

# The Patten Pages

The William Patten Newsletter for Parents and Children

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the latest edition of the Patten Pages. As we approach half term, it is astonishing to think we are already halfway through the academic year! The rain continues, but at least the evenings are getting lighter and hopefully we will see some more sunshine soon!. It has been another busy fortnight at school. This week, Year 2 visited the London Transport Museum, Year 3 went to the National Firefighters Memorial at St Paul's Cathedral, and our children have enjoyed playing football matches against other local schools. We also welcomed Year 3 families to the "Come Dine With Us" event on Wednesday. It was lovely to see so many families join us and the support you show the school is very much appreciated, and the children absolutely love having their parents / grandparents in school. We have also had two fantastic Year 4 assemblies recently. The children were thrilled to perform and share their learning with their families and we were very impressed with their confidence when speaking out. It is not always easy to project your voice out in front of a large audience, in a large space, but they all did so and did so brilliantly.

In Year 5 and 6, the children have continued their 1K run on Thursday mornings around the playground course. While the original plan was a 7-lap run which equalled 1K, many children have been able to complete this with ease, so it has become more of a 2-3K challenge. Craig M has been gathering feedback from the children, and they are asking for a more challenging course! We have been very impressed with their stamina and perseverance. We know that parents are keen to join us on Thursday mornings, and we are exploring ways to make this possible, so watch this space.

Yesterday, we were also treated to a United Lions Association lion dance performance for all the children to celebrate Lunar New Year. EYFS and KS1 and KS2 thoroughly enjoyed the event, and we are looking forward to a belated Lunar New Year celebration lunch for the children during the first week after half term.

The KS2 Choir have been busy rehearsing for the Young Voices concert at the O2 after half term, and they are sounding absolutely incredible. We are looking forward to their performance on 25th February. The rest of KS2 have also been thoroughly enjoying learning the sea shanties, a musical genre we do not normally cover, and it has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm and engagement with this new style!

We hope you all have a lovely half term break and look forward to welcoming all the children back to school on Monday, 23rd February.

Best wishes

Karen

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We are incredibly proud to celebrate an astonishing achievement by one of our WP parents, Alex Collins (Mimi 3B and Felix 5CG), who recently completed a Backyard Ultra Marathon by running an extraordinary 104 miles over the course of a weekend.

Alex took on this challenge to raise money for Breakthrough Type 1 Diabetes. As someone living with Type 1 diabetes himself, his determination and resilience are truly inspirational. His achievement sends a powerful message to our children, especially those at WP living with Type 1 that you can achieve anything you want to.

Not only did Alex run 104 miles, he has raised over £3,000 for the charity, an amount he has generously pledged to match personally. There is still time to donate if you would like to support and recognise his remarkable efforts. The link is here

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/alex-collins-byu>

Alex was brilliantly supported throughout by fellow WP parent Rob Smith (Leo 3H and Freddie 5CP), along with several other WP parents.

A huge thank you to Alex, Rob and everyone involved. A phenomenal achievement!

## PTFA Update

Hi Everyone,

We hope you're all excited about the half term break. The PTFA hope you have all enjoyed the start of the 2026 year and are excited about the next few months at William Patten. The PTFA have several events coming up that you should put into your calendars and amongst each of your social groups please try and encourage as much engagement that you could possible contribute. Communication on each of these will be go out independently.

**Bingo Evening @ WP - 19th March**

**Auction Evening - 23rd April**

**Kids Evening at WP - 5th June (theme TBC)**

**Summer Fair 11th July (12 - 4 pm)**

Please try to attend or contribute to each of the above events to build on the success of 2025. The PTFA would also like to announce that several of the PTFA active members will be stepping aside at the end of this school year, including the Chair. The current members have put a lot of time and effort in for many years, they took over in a post covid era and with some of their children progressing towards the end of their time at William Patten it is time that other parents/carers actively drive the PTFA beyond this school year.

