

The Patten Pages

The William Patten Newsletter for Parents and Children

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Dear parents,

Welcome back to the new academic year. A very special welcome to our new families joining us in Nursery and Reception. I have been mightily impressed with how quickly the children have settled in. The group of children who had their first day on Wednesday last week deserve a special mention, as not only was it their first day in school, but the fire alarm went off too! The children were astonishing and were very brave particularly as the alarm is so loud!

All EYFS children have adapted to the new routines very well and developed new friendships already. It is super to see their excitement of starting school! The Reception children were practising going to the lunch hall on Friday, as it means going upstairs to the middle hall, but they walked so carefully on the stairs, held tightly on to the banister and listened very well to the adults' instructions. They have been fabulous in the dinner hall and have been enjoying Ali's lunches, remembering to say please and thank you.

Thank you if you were able to attend the Meet Your Teacher meetings last week. We are very excited about the changes to our English and topic teaching this year and all children have responded to the new way of teaching and learning very well. I was in Year 6 lessons this week and was so impressed with the quality of vocabulary being shared through discussion and role play and then being used in their own writing. I am looking forward to reading their final pieces of writing.

Year 3 visited the British Museum this week and Year 5 and 6 members of the school Eco Team went to Know and Love on Church street as part of London Design Week, which saw the children take part in interactive workshops run by local businesses, promoting Hackney artists who produce sustainable work and support environmental issues. All adults commented, not only on the behaviour of the children on both trips, but their knowledge and range of questions they asked. Thank you for being such wonderful ambassadors of WP, but also for being curious, thoughtful, engaged and enthusiastic! Keep hold of those attributes, they will take you far!

We have lots more trips planned this term and will share those with you in future editions of the PP and of course on our Instagram page [william_patten_school_n16](https://www.instagram.com/william_patten_school_n16)
Have a lovely weekend!

Karen

Y6 Peer Supporters

A HUGE thank you to our wonderful Year 6 children who have volunteered to dedicate one lunchtime each week to EYFS and KS1 children. They are doing a great job helping the younger children settle into the new term. Peer Supporters have been spotted playing lots of different games, showing extraordinary kindness and giving such positive energy to ensure everyone has a happy playtime. We love you!



Neurodiversity News

At William Patten we believe in understanding and valuing difference. We are committed to raising awareness around neurodiversity with our staff and pupils and would like to extend that to the wider school community.

In my role as SENDCo, lots of interesting news related to neurodiversity comes my way; latest research, articles, blogs, interesting websites, great books to share with children etc.

In addition to sharing these with staff, I would like to use the Patten Pages to share with our families. Hence this new segment 'Neurodiversity News'.

So for this first segment I would like to share this news from the National Autistic Society announcing their new ambassador. I love her quote about her secret ingredient for the 'kitchen of life'.

See link to the full article below: [Autistic MasterChef star Vanessa D'Souza is our new Celebrity Ambassador \(autism.org.uk\)](https://www.autism.org.uk/news/other_press_releases/masterchef_star_vanessa_d_souza_is_our_new_celebrity_ambassador)

Autistic MasterChef star Vanessa D'Souza is our new Celebrity Ambassador

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We are delighted to announce Vanessa D'Souza aka, The Autistic Chef™ as our charity's new Celebrity Ambassador.

Vanessa, who received an autism diagnosis last year, progressed to the semi-finals of BBC One's MasterChef in May, making her food dream a reality.

Vanessa D'Souza, The Autistic Chef™ said: *"In the kitchen of life, I've learned that being different is my secret ingredient."*

If you have any news you would like to suggest we include in this segment I would welcome your contributions. Just drop me an email.

Caitlin
SENDCo

A big welcome to our newest members of WP!

Welcome to all the EYFS children that have started in Nursery and Reception this month! We have been so impressed with the way that the children have settled, made friends, learnt new routines and explored many new areas of learning. We have created our classroom charter, deciding on the rules that we need to uphold to have a safe, enjoyable, creative and thriving classroom.

Reception children now attend full-time and enjoyed their first week of school lunches cooked by Ali and his team. Reception children now spend their lunchtime play in the KS1 playground; we are grateful to our wonderful Peer Supporters that have helped with this transition.

Nursery children have been equally amazing. They have settled in well, made new friends, and have enjoyed taking part in our classroom activities. Well done, Nursery and Reception children, we are proud of you all! Here are a few images that illustrate EYFS in action!





