



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



LEAP NEWS

Friday 9th January 2026

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

¡Feliz Año Nuevo!..... Happy New Year!

Kingsmead, Gayhurst, Mandeville & Grasmere Primary Schools working in partnership

LEAP FEDERATION KS2 OUTCOMES 2024/25

We are extremely proud of the outcomes achieved by pupils across the LEAP Federation in last year's Key Stage 2 tests, which reflect the high expectations, strong teaching and inclusive ethos that characterise all four of our schools. These outcomes have now been validated by the DfE and so we are able to share them with you.

Across the federation, Reading, Writing and Maths combined (RWM) outcomes were strong, with between 78% and 90% of pupils meeting the expected standard in individual schools. Two of our schools achieved RWM outcomes close to or above 90%, placing them among the strongest performers locally, while all four schools performed securely and consistently above national averages.

In Reading, outcomes were particularly impressive, with between 81% and 92% of pupils reaching the expected standard across the federation. Mathematics results were also very strong, ranging from 84% to over 90%, reflecting pupils' secure understanding and confidence in problem-solving. Writing outcomes, traditionally the most challenging area nationally, were also positive, with between 75% and 84% of pupils achieving the expected standard across our schools.

The percentage of children achieving Greater Depth (highest attaining scores) was much higher than average demonstrating the work we have done as a federation to ensure that children of higher ability are stretched academically. Children with SEND also perform higher than their peers nationally and so do children who are entitled to Free School Meals.

Overall, LEAP Federation outcomes in Reading, Writing and Maths were consistently above national averages, demonstrating the impact of strong teaching, inclusive practice and effective collaboration across our schools. These kind of results are not achieved easily and reflect the focus on delivering high quality, interesting, relevant and creative teaching at all stages of a child's primary school journey.

KS2 Outcomes at a Glance (LEAP Federation)

Subject	Federation Range
Reading	81% – 92%
Writing	75% – 84%
Mathematics	84% – 90%+
Reading, Writing & Maths combined	78% – 90% (this means the children achieved the standard in all 3 subjects)

LEAP FEDERATION KS2 OUTCOMES CONTINUED.....

These results highlight not only high attainment, but also the strength of shared leadership and professional learning across the federation. We are proud that children in all four schools leave primary education confident, capable and well prepared for the next stage of their learning.

HACKNEY ENGLISH LANGUAGE FAIR

The Hackney English Language Fair will take place on **Thursday 22nd January 2026 from 10.30am - 1pm, at Homerton Library**, Homerton High Street, E9 6AS. This is a Fair for adults whose first language is not English, and it provides information on English language courses and other supportive opportunities and organisations.

There will be different providers sharing information on:

- ESOL English classes
- Adult education
- Employability support
- Volunteer opportunities
- Health and wellbeing
- Advice

[Click here](#) to register for this free event please

Come and speak to all providers in one place, and find a suitable class/opportunity!

REC & YEAR 6 PARENTS

Help improve children's wellbeing

University College London are calling all parents and carers of Reception & Year 6 children to take part in the SHINE (Studying Happiness, self-Image and Nutrition and Eating in children) Parent & Carer Survey. The survey will help them understand the health and wellbeing of children in **Reception (4-5 years)** and **Year 6 (10-11 years)**. The survey is open to parents and carers of children in these year groups. By sharing your experiences, you will help to make changes at both local and national levels to support children's well being.

As a thank you for taking part, you can enter a prize draw to win one of four £50 shopping vouchers, awarded to parents and carers in your local community. The information you provide will only be used only for research purposes and will be kept completely confidential. Complete the survey [here](#).

If you have any questions or want a paper version of the survey please send an email to shine@ucl.ac.uk



SPRING TERM 2026

1st half of term: 05.01.26 - 13.02.26

Half term: 16 - 20 Feb 2026

2nd half of term: 23.02.26 - 27.03.26

CROWN WINNERS

Nursery	74	Year 3	89
Reception	83	Year 4	77
Year 1	95	Year 5	91
Year 2	106	Year 6	70

TOP ATTENDANCE

EYFS & KS1	Lea 98.4%
KS2	Fowey 98.6%



GOLDEN AWARDS

Ouse class (Nur) Eliana
Lea class (Rec) Zaire
Lagan class (Yr 1) Elijah
Tyne class (Yr 2) Malachi

Severn class (Yr 3) Aheli
Ness class (Yr 4) Nusaybah
Fowey class (Yr 5) Sanaa
Avon class (Yr 6) Teddy

WELCOME BACK

It's been lovely to see the children returning to school refreshed and energised this week. We have a busy term ahead full of exciting activities and learning. Keep an eye on upcoming events by checking the KEY DATES section of this weekly newsletter.