Please send queries or questions to [williampattenptfa@gmail.com](mailto:williampattenptfa@gmail.com)

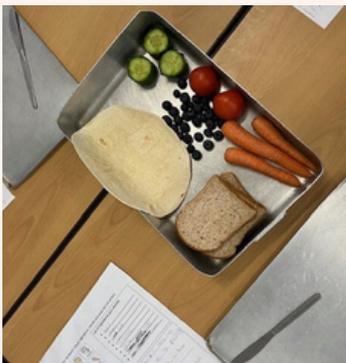
Have a nice break next week.

William Patten PTFA

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### **Year 3 completed their DT: Bread Based Product**

**topic** with a resounding success! Both classes worked in pairs to choose ingredients to design a healthy sandwich. The children thought about healthy ingredient options, food groups for a balanced diet and avoiding ultra processed foods. After planning their sandwich with their chosen ingredients and instructions they wrote their shopping lists. The pairs worked collaboratively and sensibly to use utensils to chop, spread and grate and assemble their sandwiches. After thoughtful evaluations, Year 3 were very proud of their creations and we decided the sandwiches were delicious!



## Celebrating Amazing Writing in EYFS ✨

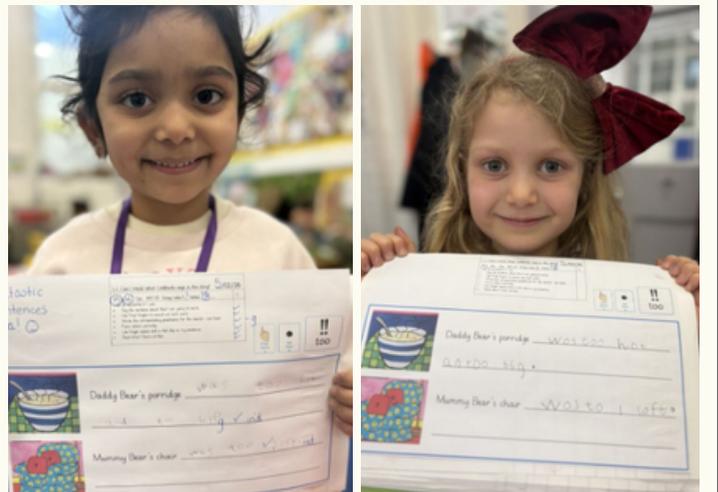
We are incredibly proud of the fantastic writing taking place across our EYFS classrooms. From the very first marks on paper to carefully formed letters, meaningful words and sentence, children are demonstrating their growing confidence and creativity.