Year 3 trip to the British Museum

To kick start our **Stone Age to Iron Age** topic, Year 3 travelled to the British Museum this week where they explored the exhibitions and learnt lots from the artefacts on show. The children behaved impeccably with calmness and politeness. A big thank you to all the parents that accompanied the classes too.






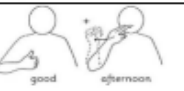
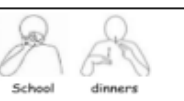



Language of the Month

To kick off the new school year, our new **Language of the Month is Hebrew!**

On Wednesday 12th of September, Helen introduced Hebrew as the new Language of the Month in a whole school assembly and we were very lucky to have Leni (3IC) and Olive (6B) who are two of our Hebrew speaking pupils at William Patten.

Hebrew was chosen because Rosh Hashanah was celebrated by our Jewish families from Friday 15th of September. Rosh Hashanah is the start of the Jewish New Year for followers of Judaism. To Jewish people, it also marks the anniversary of the creation of the world. Rosh Hashanah means “beginning of the year” in the Hebrew language. Festive gatherings with family and friends are a tradition during this holiday. Traditional meals are eaten made up of symbolic food like apple and honey, pomegranate, challah bread, fish, fruit and carrots. Jewish New Year is celebrated during the first two days of the Hebrew calendar month of Tishri. The religious celebration falls either in September or in early October and Rosh Hashanah begins a 10-day period called the High Holy Days that ends on Yom Kippur. During the assembly, the children learnt that Hebrew is the language of the Jewish Torah, Jewish prayer and a modern language spoken in Israel. The children also learnt that it is spoken by over 9 million people worldwide and historically, it is regarded as the language of the Israelites and their ancestors. During the assembly we looked at the Hebrew script shown in The Torah which is read from right to left and the Hebrew alphabet (aleph-bet) which has no vowels.

Why don't you have a go at learning the Hebrew words and phrases alongside the Makaton signs we will be using in class and around the school?

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| <p>Hello - Shalom הלו</p> |  |
| <p>Good bye - Shalom שלום קיה</p> |  |
| <p>Good morning - Bohker tov טוב בוקר</p> |  |
| <p>Good afternoon - Erev tov טובים הצהריים אחר</p> |  |
| <p>School dinners - Betsefer ruh'at-tzahorayim ספר בית</p> |  |
| <p>Packed lunch - Araz ruh'at-tzahorayim אוכל קופסת</p> |  |
| <p>Please - Bevakasha אנה</p> |  |
| <p>Thank you - Todah תודה</p> |  |

Eco Team workshop

This week, the Year 5 and Year 6 Eco-Team members attended an exciting workshop at 'Know and Love' store on Church Street. The visit, which is part of London Design Week, saw the children take part in interactive workshops run by local businesses promoting Hackney artists who produce sustainable work and support environmental issues.

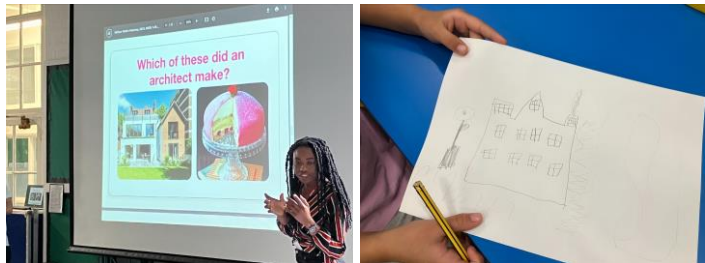
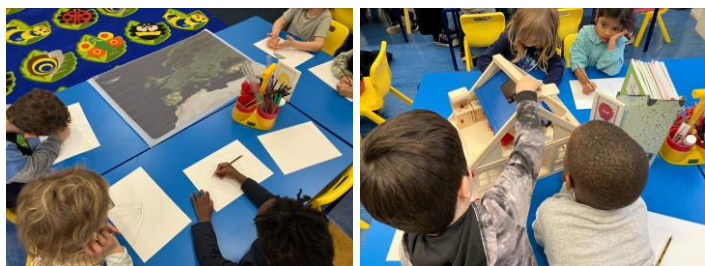
The session started off by 2 female engineers from Batchworks, which is a design and manufacturing company. They inspired the children by demonstrating what a 3D printer could make and the science behind the magic! They spoke about only making products to order which makes all of their work environmentally friendly as they are not wasting any produce. They are going to be setting up local eco printing hubs too, so watch this space!

