



St. Patrick's Newsletter

We strive for excellence within a caring and diverse community, nurturing the Catholic faith, respecting each other, living, working & growing together as part of God's family.



Diary Dates

Aarush	Chabella

Date	Event
28/09/2026	International Day Showcase and Food Tasting
29/09/2026	Feast of St Micheal, Gabriel & Raphael - Archangels
29/09/2026	EYFS Phonics Workshop for Parents (9am to 10am)
29/09/2026	Class 4M & 3D—Mass at St. Patrick's Church
30/09/2026	5P Trip to British Library
01/10/2026	Praying the Rosary — 8.30am
01/10/2026	National Poetry Day Showcase -9.00am

HOUSE POINTS

- 1st - Nazareth
- 2nd - Galilee
- 3rd - Jerusalem
- 4th - Bethlehem

This week the Head's Award goes to Maja for her excellent support during lunchtimes.

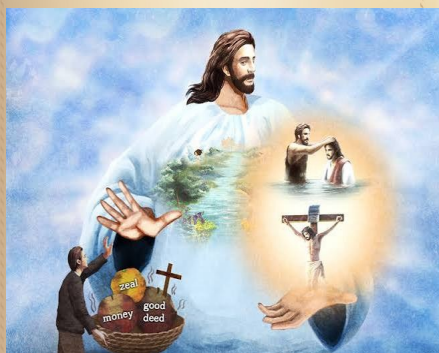
Matthew 21:28-32

This Sunday's Gospel:

DOING THE WILL OF THE FATHER

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' the said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

Did any words or phrases stand out to you in the Gospel? If so, take a few moments to meditate on them.



Attendance

Our winning classes this week

EYFS & KS1	1S
KS2	3D

punctuality

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EYFS & KS1	RN
KS2	6D

Wednesday Word

Please see the link below for this week's Wednesday Word.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/good-news?pid=MTA101634&v=163.4>

Rosary

October is the Month of Mary. We will be saying a decade of the Rosary lead by our school chaplains on Thursday morning during October at 8:30am in the library. This will start on the 1st October and every Thursday morning thereafter until the 22nd October. Anyone wishing to attend would need to come through the school office at 8:25am prompt. All very welcome.



Attendance and Punctuality



As a school, we are working with the Local Authority to improve our overall attendance. You will need to provide evidence for illnesses longer than three days. A reminder, that holidays taken during term time will not be authorised by the school. Unauthorised absence may result in a Fixed Penalty Notice, being issued by the Borough of Waltham Forest. The local Authority will be looking into absences that are taken in the lead up to the holidays and the week we return. We also inform the Local Authority of any persistent absence below 90%.

Any parents who receive a letter from the school, the Local Authority will be sending you a Notification of Parental Responsibility (NPR).

Mrs Holden will also be closely monitoring punctuality as there are several children who persistently arrive late for school. Lateness impacts on children's progress and attainment.



Mobile Phones

From September we will be a mobile phone free school for children and parents. Anyone entering the school site must not be using a mobile phone. If parents would like Y6 children to have a phone when walking to school alone, then we ask that children do not have smart phones with internet access. All phones brought in by pupils will be locked away during the school day so that children cannot access them and we are adhering to new Government safeguarding guidelines.

Harvest Collection

We are collecting donations of dried food i.e. tins, pasta, rice etc., for our Harvest Mass in school on Thursday 8th October. All donations of food will go to the Christian Kitchen in Walthamstow. This is a very admirable charity that provides hot meals for people who are less fortunate than ourselves. All donations are very welcome. Please send them with your child into their class teacher. Thank you all for your support in the very worthy cause.

EYFS Phonics Workshop

Reception and Year 1 parents are invited to our Phonics workshop on Tuesday 29th September at 9.00am to 10.00am. The workshop help support children with their reading.

No booking is required.



Secondary School Applications

All children currently in **Year 6** are due to start secondary school in September 2027. You must apply for a secondary place for your child even if they have an older brother or sister at your preferred school. All applications must be made by logging onto the eAdmissions website and completing the online application. The closing date for applications is 31st October 2026. If you need any help completing the online application, please contact the school office.

See below Secondary School open evenings if you wish to attend.

School	Open evening dates	Open evening times
Buxton School	Thursday 8 October 2026	5pm to 7.30pm
Chingford Foundation School	Thursday 1 October 2026	5.30pm to 8pm
Connaught School for Girls	Wednesday 30 September 2026	4.30pm to 7.30pm
Eden Girls School, Waltham Forest	Thursday 8 October 2026	4.30pm to 7pm
Frederick Bremer School	Thursday 1 October 2026	5.00pm to 7.30pm
George Mitchell School	Tuesday 8 October 2026	5.30pm to 8pm
Heathcote School & Science College	Wednesday 7 October 2026	5pm to 7.30pm
Highams Park School	Thursday 8 October 2026	5.00pm to 8.00pm
Holy Family Catholic School and Sixth Form	Wednesday 30 September 2026	6pm to 8pm
Kelmscott School	Wednesday 23 September 2026	4.30pm to 7.30pm
Leytonstone School	Thursday 1 October 2026	5pm to 8pm
Norlington School and 6th Form	Saturday 26 September 2026	9.30am to 12 noon
South Chingford Foundation School	Wednesday 30 September 2026	5.30pm to 8.00pm
Walthamstow Academy	Thursday 8 October 2026	5pm to 8pm
Walthamstow School for Girls	Thursday 24 September 2026	4.45pm to 7.30pm
Willowfield School	Wednesday 7 October 2026	4pm to 8pm