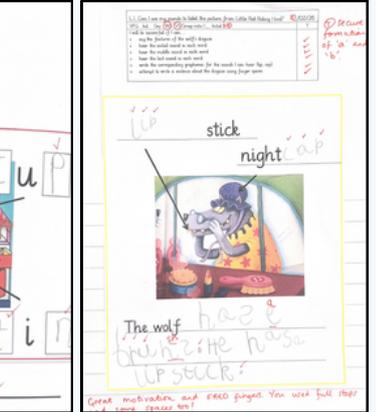
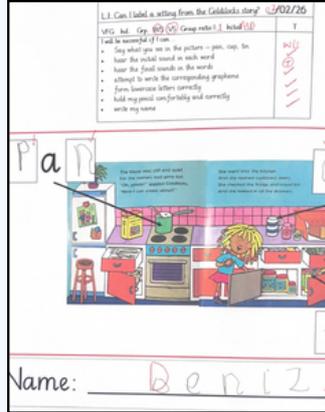
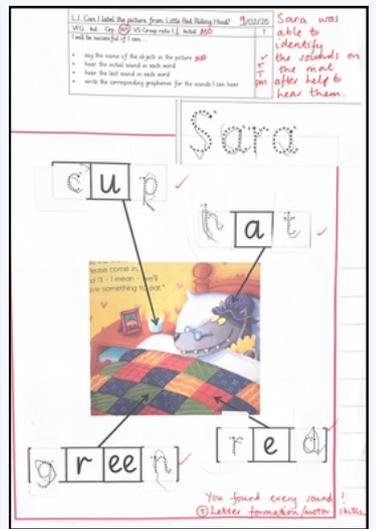
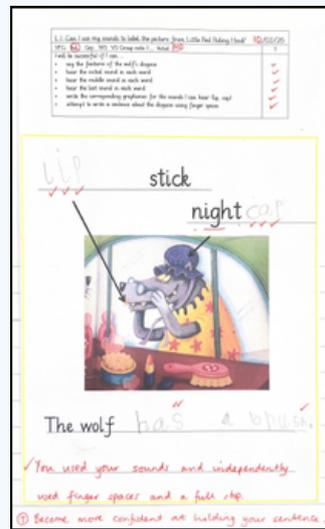
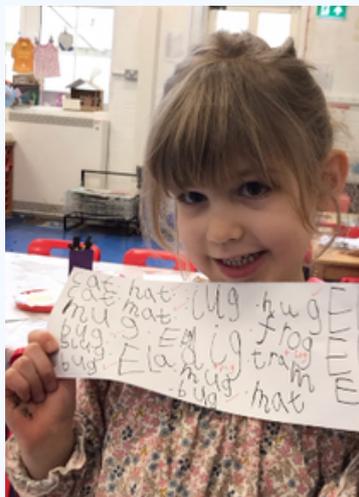
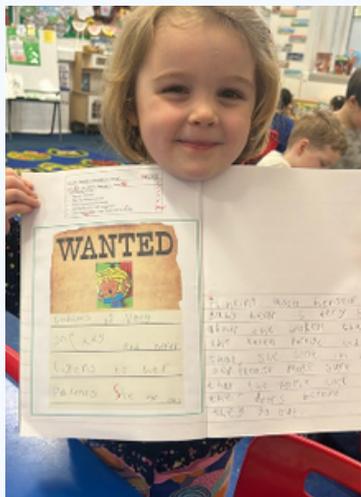
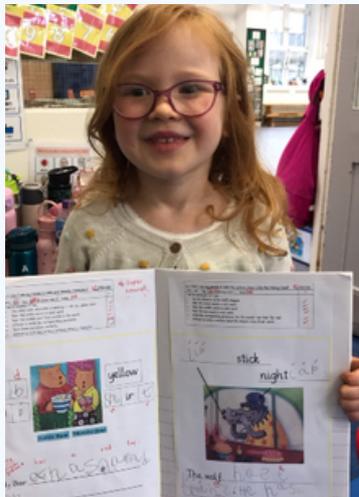
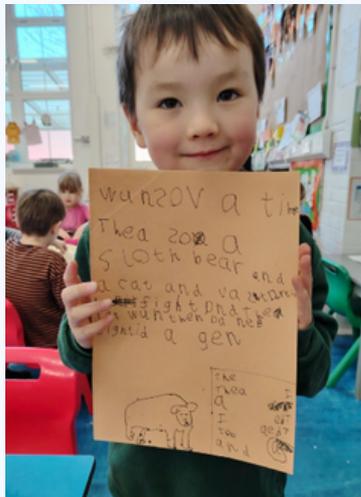
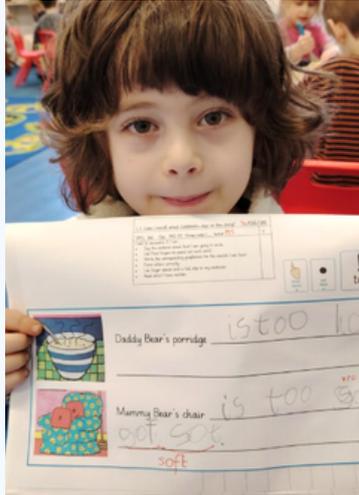
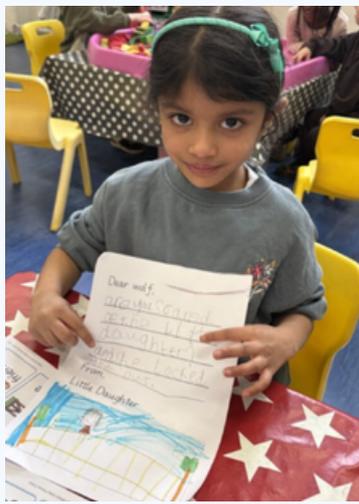
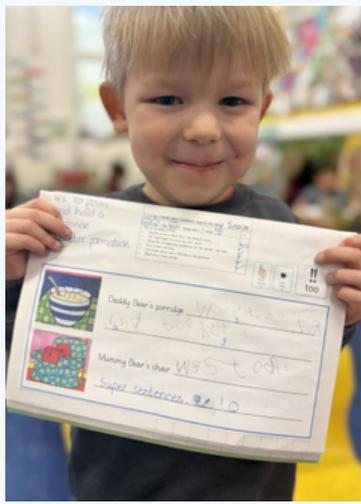
In EYFS, writing is playful, purposeful and rooted in children's interests. Whether inspired by a favourite story, an exciting role-play scenario or their own imaginative ideas, the children are learning that writing is a powerful way to share thoughts, ideas and feelings.

