



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.



Jedd	Owen	Susan	Oleksander	Polina
Paula	Fidel	Nahom	Benjamin	Gianluca

HOUSE POINTS

- 1st - Nazareth
- 2nd - Bethlehem
- 3rd - Jerusalem
- 4th - Galilee

This week the Head's Award goes to Chimamanda for being brave and sensible.

Diary Dates

Date	Event
04/10/2026	Feast of St Francis of Assisi
06/10/2026	5J & 4LB—Mass at St Patrick's Church
07/10/2026	5J—Trip to British Library
08/10/2026	Harvest Festival Mass—09.30am
08/10/2026	Praying the Rosary — 8.30am
09/10/2026	YR 2 & YR 5—Fire Safety Workshop

Matthew 21:33-43

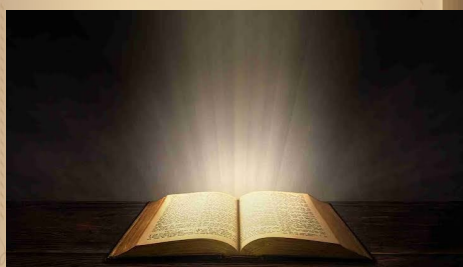
This Sunday's Gospel:

TRUE GOSPEL

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance". So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those

tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: "It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see!" I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

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	4M & 6D

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/wednesday-word/good-news?pid=MTA101634&v=163.4>

Rosary

October is the Month of Mary. We will be saying a decade of the Rosary lead by our school chaplains on Thursday morning during October at 8:30am in the library. This will start on the 1st October and every Thursday morning thereafter until the 22nd October. Anyone wishing to attend would need to come through the school office at 8:25am prompt. All very welcome.



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 will be 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.

Harvest Collection

We are collecting donations of dried food i.e. tins, pasta, rice etc., for our Harvest Mass in school on Thursday 8th October. All donations of food will go to the Christian Kitchen in Walthamstow. This is a very admirable charity that provides hot meals for people who are less fortunate than ourselves. All donations are very welcome. Please send them with your child into their class teacher. Thank you all for your support in the very worthy cause.

Ready, Respectful and Safe Champions

Polina (1S) our Ready Champion, Euan (6D) our Safe Champion and Kevin (5J) our Respectful Champion. Well done to these three children for always modelling ready, respectful and safe behaviours around school.

International Evening Celebration

On Monday 28th September, we held our International Celebration. The food was delicious and everyone enjoyed tasting a variety of food in such a lovely atmosphere. It was wonderful to have so many different dishes to sample from all over the world. A big thank you to everyone who generously brought along food to share. To finish the event, the children (and parents) performed a variety of songs and dances. They were amazing and truly showed what a talented school community we have here at St Patrick's. Well done!

Thank you to all who attended and helped make it such an enjoyable event.



National Poetry Day

On 2nd October, we celebrated Poetry Day with a special whole-school assembly! Children from across the school shared poems they had written or learnt. It was wonderful to see their confidence, creativity and enthusiasm. The children have worked incredibly hard to learn, practise and perform their poems, and they were truly impressive! Well done to everyone who took part!



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.

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.

See below the rest of Secondary School open evenings for October if you wish to attend.

School	Open evening dates	Open evening times
Buxton School	Thursday 8 October 2026	5pm to 7.30pm
Eden Girls School, Waltham Forest	Thursday 8 October 2026	4.30pm to 7pm
George Mitchell School	Tuesday 8 October 2026	5.30pm to 8pm
Heathcote School & Science College	Wednesday 7 October 2026	5pm to 7.30pm
Highams Park School	Thursday 8 October 2026	5.00pm to 8.00pm
Walthamstow Academy	Thursday 8 October 2026	5pm to 8pm
Willowfield School	Wednesday 7 October 2026	4pm to 8pm

Supporting Children with Additional Needs When Something Goes Wrong Online

Children with additional needs may not always recognise when an online situation has become unsafe, or may find it difficult to explain what has happened. They may also communicate distress differently, become overwhelmed by questions or worry about losing access to a device or online activity that is particularly important to them.

