

William Patten School is vibrant, creative and academically successful. Our curriculum reflects this.

We believe that children will succeed if their attention and love for learning is captured through an exciting and stimulating curriculum - which is reflected in the wide and varied range of experiences and opportunities we offer.

We provide many additional activities such as: cricket, gymnastics, dance, artist-led workshops, choirs, music concerts and trips out of school. We also arrange themed days (and weeks) such as Passport Day, Tastes of the World, International Evening, Science week and World Book day.

We are a two-form entry school  
- that means we have two classes in  
each year group.

There are three phases in the school:

**Early Years Foundation Stage – Nursery and  
Reception**

**Keystage 1**

**Keystage 2**

# Early Years Foundation Stage

**Our Nursery** offers both part-time (am and pm) and full-time provision, with a total of 26 places in the morning and afternoon session.

Our Nursery is run by a class teacher and a Nursery Nurse.

**In Reception**, there are 30 children in each class and each class has a teacher and a teaching assistant. There is an additional adult across the year group to support language, social and physical development.

## Applying for a Nursery Place

- Children need to be 3 years old, in order to be eligible for a Nursery place.
- Parents should complete our application form (by the April, prior to starting Nursery in September) registering their interest and the provision required. These forms are available from our school office or on our website.
- Parents will be informed if their child has a Nursery place, by the end of May.

## Applying for a Reception Place

- Parents of children born between 1/9/2017 and 31/8/2018 and who will start Reception in September 2022, should complete the Hackney Education's Common Application Form (CAF) online at [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk) by 15/1/2022.
- Parents are notified, which school their child has been given on 19/4/22.
- When you have accepted a place at William Patten and our Reception allocation is finalised, usually by the end of May, we will send out our 'Welcome Pack'. This includes key information that new parents will need, for example, the EYFS policy, attendance policy, behaviour policy.

## Preparing for Reception

- The 'Welcome Pack' includes the name of your child's teacher, the other children in the class (we try to make sure that some children from the same settings are in the same class), your child's school visit date (in September) and their start date.
- The September school visit allows time for families to have an individual meeting with their child's class teacher and teaching assistant, and for children and parents to see their soon-to-be classroom!

## Starting in Reception

- Reception children have a staggered start when they begin school as we have found this the best way to settle children, allowing them to become familiar with routines and get to know their way around.
- For the first two weeks, children only stay in school until lunchtime.
- For three mornings of first week, groups of 10 children attend on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and then the whole class comes in on Thursday and Friday.
- After these first two weeks the children stay for lunch and the afternoon session.



We teach phonics using the  
'Read Write Inc.' scheme.

This starts in Nursery and in Reception.

Parents will be invited to a RWI meeting and the  
Teddy Bears' Picnic in the Autumn term. Parents are  
also invited to attend an Autumn Parents' Evening.

# Our offer

Like other schools we have had to stop visits, trips, workshops, performances due to the restrictions imposed by DfE Covid-19 regulations and guidelines. We will strive to safely reintroduce these activities during the current academic year.

The following slides give a flavour of our school's ethos and commitment to enrichment and enjoyment! We hope to return to this very soon.

# Peer Supporters

These are Y5 and Y6 children than help support younger children during lunchtime play.



# Tastes of the World

A spectacular WP event, celebrating our diverse local community, where children enjoy an amazing range of tasty, home-cooked dishes from around the world.



# World Book Day

A special day where children and adults dress up as a character from a favourite book.



# International Evening

A unique evening where children dance, sing, fence, speak languages and play musical instruments.



# Come Dine With Me

A chance for parents to join their children for lunch and experience some of Ali's finest and legendary cuisine!



# No Pens Wednesday

A special day where we put pens down for the day and explore other ways of learning!



# The Protest Project

Children learnt about the importance of the right to protest, including the 1983 Hasbaduk family protest.



# Music Performances

Children perform for their peers and families.



# Sports Day at Clissold Park

Hoping for good weather!



# Science Week Family Challenge

A favourite part of our Science week events, where families complete a scientific challenge.



# Storytellers and Authors

We plan for a wide range of workshops to help enrich our curriculum offer.



# Storytelling with 'Claytime'

EYFS children enjoy helping to create a story using clay.



# Dance and Drama Workshops

Children enjoy taking part in wide range of dance and drama workshops.



# Matthew Bourne New Adventures

Children performed at the Sadler's Wells Theatre after a series of these outstanding workshops.



# Special Assemblies

To celebrate special events such as Pancake Day, St Patrick's Day, Diwali, Eid etc.



# Red Nose Day and Fun Run

Helping to raise money for charities and have tremendous fun!



# Gymnastics Coach

Children learn gymnastics moves and then use these skills to perform a routine to their parents.



# Trips

We arrange a wide range of trips to provide children with the opportunity to learn outside of the classroom. We have visited many London museums and galleries, as well as parks and nature reserves.



Our community is culturally and socially diverse - we value the richness this brings to our school.

Our relationship with parents and families is crucial and a great support in our work.

We work together to give all our children the best start in their education.

**William  
Patten**  
Primary School