



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



# LEAP NEWS

## Friday 17th April 2026

### SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Vamos a hacer un picnic..... *Let's have a picnic.....*

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

## LEAP HOLIDAY CAMPS

Our Easter Holiday Camps were a great success this year, running over four fun-filled days packed with excitement and activity. The children had a fantastic time taking part in a wide range of sessions, including football, dodgeball, dance, art, basketball and cooking at the Kingsmead and Mandeville camp, and football, dodgeball, Arts and crafts, TAG rugby & table tennis at the Gayhurst and Grasmere camp. Each day brought new opportunities for them to try something different, build confidence, and develop new skills in a fun and supportive environment.

It was wonderful to see the children making new friends and children from both schools getting along so well.

Thank you to all the families for your continued support, and to everyone who took part and helped make the camp such a memorable and enjoyable event for all!

*"I loved taking part in the Easter egg hunt on the last day, it was so much fun."* **Ahmet-Mandeville**

*"My favorite activities were cooking and dance. I made a spinach lasagna and took it home for my dinner. I really enjoyed performing our dance routine on the last day to all the other children."* **De'kiyah Mandeville**

*"I attended camp every day. It was great fun and I enjoyed playing football as we had a mini tournament."* **Archie-Lee - Mandeville.**

*"We loved hunting for the Easter Eggs on the last day! -* **Calisa & Marayam Yr 3 Kingsemad**

*"My favourite thing about the camp was playing Dodgeball"* - **Marty Yr 3 Kingsemad**

*"The football was organised like a tournament—it was really good"* - **Gabriel Yr 6 Kingsmead**

*"We had such fun dancing everyday with our friends"* - **Aheli, Yr 3 Kingsmead**

*"It was very entertaining, I only went for one day but I wish I came for the week."* - **Romilly, Gayhurst**

*"I really loved getting to spend time with my new friends from Grasmere"* - **Chanelle, Gayhurst**

*"There were lots of choice with activities. Everything was set up good."* - **Mia, Gayhurst**

*"I had a lot of fun; the lunches were nice too. I wish it ran longer!"* - **Zebedee, Gayhurst**

*It was really fun, I enjoyed all of the activities and making new friends.* - **Ricki-Leigh, Grasmere**

*It was fun.* - **Benjamin, Grasmere**

*I really enjoyed the food and meeting new people.* - **Eleni, Grasmere**



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### MAYOR OF LONDON'S TEAM FILM AT MANDEVILLE

Just before the end of last term, Mandeville school was excited to welcome a professional filming team to the school as part of a very special project marking ten years of Sadiq Khan's time as Mayor of London. Mandeville children were invited to take part in a video reflecting on what London looks like through the eyes of a 10-year-old. As part of this, a group of year 5 children- **Jayden, Farrah, Zayd and Ariam** worked collaboratively to write a thoughtful letter to the Mayor, sharing their experiences of growing up in Hackney and the changes they have seen in their city. The letter highlighted issues that matter most to them, including free school meals, caring for the environment, growing their own food, and safer streets. Each child then had the opportunity to take part in the filming, reading sections of the letter on camera. It was a fantastic experience for them to see how a real production works and to have their voices heard in such an important project.

We are incredibly proud of how confidently and articulately the children represented Mandeville. The filming team also commented on how brilliant the children were throughout the process. The final video has now been shared publicly, showcasing the children's perspectives and celebrating their role in shaping our city's future. You can watch it here:

[Instagram link](#)

[YouTube link](#)

*"I really enjoyed filming the video. I felt like I was famous, and it was nice to do it with my friends."*-  
**Jayden**



*"Thank you so much, Mandeville. Everyone was brilliant, including the children, very professional."*-  
**Elizabeth, videographer**



### MAYOR'S TEAM FILM AT MANDEVILLE CONTINUED.....

*"I am incredibly proud of the way Jayden, Farrah, Zayd and Ariam represented Mandeville School, sharing their thoughtful reflections on the impact of Sadiq Khan. It is so important that children feel empowered to use their voices, and I was especially proud to see ours contribute so confidently to this special project."* -

**Marc Thompson, Mandeville's Headteacher**



### KINGSMEAD PUPIL'S ART TRAIL PROJECT ON NEWS!

Niovi, a Kingsmead Year 6 pupil, has caused quite a storm with an intriguing creative project she's secretly created. Over a period of weeks, under the name **Talking Tree Collective**, she created a trail on Hackney Marshes inviting those passing through to step into a world where trees have stories to tell...

This lovely informal art trail features small signs nestled among the trees—each one revealing the imagined inner thoughts and secret lives of the woodland. Word spread and her creation was covered first by the [Hackney Citizen newspaper](#) and then by [BBC local news!](#)

Niovi's classmates in Kingsmead's Year 6 have already enjoyed a walk on the Hackney Marshes reading the trees' stories. Make sure you make time to go and explore them over the coming weeks. Well done Niovi for this imaginative and creative project.



