

The Patten Pages

The William Patten Newsletter for Parents and Children

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Friday 9th October 2026

Dear Parents,

It was lovely to see so many parents and carers at Parents' Evening this week. Thank you to everyone who took the time to come in, meet with teachers and talk about how your children have settled in so far. Our Eco Team held their first meetings this week, where they began to develop their action plans and discuss the areas they would like to focus on this year. It is particularly lovely to see the Eco Team expanding this year to include Reception and Year 1. Wendy will be leading the EYFS and KS1 team, while Sian R will lead the KS2 team. They already have some exciting trips planned, with the KS2 team visiting Walthamstow Wetlands and our younger Eco Team members heading to Camley Street Natural Park before half term. We are looking forward to seeing what they achieve this year! The football season has also got underway, with 20 children representing William Patten at Mabley Green yesterday. As always, a huge thank you to Brian (the best football coach in the world!) for all his hard work, including liaising with Hackney and making sure our children have opportunities to play competitively and represent the school. We are very grateful for everything he does to make these opportunities possible.

We have also started our celebrations for Black History Month. As a school, our learning and celebration of Black history, culture and achievement is not confined to October, as our focus continues throughout the year and is embedded in our curriculum, but this month gives us a particular opportunity to shine a spotlight on important stories, people and contributions.

This week also sees the launch of a new section in the Patten Pages: Claudia's Comments. Claudia Jones was a journalist and civil rights activist who had a newspaper column called Claudia's Comments, where she highlighted issues and stories that were important to her and her community. We pay homage to Claudia through our own Claudia's Comments, celebrating events, achievements and things that are important to the William Patten community.

Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes

Karen

Thank you Helen!

I am sorry to say that Helen McNulty has stepped down from her role as Chair of Governors and from the Governing Body.

The role of Chair is a demanding one. It is voluntary, carries significant responsibility and requires a considerable investment of time, energy and commitment. Throughout her time as Chair, Helen approached the role with professionalism, calmness and a genuine commitment to doing what was best for WP, its staff and, most importantly, its children. Helen was always supportive, thoughtful and willing to offer a different perspective when needed. If the school faced difficult situations, Helen brought calmness, clarity and perspective to the decision making process. She helped the school to work through issues thoughtfully, understand different viewpoints and focus on finding the best way forward. Helen also provided invaluable support to school leaders over the years. Her ability to listen carefully, understand different perspectives and ensure that people felt heard was a real strength. She was always kind and considerate in her dealings with others and she had a genuine appreciation of the contribution that each person made. This helped to create positive and respectful relationships with staff, governors, parents and others in the wider school community.

Her extensive knowledge of SEND and education, combined with her experience of schools and her understanding of the pressures faced by school leaders, made Helen an incredibly valuable source of support and advice. She brought a wealth of knowledge to her role and was always generous with her time. Helen's contribution encouraged the Governing Body and school leadership to think carefully about a range of issues and helped to inform the school's work, including its ongoing commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion. Alongside all of this, Helen brought warmth and a great sense of humour to her role. She was approachable, down to earth and genuinely interested in the people she worked alongside. Her ability to bring a sense of perspective, even during

busy or difficult times, was greatly appreciated. Her support, wisdom, knowledge, kindness and commitment have made a real difference to the school, its staff and its children.

I know the whole WP community will join me in thanking Helen for her outstanding service and wish her all the very best for the future. She will be greatly missed by the Governing Body, staff and wider school community. Thank you Helen!

Claudia Comments

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We have been learning and supporting **Leukodystrophy Awareness Month**. Last Monday, staff and children wore blue and families very generously donated via the collection buckets at the school gates / through JustGiving. Thank you to everyone who made a donation. The total raised was **£613.92!**



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8th October 2026

Dear Staff and Students,

Thank you so much for raising £613.92 through your Wear it Blue Day for Leukodystrophy Awareness Month. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who took part. By wearing blue, making donations and learning more about leukodystrophy, your school community has helped raise awareness of these rare conditions and made a real difference to families affected by them.

Your generosity directly strengthens our work, helping to ensure that individuals and families affected by leukodystrophy have access to the support, guidance, and community they need.

Because of you, people who might otherwise feel isolated can connect with others who truly understand their journey.

We can also continue to raise awareness about leukodystrophy and support vital research that brings us closer to finding better treatments.

It is the kindness of supporters like you that makes our work possible.