Next up was a delicious talk and tasting session from another local company, Land chocolate. There was lots of excitement and interesting questions from the children, as well as licking of lips after eating the yummy produce! Finally, they got to meet Lesley, who introduced herself as the purple punk potter of Stoke Newington! She showed her pottery designs to us all, which included mugs featuring Abney park foxes and with the N16 postcode on all of her work. Lesley delivers the pottery by hand to the store, so there is zero carbon footprint on deliveries! All 8 of the Eco-Team members received a wonderful goody bag too, filled with oat milk chocolate, a reusable bag, a paperclip made by the 3D printer and a gorgeous soy candle! Thank you to Calum and Amy from 5S, Melissa and Freddie from 5C, Kimarla and Luc from 6B and Muyi and Amber from 6M for your impeccable behaviour and interesting questions!



RIBA workshops

Children in Year 1 classes enjoyed their RIBA workshops this week. In the first session, children learnt about what architecture is and looked at innovative architecture from around the world. Children then went to their own classes and prepared architectural drawings, considering who might live in the house they were designing or what the features of a house in a specific climate might be. For the second session, children were ready to make a 3D model of the house they had designed in the first session, using a range of modelling materials. These include those kindly dedicated by Y1 and 4 parents and carers over the last week – thank you! Year 4 will be the next focus year group and throughout the year, each class will have the opportunity to work with architects on tasks that develop design and model making skills in the context of their afternoon topic work. The children will also learn about architecture and related careers.



Sumdog

Well done to all the children who have been using Sumdog this week to practise maths at home. We will start to set activities that match to classroom learning as well soon (when the first unit of work is completed). Before then (and always), the children can access games and activities that are adaptive to their individual learning. It is great to see how well the children who are already accessing the platform are doing! A quick reminder that Sumdog works best with the app when it is being used on a tablet (such as an iphone or ipad) and can also be accessed online from a PC at

www.sumdog.com. It is recommended that Sumdog is used in short bursts of 10-15 minutes a day. White Rose Maths have also published free downloadable parent workbooks, that directly link to the work being done in school. These are signposted on the maths page of the school website and are available here if you would prefer a different way to support your child's maths learning at home – <https://whiteroseeducation.com/parent-pupil-resources/maths/free-downloads#download>

We will be giving certificates to children who are engaging well with Sumdog, and will also present certificates to children who return completed White Rose Parent Workbooks. Regular use of Sumdog has been shown to make a positive difference to children's progress in maths. Although children should be able to complete the adaptive activities on their own, you may wish to support your child as they completion of any of the work set by their teacher. Teachers will let children know when they have set classroom related work on Sumdog, and this will also be communicated on Google Classroom.

Eco Team harvested vegetables for lunch!

Some of the Y3, Y4 and Y5 Eco-Team members got green fingers on Thursday lunchtime, as they harvested some crops from our roof garden! The children managed to dig up some enormous leeks, some delicious peppers and some mammoth marrows! All of which were given to the kitchen to use in our lunches. They also did a brilliant job at removing any dead plants and clearing the beds with all the waste being put into the compost bin. The children loved their time tending to the raised beds and are already getting excited about the next sowing season!



Hackney RE Calendar Competition WINNERS

Yet again, William Patten children's creativity shone through and we won FIVE months in this year's competition. A copy of this beautiful calendar is given to every school in Hackney so the artwork will be admired by all. Congratulations to our winners below (+ Juan Pablo who left WP in July). They each got a copy and Karen has put one up in the office for all to see.



