

The Patten Pages

The William Patten Newsletter for Parents and Children

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Dear parents,

What a year! What a term! We have had an action packed few months, with a new approach to teaching English, a different experiential approach to topic work, many trips out and visitors in, the restart of Come Dine With Us, fabulous Christmas performances and a wonderful Winter Fair. Oh and an OFSTED inspection in the middle of all that too!

Reception have been to Abney Park and participated in Road Safety workshops. Year 1 have been on an epic trip to the Science Museum, as well as visiting Stoke Newington library and going on a local area walk. Year 2 went to St. Pauls, created beautiful natural Art in Clissold Park and had a visit from London Fire Brigade. Year 3 went to the British Museum and Hackney School of Food, Year 4 enjoyed Roman day and the Guildhall, Year 5 also went on an epic trip to the Observatory in Greenwich and Year 6 went to Kench Hill and London Zoo. RIBA have started their project with different year groups and will be continuing in the New Year. Across the school the children have had numerous other trips and workshops, too many to list here! We already have lots planned for the next term and are looking forward to lots more learning and fun.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a sincere thank you to the WP staff team for all their hard work. Everyone plays such a crucial part in making our school the unique and special place it is. Our team go above and beyond to ensure our children are happy, enjoy coming to school, enjoy learning, have fun and feel valued. I know our families are very grateful and appreciative of everyone's hard work and will join me in thanking Team WP ☺

What a team we have indeed and a very important part of that team includes our families, who show such fantastic support for the school in many different ways. It was wonderful to welcome so many of you to the performances at the start of December.

When planning the Come Dine With Us for Year 1 in November, we knew we would receive an overwhelming response to the invitation, so decided to only do one year group at a time. It was a good job that we did because over 60 parents joined us for a delicious lunch. When we did these events previously, we only did two CDWU, one for KS1 and one for KS2. That would not be possible now, as we could not fit everyone in! This level of support has also been reflected in the events organised by the PTFA, especially the wonderful Winter Fair.

I was very sorry not to be able to attend, but I heard from so many children and parents how brilliant the day was. I would like to express my sincere thanks to the PTFA

team of Jason, Rob, Laura, Jen, Jonathan and Selwyn (and everyone else!) for their fantastic work bringing the community together in lots of different ways and raising much needed and valuable funds for the school

☺ I look forward to hearing to hearing their exciting plans for 2024!

Wishing all our families a very happy holiday and we look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 8th January.

Merry Christmas!

With very best wishes

Karen

Happy Retirement Jill!

A sad day today. The end of term can often mean goodbyes to children or staff. Yesterday we wished Jill a very happy retirement after 21 and a half years of working at WP. We said goodbye in two assemblies in KS1 and KS2, as she is known throughout the school as a Teaching Assistant, RWI teacher, lunchtime supervisor and all round amazing and awesome person. Patient, kind, calm, reliable, adaptable, gentle, caring, flexible, an exemplary role model for children and colleagues. She has a wonderful work ethic and always put the needs of the children above anything else. Jill, as she knew from the extended rounds of applause and cheers in the assemblies, she will be very much missed by the whole team. It will be very difficult (impossible) to replace her. I would like to thank her for everything, for her support of our children and their families and her support for our colleagues. She is indeed awesome. We hope to see her soon, as once a part of WP, always a part of WP and she can pop in at anytime. Wishing her every happiness and much joy with her granddaughter. Enjoy your retirement, Jill!



Thank you
Jill for
everything!
You are
amazing!

Message from WP Governors

On behalf of the governors, we want to extend our heartfelt congratulations to the whole WP community for the outcome of the recent Ofsted inspection. It cannot be overstated that it is an exceptional achievement for WP to receive 'Outstanding' across all areas.

A special thank you has to go to Karen for being a fantastic leader who gives her heart and soul to WP on a daily basis which does not go unnoticed by us all. Thank you. We also want to say 'hooray, you're brilliant' to the dedicated members of the SLT - Craig, Sian, Maria and Elmara. And to Caitlin, the fabulous SENDCo, the wonderful teaching staff; the TAs; the facilities team; and the office/support staff. Each and every one of you has an unwavering commitment to WP and it is clear to us that you have created a learning environment that is really special – which goes above and beyond on every level. A few of the governors met the Lead Inspector during the inspection and we heard the summary of their findings at the end. We could see they had interrogated everything. It was a privilege to hear the feedback and exhilarating to hear Ofsted reconfirming how incredible you all are and what an amazing school you have created.

