



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



LEAP NEWS

Friday 1st May 2026

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Me gusta jugar al aire libre, es genial en primavera..... *I like to play outside, it's great in the Spring.....*

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

NEW OFSTED FRAMEWORK & THE INSPECTION THIS WEEK AT GRASMERE SCHOOL



As you may be aware from the news the school inspection service OFSTED have changed the way they do school inspections. All schools are now inspected every

4 years. As you know we all work closely together in the LEAP federation, which is a group of schools that have chosen to work together for the good of all the children in our schools and we are all state maintained schools. Under our shared leadership model previously Gayhurst, Kingsmead and Mandeville have all been graded as Outstanding, which is something we are very proud of for our schools.

Grasmere had its first OFSTED since joining the federation this week and although we can't share the outcome with you until the report is officially published in a few weeks' time, we can tell you we are very happy with the outcome which we think fairly reflects where the school is currently.



Thank you to all the Grasmere parents who completed surveys, which were overwhelmingly positive about the school and how happy your child is there.

Under the new National Framework, schools are no longer given a one-word judgement for their overall effectiveness but are judged on six areas as explained in this short video.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/understanding-ofsted-report-cards-and-grades>

So you can better understand how schools are now inspected and how this will affect your child's school and staff, please take 5 minutes to watch the video.

CHESS EVENT AT GRASMERE

Grasmere's PTA, FROGS, are holding their annual chess event at Grasmere school on **Friday 15th May**.

Children and families from across **all the LEAP schools** are warmly invited to this event. It will run until 6pm - come when you can!

Tickets are on sale now from the Frogs shop <https://www.friendsofgrasmere.com/shop>

GRASMERE SCHOOL'S CHESS TOURNAMENT 2026

FRIDAY 15TH MAY 3:45-6PM

CALLING ALL CHESS PLAYERS!

This is your chance to compete (solo or as part of a team) against our very own International Chess Master, Ruth Sheldon, who can play up to 12 teams at once.

Places are limited, so secure your ticket now on [FRIENDSOFGRAEMERE.COM/SHOP](https://www.friendsofgrasmere.com/shop)

TOURNAMENT TICKET: £5
CAKES AND DRINKS - CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES - GREAT PRIZES!



LEAP GO WILD!

TO CELEBRATE SIR DAVID ATTENBOROUGH'S 100th BIRTHDAY

Next **Friday 8th May** we are inviting the children to dress up as their favourite animal or insect to celebrate David's Attenborough's 100th birthday.

You could dress up in an animal costume, come with a home made mask, or with face paint of your favourite animal, or with a T-shirt featuring an animal or insect you love.

Sir David Attenborough is a writer, broadcaster and naturalist, who was born on 8 May 1926. For the past 70 years he has brought the natural world into our living rooms and classrooms through award-winning natural history programs such as Life on Earth, The Private Life of Plants and The Blue Planet. He has over 40 animals and plant species named after him, and a constellation, he has explored uncharted land and met the remotest people on Earth, inspiring viewers with an interest in the natural world.





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	90	Year 3	92
Reception	85	Year 4	120
Year 1	88	Year 5	76
Year 2	102	Year 6	83

TOP ATTENDANCE

EYFS & KS1	Ouse	99.1%
KS2	Avon	98.9%



GOLDEN AWARDS

Ouse class (Nur) Raida
Lea class (Rec) Neve
Lagan class (Yr 1) Lamiyah
Tyne class (Yr 2) Angelusia

Severn class (Yr 3) Maryam
Ness class (Yr 4) George
Fowey class (Yr 5) Xander
Avon class (Yr 6) Saeeda

YEAR 4's ROMAN ART WORKSHOPS

Year 4 are taking part in the Reimagining Londinium art workshop, an exciting project that brings Roman London to life through creative exploration. Working with paper artist Jo from Animate Arts, the children have been developing their collage techniques using paper and card.

As part of the workshop, the children created self-portraits using collage, exploring identity and expression, before going on to design 2D collage portraits inspired by Roman gladiators. These imaginative works combine historical learning with contemporary art practices.

The children's 2D artwork will be displayed at the Information Centre near St Paul's Cathedral, while their 3D collage pieces will be exhibited in the Roman Amphitheatre at the Guildhall Gallery.