In **Nursery**, children have many opportunities to mark-make and write words and sentences that they give meaning to. Every day, children write their name during self-registration and on their work. During the next half-term, we will start RWI lessons where they will learn to say, recognise and write Set 1 sounds. They will be focussing on developing a secure tripod grip, forming letters correctly and being able to quickly recall how to write the sounds they can hear. Here are a few examples of their writing.



During the autumn term, children in **Reception** learnt or consolidated their **knowledge of Set 1 sounds** and worked hard to be able to write the sounds they could hear, using correct letter formation and a solid tripod grip. Towards the end of that term, children were applying these skills to read and write simple words and phrases – using Fred Fingers to help hear all of the sounds in simple words. The spring term has started with a flourish and many children are now applying this knowledge to write simple phonetically plausible words and phrases. Here are a few examples of their writing.





**We celebrate effort just as much as outcomes, and it has been wonderful to see children so proud to talk about their work and explain what they have written. Well done to everyone in EYFS for such awesome writing!**

**A full to capacity Year 3 Come Dine With Us! So lovely to see so many family members (grandparents, aunts and younger siblings!) join us for a tasty lunch prepared by Ali and his team of Althea, Tilda and Sophia. A huge thank you to them for all of their hard work and making sure that everything was ready, piping hot and delicious. Thank you to everyone who was able to come, your time and support is very much appreciated. The children also love having you in school!**









Thank you to everyone who completed and shared the **recent survey about our Nursery provision**. We received over 50 responses, which have helped us understand demand for early years provision looking ahead to September 2026.

Feedback showed that longer hours are a key factor for families when choosing a Nursery. Many parents are looking for wraparound care from 8:00am to 6:00pm and would like Nursery provision to align more closely with the care available for older siblings. Parents also highlighted the importance of high-quality teaching, affordability, location, and support with transition into Reception.

In response, we are planning to introduce extended Nursery provision from September 2026. Morning care from 8:00–9:00am will be offered alongside our existing Breakfast Club, and we are exploring options for after-school care from 3:30–6:00pm. We are also considering extending this provision to Reception children.

Pricing is being carefully reviewed to ensure the provision is affordable and competitive. We plan to accept childcare vouchers, alongside the 30-hour entitlement with paid top-up options where applicable. Full details of costs, payment options and how to register will be shared next half term.

We plan to trial the breakfast club element during the first half of the summer term, with the possibility of trialling after-school provision later in the second half of the term. Further information will be sent home once arrangements are confirmed.

A huge well done to **4A** for their **fabulous class assembly** last Friday! Full of energy, humour and so much learning, it was fantastic. The children spoke so clearly, projecting their voices in a big space to a large audience and did incredibly well. Different elements such as your song, sharing your models and battle reenactments kept the audience on their toes! Such a wonderful way to end the week. A very big thank you to all the families who were able to join us and of course to the staff team Amy, Marche and Natalie who supported the children and enabled them to put on a great show. Excellent!

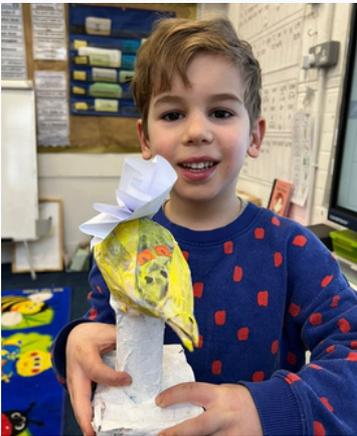


Year 2 enjoyed an exciting visit to the **Transport Museum** where they took part in a workshop that brought history to life. Stepping into a “time-travelling machine” the children explored how vehicles have changed over time and discovered the different ways people travelled in the past. The interactive session supported learning across the curriculum, strengthening their historical knowledge, encouraging discussion and questioning in literacy and exploring materials in science. It was a fun and engaging experience that inspired curiosity and helped pupils connect with how travel has evolved over the years.