Finally, we recognise that that being judged an 'Outstanding' school is a source of pride not only for the school but also for the pupils, parents and the WP community at large. It reflects the hard work and collaborative spirit that defines WP. We are super proud of you all. We are looking forward to seeing what 2024 holds for WP - at least we know we won't have an Ofsted inspection!

Best wishes and Merry Christmas.

Carol Lees (Chair of Governors)

And fellow Governors

Helen McNulty

Paula Biswas

Gail Atkinson

Nandi Simpson

Sam Lewis

Evan Williams



The school's provision for learning outside the classroom has been evaluated against each of the criteria in the Council for Learning Outside the Classroom's (CLOtC's) Quality Mark framework. We are delighted that, once again, our provision meets the requirements for the award....at gold level! There are 6 overall areas, with 23 individual criteria altogether. To achieve gold, a school needs to be able to evidence the standard in at least 21 out of 23 criteria. Provision at William Patten has been assessed to be at gold in all 23 criteria!

This award truly recognises everyone's contribution to learning outside the classroom at all levels, across all age phases and year groups. This includes planning and supervision of LOTC in the school grounds, including: growing and planting; facilitating workshops from visitors and not to mention all aspects of our schools trips provision. School trips themselves have been a real area of focus this year, now that we can increase the offer that had to be scaled back during the pandemic. The assessor's opening statement, sums up the depth and breadth of the impact of this aspect of teaching and learning, and recognises everyone's contribution to it -

'The school has done an amazing job of showcasing their LOTC and the importance it holds for them and their pupils. Their school newsletters are crammed with amazing examples of the opportunities the pupils have taken part in. Their planning and evaluation process is detailed and includes LOTC across all areas of the school.

They have made the most of their inner-city school grounds and have well designed outdoor spaces, even utilising the roof for a garden. The school should be very proud of their continuing achievements.' Other highlights from the report include the following –

- *The diverse and wide range of LOTC opportunities available at the school must have a huge impact on the quality of education provided. Pupils develop a sense of pride in their local area by getting involved in projects and initiatives. The school carefully plans its LOTC across all subject areas.*
- *The school provides a broad and balanced enrichment offer, facilitated by thorough planning and evaluation. The school trips overview clearly details LOTC opportunities during 2023-2024, places visited include – museums, churches, an observatory, St Paul's Cathedral, London Zoo and the Science Museum.*
- *LOTC is so well planned in this school, it is regularly discussed and evaluated. Since the 2020-2021 pandemic, the school has carefully discussed and planned its LOTC provision, ensuring there is a wide variety of experiences on offer. Also ensuring that variety is included as pupils move up the school. The thorough planning of visits and experiences has enhanced the provision in this area.*
- *The school has good links with local businesses and organisations who come into school to run workshops, activities and information. They also have parents with expertise visiting the school. A newsletter from May 2023 names inspiring visitors to the school for active living week including a professional rugby player, an American footballer and a female entrepreneur. In another newsletter the PTFA are advertising for someone to help them to source donations and gifts from local businesses to help with projects in school such as a playground refurbishment.*

A big thank you to everyone in our school community for your part in this whole school achievement, and particular thanks to everyone who has accompanied school trips, or supported visits and workshops with the school grounds.

Winter Fair

The Winter Fair was fantastic and showed what a wonderful community William Patten is. We had a record number of stalls, record number of volunteers, record number of raffle prizes and record attendance. **Just under £9k** was raised which is an outstanding achievement! A huge thank you to the PTFA for all their hard work!