Niovi & her Dad often walk on the marshes



A Talking Tree Collective mystery sign



### HACKNEY'S 10x10 OFFER CONTINUED.....



### HACKNEY MUSIC SERVICE FREE CHOIR TASTER SESSION

Do you have a child who loves to sing? Hackney Music Service are holding an absolutely free of charge Taster Session for the **Hackney Borough Youth Choir (Yrs 4-6)** and the **Senior Vocal Ensemble (Yr7+)** on **Wednesday 22 April**.

The sessions will take place after school. Please contact Hackney Music Service in advance, if you are interested in your child taking part in the taster session—so they can capture all necessary emergency contact details, and share all details of venue and timings.

The Hackney Music Service are working on a programme with the London Community Gospel Choir this term so this is a fantastic time to get involved.

They are especially keen to involve more boys from both primary and secondary schools.

## Do you love to sing?

We are recruiting young singers to join the Hackney Borough Youth Choir (Yr4-6) & Senior Vocal Ensemble (Yr7+)

HBYC is an inclusive musical community that brings together singers from Hackney schools to regularly perform joyful, uplifting and diverse repertoire.

Join us for a free of charge taster session after school on **Wednesday 22 April 2026**.

For venue details & times, please call 020 3076 1535 or email [xanthe.sarr@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:xanthe.sarr@hackney.gov.uk)

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### HACKNEY'S 10x10 OFFER

Hackney Education's 10x10 programme have developed new resources to support families to support every child in Hackney to achieve 10 activities by the age of 10.

[10x10 Padlet for Families and Children](#)

Hackney Education aim to help all of our Hackney children experience a broader range of skills, interests and opportunities. They believe the 10x10 activities will help every child to improve their emotional, physical and social wellbeing, developing a strong sense of identity and feel a valued part of Hackney.

# KINGSMEAD



## NEWS

### SUMMER TERM 2026

1st half of term: 13.04.26 - 22.05.26

Half term: 25 - 29 May 2026

2nd half of term: 02.06.26 - 17.07.26

INSET days Mon 1 June & Mon 20 July

### CROWN WINNERS

Nursery	86	<b>Year 3</b>	<b>123</b>
Reception	82	<b>Year 4</b>	93
Year 1	87	<b>Year 5</b>	95
Year 2	92	<b>Year 6</b>	84

### TOP ATTENDANCE

EYFS & KS1	<b>Ouse</b> 98.8%
KS2	<b>Avon</b> 100%

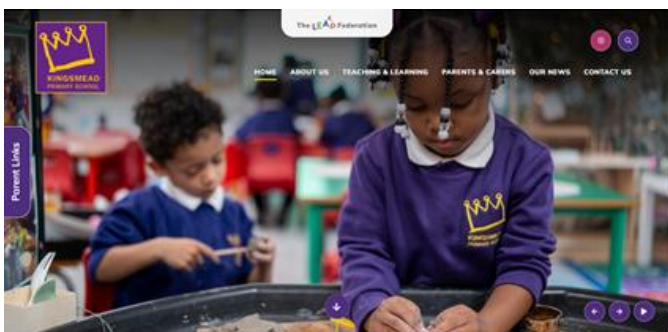


### GOLDEN AWARDS

**Ouse class (Nur)** Mete  
**Lea class (Rec)** Rowan  
**Lagan class (Yr 1)** Andrew  
**Tyne class (Yr 2)** Oliver

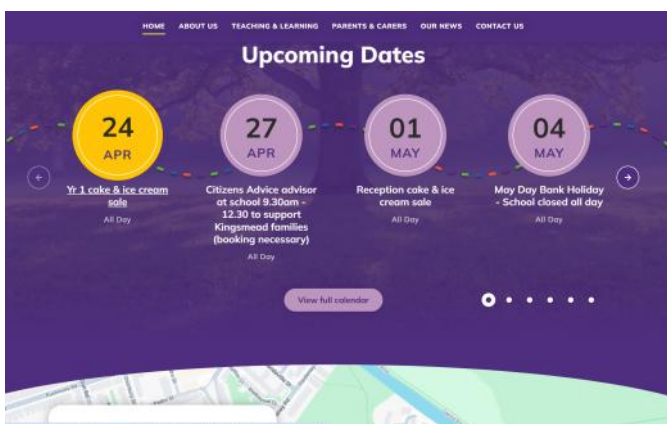
**Severn class (Yr 3)** Shaniya  
**Ness class (Yr 4)** Raleigha  
**Fowey class (Yr 5)** Sukhpreet  
**Avon class (Yr 6)** Ali

## KINGSMEAD'S NEW WEBSITE



Welcome To  
**Kingsmead Primary School**

As some of you may already have noticed, Kingsmead has an updated new school website. The new website is on a more up to date platform which will hopefully be much easier to access and read on mobile phones. There are quick parent links on the top left side of the Home Page which take you straight through to School Lunches, Newsletters and Term Dates pages. We also have an Upcoming Dates area on the Home Page which links through to the school website calendar, which we hope parents and carers will find helpful.