Displaying the artwork in these authentic Roman sites gives children a unique opportunity to connect their creative work with London's Roman heritage.

'I loved creating the collage self-portraits. It was a new thing for me to learn.' - April



YEAR 1 VISIT LOCAL MOSQUE

Year 1 had a wonderful visit to the Suleymaniye Mosque in Hackney as part of our R.E. topic on Islam.

The children explored the mosque, learnt about different aspects of the religion, and discovered the meanings behind some Islamic practices. It was a valuable hands-on experience that brought their learning to life.

They thoroughly enjoyed the trip and came away with new knowledge and understanding.



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NEW LITTLE SEEDLINGS ON HACKNEY MARSHES

Join the Garden Classroom every Tuesday morning (10-11:30am) for our Little Seedlings sessions at the beautiful River Lea Place, for **pre-school children**.

It's the perfect place to enjoy outdoor play and meet fellow local families in a space encouraged specifically for nature to thrive all thanks to our collaboration with Renature.

For more information or if you're struggling to find the location then please contact

Cat : cat.jones@thegardenclassroom.org.uk

TGC

Nature Connection for Under 5's and their parents/carers in Hackney

Join us for Little Seedlings River Lea Place at Hackney Marshes on Tuesdays. We'll be in the woodland off the main path, a 5 minute walk from Hackney Marshes Centre (E9 5PF), follow the blackboard signs!

Tuesdays 10-11:30am (Free, no need to book!)

April 21st, 28th
 May 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th
 June 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th
 July 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th

Hackney MAYOR OF LONDON TGC The Garden Classroom

IRISH-INSPIRED COOKING WORKSHOP

Mandeville and Kingsmead families had such a lovely time at the Irish-inspired cooking workshop at the Hackney School of Food this week with everyone getting stuck in making a traditional Irish stew and baking fresh soda bread from scratch, using simple, natural ingredients. The atmosphere was really warm and welcoming, with families cooking side by side, sharing skills, and having fun along the way. Once everything was ready, we all sat down to eat together in the sunshine,



IRISH-INSPIRED COOKING WORKSHOP CONTINUED.....

making the most of the beautiful weather. It was a really special moment – full of laughter, conversations, and (of course) some very tasty food. Thank you Chef Yvonne for leading the session. The workshop was part of the Justin Thompson Project (JTP), which helps bring families together through shared experiences like this.

CAKE & ICE CREAM SALE

Reminder that next Friday 1st May, it will be **Year 2's** turn to provide the treats for the cake & ice cream sale after school.

KEY DATES THIS TERM

- Mon 4 May** Bank holiday
- Fri 8 May** LEAP Go Wild: Dress up as animal or insect for David Attenborough's 100th Birthday!
+ Yr 2 cake & ice cream sale
- Fri 15 May** Nursery 's 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
- Fri 5 June** Yr 6 cake & ice cream sale
- Mon 8 June** Citizens Advice support 9,30—12.30
- Mon 8—Thurs 11 June** Yr 6 School Journey
- Wed 10 June** Nursery Class assembly at 11.30am
- Thurs 11 June** Yr 5 & Yr 6 Parent workshop on Supporting your child with their transition to Secondary School
- 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 + Dynamics performing at Round Chapel 12.45—2.45pm
- Wed 24 June** Yr 2 singing at Round Chapel am
- Fri 26 June** whole school cake & ice cream sale
- Tues 30 June** Steel Pans performing at Round Chapel 4—6pm
- Thurs 2 July** Kingsmead Summer Carnival 4—7pm
- Fri 3 July** Whole school cake & ice cream sale
- Mon 6 July** Citizens Advice support 9.30—12.30
- Wed 8 July** Yr 6 performance 2.30pm & 4.30pm
- Thurs 9 July** Parent Workshop - Supporting your child with their emotions 9 -10am + Gymnastics performances time tbc
- Fri 10 July** Sports Day for Yrs 1, 2 & 3 am & Yrs 4, 5 & 6 pm + Whole school cake & ice cream sale
- Mon 13 July** Nur & Rec Sports Day am + Steel Pans performance 11am
- Tues 14 July** Yr 6 end of year assembly 11am
- Fri 17 July** Last day of Summer Term - **school closes early for children at 1.30pm**