Thank you to the parents who accompanied the classes on the trip. Your time and support is much appreciated. Thank you [@ltmuseum](https://twitter.com/ltmuseum) for a great day out!



Following on from their visit to [@spitalfieldscityfarm](https://twitter.com/spitalfieldscityfarm), **Year 1** made model animals using junk materials. The models are absolutely wonderful and the children took such care with their designs and with the decoration. Excellent work and a wonderful William Patten City Farm! 🐷🐮🐱



**Year 3** went on a trip to sketch the **National Firefighters Memorial (WW2)** at St Paul's Cathedral for their Art and History topics. The classes observed the statue from different angles and took time sketching the memorial from different points of view. The sketching focus was on proportions of the human body in preparation for creating clay soldiers in Art. Fantastic art work Year 3!



What a fabulous show x 2 today from the **United Lions Association** who came to perform a **lion dance** for EYFS / KS1 and then for KS2. 🥳 Such an exhilarating performance from the dancers who were incredibly skilful and worked so hard. Some lucky children managed to retrieve a fortune cookie, others not so lucky with cabbage! Huge thanks to Erica for highlighting this opportunity and introducing us to [@ula.liondance](https://www.instagram.com/ula.liondance). 🥳🥳🥳



We hope that everyone is enjoying the spring term so far, and we are looking ahead to all of the fun things that are coming up! World Book Day is approaching fast, and on that theme the inclusion team thought we would share one of the books that we have been reading. *Learning From Autistic Teachers* (Edited by Dr. Rebecca Wood, Jessica Kingsley Publishers, 2022) is a really thoughtful and insightful collection of the experiences of autistic teachers and other school professionals. The book explores understanding the point of view of autistic teachers, understanding intersectionality within the experiences of autistic staff, along with facilitating inclusion and looking at the diverse strengths of autistic people across many professions. We have found it to be a really inspiring collection of stories and lived experience, and have taken some valuable lessons away from it. It is a fascinating and very useful read for neurodiverse and neurotypical adults, and is a lovely opportunity to hear from some rarely heard voices. We hope that you enjoy the half term!



**We all learn and think differently**

Even when we do the same things in class, we may not have the same experiences.

We may have different needs in order to focus and learn, and that is OK.



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Last week in **Nursery**, the children finished their work on their focus book, **Goldilocks and the Three Bears**, by making porridge. They talked about the events in the story and then chose which toppings they would like to add to their porridge, including golden syrup, honey, blueberries, raisins, or banana. Just like Baby Bear's porridge, it was not too hot and not too cold - it was just right, and the children enjoyed eating it all up!



A **super class assembly** from **5CG!** The class shared what they've been learning in Design & Technology, where the topic has been 'Bread.' The children explained how they learned about two different types of bread: leavened and unleavened. They also talked about the origins of bread, different types of bread and why it is so important in so many cultures. The children also told us all about their trip to Hackney School of Food, where they had the chance to make their own focaccia - it sounded and looked amazing! Everyone spoke so clearly and confidently, with some excellent comic timing too - we loved the humour throughout the assembly. Well done to all the children in 5CG, you should be very proud of yourselves. And thank you to the families who were able to join us, your support is very much appreciated.



The **Eco Emporium** would like to invite you to our next refill shop. When? Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February (after half term) in the big playground from 8.50am. Please bring your own bottles to buy shampoo, conditioner, laundry projects and hand wash. We look forward to seeing you then!



The latest **Tool of the Week** for families to practise at home:

**ZONES TOOL OF THE WEEK**  
09.02.26

**DO IT**  
**EAT WISE**



**DO IT**  
**EAT WISE**

What are the healthy foods you like to eat? Carrots? Apples? Yogurt? Cheese sticks? Nuts or seeds? Making healthy food choices is important for your body and brain.

