

Pattishall CE Primary School: A Term to Celebrate and an Exciting Summer Ahead

It has been another busy and rewarding term at Pattishall CE Primary School, filled with memorable moments, exciting achievements and a strong sense of community.

One of the highlights of the term was the beautiful Year 2 Easter service held at Holy Cross Church. The children spoke with clarity and confidence, remembering all their lines and truly capturing the spirit of the occasion. It was a proud moment for staff, families and the wider community alike.

Back in school, we have been delighted to see some wonderful improvements to our learning environment. The building has had a welcome facelift, with freshly painted walls and brand-new carpets creating a bright and inviting atmosphere for everyone. Outdoors, our former classroom space has been thoughtfully transformed into a peaceful outdoor chapel, complete with colourful windows. This provides a calm and reflective space where children can take a moment of quiet during a busy playtime.

We are also thrilled to be welcoming a growing number of new families to our school. From September, we expect to have just 19 places available across the school—a fantastic position to be in, particularly at a time when the national birth rate is declining, especially here in Northamptonshire. Our school community continues to go from strength to strength.

The children have, as always, been at the heart of everything we do. Our Year 4 “Pattishall Wombles” (or “Pombles”) have taken great pride in keeping the school grounds tidy, while our Year 5 Junior Librarians organised a range of delightful Easter activities for younger pupils, including a much-enjoyed hunt for wrapped mystery books hidden around the school. This term, we are also looking forward to our Year 3 “Heart Helpers” beginning their important role, creating spaces for quiet reflection and ensuring that everyone feels happy, supported and included.

Our Year 6 pupils have embraced their leadership roles with enthusiasm. The House Captains enjoyed some special opportunities last term, including a trip to the National Badminton Finals in Birmingham and attendance at a Young Leaders Conference, where they developed valuable skills to bring back to school. As they enter their final term at primary school, they are preparing for an exciting sailing course and will also be leading the planning of their end-of-year celebrations.

The School Parliament has been equally busy, with plans underway to create a time capsule and to launch the very first edition of *The PPS Herald*—our new school newspaper, written by the children, for the children.

Sport has been another area of great success. Our Dance Team achieved a fantastic victory at a recent competition, proudly bringing home the trophy. They also choreographed a special routine to bid a fond farewell to Deb Lee, our much-loved Midday Meal Server. In addition, we celebrated success in a recent hockey tournament and enjoyed rugby coaching sessions delivered by the Saints. Following the excitement of the Girls Love Rugby festival at ONs, our Key Stage 2 girls are now looking forward to further coaching next term.

Our sporting achievements don't stop there—we have also taken part in golf, basketball, archery, boccia, new age curling, football and cross-country running, even reaching the county finals. We are incredibly proud of all our children for their determination, teamwork and enthusiasm.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to the Gayton and Tiffield Community Minibus, whose support enables our children to access so many of these valuable opportunities.

Looking ahead, there is plenty to be excited about, not least the return of swimming pool season—a firm favourite with pupils and staff alike! With so many events and activities planned, the summer term promises to be just as busy, full of fun and rich in opportunities to create lasting memories.