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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HOUSE POINTS

1st - Jerusalem

2nd - Bethlehem

3rd - Galilee

4th - Nazareth

Headteacher's Award

This week the Head's Award goes to both Y6 classes for fantastic Bollywood Dance routines in PE.

Well Done!

Diary Dates

Date	Event
24/11/2026	5P & 2F Mass at St Patrick's church
29/11/2026	First Sunday of Advent
27/11/2026	Christmas Decoration Day—Non Uniform
30/11/2026	St. Andrew's Feast Day
01/12/2026	5J & 4LB Mass at St. Patrick's Church
01/12/2026	Reception Open Day 9.30am and 1.30pm
06/12/2026	Second Sunday of Advent

Matthew 25:31-46

This Sunday's Gospel:

THE LAST JUDGMENT

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me; sick and you visited me; in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

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	1S
KS2	3D

Punctuality

Our winning classes this week

EYFS & KS1	RN
KS2	3D & 4M

Wednesday Word

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

https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/good-news?pid=MTA101634&v=163.4

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.

Open Day for Reception

We are holding an Open Day on **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.



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

This week's top scores are :



School Building Fund

Each year every parent who has chosen to send their child to a voluntary aided Catholic School is asked to make a contribution to the school Building Fund so that the school can continue to provide the best possible teaching and learning environment. Governors at St Patrick's ask for a donation of £30 a year for families with one child, plus an additional £10 for families with more than one child at the school. School governors are required to raise 10% of the cost of developing and maintaining the school buildings as only 90% will be paid by the government.

A letter from the Governors has been sent home with your child this week. You can make your donation by logging into your ParentPay account or by taking the barcoded letter to any PayPoint store along with your donation. If you do not have a ParentPay login, please contact the school office and speak to Mrs Williams who will be able to arrange this for you. Thank you to all the families that have already contributed to the Building Fund for this school year.

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.

Ready, Respectful and Safe Champions

This week's Ready, Respectful and Safe champions are:

Fidel (3G) who is our Ready Champion, Dylan (2F) who is our Respectful Champion and Maia(RN) who is our Safe Champion.

Well done to these three children for always modelling the correct behaviour around the school!

Children's Class Liturgies



We are delighted with how well our new children's liturgies are being embraced across the school. These special opportunities allow the children to come together in prayer, reflection and worship, helping them to deepen their understanding of their faith and develop their relationship with God. The children are thoroughly enjoying taking an active role in planning and leading these liturgies, sharing their thoughts, reflections and prayers with their classmates. They are also developing valuable skills, including speaking and listening (oracy), independent research and a deeper knowledge and understanding of our Catholic faith. It is wonderful to see the children growing in confidence and taking such pride in these special moments of prayer and reflection.

We would love to encourage all our families to take an interest in these special liturgies. Please take time to talk to your child about their class liturgy, listen to their reflections and share in the prayers and messages they bring home. By sharing these moments of faith together, we can continue to strengthen the important partnership between home and school as we grow together in God's love.

Ukraine Christmas Donation

We would like to thank all the families who have given donations for the orphaned children in Ukraine, it will give them some happiness at Christmas time. Mrs Holden has taken all that was collected to be shipped to Ukraine. The organiser will be travelling to Ukraine and will be sending photos to Mrs Holden in the New Year. When the photos arrive we will share with you all in one of our upcoming newsletter. Thanks for your generosity and God bless you all.

Hormiman Museum –3G

Tuesday 17th November 2026:

Visit to the Horniman Museum- linked to our learning about the Stone Age.

Today, we visited the Horniman Museum, where we learnt about the different artefacts used during the Stone Age, including stone tools, weapons and animal skins. We also explored the British Wildlife Photography Awards (BWPA) exhibition, where we discussed which mammals that existed during the Stone Age can still be found today. To finish our visit, we took part in an exciting hands-on workshop, where we had the opportunity to handle real Stone Age artefacts, examine the tools closely and think about how they might have been used by people in the past.





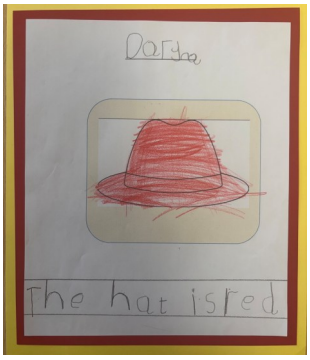








This week's Star Writer Daryna (RN)



Daryna in Reception who has written an independent sentence and formed all her letters correctly. What a star!

Homiman Museum 3D

On Tuesday 17th November 2026, we visited the Homiman Museum, where we had a fantastic opportunity to learn more about the Stone Age and how people lived during this time. We were able to see and touch objects similar to those used in the Stone Age, including flint, animal fur and stone tools such as axes. We also learnt how people's skills and lifestyles developed throughout the three periods of the Stone Age: the **Palaeolithic, Mesolithic** and **Neolithic** periods. It was a wonderful hands-on experience that helped bring our learning to life!



Christmas Decoration Day

On Friday 27th November we will be holding a non-uniform day and asking pupils and staff to bring in specific items for the fete. This date is also the Christmas decoration day where we will decorate the school. We are also looking for raffle prizes, so if you have anything suitable please drop them into the School Office.

Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 – Bottles (wine, juice, fizzy, bubble bath, etc.)

Year 1 & 2 – Sweets or Chocolate (individual bars or packets)

Reception & Nursery – Packs of biscuits



Your child will be bringing home a letter and raffle tickets today. Please write your details on each ticket and return the money and the stubs in a clearly marked envelope saying 'Christmas Bazaar' by Friday 11th December 2026. If you need additional tickets then please ask the School Office and they will send them home with your child. If you are unable to purchase or sell them, then please do not worry – just send them back to us by Friday 11th December so that we can sell them at the bazaar.



RACIAL & SOCIAL JUSTICE

Race and Social Justice Committee

The children of our school thought that it was very important that we celebrate the diversity of our community and wanted to form a group to promote this about our school. The Race & Social Justice Committee (RSJ) is made up of 16 Year 6 pupils who will meet with me every month to discuss ideas to promote inclusivity, celebrate diversity and stand up to racism. During our meeting last week the children came up with some amazing ideas, including educating ourselves about different countries that children in our school come from (Country of the Month), learning about their own heritage, creating a whole school Race & Social Justice Charter to show how we are ensuring that a child's life chances are not impacted by their ethnic background and looking at school resources and the curriculum to ensure diversity is celebrated & respected in our school. We will also be having a Stand up to Racism day next term and will be asking parents to let us know about the different languages that are spoken at home. In addition the Y6 children will be leading the assembly on Monday where the rest of the school will be learning all about Nigeria (Country of the Month for December).

Merit Awards

Nursery	Tymofii	**RN**	Jrey
1S	Kalani-Li	**2F**	Layth
3G	Roniyah	**3D**	Whole Class
4M	Thea	**4LB**	Eliana Rose
5J	Susan	**5P**	Elliana
6D	Grace	**6M**	Logan

Have A Great Weekend