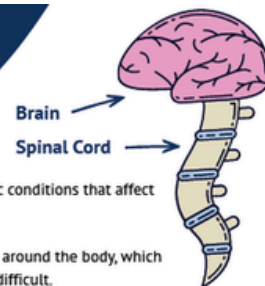
Thank you for standing with us and bringing hope to the leukodystrophy community.

Best Wishes

Fiona Willis
Fundraising, Communications and Design Officer

What is Leukodystrophy?

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- Leukodystrophy is the name for a group of rare genetic conditions that affect the brain and spinal cord.
- Leukodystrophy affects how the brain sends messages around the body, which can make moving, thinking and communication more difficult.
- There are more than **100** different types of leukodystrophy, some are so rare they may affect only 1 or 2 people.
- Many people have never heard of leukodystrophy, which is why raising awareness is so important.



About Alex TLC

Alex, The Leukodystrophy Charity (Alex TLC), is the only UK charity that supports people affected by any type of leukodystrophy. The charity provides information, support and a chance for families to connect with others who understand what they are going through.

Glossary

Genetic: Something passed down from parents to children through DNA

Rare: Something that is not often seen.

Spinal Cord: A bundle of nerves that carries messages between your brain and the rest of your body.

Awareness: Helping people learn about and understand something.

Why are we wearing blue?

Blue is the official awareness colour for leukodystrophy and September is Leukodystrophy Awareness Month

By taking part in Wear it Blue, we can:

- Learn about a rare condition
- Raise awareness
- Show support for children, adults and families affected by leukodystrophy
- Help Alex TLC continue their important work



Registered Charity number 1106008 (England & Wales) SC051539 (Scotland)

Who are Alex, The Leukodystrophy Charity?



The only UK charity that provides invaluable support and information to anyone affected by leukodystrophy.

Leukodystrophies are a group of rare genetic conditions that affect the brain and spinal cord. They can cause difficulties with movement, communication, vision, learning and everyday activities. Many are progressive and life-limiting.

More than 100 different leukodystrophies are known worldwide.

How can you help?

We are a small charity and receive no government funding. We rely on the generosity of wonderful people like you to be able to carry out our important work. Your donation helps ensure nobody faces leukodystrophy alone.

Visit our 'Get involved' page

To find out how you can donate, fundraise or raise awareness.

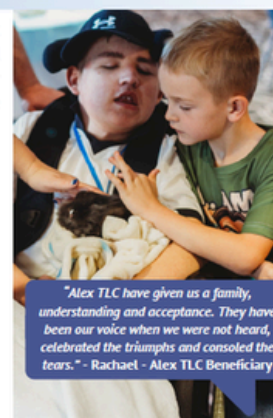
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Sign up to our 50/50 Cash Draw

Just £12 a year enters you into a monthly cash draw. Every month the prize fund is split 50/50 with Alex TLC, to help us fund our vital work

alex.tlc.org/donate/5050-cash-draw/



"Alex TLC have given us a family, understanding and acceptance. They have been our voice when we were not heard, celebrated the triumphs and consoled the tears." - Rachael - Alex TLC Beneficiary

Connect with us

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Update from the PTFA

Hi everyone,

We hope you all have settled into WP life again and for those who are new to WP, welcome!

We will be organising a Meet and Greet with several of the PTFA members with Karen in attendance. It's a great opportunity for those who want to come along and meet several of the PTFA members. You can also ask Karen any questions or share any concerns you may have. Information will go out in the coming week.

Upcoming dates to put into your calendars:

PTFA AGM - Wednesday 4th November 7.30pm (Zoom)

Kids Movie Night - Friday 13th November

Parents Social Night - Friday 20th November

WP Winter Fair - Saturday 5th December 12-4pm

Please organise amongst your social groups and make sure we have a great turn out at all the events, as they are a lot of fun and all the proceeds go to school.

The PTFA also has several PTFA member vacancies up for election at the AGM on the 4th Nov, including Chair and several Director roles. Please email your expressions of interest to williampattenptfa@gmail.com prior to the AGM. Many of the current members have been involved since Covid, so if you have a lot of energy and want to continue a lot of the great work that the PTFA does please consider putting your hand up for one of these roles.

Anne is organising the bake sales amongst each Year groups again, please keep an eye out for the comms regarding this and bake as many cakes as you can when it is your year group's turn. Thanks Anne.

Thank you and see you around the school.

