

The Patten Pages

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Dear parents,

Welcome to the final edition of Patten Pages for this academic year.

What a fabulous WP Summer Fair on Saturday. It was a fantastic day with a huge turnout from our community. There were so many highlights including the infamous dunk tank, the barbecue, Talent Show and the inaugural EDI committee stall with their delicious food, rum punch and mocktails.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to Jason, Graeme, Anne, Rob and Jonathan and their amazing band of helpers. Their time, energy, and enthusiasm were key to making the day such a success. A big thank you also to David and Jon for their help with the setting up and clearing away and to our brilliant office team, Rita, Carole, and Jane, for all their support and communications. Events like these don't happen without a lot of work behind the scenes, and we are incredibly grateful to everyone who contributed to the day's success.

Thank you to everyone who joined us on the day. It was lovely to see so many familiar faces, including former WP pupils and parents, as well as the new families joining us in Nursery and Reception this September. We are part of a very special community. Congratulations to our Year 6 children for their fantastic national test results. Once again results are well above the national average in reading, writing, and maths. The children's success is a testament to their hard work, not only over this past year but throughout their time at WP. We are incredibly proud of both their academic achievements and the resilient, loyal, polite and kind young people they have become.

This week has been full of celebrations for Year 6. We started the week with their Graduation and presented them with their certificates and 2025 Hoodies. The children and their adults enjoyed a fun-filled Pizza Party on Wednesday, which ended with the much-anticipated staff (plus a few parents!)-versus-children water fight. Yet again the children were victorious, with the teachers thinking they must change tactics for next year!

Our Nursery children also had a wonderful Sports

Day last week, with a popular water-themed event. A huge thank you to our Year 5 pupils, who led the activities with such kindness and encouragement. They were fantastic role models for our youngest children. Well done, Year 5!

As we approach the end of the 2024–25 academic year, we take time to reflect and to say goodbye to those who are moving on. This week, we held two special Leavers' Assemblies for long standing members of our staff team:

- Ihssan
- Luke
- Jon
- Kiran

We also say goodbye to Jamieson and Alice, two agency staff who, though with us for a shorter time, have exemplified WP's values of kindness and consideration. Thank you. We wish you all success and happiness in your future.

Wishing all our families a happy, restful, and sunny summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Thursday 4th September!

Best wishes

Karen

Ihssan

Ihssan has made an outstanding contribution to our school community. Although a qualified teacher when she joined us, Ihssan started working at WP as a Teaching Assistant, then moved on to be a Maths Group Teacher in Years 5 and 6, and most recently as a classteacher. She has made a significant and lasting impact on many children — nurturing their growth mindsets, self-belief, and confidence. Her unwavering patience, kindness, and consistently high expectations have enabled children to reach their full potential and overcome barriers to learning — a truly remarkable gift. Ihssan holds a very special place in the hearts of the children she has taught and the staff she has worked with. Her work has been nothing short of exemplary. She has set an incredibly high standard for colleagues and pupils alike. A true role model, Ihssan has consistently demonstrated professionalism, integrity, and a tireless work ethic. Her support for colleagues,

excellent behaviour management, and strong, positive relationships with children, parents, and staff have been invaluable. She has faced every challenge with resilience, determination, and grace. Her ability to manage change and deliver success is a testament to her character and dedication. Ihssan is held in the highest esteem and is admired and respected by her colleagues for her commitment, dedication, and passion for teaching. She will be deeply missed by everyone at the school, and her impact will continue to be felt long after her departure. On behalf of the entire school community, we wish her every happiness and success in her future endeavours.

Luke

The school would like to take this opportunity to thank Luke for his hard work and commitment to WP. He will be hugely missed by the staff team, children, and parents. Luke's enthusiasm, energy, and genuine care for the children have left a lasting impact on all the classes he has taught. Luke's consistently positive attitude has been a source of inspiration to those around him. His kindness and support for colleagues have not gone unnoticed, and the staff team will truly miss his humour and energy. The school would also like to express sincere thanks for Luke's contributions in his role as subject leader, particularly in organising Sports' Days. The events have been a great success, thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Additionally, Luke's initiative in setting up the Sports Journalist role for older children has been a great success. The children have embraced the opportunity with enthusiasm, taking their responsibilities seriously and engaging with sport in a fun and meaningful way. Luke's creativity and commitment to enhancing their learning experiences have been greatly appreciated.

