

The Patten Pages

The William Patten Newsletter for Parents and Children

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the Easter holiday. We hope you had a wonderful time relaxing and enjoying time with friends and family. We now have the bank holiday to look forward to this weekend!

It has been an incredibly busy and exciting fortnight at school. We were delighted to welcome the Vikings for a special visit in Year 4, and 2C enjoyed a trip to Woodberry Wetlands. One of the highlights was welcoming Year 1 families to Come Dine With Us. It was our biggest turnout ever and may well have broken records! A huge thank you to the kitchen team – Ali, Althea, Sally, Tilda and Nicole for all their hard work preparing and serving so many extra lunches. They are a fabulous kitchen crew!

It has also been a pleasure seeing so many of you at Parents' Evenings this week. We look forward to seeing more of you at the final session on Tuesday. Our Headteacher's Tea Party season is now in full swing, and it has been lovely to introduce our Year 1 children to this special tradition. They have quickly mastered games such as Biscuit Jenga, catching biscuits, and guessing the number of the cup! I hope some of the biscuits made it home to share!

Year 5 enjoyed a trip to Hackney Empire for a concert, which was such a special treat. We also enjoyed a brilliant PTFA movie night, featuring a screening of K-Pop Demon Hunters. A great time was had by all, with a huge amount of popcorn consumed! A very big thank you to the PTFA for organising such a super community event.

Our EDI committee has been busy preparing for International Evening, which will take place on Thursday 21st May. Further information about performances and ticket arrangements will be shared next week.

A very big thank you goes to Nina and the volunteers from Colt Technology Services, who spent the day working in our Outdoor Classroom this week. They made a huge difference tidying and organising the

space, which, as Nina said certainly gets plenty of "tough love" from our children (as they love spending time there)! The volunteers reconditioned the herb and pollinator gardens, reorganised the Urban Forest shed, rebuilt the log and bug hotel and refilled the mud kitchen. We are extremely grateful for their time and support through their corporate social responsibility programme.

With the upcoming bank holiday weekend, we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 5th May.

Best wishes

Karen



Firstly, a huge THANK YOU to everyone who has donated already! Helen (3H's teacher and Alfie & Aoife's mum) will be running the Hackney Half on Sunday May 17th and has raised nearly £1000 so far! She is fundraising for MamaSuze, the organisation co-founded by Annabel Rook. MamaSuze is an arts based organisation run by an all female team, created to build community and inspire women and children, refugees, asylum seekers and migrants. If you would like to donate to the fundraiser please click here:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/helenhackneyhalf>

and if you would like to find out more about MamaSuze and the wonderful work they do please click here: www.mamasuze.org All donations are greatly appreciated by Helen and everyone at MamaSuze. Thank you!

STOP PRESS! Nursery Places Available – September 2026

We have a small number of places available in our nursery for children eligible to start in September 2026.

To attend our nursery from September 2026, children must:

- Be three years old by 31 August 2026
- Be toilet trained

We offer full-time and part-time places, as well as before- and after-school wrap-around care. Our nursery provides a wonderful learning environment with a large, high-quality outdoor space exclusively for nursery children.

Although attendance at our nursery does not guarantee a place in our Reception class, children who move on to Reception from our nursery benefit from:

- Transitioning alongside a familiar group of friends
- Strong relationships with EYFS staff
- Familiarity with school routines and expectations

This provides an excellent start to school life.

Open Session

We will be holding an open session for parents interested in applying for a September 2026 place:

Tuesday 12 May 2026, 3:45 pm – 4:15 pm

Please use the [booking link](#) to register your attendance.

How to Apply

If you wish to apply for a nursery place:

- Please collect an application form from the school office
- Completed forms must be returned by 3:30 pm on Monday 18th May

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to our nursery.