## KINGSMEAD'S STEM FAIR

This week has been STEM week across all four LEAP schools, with children in all classes busy getting creative, problem-solving and exploring the wonderful world of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. There will be a full STEM Week report in next week's newsletter, but we wanted to let parents know that next week, on **Thursday 23rd April** after school at 3.30pm we will be holding our STEM Fair, in the junior playground. This is a chance for children to show off the amazing experiments and explorations they have carried out this week, to their parents and carers and peers. Please do come along and join us—all welcome!



### STEM FAIR



### AT KINGSMEAD

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 3.30pm  
 Junior playground

Come and see our sustainable creations and join in with our STEM Week activities



### SUSTAINABILITY

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Please remember to inform the main office of any changes to your contact details i.e: home number, mobile phone number, address, or if your child has a medical condition.

### PARENT WELLNESS GROUP

**Parent Wellness Course**  
Being, Mindful & Kindful to Yourself

8<sup>th</sup> May – 26<sup>th</sup> June, Fridays 10 – 12 pm  
at Rushmore Primary School in the Music Room

6-week course run by Dr Su Batuwitage Psychologist

This wellness group is for parents/carers who would like a nurturing space for their wellbeing and to develop a practice of mindfulness and compassion to support them with caring for themselves and their families

This group is designed to help you to develop your own self-care practice, to make time for yourself and to meet other parents/carers who also want a space to recuperate and rest

Use the QR code or the weblink to access the Eventbrite page to register for this course:  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parent-wellness-course-tickets?aff=affirmative>

A new parent wellness course is starting at nearby Rushmore Primary School, open to all local parents, from 10—12 on Friday mornings from 8th May to 26th June. If you 'd like to sign up or get more information please use [this link](#).

### CITIZENS ADVICE SUPPORT

Kingsmead will continue to have a Citizens Advice advisor in school every fortnight to support Kingsmead families, but the day the advisor will be in school is changing from Thursday mornings to Monday mornings. You can call **0203 880 2266** to request an appointment with the advisor. Just leave your name and number and confirm that you are a Kingsmead parent.

The advisor will be in school at Kingsmead on the following dates this term:

**Monday 27th April 9.30—12.30**

**Monday 8th June 9.30—12.30**

**Monday 22nd June 9.30—12.30**

**Monday 6th July 9.30—12.30**

Citizens Advice offer free confidential independent and impartial advice on a range of issues including Benefits, Debt, Employment and Consumer issues, Healthcare, Housing, Money management and budgeting, Immigration (up to level 1), making appeals and they may also be able to support families in crisis with Fuel and Supermarket vouchers.



### CAKE & ICE CREAM SALES



Kingsmead's weekly Cake & Ice Cream sales will be starting next week, in the playground at the end of the



school day, to help raise funds for the school, so that we're able to continue to offer some of the lovely extra's that Kingsmead children enjoy. **It's Year 1's turn next week!**

Each class has been allocated one week when it is their turn to **supply donations of cakes and treats** to sell (see key dates section below). Our Parent Champions will be running the stalls so please let them know if you are able to support with the stall running. When it's your child's class turn you will receive a reminder text to bring in donations. Do remember to bring coins every Friday so you can buy the nice treats on offer and support the school! Here are the dates for this half term.

Date	Class
Fri 24 April	Year 1
Fri 1st May	Reception
Fri 8th May	Year 2
Fri 15th May	Nursery
Fri 22 May	Year 4

### KEY DATES THIS TERM

- Thurs 23 April** Kingsmead's STEM Fair 3.30pm
  - Fri 24 April** Yr 1 cake & ice cream sale
  - Mon 27 April** Citizens Advice support 9,30—12.30
  - Fri 1 May** Reception cake & ice cream sale
  - Mon 4 May** Bank holiday
  - Fri 8 May** Yr 2 cake & ice cream sale
  - Fri 15 May** Nursery cake & ice cream sale
  - Fri 22 May** Yr 4 cake & ice cream sale
  - Mon 25 - Fri 29 May** Half term break
  - Mon 1 June** INSET day– school closed to children
  - Tues 2 June** Children return to school for second half of Summer Term
  - Fri 5 June** Yr 6 cake & ice cream sale
  - Mon 8 June** Citizens Advice support 9,30—12.30
  - Wed 10 June** Nursery Class assembly at 11.30am
  - Fri 12 June** Yr 5 cake & ice cream sale
  - Fri 19 June** Yr 3 cake & ice cream sale
  - Mon 22 June** Citizens Advice support 9,30—12.30
  - Fri 26 June, Fri 3 July & Fri 10 July** - whole school cake & ice cream sales
  - Mon 6 July** Citizens Advice support 9.30—12.30
  - Wed 8 July** Yr 6 performance 2.30pm
  - Fri 17 July** Last day of Summer Term -
- school closes early for children at 1.30pm**