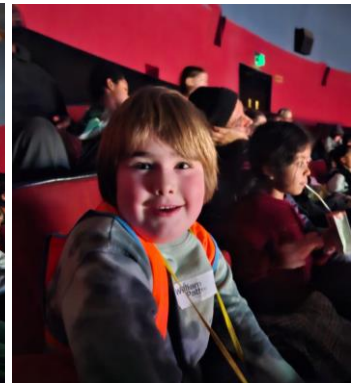


Rio Cinema red carpet experience

KS2 had the whole of the Rio cinema to themselves last Monday to watch a private viewing of Arthur Christmas, as their special treat following our OFSTED inspection. The drinks and popcorn were very popular! Once again, this trip would not have been possible without the support of all of the parents who came with us. Thank you for walking us to the cinema and back and supporting whilst there.



Another private viewing at the Rio cinema, but this time for Reception and Years 1 and 2, as their special treat. Olaf's Frozen Adventure was enjoyed with popcorn and a drink last Thursday. A very big thank you to the army of parents who came with us, as we simply could not have done the trip without your help.



Christmas lunch

Over 400 children enjoyed a festive meal last Wednesday. Thank you to our amazing kitchen team for working so hard on the day, chopping, peeling, baking and roasting. It was yummy!



Nursery cinema treat!

Nursery had a lovely cinema experience this week. We had cinema tickets and had to go and find our seat number to watch "An Elf's Story" and "Stickman." We enjoyed eating our popcorn and drinking our blackcurrant and apple drink. We demonstrated fantastic listening and were a great cinema audience when the cinema usher came in with her torch to check.



Ancient Greek theatre experience day for Year 6, which included making Greek theatre masks. The children learnt how exaggerated expressions were necessary so that the audience at the back of the Theatron could experience the emotions of the play!



Salt dough decorations

Reception children enjoyed making salt dough decorations for Christmas. They made the salt dough using flour, salt, water and cinnamon. Children then designed and decorated their decoration. Look at a few examples of their amazing work!



Congratulations Billy!



I would like to offer my huge congratulations to Billy, our Specialist Teaching Assistant, who works in Inclusion. This year Billy has completed the Level 7 Diploma in Dyslexia; Assessment and Intervention provided by the British Dyslexia Association (BDA). Billy is now a qualified Specialist Assessor able to formally diagnose dyslexia, and he now holds an Assessment Practising Certificate and Associate Membership of the BDA. Billy has worked incredibly hard over the last few years. The course is intensive, requires a huge amount of study, research and reading and Billy completed it whilst working full time, which is admirable and indeed awesome!

We are very proud of him and we are very fortunate that he is part of Team WP! Well done Billy! Whoop! Whoop! Many congratulations!

Karen

Science showcase

Oober Science Club impressed their parents and carers with a showcase of everything they learned this term. There were sparklers that worked under water, a comet and chemical reactions galore! Everyone wore safety goggles and knew lots of advanced scientific vocabulary.



Wet play equipment appeal

School Council have sorted the amazing donations from our wet play equipment appeal. A big thank you to our families for your kindness.



Christmas preparations

Nursery has been busy this week getting ready for the Christmas holidays. We have designed our own cards and wrote inside them. We have also been busy making salt dough tree decorations which we are going to paint.



Dance performance

Flamenco Club wowed their parents and grandparents last week with a wonderful end of term performance. Club leader Mel kindly made them flamenco skirts and sashes too. Well done to the adults who joined in at the end! You were fabulous at Flamenco!



Winter Toy Appeal

Anya Sizer, the Hackney Speaker, invited Bruno and Poppy (and mum and dad of course!) into her parlour at the Town Hall for a special Tea Party to celebrate 10 years of the Winter Toy Appeal. The children ate lots of mince pies and had a tour of the Council Chamber and of the vaults in the basement. The appeal has collected well over 40,000 toys for children experiencing hardship, which is a fantastic achievement. Bruno and Poppy seemed so at home at the head of the Council Chamber and even got a go with the gavel! And Bruno's monkey Jeff joined the occasion!



The Great British Sewing Bee here we come!