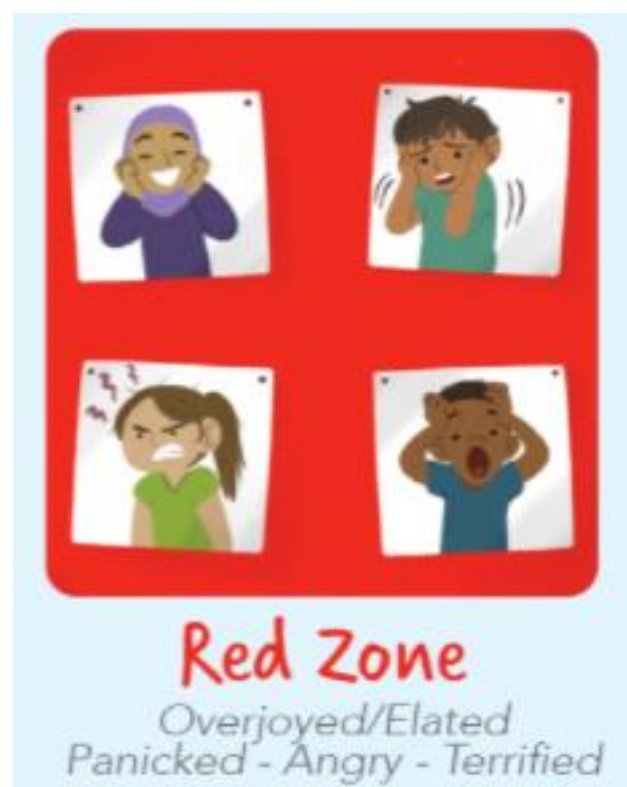
2023-24 School Council Election RESULTS!

Congratulations to our new School Council who were voted in by their class last week. They will meet regularly with Sian to share the views and opinions of their peers, and represent the pupil voice of William Patten. I wonder what they will change first!

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| 2L | Dalia and Casper |
| 2C | Iris and Elliott |
| 3L | Elise and Elijah |
| 3IC | Aster and Mason |
| 4M | Matilda and Lochie |
| 4C | Klara and Theo H |
| 5S | Emmy and Arlo |
| 5C | Vally and Ben |
| 6M | Isabella and Orrin |
| 6B | Elise and Aurelien |

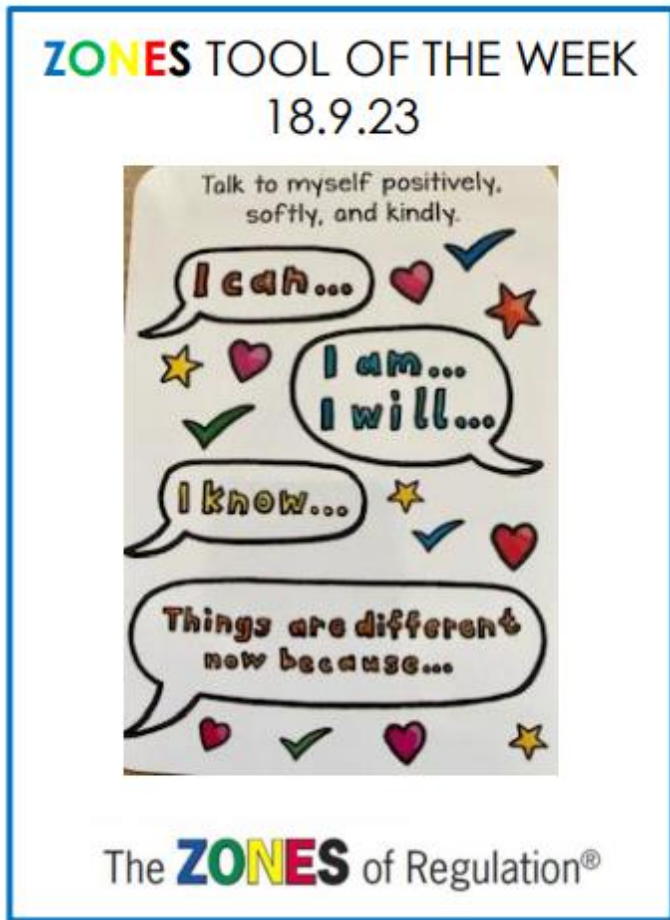
Zones of Regulation

In school we use an approach called Zones of Regulation to support the children to identify, express and manage their emotions. Emotions are grouped into four colour zones which represent different groups of feelings. The idea of zones is to take a non-judgmental approach to discussing and supporting children with their emotions. All emotions are natural to experience and we can learn to recognize and manage our feelings in different contexts.



As well as using the language of zones to talk about different feelings we show the children how to use different tools to support with managing feelings. For example, we might be feeling in the yellow zone after a busy playtime and need to feel settled and calm (in the green zone) to get on with our work in the classroom. A breathing exercise or a mindfulness activity can help with this. If we're feeling in the blue zone we might need a re-energizing activity such as a movement break or a soothing activity such as reading or drawing.