Jon

The school would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Jon for his incredible dedication, hard work, and generosity of time during his time at WP. His proactive and thorough approach to every aspect of his role has had a significant and lasting impact on those around him, as well as on the smooth running of the school. Jon has consistently demonstrated outstanding attention to detail in all areas of his work—hanging the World Book Day displays being just one example! Jon's willingness to go above and beyond, his initiative in identifying and tackling tasks before they even arise, and the kindness and humour he brings to each day will be deeply missed. His calm, can-do attitude has made him a trusted and valued member of the school community. His support across the whole school has been immeasurable. Whether working with children, staff, parents, PTFA members or visitors, Jon has always offered help with warmth, professionalism, and a genuine smile. The thoughtfulness he applies to managing the daily responsibilities of the site, coupled with his tireless energy and determination to complete every job—no

matter how big or small—to the highest standard, are qualities the school has come to depend on. Jon's contribution to WP has been fabulous and the entire WP community, and especially the leadership team, is incredibly grateful for all he has given. Without a doubt, Jon will be greatly missed.

Kiran

We are delighted that Kiran has secured a placement that will support her continued journey toward becoming a fully qualified teacher. Kiran has worked incredibly hard and shown great determination in pursuing her dream—qualities that will serve her very well when she has her own class in September. Kiran has made a valuable and lasting contribution to WP. Whether supporting children in class, working in the Learning Forest, leading activities for children with complex needs, or assisting colleagues, she has been a true team player. Her positivity and empathy shine through in everything she does, and she will be greatly missed by all. Her contribution has gone far beyond the school day. From running an art club to leading an assembly that celebrated her faith—and not to mention the fabulous Bhangra dance performance at International Evening, all organised by her—Kiran has helped to enrich the life of the school in many ways. Kiran leaves WP with the warmest thanks and best wishes for the future from the entire school community.

Jamieson

Jamieson has been a committed and involved teacher since joining William Patten, supporting the Year 3 class assembly in his first full week at the school! Jamieson's technical expertise has also been an asset, which has also been noted and appreciated by his colleagues. Jamieson is an approachable and friendly member of staff and has established himself well and quickly within the staff team. He has also built positive relationships with the children in his class, who will be sad to see him go. Thank you for all of your work in 3J Jamieson and for being such a positive member of the WP staff team!

Alice

Alice has made a huge difference in the short time she has worked at William Patten. She has built positive relationships with the children in the classroom and the playground, and her support during 1:1 and small group sessions has really benefited the children she has worked with. Alice has proven herself to be a valuable member of the staff team, which has been appreciated by staff and children in the classes she has worked with. We will miss Alice's positive attitude, and we are grateful for her insight and 'hands on' approach to supporting children. This will serve her well as she embarks on the next stage of her career, with teacher training. Good luck Alice, we all wish you every happiness in your future.

The **Year 6 Graduation** on Monday. A poignant event to say farewell to our lovely Year 6 children. It is hard to let go, but they are ready to move on to secondary school and our job is done. They have been incredibly hard-working and are excellent role models. They are resilient, determined, kind, demonstrate beautiful manners and are all round fabulous. They have a super sense of fun and we will miss them very much, but hope they come back to say hello and let us know how they're getting on with their secondary schools. Thank you Year 6 - you are amazing!



A fabulous **WP Summer Fair** last Saturday! Hot, hot, hot! So many people, so many super things to do and buy! Bouncy Castle, the dunk tank, the talent show, face painting, barbecue, jumble, books, toys, jewellery making, cake stall, rum punch, mocktails, tombola, Pimm's stall, the quiet space, WP merch, the fire engine, ice lollies, candy floss and of course the raffle! Huge thanks to the [@william.patten.school.ptfa](https://www.facebook.com/william.patten.school.ptfa) for their amazing work in the run-up to and on the big day. What a team!



A huge thank you to the [@williampattenedi](#) for their hard work at the Summer Fair! Very potent rum punch, delicious fruit punch and gorgeous food including jollof rice, halal options and fried plantain. A very popular stall! As well as also offering a lovely quiet space inside, the group also raised a significant amount of money for [@mamasuzecic](#) in memory of Annabel.





