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. .



Maria	Teodora	Gabriel	Ezekiel	Joe

Diary Dates

Date	Event
15/11/2026	Road Safety Week
16/11/2026	Start of Anti-Bullying Week
17/11/2026	4M& 6D Mass at St Patrick's Church
17/11/2026	3D & 3G Trip to Horniman Museum
24/11/2026	5P & 2F Mass at St Patrick's church
29/11/2026	First Sunday of Advent
30/11/2026	Christmas Decoration Day—Non Uniform

HOUSE POINTS

1st - Nazareth

2nd - Jerusalem

3rd - Bethlehem

4th - Galilee

Headteacher's Award

This week the Head's Award goes to Maja for being an excellent lunchtime helper.

Thank you for your support.

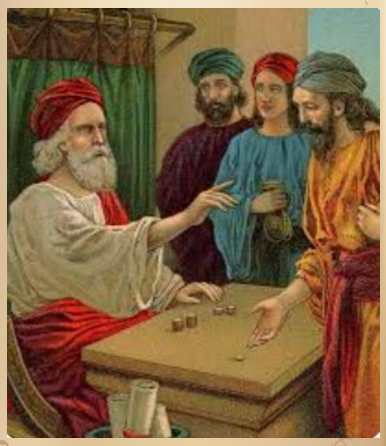
Matthew 25:14-15,19-20

This Sunday's Gospel:

A STORY ABOUT TALENTS

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more." Sir," he said, "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things; I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."'

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**

Punctuality

Our winning classes this week

EYFS & KS1	**Nursery**
KS2	**5J**

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.

Ukraine Christmas Collection

We are 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;

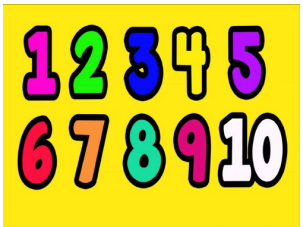
- Christmas selection boxes
- Christmas sweets and chocolate
- Colouring books
- Colouring pens, pencils or crayons

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.

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 Well done to 3D getting on the leader board this week. Keep it up!

This week's top scores are :



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.

BlacK History Month



During October, we celebrated Black History Month. This year the theme was 'Honouring Our Communities.' In class, children learned about the contributions of Black people to Britain's past, present and future. Last Friday was our Black History Month Showcase where each year group shared what they had been learning. It was a thoroughly enjoyable assembly and a great celebration of Black contributions to our community. Well to done to all the children and their teachers!








Aga Khan Centre








On Wednesday, Year 6 visited the beautiful Aga Khan Centre as part of our History topic on *Early Islamic Civilisation*. The children took part in a range of exciting activities, including a design hunt where they explored the building and spotted fascinating patterns and designs. They then used toothpicks and Blu Tack to create their own 3D structures inspired by the artwork and architecture they had seen. We were amazed by the stunning interior of the building and had a fantastic time learning outside the classroom!

Year 5 & 6 Athletics Competition



Our Year 5 and 6 pupils represented St Patrick's at the Sports Hall Athletics Competition, competing against nine other local schools—and we could not be prouder of them. Every child gave their absolute best across a brilliant mix of events, including relay races, obstacle races, long jump, and high jump. They showed wonderful teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship throughout the day, cheering each other on and acting as fantastic ambassadors for our school. A huge thank you goes to our wonderful parent helpers for giving up their time to support the team and help the day run so smoothly. Well done to everyone who took part!

Christmas Artwork

Art work to be returned to the school by the 20th November 2026.



Ready, Respectful and Safe Champions

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

Yaryna (5J) who is our Ready Champion, Nils (2F) who is our Respectful Champion and Daryna (RN) who is our Safe Champion.

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

Primary Maths Challenge

A huge well done to the ten Y5/6 pupils that took part in the annual Primary Mathematics Challenge this week. They all did incredibly well with a very challenging paper! Hopefully we will have some of our pupils through to the next round – watch this space!

This week's Star Writer Neriah (RN)



Neriah has worked very hard on learning her letter formation this term. She can write cvc words like fat and cat with a little support and sound them out and blend them.

Well done Neriah for such excellent writing and effort with your phonics in Reception.

For Parents and Carers – Talking About AI With Children

Artificial intelligence is becoming an increasingly familiar part of children's lives, whether that's through chatbots, homework tools, games or the apps they use every day. As AI becomes more common, it's important that children understand both what it can do and where its limitations lie.

Internet Matters has produced a useful **Talking About AI** guide for families, with age-appropriate conversation starters and activities to help parents explore AI with their children. This guide encourages families to talk about how AI works, question the information it produces, considers privacy and develops healthy habits when using AI tools.

It's a practical resource for parents who may not feel particularly confident about AI themselves but want to help their children use it safely and responsibly.

Link: **Internet Matters – Talking About AI: A Guide for Families**

Merit Awards

Nursery	Nia	**RN**	Amalia
1S	Ayana	**2F**	Polina
3G	David R	**3D**	Mathew
4M	Esteben	**4LB**	Antoine & Mercy
5J	Yaryna	**5P**	Kobe
6D	Whole Class	**6M**	Yasmin

Have A Great Weekend