Each week we introduce a new **Tool of the Week**. Posters go up around school and each class practises the new tool and discuss which zone it would be useful for. We will include the new tools in the Patten Pages so you can try them out at home. This is the latest:



Applying for free school meals in Hackney

Families who are eligible for free school meals need to register to ensure they receive all the benefits to which they are entitled.

Schools then receive funding, worth £1,455, for each child. This will give schools more money for activities such as educational trips, booster classes, after-school clubs and more.

Registering will ensure families receive other benefits to which they may be entitled, like food vouchers during the holidays or access to the holiday activity fund. It's simple to register and confidential.

Parents and carers can apply easily via the Hackney Education website.

This school year, all primary school-aged children who attend state schools in London will also receive free school meals provided through new funding from the Mayor of London - but families should still register to maximise funding for their child's school. Apply here:

[Apply for free school meals | Hackney Education](#)

Reading Leaders - Success in Print

Some of our eagle-eyed readership may have noticed the William Patten Reading Leaders in a summer edition of Hackney Life Magazine! Nana (pictured returning to visit and collect her copy) was quoted explaining the dream behind our little outdoor libraries. Playgrounds can be loud places, and Nana explained that providing a calm, quiet place for children to read during lunch times is 'a great way to share the love of reading [she has] with others - and have fun doing it.' Councillor Bramble was very impressed with this initiative, and we are excited to be opening our little library doors again, on forecasted dry days, ahead of a full relaunch when the seasons permit!



Meeting our new class pets!

Year 3 have spent the first few weeks getting to grips with new responsibilities, which include the looking after of our class pets. 3L have shown great maturity and initiative in setting up Flame, Glow and Shadow's new tank!



Congratulations to the EYFS Super Achievers and those who received a HT Award certificate. Well done everyone 😊

Friday 15th September

HT Award Certificates

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| 1H | Serenity, Joey, Taedon, Violet, Tommaso |
| 1S | Marty, Willow, Stella, Leo, Aela |
| 2C | Margot, Ali, Deniz, Khloe, Joseph |
| 2L | Thiago, Khaleem, Frankie, Martha, Coco |
| 3IC | Flora, Anna, Eugene, Mya, Khush |
| 3L | Poppy, Hafsa, Kimora, Honor, Bobby |
| 4C | Belle, Margot, Rafael, David, Liya |
| 4M | Lea, Josiah, Dash, Nisa, Fatima |
| 5C | Aalish, Benedict, August, Serafina, Ali |
| 5S | Morgan, Zep, Emmy, Nathan, Sadie |
| 6B | Olive, Sammy, Louie, Ilakya, Evie |
| 6M | Aya, Leo, Jonah, Aris, Bruno |

Friday 22nd September

Super Achievers

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| Nursery | Marley and Cecily |
| Rec C | Darcey |
| Rec MA | Zayn |

HT Award Certificates

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| 1H | Martha, Arlo, Eren, Taklit, Arthur |
| 1S | Malachi, Lake, Ruben, Rai, Zakia |
| 2C | Fraser, Simay, Leul, Ezra, Lily |
| 2L | Noah, Nancy, Matilda, Owen, Vittoria |
| 3IC | Zaynah, Mason, Eddy, Isabelle, Frida |
| 3L | Mason, Henry, Kaan, Elise, Jack Q |
| 4C | Patrick, Millie, Ronan, Gene, Daisy |
| 4M | Hamza, Lochie, Amaiyah, Juliet, Ava |
| 5C | Freddie, Melissa, Isa, Emir, Falcon |
| 5S | Amy, Esha, Zora, Calum, Leo |
| 6B | Tiggy, Stella, Leon, Kimarla, Ben |
| 6M | Amber, Casper, Evie, Muiyi, Marla |

PTFA update

Look out for PTFA communication via Arbor portal / App so do check in regularly. There are lots of volunteering opportunities – any skills you would like to share please let us know.

Next event:

Coffee morning – Monday 9th October at 9.10am.

All parents are very welcome to come along.



WELLBEING AND MENTAL HEALTH IN SCHOOLS (WAMHS) PROJECT

WAMHS Key Dates for the Autumn Term 2023:

- **Meet the Wellbeing Team at William Patten**
Tuesday 3rd October: 9.15am - 10.15am
- **Managing Child Anxiety (Lora from WAMHS)**
Tuesday 3rd October: 2:00pm - 3.15pm
- **Developing Good Sleep Hygiene for Children (Lora from WAMHS)**
Tuesday 17th October: 9.15am - 10.30am

All sessions will be in the Art Studio on the roof space. To book your space please email admin@williampatten.hackney.sch.uk

Are you a parent or carer for a child with SEND?