Celebrating Earth Day at WP last Wednesday. Such a lovely day. The children dressed up as an endangered animal, spent time in the outdoor classroom either designing a nest to keep an egg safe or a shelter to keep a creature safe. The children worked incredibly well in their teams and the designs were not only practical, but also demonstrated some real style and flair! The children also drew the animals in chalk, paying great attention to detail. A very big thank you to Sian R for organising such a super day for everybody.







Last Thursday, Year 4 had WP's first ever Viking Day! It was a busy day, beginning with a workshop held by an 'actual Viking!' and finishing with having created Viking Longboat masterpieces, worthy to weather any stormy sea. Well done to our brave and valiant Vikings!





Year 4 practicing their sculpting techniques ready to make their Viking figureheads.



Was this the biggest ever CDWU so far this year? The answer is a yes! So lovely to see so many Year 1 family members join us for a delicious lunch prepared by Ali and his team - Althea, Sally, Tilda and Nicole. A huge amount of extra work goes into getting the extra lunches ready and then serving an extra two and a half classes worth of people in a short space of time. The kitchen team are amazing! Thank you to everyone who came. The children were excited to see you in school!





5CP very much enjoyed their trip to the local fire station. The trip was a follow up to a fire safety assembly earlier in the year. Thank you to our local firefighters for showing the children around. They had a brilliant time!



The best coach in the world! We are so fortunate to have Brian leading many of our football clubs. The girls won on Tuesday and did incredibly well, playing with skill and confidence, and demonstrating excellent sportsmanship, all keenly aware of their own role and how that fits in with everybody else's. On their way to the finals! What a coach!



Year 3 took their English lesson outside and enjoyed a super fun experience day! Their current fiction text is *The Secret of Black Rock* so the classes built their own boats in the outdoor classroom using pallets, boxes, tyres, poles and their wonderful imaginations. The children took turns acting out the moment that Erin falls out of the boat and into the freezing cold water and we saw some fantastic role playing of falling and swimming. The classes created a vocabulary bank in preparation for their sentence stacking lesson to describe how the boat was moving, the stormy weather, how Erin was feeling and descriptions of the choppy water. We can't wait to read their fantastic writing, well done Year 3!



Year 1 started their gymnastics lessons with Berry. They showed excellent balancing skills. We already see Olympic potential!



Thank you for being a part of World Autism Acceptance Month with WP. We hope that you were able to look at some of the information in the previous Patten Pages. We particularly enjoyed the video that the National Autistic Society produced on the theme [It's How You Show Up](#).

As the month comes to a close, the inclusion team would like to highlight [Chris and Penny's story](#). Chris and Penny are featured in the video linked above, and they share their experiences of being autistic and going through the diagnostic process together, along with their reactions and what happened in their lives afterwards. The story that they share is wonderfully honest and open, and talks about parts of these processes that we don't often get to hear about.

Football news

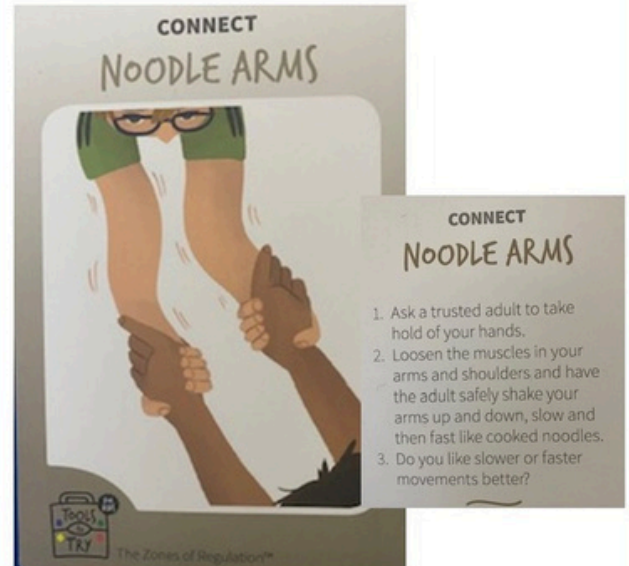
Our girls have done it again and made it to yet another final, the 3rd time in 2 seasons! This latest game was over 50 minutes of non stop action. We had to work hard to get through and this comes quite naturally to our fantastic team. Our players were amazing and it made for a good spectacle. With both teams level 0-0 at full time, it went straight to a penalty shootout. Having won our 2 previous shootouts (different competitions), we knew that we had a good chance. It was exciting with missed shots by both teams but with crucial goals from Poppy and Aster (winning strike) we made it to the final. Every single player deserves a mention because they were all incredible. We have had a good season and now have an opportunity to finish on a high note as we look forward to the final next month. As this is a new competition and a new format we will always be remembered for being one of first to reach the final.