Hello!

We hope you had the opportunity to visit our corner at the Summer Fair this past weekend. We were thrilled to be able to provide the Halal Food stand, Rum and Mocktail Punches, the dance workshop by Michelle, and the introduction of a Quiet Space at the Fair.

We are also incredibly proud and grateful to let you know that through the Rum and Mocktail Punch stand we were able to raise £1000, all of which will go directly to MamaSuzie CIC.

More to Come!

Please be on the lookout for more from our committee in the coming school year. We're planning coffee mornings, initiatives for World Afro Day and World Book Day, and more!

We are always looking for new ideas and voices – for more information please scan the QR code to access our WhatsApp community, contact us at edicommitteewp@gmail.com, or find us on Instagram [@williampattenedi](#)



What a **fantastic year** it's been for the children in **RA and RS!** From exploring exciting topics to mastering new skills, they've grown in confidence, resilience, and curiosity. They've made wonderful new friendships and tackled unfamiliar situations with courage and enthusiasm. We are immensely proud of every child's progress, and we've loved watching them thrive through laughter, learning, and the joy of RWI! It's been a year filled with fun, discovery, and unforgettable moments. We can't wait to see how they continue to develop in the years ahead. William Patten is lucky to have such bright stars in its classrooms!



It was so lovely to welcome 120 walkers from [@refugeetales](https://www.refugeetales.org) on Thursday. Rooted in the work of Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group, **Refugee Tales** shares the tales of people held in immigration detention and those who work with them. The walkers had lunch on the roof, listened to a series of talks, including from Marina Warner, and then enjoyed the performance from our KS1 and KS2 African dancers.



Nursery enjoyed their water themed **Sports' Day** today. Great fun was had by everyone! A very big thank you to the Year 5 children who were excellent helpers and to all the parents who were able to join us. Perhaps the whole school should do this next year?!



1M enjoyed their trip to the **Young V & A** on Friday. The trip supported their History topic of 'Toys From The Past' and the children enjoyed exploring the interactive exhibits. A very big thank you to all of the parents who were able to accompany the class on the trip. Your support is very much appreciated.



Pablo, our work experience student and a fluent Spanish speaker, read a story to **Year 1**. He and his brother Jonathan also made each of the children a loom band bracelet. Muchas gracias Pablo y Jonathan.



The **EYFS bake sale** on Friday. So many delicious cakes to choose from! A huge thank you to Nursery and Reception families for making and bringing such a fabulous variety of treats for everyone to enjoy (including the biggest cookies we have ever seen!).



The year group **bake sales** have been a tremendous success this year, **raising over £3,000** in total! This is an incredible achievement! All the funds raised will go directly to the PTFA to support school resources and activities that benefit all our children. A special congratulations goes to Year 2, the winners of our first WP bake sale, who raised an impressive £550 from their event! As a reward, the children enjoyed an extra playtime today with ice lollies!



A sunny day out for **Year 4**. Both classes looked at different businesses on the High Street and Church Street and then had a **lovely picnic** in the park. A very big thank you to all the parents who were able to come with us on the trip. We could not have done it without you!



6B enjoying their **fencing and combat day** with Mark, our fencing coach. The children learnt basic fencing skills and then choreographed their own combat routine! A very big thank you to [@william_patten_school_ptfa](https://www.instagram.com/william_patten_school_ptfa) for supporting this end of year tradition.



Huge congratulations to the **WP Year 4 and 5 girls' football team** who were runners up in the Hackney Euros 2025! A huge well done to everyone for demonstrating such skill, showing such sportsmanship and representing the school so brilliantly. We are very proud of you. Extra congratulations to Shaneeya who was awarded Goalkeeper of the Tournament! A very big thank you to the best coach in the world, [@bramble.brian](https://www.instagram.com/bramble.brian), who not only nurtures and develops the girls' football skills, but also develops their confidence and self belief and their understanding of the game. Thank you to all the parents who were able to come with us. Your support is very much appreciated.



