



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.



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HOUSE POINTS

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

Headteacher's Award

This week the Head's Award goes to Hiyab, Kenesia, Louisa & Analucia for been kind and supporting to other pupils.
Well Done!

Diary Dates

Date	Event
18/10/2026	Feast of St Luke the Evangelist
19/10/2026	Year 2—Trip to Florence Nightingale Museum
20/10/2026	Class 5J & 4LB—Mass at St. Patrick's Church
21/10/2026	Class 3D & 3G—Natural History Museum
22/10/2026	Praying the Rosary—8.30am
22/10/2026	Class 4M & 4LB—British Museum
23/10/2026	School Photographer— Individual & Sibling Photos

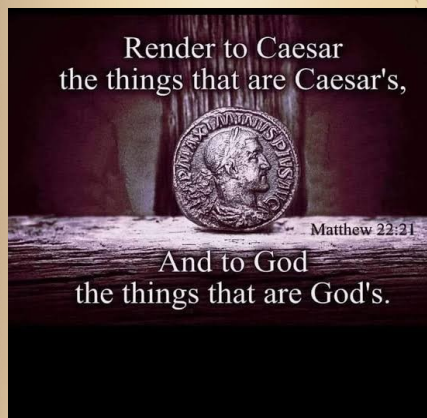
Matthew 22:15-21

This Sunday's Gospel: GIVING GOD HIS DUE

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this?

Whose name?' 'Caesar's,' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar - and to God what belongs to God.'

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	2F
KS2	5P

punctuality

Our winning classes this week

EYFS & KS1	Nursery
KS2	3D, 4M & 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



We are 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.

Ready, Respectful and Safe Champions

This week's Ready, Respectful and Safe champions are:

Samantha(3G) who is our Ready Champion, Lia (6M) who is our Respectful Champion and Luna(4M) who is our Safe Champion

Well done to these three children for always modelling excellent behaviour around the school!

Times Tables Rock Stars

Make sure you get on to play and make your class a winner! Here is a link to a short video that tells you how to support your class to be this week's champions! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LNavOd-voHc>



5J

115

4L

101

5P

63

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.

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.

For a Reception place September 2027

If your child was born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023, they are due to start in reception class at a primary school in September 2027.

You must apply for a reception class place for your child even if they attend a school nursery or have an older brother or sister at your preferred school. If your child currently attends our nursery this does not give them any priority for a place in reception class at St Patrick's. If you and your child live in Waltham Forest, you must apply through Waltham Forest. If you and your child live outside Waltham Forest, you must apply to the local authority in which you live, even if you are applying for schools in other areas.

All applications must be made by logging onto the eAdmissions website and completing the online application. The closing date for applications is **15th January 2027**. If you need any help completing the online application, please contact the school office.

Holiday Club



Holiday Club: Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2026.

To book your child's place, you will need access to ParentPay and follow the instructions. If you do not have access to ParentPay, please contact the school office for your login details. The daily cost is £30.00 per child, £25.00 for siblings. The club runs from 8:00am to 6:00pm. A range of exciting activities will be offered for the children. We will also be offering daily Reading and Mathematics to help children with their learning. If

you would like us to provide your child with additional Mathematics and Reading work, please let the office know. Outdoor activities will also be available (weather permitting). Children will be offered a healthy breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack with choices of fresh fruit, fresh juice, milk or water.

To book, please follow the link: <https://www.parentpay.com/>

HOLIDAY CLUB TIMETABLE

26TH - 30TH OCTOBER 2026

MONDAY & WEDNESDAY - ACTIVITIES WILL BE PROVIDED BY AN EXTERNAL COMPANY
SUPPORTED BY OUR HOLIDAY CLUB STAFF



DAY THEME OF THE DAY	MONDAY DANCE & DRAMA	TUESDAY ARTS & CRAFTS	WEDNESDAY SPORTS ACTIVITIES	THURSDAY CAKE/BISCUIT MAKING/ DECORATING	FRIDAY SUPERHERO DRESS UP
08:00 - 09:30	Breakfast & Games	Breakfast & Games	Breakfast & Games	Breakfast & Games	Breakfast & Games
10:00 - 12:00	Theme day Activities or outdoor play	Theme day Activities or outdoor play	Theme day Activities or outdoor play	Theme day Activities or outdoor play	Theme day Activities or outdoor play
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch See lunch menu	Lunch See lunch menu	Lunch See lunch menu	Lunch See lunch menu	Lunch See lunch menu
13:00 - 16:00	Theme day Activities or outdoor play	Theme day Activities or outdoor play	Theme day Activities or outdoor play	Theme day Activities or outdoor play	Superhero film and popcorn
16:00 - 17:00	Snack Time	Snack Time	Snack Time	Snack Time	Snack Time
17:00 - 18:00	Board games, Puzzles & reading time	Board games, Puzzles & reading time	Board games, Puzzles & reading time	Board games, Puzzles & reading time	Board games, Puzzles & reading time



ST. PAT'S HOLIDAY CLUB, LUNCH MENU



Lunch

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Main

Pizza Fun Day!



Stir Fry Chicken



Hot Dogs!!!



