

The Patten Pages

The William Patten Newsletter for Parents and Children

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Dear Parents,

What an amazing two weeks we have had in the run-up to the holiday. The different phases have put on wonderful Christmas shows for their families, we enjoyed a record-breaking Winter Fair, celebrated Computer Science Week, held Shakespeare's Macbeth workshops for Year 6, and Year 2 visited the Gurdwara in New Southgate as part of their RE topic.

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the shows, we hope you enjoyed them. The children and staff worked incredibly hard in preparing for the performances and sang so beautifully. A big thank you to the whole staff team and of course to our music teacher, Elaine for all her hard work.

The Winter Fair was incredible. Huge thanks to the PTFA committee - Jason, Jen, Anne, Graeme and Rob - and their fantastic team of volunteers, who helped make this the most successful fair yet, raising a record-breaking £10,000! This phenomenal amount makes a significant difference to what we are able to offer our children and helps us maintain the high-quality provision we always strive for. We are incredibly fortunate to have such an amazing and supportive parent community, so thank you to everyone who organised, attended, or contributed in any way. The children had a fabulous day and have been talking about it all week!

The fair also included William Patten's first-ever EDI Committee braiding station, which was extremely popular and continued long after everyone had gone home. The grotto was worthy of a John Lewis display, and there were so many wonderful activities for the children to enjoy. Special days like these help create lasting memories for the children, and it was lovely to see so many parents catching up and having a lovely time too.

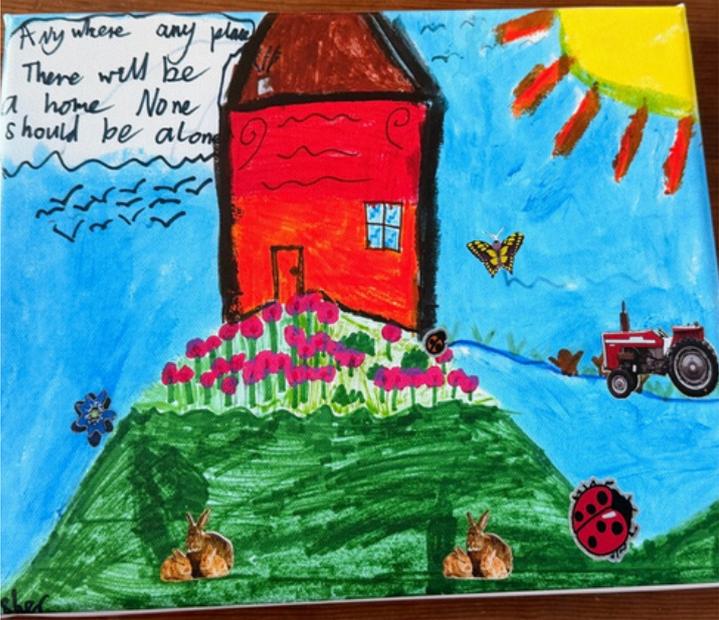
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impact technology is having and will have on our lives. The children were very excited to look at the driverless taxis and of course the 3-D printer, which was amazing, working as he spoke! The children even had the opportunity to touch the objects created by the printer. An inspiring assembly, encouraging children to find something they love and go for it, which is such an important message. Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes
Karen

A huge thank you to **Misher** in Year 3. He painted some amazing art and transferred his work onto canvases before selling them to family members to raise money for school. He **raised an enormous amount - £300!** What an incredible achievement Misher.





Congratulations to **Phoebe** in Year 6 who performed in the **Music Education Islington (MEI)** Christmas concert. It was her first ever solo cello piece! She played 'When the Saints go marching in' and did so well. We are very proud of her!



On Thursday morning, you will have spotted a huge number of strange and mysterious characters in the playground - such as a Paper Bag Princess, Super Daisy, Spider Men/Women, Superwoman, Supergirl, Super Pirate, Supercat, Hulk, Angelica Sprocket, Zog, and a Super Rainbow fairy to name but a few!

This wasn't anything to be alarmed about, or a junior Comic Con Convention, but just Nursery and Reception children celebrating all they had learnt and enjoyed during this term's topic of **'Fantasy and Adventure!'** During the day, **Nursery and Reception** children showed their costumes to all of the children in EYFS and explained the character they had dressed up as and also the particular superpowers that they had. Well done, we all had a super- spectacular day!







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Christmas is a time of joy and celebration, but can also be a very busy time of year! It might be helpful to have a visual calendar to plan out the days and all of the things that families are doing over the holiday season.



A calendar could count down to Christmas or count through the month to New Year's Day and beyond. It might keep track of the days that are coming up and could be checked the day before big events as a reminder. The National Autistic Society also has a list of [autism-friendly tips](#) that might help over the holiday season. We hope that you have a lovely break and look forward to seeing you all in January!