COME ALONG TO OUR SPECIAL MY STORY PARENT WORKSHOP

On **Wednesday 14th January at 9—10.30am** we are holding a special parent workshop, where parents can come and create a My Story poster, sharing any element of their family's story that they would like to. If you would like to take part **please bring a selection of between 5 and 10 photos**, which we can photocopy for you so you can use them to create your My Story poster.



At the workshop we will be joined by **Desree**, a poet, who is working with Kingsmead on the My Story project. Desree will be supporting families with ideas on creative approaches regarding how we can communicate and share elements of our stories.

All welcome to what we hope will be a really enjoyable creative session. Refreshments will be provided.

YEAR 1'S MEADOW SOWING FILM

A nice short film featuring Kingsmead's Year 1 class sowing seeds to create a new meadow on Daubeney Fields and the Green Flag celebration, can be seen here: [Daubeney Fields Hackney's 33rd Green Flag](#)



AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

Our after school clubs start up on Monday 12th January.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Drawing Skills Rec, Yr 1 & 2	Arts & Crafts Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6	Hockey Rec, Yr 1 & 2	Badminton/ Tennis Yr 3, 4, 5, 6
Basketball	Ball Games	Forest School	Singing
	Mixed Football Yr 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6	Lego & Board Games Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6	Football Team Yr 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6

If you have not yet signed your child up for a club there are still spaces for **Lego Board Games** on Wednesday and **Badminton/Tennis** on Thursdays. Clubs run for 10 consecutive weeks and cost £30 per term. Children eligible for Free School Meals are offered one free club per week per term.

IMMEDIATE THEATRE'S FREE DRAMA CLUBS

If your child is interested in drama, Immediate Theatre offer **FREE** after school drama clubs **on Tuesdays** at the nearby Kingsmead Community Centre, 9a Kingsmead Way. Parents will need to register directly with Immediate Theatre (see registration link below).

The Tuesday drama clubs run at the following times depending on your child's age group:

3.45—5.15pm for ages 5 to 9 yrs Kingsmead Youngers
 Immediate Theatre come and collect the children registered for this club from Kingsmead school at 3.30pm. Parents will need to collect their child from the Kingsmead Community centre.

5.30—7pm for ages 10 to 14 yrs Kingsmead Olders

Here is the [link to sign up](#). You will need to select either 'Kingsmead Youngers' or 'Kingsmead Olders'.

After signing up, you'll receive a call to confirm your space. For further information, contact Charmain (Participation Manager) on **07525892953**

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DONATING PRE-LOVED SCHOOL UNIFORM

Kingsmead's dynamic Sustainability Team are setting up a School Uniform Re-Use Shop! See information on the poster below.



Donate uniform you no longer need

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Don't throw good quality school clothing away, donate it to our School Uniform Exchange.

What we are looking for:

- School clothing
- PE kits
- Coats and jackets
- Backpacks and bags

! Please make sure all uniform is washed

Get involved:

Can you spare some time to run the School Uniform Exchange? Please come see Hang in Year 3.

Drop off point

In the playground, there will be a red box. Please put clothing inside.

We are also looking for an **unwanted clothes rail** and **coat hangers** to help run our uniform re-use shop. If you have any at home, please drop them off at the office. Your support makes a big difference! Thank you for your support.

COLD WEATHER: PLEASE DRESS YOUR CHILD WARMLY

Given the recent period of significantly colder weather, please can parents make sure their child comes to school with a warm coat, hat and gloves and appropriate shoes.



FREDDY'S EXPANDED ROLE AT KINGSMEAD

Freddy is a familiar face to most of our families, as he has been teaching **PE lessons** across the school for some time.

We are now delighted to announce that Freddy has also taken on the role of **Pastoral Support Lead** at Kingsmead, supporting children in Nursery to Year 6, with social, emotional and mental health needs.

Freddy knows the children at Kingsmead very well and knows many of our families, having regularly been involved in our HAF Holiday Camps and Team Sports.

Welcome Freddy to your new expanded role at Kingsmead!



KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

Wed 14 Jan	JTP My Story Workshop for parents at 9 - 10.30am + Yr 5 class assembly 3pm
Wed 21 Jan	Yr 4 RE assembly 3pm
Wed 4 Feb	Nursery & Rec Chinese New Year assembly 3pm
w/c Mon 9 Feb	Creativity Week
Mon 16—Fri 20 Feb	Half term break
Wed 4 March	Yr 2 class assembly 3pm
Wed 18 March	Yr 1 class assembly 3pm
Wed 25 March	Rec class assembly 3pm
Fri 27 March	Last day of Spring term - school closes early at 1.30pm for children