



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.



Diary Dates

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HOUSE POINTS

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

Headteacher's Award

This week the Head's Award goes to Jasmine and Miguel for fantastic English work.

Well Done!

Date	Event
13/10/2026	Class 6M & 1S—Mass at St. Patrick's Church
15/10/2026	Praying the Rosary—8.30am
16/10/2026	CAFOD Non-Uniform Day—£1 Donation
18/10/2026	Feast of St Luke the Evangelist
19/10/2026	Year 2—Trip to Florence Nightingale Museum
20/10/2026	Class 5J & 4LB—Mass at St. Patrick's Church
21/10/2026	Class 3D & 3G—Natural History Museum

Matthew 22:1-10

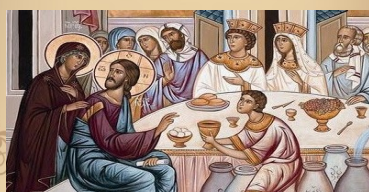
This Sunday's Gospel:

AN INVITATION TO THE WEDDING FEAST

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: 'The kingdom of Heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited," he said, "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He despatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite

everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called but few are chosen.'

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	3G

punctuality

Our winning classes this week

EYFS & KS1	Nursery
KS2	3D & 3G

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 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:

Maidah(4M) our Ready Champion, Julia(5J) our Respectful Champion and Lionel(RN) our Safe Champion.

Well done to these children for being excellent models of behaviour to all their classmates.

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>

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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/>

🎮 Online Gaming: Keeping Our Children Safe 🎮

Online gaming is a normal part of many children's lives, but **who children are playing with and what they are exposed to online can be difficult for parents to see**. Some children start gaming online as young as 3-5 years old, and almost **9 in 10 children aged 3-17 regularly play online games**. Recent investigations have highlighted examples of extremist content being accessible through popular gaming platforms such as Roblox. Gaming chats can also expose children to risks including **online grooming, gambling, child criminal exploitation, sextortion, bullying, phishing and malware**.

Ofcom reports that **more than half of children sometimes play online with people they have never met in person!**

🏠 5 THINGS TO DO TONIGHT 🏠

1. ASK: Ask your child **what they play and who they play with**. Ask them to show you their favourite games. You might be surprised by what they can access.

2. CHECK: Check the **PEGI rating, chat settings and privacy settings** for the games they use. Where possible, restrict communication with strangers and disable features your child doesn't need.

3. TALK: Explain what information should stay private. Remind children **never to share their full name, address, school, passwords, photographs**, location or other personal information with people they meet online.

4. AGREE: Set clear boundaries around:

- ☐ How long they can play
-  Spending and in-game purchases
-  When devices should be put away
-  Where devices can be used

Whenever possible, **keep gaming in shared family spaces rather than bedrooms**.

5. HAVE A PLAN: Make sure your child knows what to do if something online makes them feel uncomfortable.

STOP → BLOCK → REPORT → TELL AN ADULT

Reassure them that they can always come to you, even if they have made a mistake or think they might get into trouble.

Let's help our children enjoy gaming safely, confidently and responsibly.

🔞 CHECK THE PEGI RATING 🔞

A PEGI age rating **doesn't tell you how difficult a game is**. It tells you about the **content** your child may encounter, including:

- ☐ Violence
-  Bad language
-  Sexual content
-  Gambling or gambling-like themes
-  Drugs and substance use

A child may tell you that a PEGI 12 or 16 game is "only rated that high because it's difficult". **This isn't the case**. The rating is about the suitability of the content for that age. Always check the PEGI rating before allowing your child to play.

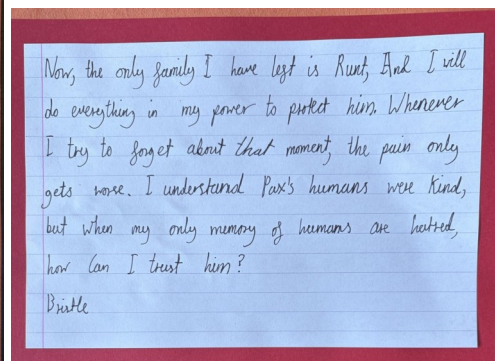
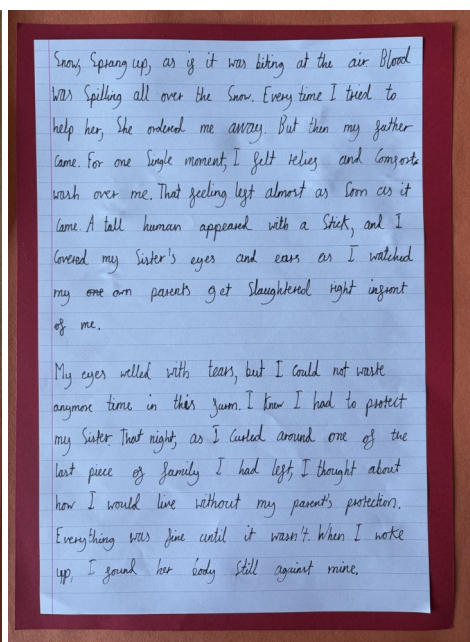
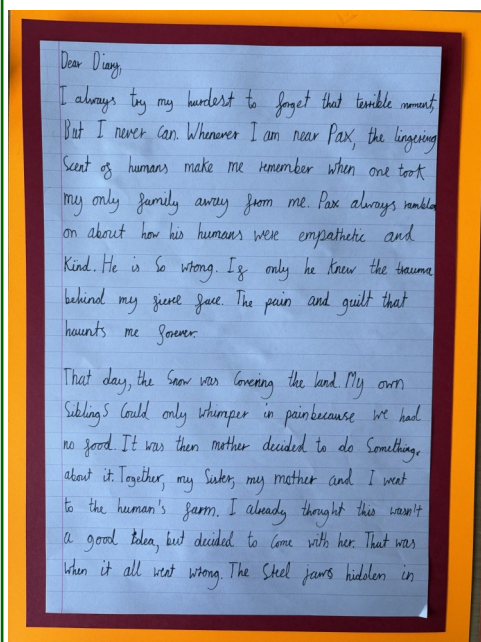
Harvest Mass

Yesterday, our school community came together to celebrate our Harvest Mass, beautifully celebrated by Fr Freddy. The children sang and read with such confidence and enthusiasm, helping to make it a very special occasion. We were overwhelmed by the generosity of our families, who donated an abundance of food to support Christian Kitchen in Walthamstow. These wonderful donations will help provide meals for many vulnerable people in our local community. We are incredibly proud of our children and families for living out our Catholic values of kindness, compassion and service to others. Thank you to everyone who contributed and helped make our Harvest celebration such a meaningful and successful event!



This Week's Star Writer Christian(6D)

This week's star writer is Christian in 6D who has written an incredible diary entry in character as Bristle in the class novel Pax. Christian has used emotive language and conveyed Bristle's emotions very well. He has used punctuation and paragraphing to great effect. He has joined, even consistent handwriting. What a fantastic piece of work! Well done Christian.



Merit Awards

Nursery	Zachariah	RN	Annie
1S	Polina	2F	Elise
3G	Sofiia K	3D	Hiyab
4M	Violet	4LB	Miguel
5J	Marta	5P	Kenesia
6D	Genevieve	6M	Georgi

Have A Great Weekend