Texas Roast
Chicken



Fish Fingers



Vegetarian

Pizza & Pasta!



Grilled Tofu



Veggie Franks



Southern Spiced
Quorn Goujons



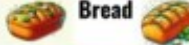
Mac & Cheese



Carbohydrate

Where main includes, portion
will be offered as optional extra

Freshly Baked
Bread



Garlic Potato Wedges



Cajun Roast
Potatoes or Rice



Chunky Chips



Vegetables



Italian Salad



Stir Fry Veg



Crispy Coleslaw



Corn on The Cob



Garden Peas &
Baked Beans

Dessert



Donuts!



Yogurt & Melons



Ice Cream



Yogurt & Cut Fruit



Ice Cream

Extras

Gluten
FREE



SALAD BAR

DAIRY
FREE

Halal

FRESHLY CUT FRUIT SERVED EVERYDAY ALONG WITH GRANARY
BREAD, NATURAL YOGURT, SEMI SKIMMED MILK, SOYA MILK (UPON
REQUEST) & WATER.



Stoneydown Flower Park

In Nursery, we have been learning about ourselves and our bodies. This week we have been learning about our 'Senses' to support this topic we went to the Stoneydown Flower Park and used our senses to see, smell, hear and touch. The children particularly enjoyed the bark rubbings and collecting the leaves.



Online Safety - Understanding AI Companions

AI chatbots are increasingly able to hold long, personal conversations with a user and may sometimes feel more like companions than simple information tools.

It is important for parents to understand how repeated interactions with AI can encourage children to develop trust or emotional attachments to these systems. This may be particularly relevant for children who find these interactions comforting or easier than talking to another person. **Children and Screens** has produced a short research overview exploring the potential benefits and concerns surrounding AI companions and young people. It offers parents an opportunity to learn more about this emerging technology and consider how to support children in using AI safely and appropriately.

Link: [Children and Screens - Chatbots, AI Companions and Youth](#)

Braiswick Photographic Limited



Our school photographer will be taking individual and siblings photos on Friday 23rd October 2026. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform. It is also essential that the children from Reception to Year 6 are wearing a school tie.

Uniform for Girls	Uniform for Boys
Navy school blazer with school badge (optional) Green and white check dress Navy skirt, tunic or trousers White short-sleeved blouse/shirt (not a polo shirt) School Tie V-Neck jumper or cardigan (plain) Plain black or navy shoes/sandals (not open toe) White ankle or knee length socks Navy or Green school Summer hat	Navy school blazer with school badge (optional) Dark grey trousers Dark grey school shorts White short-sleeved shirt (not a polo shirt) School Tie V-Neck navy jumper Plain black or navy shoes or sandals (no open toe) Grey socks Navy or Green school Summer hat (optional)

Nursery Uniform

Green School T-Shirt*

Black shoes or black plimsolls

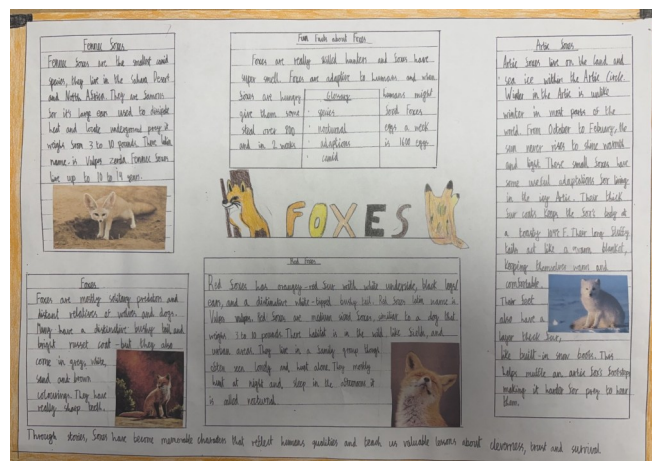
Green School Sweatshirt*

Green School Jogging Bottoms*

In the summer the girls can wear the green/white checked summer dress and the boys can wear grey school shorts with the green school t-shirt

This Week's Star Writer -Nazar(6M)

Nazar has written an excellent report about foxes. He has used subject specific vocabulary and sub-headings and his layout is eye-catching. Well done Nazar for working so hard on this report. What a star writer!



Supporting CAFOD and Families in Zimbabwe

Yesterday, our school was delighted to welcome a representative from **CAFOD (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development)**, who led a special assembly to help us learn about the challenges faced by families in Zimbabwe. The children discovered how important it is to show compassion, share what we have and work together to help others in need. Inspired by the assembly, we held a **non-uniform day today** to raise much-needed funds to support families in Zimbabwe, helping to provide schools, improve facilities and give children greater opportunities for the future. We are incredibly proud of our school community for putting our Catholic values into action and showing that even small acts of kindness can make a big difference to the lives of others. Thank you to all our families for their generosity and support!

Merit Awards

Nursery	Niamh	RN	Andromeda
1S	Whole Class	2F	Gianluca
3G	Eseoghene	3D	Kaidyn
4M	Jacob	4LB	Aaron
5J	Ela	5P	Danyil
6D	Maxwell	6M	Mikel

Have A Great Weekend