WP PTFA

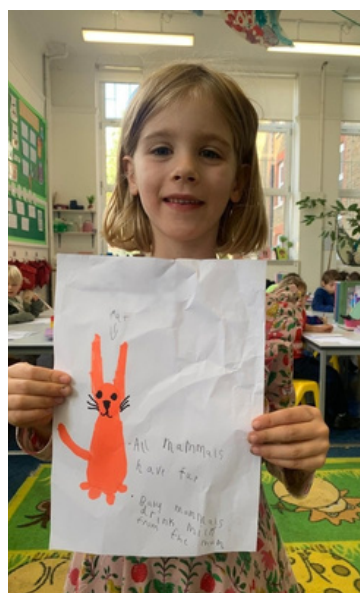
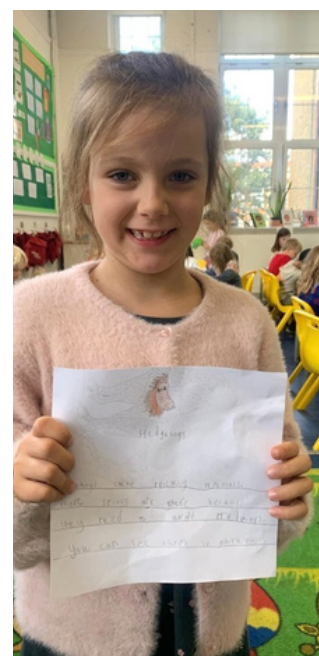
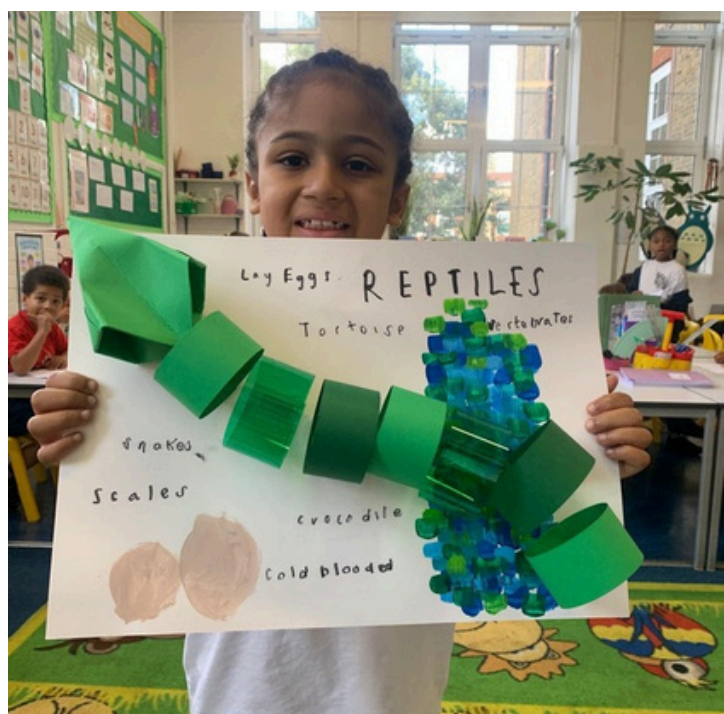
Henna club with Rahil and Meg. So impressed with the designs the children are creating. Individuality, flair, patience and a very steady hand shown by everyone!



This week in **Nursery**, the children have been learning about the **Jewish festival of Sukkot** and exploring the traditions and celebrations associated with it. The children enjoyed working creatively to design and build their own sukkahs, using a range of materials and sharing their ideas with one another. Through this hands-on experience, the children developed their Understanding the World as they learned about a different culture and religious celebration, while also developing their Expressive Arts and Design skills through creating and constructing their own sukkahs. It was wonderful to see the children working together, communicating their ideas, solving problems and showing such enthusiasm for their learning. Well done, Nursery! We were so impressed with your creativity, curiosity and teamwork!



Year 2 sharing their **fabulous homework Science** projects! Very impressed with the care you have taken and all the information on your posters. Such detail and super illustrations



Year 3 and 4 Art club have been working in the style of Japanese artist **Yayoi Kusama**. Clay pumpkin/pepper sculptures were painted last week, ready to be varnished then taken home to be admired!



Year 4 make boats during an experience day in English. The children are working on the text 'The Whale' by Ethan Murrell and Vita Murrell.