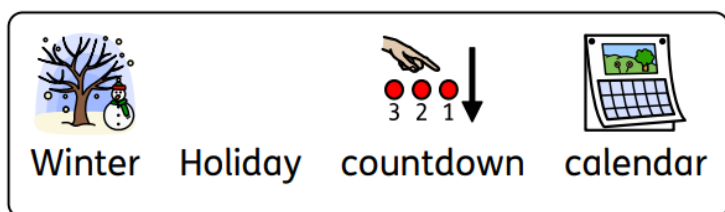
Year 2 still hard at work as we head towards the end of term. Working on their D&T topic of making a hand puppet, the children carefully sewed their puppets together using an anchor knot and running stitch before decorating and bringing their creations to life.





Neurodiversity News

It's a long time between breaking up for Christmas and when we get back, and sometimes this sudden change in daily routines can be tricky to adjust to. This countdown can be used to help children understand how long the holidays last for and when they will come back to school.

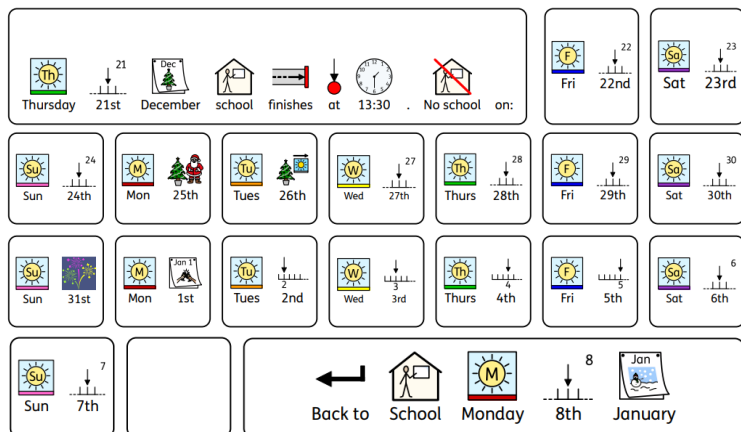


Holiday Countdown Calendar: How to use

This calendar can help your child understand how long the holidays lasts for and when they need to come back to school. It can help your child settle back into school quickly as they are prepared for starting school again.

How to use the calendar:

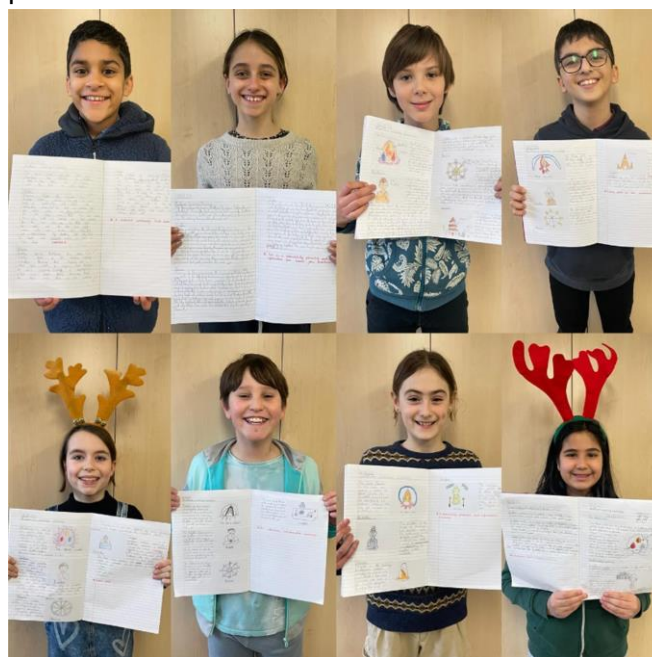
1. Show your child the calendar and say 'today there is no school'. Point to the pictures whilst you do this.
2. Encourage your child to cross off the calendar each day.
3. Remind your child there is no school tomorrow by saying 'tomorrow there is no school'.
4. On Sunday 7th January say 'today there is no school, tomorrow you go back to school'.



Year 1 finished their Science topic: **Materials** with an experiment to test which materials were waterproof. Using the different materials as a roof for a Lego person's home they used pipettes to drip water on to fabric, newspaper, plastic, tissue and tin foil. It was very fun to see if the Lego man got wet! The children then recorded their findings like true scientists! Super work everyone!