Want to have a say in how local services are planned and delivered?

If yes, then Hackney Parent Carer Forum needs you!

CALL: 020 8533 0951 OR E-MAIL INFO@HACKNEYCARERS.ORG.UK

WWW.HACKNEYCARERS.ORG.UK/PARENT-CARERS-FORUM

Harvest collection for Hackney Foodbank



COLLECTION POINT HERE

SHOPPING LIST MOST NEEDED

Long-life Juice
Jars of Pasta Sauce
Tinned Custard
Tinned Rice Pudding
Washing up Liquid
Incontinence Pads
Size 7 Nappies
Biscuits
Shower Gel
Deodorant

DONATE NOW!

Help by donating an item or two from the list to support people facing hardship.

You can also donate money to help to cover the costs of storing and distributing emergency food as well as delivering additional support and advice.



www.hackney.foodbank.org.uk

Registered Charity in England & Wales (1149896)

This autumn we're collecting non-perishable food for Hackney Foodbank. The cost-of-living crisis is having a huge impact – the food bank is currently providing emergency food parcels for around 650 people per week – they're distributing around 14 tonnes of food a month. The food bank urgently needs more donations to see them through the autumn and winter. Among the items most needed are long-life juice, jars of pasta sauce, tins of vegetables, meat and fish, biscuits, custard, rice pudding, deodorant, shower gel and washing up liquid. Please drop your donations to us here at the school and we'll pass them on, or to make a financial donation, visit

www.hackney.foodbank.org.uk/give-support

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Many happy returns to who celebrated their special day during the last month: Rafe, Paul, Zayan, Evie, Dante, Louis, Isabella, Destiny, Tino, Tommaso, Sebastian, Violet, Zayn, Hugh, Ezra, Flossy, Khaleem, Arthur, Rafael, Nahom, Inayah, Raphael, Hana, Jayden, Sota, Joe, Josefin, Cody, Casper, Gurleen, Freddie, Ilakya, Zamari, Cedric, Luc, Laiba, Ida, Penelope, Cecily, Lukas, Zep, Theo, Elijah, Zia, Sophia, Martha, Paloma, Aris, Isabelle, Jessa, Khloe, Ronnie, Chloe and Leon. Happy birthday to you all. We hope you had a wonderful day!

Dates for the Diary:

September

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| 24/25 th | Y4 RIBA workshops |
| 27 th | Roman Day for Y4 |
| 28 th | Year 6 to London zoo |
| 28 th /29 th | Y3 RIBA workshops |
| 29 th | Reception teddy bears picnic |

October: Black History Month

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| 2 nd | 6B to Kench Hill |
| 3 rd | Parent Workshop WAMHS - Meet the Team: 9.15am |
| 3 rd | Parent Workshop WAMHS - Managing Child Anxiety: 2pm |
| 9 th | PTFA coffee morning 9.10am |
| 10 th | Y2 visiting St Paul's Cathedral |
| 10 th | Parents' Evening |
| 12 th | Parents' Evening |
| 16 th | 6M to Kench Hill |
| 16 th | Both Y5 classes to the Royal Observatory |
| 17 th | 3IC to Hackney School of Food |
| 17 th | Parent Workshop WAMHS - Developing Good Sleep Hygiene for Children: 9.15am |
| 19 th | Y2 RIBA workshops |
| 20 th | Y4 RIBA workshops |
| 20 th | Break up for half term |
| 30 th | Children return from half term |
| 30 th | Flu vaccinations for Rec-Y6 |

Attendance Chart



We have only been back at school for a few weeks, but one class stands out already for **perfect** attendance. Well done to **2C - 100%** attendance!!

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| Y1 Helen | 93.6% | Y1 Sofia | 97.7% |
| Y2 Christine | 100% | Y2 Laura | 96.8% |
| Y3 Ihssan/Craig | 93.8% | Y3 Luke | 96.9% |
| Y4 Craig | 97.2% | Y4 Marion | 97% |
| Y5 Claire | 95.9% | Y5 Sally | 97.1% |
| Y6 Ben | 96% | Y6 Maya | 98.9% |

*Reception classes have just started full time this week so their classes will be added to the chart in the next Patten Pages.