Eco Team 2026/27

After another successful year last year for the Eco Team, we are excited to be **expanding our Eco Team** from September this year. The team now reflects the whole school as children from Nursery, Reception and Year 1 have joined us, as well as Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. Due to a huge response, we have more team members than previous years as well. Wendy and Sian R are looking forward to meeting the team soon and making plans for the year as well as looking forward to trips to Camley Street Natural Park for EYFS and KS1 and Walthamstow Wetlands for KS2 before half term. Congratulations to our successful candidates!

EYFS and KS1:

Amelia, Guy, Nilay, Kit, Isaac, Victor, Taliah, Alex, Oscar, Eva, Marley, Henry, Ava, Clara and Heidi.

KS2:

Maizie Belle, Liyat, Louis, Ren, Saifa, Kimya, Aela, Mira, Leo L, Leo S, Callum, Violet, Robbie, Isabelle, Khaleem, Marloe, Dalia, Audrey, Nia, Kiaan and Lorcan.



Outdoor Classroom Appeal

Do you have any wooden pallets, sturdy crates, pots, pans or wooden spoons that you no longer need? We would be very grateful for any donations to help us replenish our outdoor classroom. All of the equipment is very well used by the children every day, so your unwanted items could have a new lease of life at school! Items can be brought to the school office, and larger items such as pallets and crates can simply be left outside the office.

Thank you so much for your support!

Dates for your diary.

12th	Eco Team trip - Camley St Natural Park
14th	Reception parents RWI meeting 9.15am
15th	Flu vaccination catch up session
15th	Reception trip to Abney Park
15th	6M workshop 'Beyond the Planets'
16th	Year 3 PTFA cake sale 3.30pm
19th	6M residential trip to Kench Hill
19th	Eco Team trip to Walthamstow Wetlands
20th	5C trip to the National Gallery
20th	Year 3 Stone Age Day
21st	5NS trip to the National Gallery
23rd	Break up for half term



This issue, we would like to highlight the National Autistic Society's **'Light the Way'** event, raising money to support autistic people across the country. It is a super inclusive event that encourages people to take part in whichever way they feel comfortable. There is also a walk taking place at Queen Elizabeth Olympic park. The event is on Sunday 1st November although the campaign runs for the whole month. To find out more you can follow the link or get in touch to ask any questions.

<https://www.autism.org.uk/get-involved/raise-money/fundraising-events/light-the-way-walk-5k>

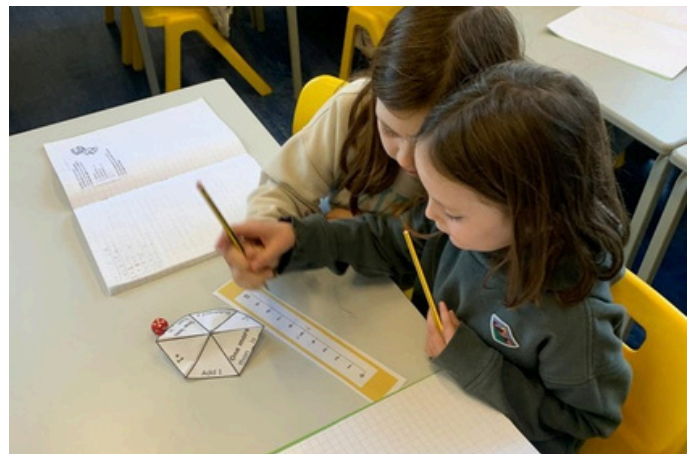
Year 1 are studying the geographical features of their local area and built their own street using odd and even numbers.



Year 5 are excited to be taking part in a series of fantastic musical workshops led by the **Apollo Music Project**. On Monday, the children enjoyed their first session, which featured a string quartet exploring the music of Beethoven. The musicians encouraged the children to listen carefully and share the images, feelings and ideas that the music inspired. They then demonstrated how each instrument contributed to the piece, playing their individual parts before bringing them together to create the full composition. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to experience live classical music and discover how different instruments work together to create such beautiful sounds.



Year 2 enjoyed a fun practical maths lesson this week. They **made spinners** to help them recall 1 and 2 more or less numbers to 10.



After half term, **Family Coach Service** will be setting up a **Parent Empowerment Group** 'Creating Routines and Boundaries that work for you'. The sessions will take place at William Patten and run every Wednesday morning 9.30am – 11am, from Wednesday 4th November. There will be 10 spaces available. To book your place email your name and child's school to familycoach@hackney.gov.uk

STARTING WEDNESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 9:30-11 AM

THE FAMILY COACH SERVICE'S 5 WEEK ROUTINES AND BOUNDARIES PARENT EMPOWERMENT GROUP

William Patten Primary School, N16 0NX

All families with a child that has a need within **any of the 4 areas of SEND** are welcome. We are a needs based service. **No EHCP or formal diagnosis** is needed.