Karen was mightily impressed, blown away and wowed by the quality of **Year 6** children's end of unit summaries of their RE topic on **Buddhism**. Simply stunning work. So much knowledge learnt and recalled, carefully summarised and presented beautifully. 🙌🙌🙌🙌. You should all be very proud!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Many happy returns to who celebrated their special day since the last Patten Pages: **Clara, Huxley, Amelie, Elia, Matilda, Serafina, Federico, Sammy, Bram, Amen, Suki and Lorcan**. Happy birthday to you all. We hope you all had a wonderful day!

Congratulations to the last children of 2023 to receive an EYFS Super Achievers award and to those who received a HT Award certificate. Well done everyone 😊.

Friday 8th December

Super Achievers

Nursery	Arianna and Theo
Rec C	Umar
Rec MA	Ren

HT Award Certificates

1H	Soan, Yaqub, Musa, Cedric, Taklit
1S	Misher, Leo L, Buray, Rocky, Willow
2C	Elliott, Eesa, Wilfred M, Khloe, Tommaso
2L	Martha, Owen, Federico, Dolly, Coco
3IC	Felix, Evan, Rafe, Kiaan, Sebastian
3L	Huxley, Bobby, Elijah, Freddie, Suki
4C	Shaneeya, David, Oscar, Liya
4M	Grace, Dash, Tobi, Elizabeth, Arden
5C	Maria, Melissa, Rosie, Alba, Munira
5E	Sunny, Leo, Aidan, Zep, Amy
6M	Denzel, Zia, Leo, Alex, Evie
6B	Aurelien, Benny, Zayan, Jayden, Olive

Friday 15th December

Super Achievers

Nursery	Cecily and Chloe
Rec C	Anna
Rec MA	Jessa

HT Award Certificates

1H	Joey, Taedon, Martha, Arlo, Violet
1S	Lake, Noah, Ruben, Leo S, Sienna
2C	Mayus, Wilfred K, Odhran, Isabelle, Tommaso
2L	Thiago, Vittoria, Felix, Eden, Matilda
3IC	Flora, Eugene, Mya, Khush, Frida
3L	Freddie L, Kaan, Jack D, Georgina, Ellie
4C	Sufyan, Kerim, Margot, Areal, Ozzy
4M	Lochie, Amaiyah, Matilda, Anas, Baran
5C	Ocean, Tazio, Aminah, Ali, Isa
5E	Sumayyah, Calum, Alisa, Bram, Dylan
6M	Flossy, Jonny, Leyla, Enzo, Mui
6B	Alex, Leon, Elise, Kimarla, Theo

Attendance Chart

Congratulations to the new winner of our attendance chart - Sofia's class with **98.2%** - well done **1S!**

RCharlotte	96.4%	RMaria/Asima	97.1%
Y1 Helen	95.4%	Y1 Sofia	98.2%
Y2 Christine	98%	Y2 Laura	96.8%
Y3 Ihssan/Craig	96.3%	Y3 Luke	97.9%
Y4 Craig	97.2%	Y4 Marion	95.8%
Y5 Claire	97.3%	Y5 Eva	96.1%
Y6 Ben	95.9%	Y6 Maya	98%

Baking festive biscuits

As part of our work on celebrating Christmas and the holidays, Nursery made gingerbread biscuits. We worked hard using the rolling pin to carefully roll the gingerbread dough and used the cutter to make our gingerbread biscuit. When they had been cooked and cooled down, we decorated them with icing pens and added chocolate before eating them at snack time.



Tool of the Week

Every week we introduce a new **Tool of the Week**. Each class practises the new tool and talk about which zone it would be useful for. Here is the latest to practise at home over the holidays:

ZONES TOOL OF THE WEEK 11.12.23 Christmas Yoga



Christmas Tree pose

Children are to:

- * Stand up straight and tall. Breathe in and out and feel your feet rooting into the floor. Keeping their eyes focused on one spot.
- * They then need to lift up one leg by bending at the knee and placing that foot on the ankle or calf of the other leg.
- * Have them Inhale and exhale while in tree pose and imagining they are being covered in decorations or snow.
- * Then they lift their arms in the air. Try to hold for 3 slow deep breaths.
- * Slowly place your foot back on the ground and repeat on the other side.

The **ZONES** of Regulation®