There are many ways to be a friend

No friendship is perfect all the time. It's OK to disagree with our friends, or to do different things.

We can be different in the types of friendships we want to have.



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A fabulous day out at the **WP Winter Fair 2025!** The children had great fun making their own personalised tree decorations, trying their luck on the world's biggest and best tombola, grabbing a bargain at the jumble and bric a brac, toasting marshmallows, face painting and the braiding station. The children also visited our VIP guest, the one and only Santa, at his enchanting grotto which was incredible and looked like it came from a John Lewis advert! The biggest thank you to the PTFA and all the volunteers who made this happen. A huge amount of work went on behind the scenes and on the day to create memories for the children and of course to raise vital funds for the school. What a team! Thank you.





The **braiding station** at the Winter Fair could well be the start of a new tradition! Very popular and still going strong after most people had gone home! Huge thanks to the [@willimpattenedi](https://www.instagram.com/willimpattenedi) for such a fabulous idea and all their hard work. The children loved going to the salon and the stylists were astonishing - wonderful to watch and so speedy! Thank you and please pass on our huge thanks to all your family members who came too!



Year 6 watched (and participated in!) a fabulous performance of Macbeth by the **Young Shakespeare Company** on Wednesday afternoon.



We were very proud of **Nursery and Reception**. A super **Christmas performance** in front of a very large audience! Lovely singing, you remembered the Makaton actions, you used big voices all the way back to the hall and you knew when to get off and on the stage. You were super! A wonderful show everyone, well done. A very big thank you to the EYFS team for all their hard work, to Elaine, our wonderful Music teacher and of course our families for their support. Thank you so much for joining us. ★★



A marvellous performance or two from **Year 1 and 2**. Super singing, great Makaton actions and seamless transitions, worthy of the West End. You were a joy to watch. The audience thoroughly enjoyed watching you and I'm not surprised! Well done. A very big thank you to the staff team for all their hard work, to Elaine, our wonderful Music teacher and of course our families for their support. It was fabulous to have so many of you join us. 🙌



KS2 shows to appear in the next Patten Pages.

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Year 2 had an exciting time celebrating Computer Science Week! The children stepped into the role of **young programmers** as they explored the basics of coding through fun, hands on activities. Their favourite challenge was programming a robot car and working together to give it clear directions, test their algorithms, and debug when the car took an unexpected detour! Through play and problem solving, children learned how logical thinking and teamwork help bring code to life! It was wonderful to see their confidence grow as they discovered that computing is not just on screen and that it is about creativity, communication and making things move!



The **Year 6 Hackney Citizenship programme** supports children moving onto Year 7 and secondary school. 6H and 6S attended workshops with London transport, police, firefighters and healthy eating professionals. They learnt about how to stay safe on public transport, the dangers of knife crime, road safety, and what to do if your phone is snatched or there's a fire in your home.



A very big well done to **6H** for a super **class assembly** last week. Lots of information shared about their learning this term, including English and the Hope-a-potamus, Science and the circulatory system and of course the Kench Hill residential. Well done indeed for such confident delivery, clarity of expression and your humour! A lovely way to end the week. A very big thank you to Holly, Ady and Emma for all their hard work supporting the children to get ready for the assembly and of course to our families who were able to join us. It was lovely to see you and thank you very much for your support.



WP children have been learning about how to 'Speak Out Stay Safe' with NSPCC assemblies, lessons and workshops this week. Everyone knows who to talk to at school and home, and learned a great way to remember the Childline number 0800 1111. Also very lovely to see ex WP parent Emma, lead the sessions!



Football news!

Over the past few weeks we have been involved in lots of matches, mini leagues and the Queensbridge annual 5 a side competition. It's been a mixture of 5 a side and 9 a side football which is a completely new experience for us. In the photo our girls and boys teams are getting ready to play the 2nd round of the league matches in the 5 a side league. Our results have been mixed so far but there have been some standout moments. The best performance so far by our Y5&6 boys was against Woodbury Down, we were convincing 4-1 winners with a brilliant hat trick by Ciro. Our girls produced the best match, it was a thrilling 2-2 draw against Grasmere and we had a penalty save against us in the final minutes which just added to the drama. By far the the best moment witnessed by us was a goal by Poppy, she scored her 2nd goal by chipping the keeper from outside the penalty area and had everyone cheering including other watching teams, it really was a beautiful piece of skill. I would like to give a mention to all our players for working hard and representing William Patten well. We have lots more football to look forward to in the new year.