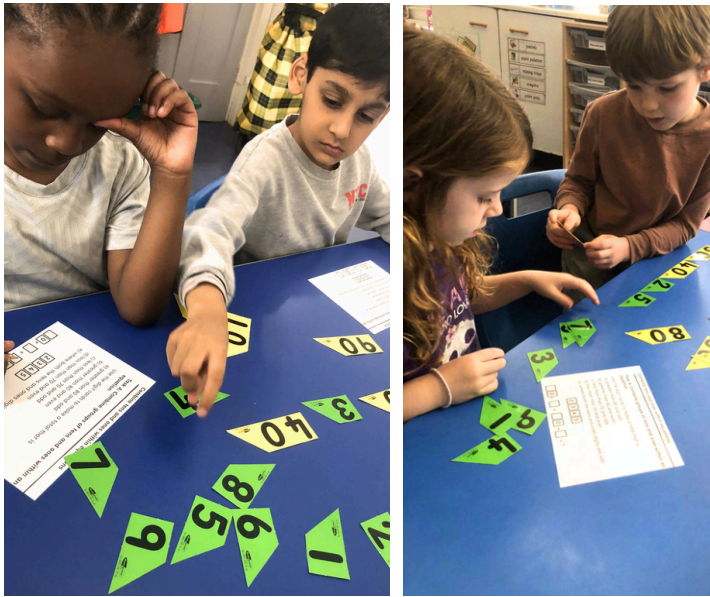
A very big well done and congratulations to our **fencing team** who came second in the Little Musketeers competition held at WP last Thursday. We were very proud of the children's skills and their sportsmanship. They represented the school brilliantly and won silver! Congratulations to the team from Betty Layward who took first place.



6B enjoyed their **final school trip** visiting the fabulous [@hackneyschooloffood](https://www.hackneyschooloffood.org.uk/) to make delicious pizza and focaccia. Yummy! A very big thank you to [@william_patten_school_ptfa](https://www.william-patten-school.ptfa.org.uk/) for supporting the traditional Year 6 rite of passage.



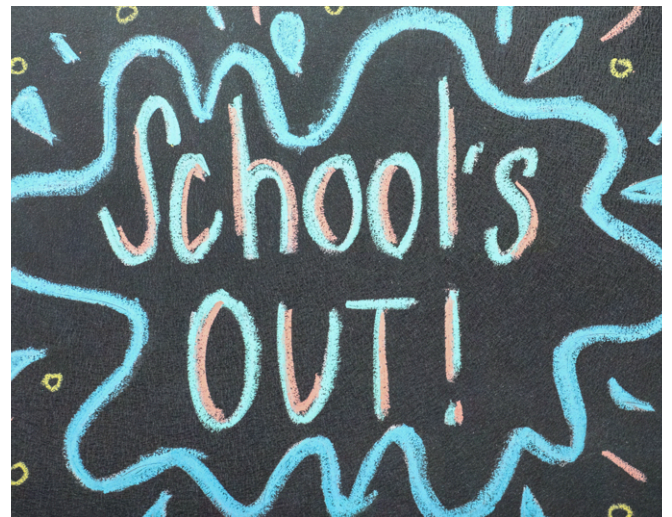
This week in **Maths, Year 2** are revisiting adding 2-digit numbers and 1-digit numbers. We had a lot of fun following specific instructions to solve equations involving adding tens and ones.



Happy birthday to the children who have celebrated their special day since the last Patten Pages (or will celebrate their birthday before the end of July):

Nova, Buray, Sequoia, Aidan, Nimrit, Lily, Eloise, Aoife, Munira, Falcon, Lina, Eki, Isabelle, Areal, Grey, August, Remi, Ada, Millie, Shanelle, Shifa, Baran, Orhan, Ilyas, Marcelo, Finlay, Alice, Noah, Zakia, Gene, Thiago, Zaynah, Vittoria, Amaya, Ava, Evan, Jack, Felix, Leo, Feadan, Suhayb, Kiaan, Mahi, Opi, Ezgi and Navraj.

May all your birthday wishes come true!



We break up tomorrow at 1.30pm. We would like to wish all our families a lovely summer holiday and look forward to seeing everybody back at school on Thursday 4th September, with the exception of our wonderful Year 6 children, who are moving onto secondary school! We wish them all the best at their new schools and look forward to them coming back to visit!