The short video below gives parents practical advice on supporting a child calmly when something has gone wrong online - helping them feel able to share what has happened.

Link: [YouTube - Supporting children with additional needs when something goes wrong online](#)

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>

Week ending 11/09/2026

4M	286	5J	265	6M	165
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Week ending 25/09/2026

5J	221	4M	33	3D	20
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iOS 27 Child Safety Features

If your child uses an iPhone or iPad, Apple's latest software includes a number of new parental-control and safety features. These include:

- Improved Screen Time controls
- Limits across categories of apps
- Website controls and;
- Additional Communication Safety protections

The short video below provides a useful overview, while Apple's own guidance explains how parents can set up and manage the controls in more detail.

Video: [YouTube - iOS 27 child safety features](#)

Guidance: Apple - Child Safety

Guidance: Apple Support - Screen Time and parental controls

Year 5/6 Boys Football Success!

A huge congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 boys football team, who recently competed in their first tournament of the school year on Friday the 25th September. For many of the boys, this was their very first time representing our school competitively on the pitch, and they did us incredibly proud.

The team showed fantastic sportsmanship, determination, and brilliant teamwork throughout the day. They faced some tough competition but kept their heads high, working together to score some fantastic goals and defend brilliantly.



This Week's Star Writer Chloe(3G)

Chloe in 3G has written a fantastic diary entry based on the book *Leon and the Place Between*. She has joined her letters correctly used great punctuation. Chloe has also used complex sentences and lots of details from the book.

Well done Chloe! What a star writer!

Lesson 12: 22.09.26



LO: To write a diary entry in r6le as, Imam.

Day 12 (Phase 2)
 Entry writing

End Outcome
 Explanation text

Verbalising:
 creative, smpirical, magical, amazing, unbelievable, unusual,
 unique, strange, mythical, scatic, brilliant, shocked, puzled,
 weird, fantastical, first, self, again,
 First... Then... later... suddenly... Without warning...

Steps for Success		Final 1 (6)	My assumptions	My teacher
1	I can write in the first person (I, my, mine, us, we)	✓	✓	✓
2	I can include features of diary entry (date, greeting, past tense, feelings, time connectives)	✓	✓	✓
3	I can write different types of sentences with correct punctuation.	✓	✓	✓
4	I can use exciting vocabulary, add detail about the experience and give reasons for the feelings.	✓	✓	✓

Dear Diary,

What a fantastic day it was in the place between.

First, I was invited into Abdul Karim's secret circle box. I was terrified but I wanted to know what magical thing there was inside. So I went in. Suddenly, I found myself falling down, down, down.

Next, I saw that I was sitting on a magical carpet. Then I looked around a pair a bird boy. He took me around the place it looked really cool. I wished I lived there.

Finally, I heard Abdul Karim calling me and then I fell to sleep.

I woke up levitating up in the air and I was back in the world with a rabbit in my hand. The audience stood up and clapped.

② *A fantastic day entry, written from my perspective and using the language of the text.*

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 were very pleased to receive a visit from **Perform** on Friday 25th September. The children had a wonderful time exploring the theme of **Superheroes** and using drama, dance and singing to help develop their confidence, concentration and social skills.

Perform run regular weekly classes in the local area and they are offering a **special introductory discount** to all parents of St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School if they come along for a free trial session before Saturday 14th November.

To claim your discount, just call Perform on 020 7255 9120 quoting **ASDR141126** or book a Free Trial Session online at perform.org.uk/try.



Merit Awards

Nursery	Leo	RN	Trey
1S	Paula	2F	Aaliyah-Rae
3G	David C	3D	Whole Class
4M	Lunna	4L	Kadi
5J	Silas	5P	Whole Class
6D	Victoria	6M	Donnacha

Have A Great Weekend