to life and left us full of curiosity and excitement!







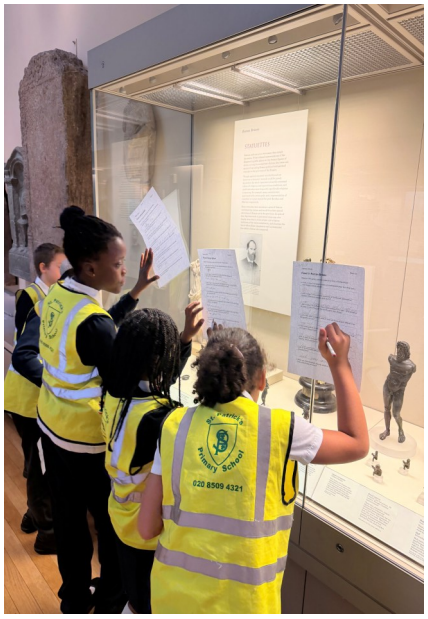




British Museum—Year 4

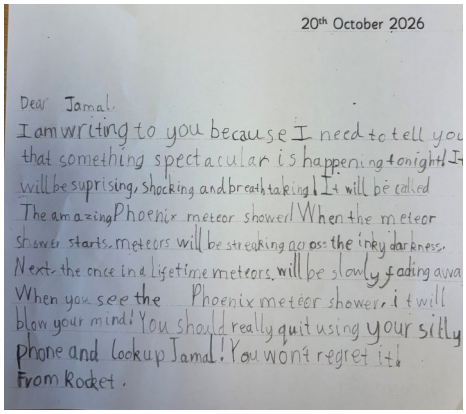
On Thursday, Year 4 visited the British Museum to build on our learning about the Roman Empire. The children explored a range of fascinating artefacts that have been discovered and preserved, helping us to learn more about life in Roman Britain. They also took part in an engaging discussion exploring the question, *"How Roman was Roman Britain?"* The visit was a fantastic opportunity for the children to deepen their historical knowledge and bring their classroom learning to life!








This Week's Star Writer – Jordan(2F)



20th October 2026

Dear Jamal,

I am writing to you because I need to tell you that something spectacular is happening tonight! It will be suprising, shocking and breathtaking! It will be called The amazing Phoenix meteor shower! When the meteor shower starts, meteors will be streaking across the inky darkness. Next, the once in a lifetime meteors will be slowly fading away. When you see the Phoenix meteor shower, it will blow your mind! You should really quit using your silly phone and look up Jamal! You won't regret it!

From Rocket.

This week's Star Writer is Jordan in 2F. He has written an incredible letter from Rocket in his class book **Look Up**. The letter is to Jamal her brother. In his letter Jordan uses amazing adjectives and advanced punctuation like commas. His handwriting is so neat and consistent.

Well done Jordan! What a star you are!

Online Safety for Under-5s



Children are experiencing digital technology from increasingly younger ages, whether that's watching videos, playing simple games or using tablets and other connected devices. To help with this, **Internet Matters** has a dedicated online safety resource for parents and carers of children aged **0–5**.

The guidance covers topics including:

- choosing age-appropriate apps, games and content;
- setting up parental controls;
- managing screen time and developing healthy habits;
- sharing photographs and information about young children;

helping children begin to understand online safety.

The advice is particularly useful because it focuses on building positive digital habits from the beginning, rather than waiting until children are older before discussing online safety.

Link: **Internet Matters – Online Safety Advice for Children Aged 0–5**

Helping Children Stay Safe While Gaming

Online gaming is an important part of many children's lives. It offers opportunities for fun, creativity and friendships. But, many games also allow children to communicate and play with people they do not know offline. Ofcom has produced practical advice for parents through its **Parents Power Up** campaign. The guidance uses three simple steps:

- **Check** – Review your child's account details, age settings and who they can communicate with.
- **Chat** – Talk regularly about the games they enjoy, who they play with and anything that makes them uncomfortable.

Change – Review parental controls, privacy settings and communication options as your child grows.

This is a particularly useful resource for families approaching half-term, when children may have more time to spend gaming.

Link: **Ofcom – Parents Power Up: Helping Your Child Stay Safe While Gaming Online**

Individual and Siblings Photos

Photos were taken today and the proof card will be given to the children this afternoon. You will need to check your child's bag for the proof card. Please order by Monday 16th November.

Ukraine Christmas Collection



After half term we will be asking for donations to be sent into school, which will be used to give orphaned children in Ukraine some happiness at Christmas time.

We are asking parents to donate the following;

- Christmas selection boxes
- Christmas sweets and chocolate
- Colouring books
- Colouring pens, pencils or crayons

The gifts will be taken to Ukraine on 24th November, so all donations will need to be in school by Friday 20th November at the very latest.

Thanks in advance for your generosity.

All Souls Day



During the month of November we remember to pray for our deceased brothers and sisters in a special way. All Souls' Day is marked on 2nd November, directly after All Saints' Day, and is an opportunity for us to remember those who have gone before us. Your child will give you a specially designed form for you to write down **(in block letters please)** anyone you would like us to pray for during our special Remembrance Liturgy on Wednesday 11th November 2026. Please return these to your child's class teacher by Wednesday 4th November, any slips returned after this date will not be included. Thank you.



Parent - Teacher Meeting

Parent-Teacher Meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th November. Monday 2nd November parents will be able to book an allocated time to see the teacher, where you can have a short discussion about your child's academic progress.

Year 6 parents will need to come to the school office to make their booking.

Merit Awards

Nursery	Kalila	**RN**	Jrey
1S	Ibrahim	**2F**	Rihanna
3G	Whole Class	**3D**	Amber
4M	Whole Class	**4LB**	Whole Class
5J	Alex and Anthony	**5P**	Whole Class
6D	Maja	**6M**	Chabella

Have A Great Weekend & a lovely half term holiday