4 Areas of SEND		4TH NOVEMBER	11TH NOVEMBER	18TH NOVEMBER
Communication & Interaction	Cognition and learning	What's already in your routines and boundaries toolbox?	Resources for routines and boundaries	How to be consistent
Social, Emotional & Mental Health	Sensory and Physical	25TH NOVEMBER	2ND DECEMBER	
		Your strengths and motivation	Actioning your plan	

We ask that you're able to attend all 5 sessions

There are **10 spaces available** for the parent empowerment group. Email familycoach@hackney.gov.uk with **Your name and Child's school**

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Tool of the Week

Each week we introduce a new Tool of the Week. Posters go up around school and classes practise the new tool and discuss which zone it would be useful for. We will include the new tools in the Patten Pages so you can try them out at home. These are the latest ones:

ZONES TOOL OF THE WEEK

28.9.2026



MOVE IT TENSE AND RELAX

Find a comfortable position. Squeeze each of your body parts, one at a time, for two seconds in the following order:

1. Toes and feet
2. Legs and bottom
3. Belly and chest
4. Arms and hands
5. Shoulders and neck
6. Head and face

How do you feel?

What Zone would this help in? [] [] [] []

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ZONES TOOL OF THE WEEK

05/10/26



HUGS

Hugs feel good, even when they come from yourself! Wrap your arms around yourself and squeeze. Remind yourself: "You got this!"

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Attendance Matters



Attendance chart for w/e 2nd October

Year group	Attendance
Nursery	99.0%
Reception	98.2%
Year1	97.7%
Year2	99.0%
Year3	99.5%
Year4	97.5%
Year5	99.2%
Year6	90.3%
	Average 97.4%

Attendance chart for w/e 9th October

Year group	Attendance
Nursery	97.8%
Year1	97.8%
Year5	97.7%
Year4	97.6%
Year 3	97.0%
Reception	96.7%
Year6	96.0%
Year2	96.0%
	Average 97.0%

Congratulations to the children who recently received an EYFS Super Achievers award or a HT award certificate. Well done everyone!

Friday 2nd October

Nur	Viggo and Zoe
RA	Reuben
RH	Leire
1M	Gabriel, Ela, Shiyah, Miriam, Oscar
1S	Aliya, Sara, Emika, Jacopo, Eva
2B	Ava, Zayn, Bernie, Mio, Heidi
2C	Adam, Ezra M, Mehmet, Thor, Daria
3A	Ali, Israh, Hugh H, Maya, Jessa
3B	Romilly, Isla, Ruojie, Ivy, Finlay
4S	Joey, Noah, Leo L, Aela, Leo S
4YC	Rozh, Noah, Arthur, Eren, Teddy
5C	Elliott, Margot, Hector, Kiran, Joseph
5NS	Casper, Thiago, Khaleem, Martha, Poppy, Julia
6A	Audrey, Milla, Huxley, Suhayb, Honor
6M	Mason, Zaynah, Frida, Mya, Dante

Friday 9th October

Nur	Ana and Halle
RA	Kit
RH	Nessa
1M	Aria, Eliz, Eva, Jayden, Teddy
1S	Umar, Ruoxin, Ethan, Nour, Deniz
2B	Daniel, Hope, Emil, Gracie, Kai, Henry
2C	Federico, Max, Etienne, Wren, Arlo
3A	Elijah, Louis, Evelyn, Sequoia, Ren
3B	Anna, Ezra, Umar, Pippa, Opi
4S	Hana, Marty, Ryan, Nova, Arlo
4YC	Malachi, Victoria, Callum, Zamari, Ramazan
5C	Eesa, Lily, Leul, Wilfred M, Sebastian
5NS	Dalia, Maya, Nancy, Ronnie, Sumayyah
6A	Poppy, Elijah, Alicja, Elise, Dante
6M	Rafe, Amaya, Flora, Eddy, Lorcan



Many happy returns to the children who recently celebrated their special day:
Thea, Owen, Joseph, Nina, Zara, Ali, Noah, Poppy, Fatima, Elijah, Felix, Etienne, Martha, Kit, David, Rudi, Halle, Sara and Sofia.
Happy birthday everyone!