Brian Bramble, WP football coach



The latest Tools of the Week
for families to practise together
at home:

ZONES TOOL OF THE WEEK 20.04.26



The **ZONES** of Regulation®

ZONES TOOL OF THE WEEK 27/04/26

ARM-PRETZEL



Hold for ten seconds.

This exercise has you **cross midline**, which can really help you focus if you are feeling **Slow and Tired**, or **Fast and Wiggly**.

Directions

- ★ Arms like a seal.
- ★ Cross arms.
- ★ Touch palms.
- ★ Interlace fingers.
- ★ Twist arms to chest.



The **ZONES** of Regulation®



Attendance chart for w/e 24th April

Year group	Attendance
Year1	98.6%
Reception	98.2%
Year2	98.2%
Year3	97.8%
Year4	97.6%
Nursery	97.4%
Year6	97.3%
Year5	97.2%
	Average 97.8%

Attendance chart for w/e 1st May

Year group	Attendance
Reception	98.3%
Year6	97.3%
Year2	97.2%
Year5	96.8%
Year1	96.7%
Year3	96.3%
Year4	94.7%
Nursery	94.2%
	Average 96.7%

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

Friday 24th April

Nurs	Daphne
RM	Edith
RS	Louie
1A	Adelaide, Wynn, Joe, Heidi, Scarlett
1M	Amen, Henry, Ezra S, Zaynab, Marley
2C	Darcey, Hugh, Sebastian, Agnes, Billie
2YN	Evangeline, Ezra, Finlay, Lua, Pip
3B	Mira, Lily, Zamari, Ruben, Misher
3H	Marty, Elia, Rocky, Violeta, Leo
4A	Elliott, Mayus, Deniz, Eesa, Sara
4B	Sophia, Martha, Khaleem, Nancy, Rafe
5CG	Ada, Rafe, Kiaan, Mason, Blake
5CP	Suhayb, Jack Q, Nina, Jack D, Kimora
6H	Theo, Millie, Keon, Daisy, Ozzy
6S	Aalia, Arden, Nevaeh, David, Niccolò

Friday 1st May

Nurs	Luca
RM	Leo
RS	Nour
1A	Theo, Miles, Federico, Honey, Wren
1M	Alaia, Kai, Bernie, Arlo, Sebastian
2C	Evelyn, Sequoia, Joey, Yousra, Opi
2YN	Louis, Zayn, Minnie, Anna, Shanelle
3B	Rozh, Mimi, Zoe, Rai, Isla
3H	Remi, Winston, Lara, Leo, Aela
4A	Fraser, Ekin, Hector, Eva, Bella
4B	Julia, Vittoria, Sumayyah, Marloe, Luqman
5CG	Frida, Evan, Felix, Eloise, Ciro-Mael
5CP	Marcelo, Nia, Honor, Georgina, Kaan
6H	Hamza, Tommy, Lea, Ebe, Ronan
6S	Feadan, Lochie, Kerim, Amaiyah, Theo H



Many happy returns to the children who celebrated their special day since the last Patten Pages: Ryan, Rex, Felix, Rocky, Fraser, Edith, Shiyah, Nancy, Oscar, Edward, Beatrix, Shaneeya, Kimya, Eva, Teo, Ren, Minnie, Hector, Aster, Maleek, Jacopo and Mimi. Happy birthday everyone!