How do you feel?

**The ZONES of Regulation®**

### Diary dates for first week after half term

FEBRUARY	
23rd	Children return to school
23rd	Eco refill shop - 9am in playground
25th	Lunar New Year lunch
25th	Choir attending Young Voices at the O2
25th	Year 6 Ministry of Stories workshops
27th	3H class assembly for parents 2.45pm
27th	Y5 PTFA bake sale

#### **Message from Karen - School Street update**

I wanted to provide an update regarding the School Street at Lancell Street and our ongoing concerns about traffic during drop-off and pick-up times.

The Parking Enforcement Team at Hackney Council has responded to my emails and positively to our concerns. A CCTV mobile unit will now visit the area regularly until the Lanewatch camera unit is installed. This is scheduled for Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February. Once the camera is in place, it will be able to enforce the School Street restrictions for any non-exempt drivers using the street during the restricted hours.

I would like to thank the families who have kept me informed when they have noticed cars driving in the restricted times. Your updates have been helpful. With the camera in place, drivers who are not observing the School Street times will receive a PCN.

I would like to remind everyone that there is a very small group of families who are exempt from the School Street restrictions. The school knows who these families are, and they have the right to drive in the restricted area.

Thank you for your support in keeping the area safe for all our children.



**Attendance chart for w/e 6th February**

Year group	Attendance
Nursery	99.3%
Year4	98.8%
Year3	97.3%
Year2	97.1%
Reception	96.5%
Year5	95.8%
Year1	95.2%
Year6	93.6%
	Average <b>96.7%</b>

**Attendance chart for w/e 13th February**

Year group	Attendance
Year6	98.5%
Year4	98.3%
Year1	97.2%
Year5	96.5%
Reception	96.5%
Year2	96.4%
Year3	96.0%
Nursery	93.9%
	Average <b>96.9%</b>

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

**Friday 6th February**

Nurs	Isaac
RM	Eliz
RS	Alex
1A	Kaia, Joe, Daniel, Max, Scarlett
1M	Sterling, Ezra MP, Sebastian, Daria, Noah
2C	Elias, Isla, Nelson, Agnes, Oscar
2YN	Israh, Kimya, Lua, Ruojie, Ren
3B	Filip, Martha, Ruben, Zamari, Nori, Arthur
3H	Ryan, Taedon, Zakia, Buray, Alice
4A	Ezgi, Leul, Antonia, Sebastian, Odhran
4B	Sophia, Noah, Khaleem, Teo, Sumayyah
5CG	Felix, Anna, Khush, Amaya, Ciro-Mael
5CP	Suki, Suhayb, Honor, Milla, Amos
6H	Matiu, Elizabeth, Arabella, Ronan, Galla
6S	Theo, David, Phuong, Ava, Huxley

**Friday 13th February**

Nurs	Nilay
RM	Jacopo
RS	Zaida
1A	Mio, George, Heidi, Hope, Theo
1M	Jack, , Ezra, Hannah Sarah, Gracie, Etienne
2C	Ruairi, Billie, Yousra, Jessa, Opi
2YN	Maizie-Belle, El, Benjamin, Ivy, Finn
3B	Arlo, Violet, Rai, Zamari, Ramazan
3H	Hana, Nova, Mabel Blue, Gurleen, Arlo
4A	Lily, Robbie, Deniz, Nahom, Odhran
4B	Thiago, Maya, Coco, Yahya, Alexander
5CG	Isabelle, Eddy, Rafe, Evan, Sebastian
5CP	Poppy, Suhayb, Audrey, Freddie, Milla
6H	Hamza, Tobi, Ebe, Grace, Arlo
6S	Kerim, Alaa, Huxley, Arya, Ellora



**Many happy returns to the children who celebrated their special day since the last Patten Pages: Adam, Wilf, Gracie, Odhran, Pip, Max, Grace, Israh, Mick, Theo, El, Liyat, Audrey, Keon, Flora, Sienna, Ezra and Taha and to the children who will celebrate over half term: Bernie, Mio, Anna, Kaia, Wilfred, Nisa, Arzu, Theo and Aroz. Happy birthday everyone!**