Brian Bramble WP football coach ⚽



A huge happy birthday to the children who celebrated their special day since the last Patten Pages or will before the end of December: **Tobi, Mira, Umar, Harrison, Sophia, Selah, Leo, Clara, Sterling, Reya, Matteo, Huxley, Elia, Saifa, Matilda, Alisha, Aliya, Lara, Antonia, Amen, Suki, Lorcan, Arthur, Frankie, Yousra, Zayn, Emil, Dash, Mya and Kimora.**

Year 4 continuing to thoroughly enjoy their Friday afternoon rugby sessions, courtesy of [@hackneyrugbyjuniors!](https://twitter.com/hackneyrugbyjuniors)



Dates for your diary

Rest of this term

15th	Year 3 to Abney Park Chapel
15th	KS2 choir singing at St Anne's Home
16th	Afro Hair Art Day
16th	Christmas lunch
17th	Class parties
18th	Toy Day / break up at 1.30pm

Early January

5th	Children return to school
5th	Clubs restart
7th	Ministry of Stories workshop for Y6
8th	1st Y5 class to Hackney School of Food
9th	2 nd Y5 class to Hackney School of Food
9th	Multiplication meeting for Y4 parents 9.20
14th	Y4 Come Dine with Us
15th	EDI Committee Meeting
15th	Turkish speaking coffee morning
15th	Parents' Evening
16th	Y4 PTFA cake sale
19th	School photographs (individual/sibling)

The Rio's beloved Saturday Morning Picture Club returns, screening family-friendly films for everyone to enjoy! Join us each month from 10.15am for a themed kids craft workshop, before the film at 11.00am.

SATURDAY 20 DECEMBER,

As part of the Saturday Morning Picture Club, the Rio Cinema in Dalston are showing 'The Muppet Christmas Carol' at 11am on Saturday 20th December. There will be a special puppet arts and crafts activity in the lobby before the screening (from 10.15am) for children aged 4-10, led by Rio team member, teacher and afterschool club leader, Sophie.

They have created a discount code for local schools to reduce children's tickets to £5 each and adults to £1. When booking, you need to enter WILLIAMPATTEN (all one word, capital letters) to receive the discount:

<https://riocinema.org.uk/Rio.dll/WhatsOn?f=1664016>





Attendance chart for w/e 5th December

Year group(s)	Attendance last week
Year3	97.1%
Year2	96.0%
Year5	95.2%
Year6	94.6%
Year4	94.5%
Year1	94.4%
Reception	91.3%
Nursery	89.7%
	Average 94.5%

Attendance chart for w/e 12th December

Year group(Attendance this week
Reception	97.8%
Year3	97.6%
Year5	96.8%
Year2	96.3%
Year1	96.0%
Nursery	94.7%
Year4	93.1%
Year6	89.3%
	Average 95.3%

Congratulations to the latest children to receive an EYFS Super Achievers award or a HT award certificate. Well done everyone!

Friday 5th December

Nurs	Callum
RJ	Teddy
RS	Tasfiya
1A	Zayn, Kaia, Max, Hope, Rex
1M	Leo, Hannah Sarah, Cecily, Noah, Arlo
2C	Hugh, Sebastian, Liyat, Opi, Jessa
2YN	Paul, Kimya, Lua, Ruojie, Ren
3B	Malachi, Misher, Zoe, Arthur, Eren, Callum, Teddy, Sienna
3H	Ryan, Taedon, Zakia, Gurleen, Tommaso
4A	Elliott, Margot, Simay, Wilfred M, Robbie, Kiran
4B	Dalia, Rafe, Teo, Marloe, Julia
5CG	Blake, Felix, Khush, Dante, Ciro-Mael
5CP	Dante, Hafsa, Audrey, Honor, Georgina
6H	Theodore, Masal, Tobi, Ollie, Juliet, Galla
6S	Alaa, Klara, Aalia, Dash, Ava

Friday 12th December

Nurs	Leire
RJ	Reya
RS	Aria
1A	Chloe, Adam, Mio, Theo B, Federico
1M	Zaynab, Cecily, Clara, Amen, Sebastian
2C	Darcey, Ruairi, Yousra, Billie, Zoe
2YN	Israh, Benjamin, El, Ivy, Finn
3B	Malachi, Yusuf, Mimi, Soan, Filip
3H	Hana, Nova, Mabel Blue, Leo S, Buray
4A	Phoebe, Fraser, Isabelle, Eesa, Joseph
4B	Aylin, Noah, Martha, Sumayyah, Dalia
5CG	Ada, Evan, Isabelle, Anna, Sebastian
5CP	Marcelo, Arthur, Huxley, Alicja, Nia
6H	Ada, Tommy, Elizabeth, Ebi, Arabella
6S	Kerim, Lochie, Arya, David, Ellora

ZONES TOOL OF THE WEEK 8.12.25

Penguin Breathing



1. Stand with your heels together, toes pointed slightly outward, & arms by your sides.
2. As you inhale, slowly raise your arms up toward the sky like a penguin raising its wings.
3. Exhale & slowly bring your arms back down.
4. Repeat until calm & grounded.

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