Open Days for Reception

We are holding Open Days on:

Tuesday 3rd November 2026 — 9:30am - 10:00am and 1:30pm - 2:00pm

Tuesday 1st December 2026 — 9:30am - 10:00am and 1:30pm - 2:00pm

If you have friends or family that are looking for a school place, please let them know. To book a place, please email school@st-patricks.waltham.sch.uk or call us on 02085094321.

Rock Stars

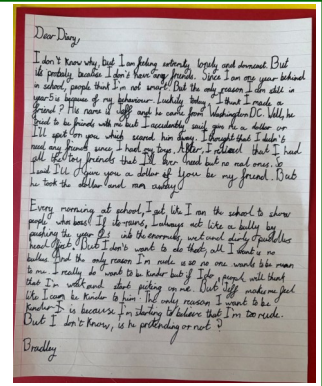
Well done to all the budding rock stars that turned up to school on Friday! It was a fantastic day and a great opportunity to relaunch our Times Tables Rock Stars journey - we all know that these are the foundations of Maths and help us with so many other mathematical concepts. So, get online, start practising and take part in the tournaments - you may even win your class a prize at the end of the term!



This week's Star Writer Susan(5J)

Susan has written a diary entry. She has expressed the emotions of the book character Bradely Chalkers and included lots of details from the novel. Her handwriting is joined and consistent and she has paragraphed and used punctuation, including apostrophes, really well.

Well done Susan what a super job!



Ready, Respectful and Safe Champions

Maria B (2F) our Ready Champion, Darius (6M) our Respectful Champion and Zayne (5P) our Safe Champion. Congratulations to all three children for their consistent effort and their modelling of great behaviour around the school!

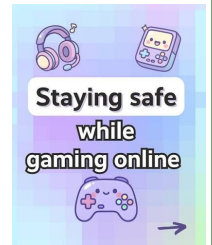
For Parents and Carers - Staying Safe While Gaming

Online games can be a great way for children to play and socialise, but as we know many games now include messaging, voice chat, purchases and interaction with people they do not know offline.

Ofcom's **Parents Power Up** guidance gives families a simple framework:

- **Check** — account details and settings
- **Chat** - talk about who your children play with
- **Change** — safety or parental controls where needed

Please check out this link for more information and advice: [Ofcom - Parents Power Up: Helping Your Child Stay Safe While Gaming Online](#)



Merit Awards

Nursery	Aaliyah	RN	Eyoab
1S	Zema	2F	Shirley
3G	Mateo	3D	Eva
4M	Luna	4L	Kamiyah
5J	Julia	5P	Keilani
6D	Akpoghene	6M	Irina

School Council

2F	Joshua		
3D	Gabriel	3G	Jordan
4LB	Kamiyah	4M	Eliana
5J	Antonia	5P	Natalia
6D	Maksym	6M	Donnacha

Class Ambassadors

1S	Kalani-Li & Zema	2F	Maria B & Benjamin
3D	Hiyab & Reign	3G	Ese & Oleksander
4LB	Arabela & Montel	4M	Inara & Maidah
5J	Marie & Anthony	5P	Zayne & Elliana
6D	Sarai & Maja	6M	Chabella & Theo

Eco-Champions

1S	Polina	2F	Gianluca
3D	Aziza	3G	Bridgett
4LB	Antoine	4M	Ogheneovo
5J	Silas	5P	Rares
6D	Jaffar	6M	Logan

House Captains

<i>Nazareth</i>	<i>Jerusalem</i>
<i>Chloe</i>	<i>Sunshine</i>
<i>Laila</i>	<i>Faith</i>
<i>Galilee</i>	<i>Bethlehem</i>
<i>Genevieve</i>	<i>Grace</i>
<i>Nazar</i>	<i>Ianis</i>

Chaplaincy Team

<i>Nazar</i>	<i>Jack</i>
<i>Theo</i>	<i>Rico</i>
<i>Chioma</i>	<i>Genevieve</i>
<i>Faith</i>	<i>Euan</i>
<i>Logan</i>	<i>Oleksander</i>
<i>Chelsea</i>	<i>Max</i>

Head Pupils

<i>Head Pupil</i>	<i>Head Pupil</i>
<i>Akpoghene</i>	<i>Christian</i>
<i>Deputy Head Pupil</i>	<i>Deputy Head Pupil</i>
<i>Lia</i>	<i>Logan</i>

Have a great weekend