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LEAP NEWS

Friday 8th May 2026

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Las flores son bonitas..... *The flowers are beautiful.....*

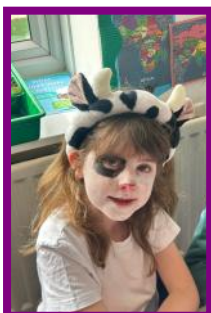
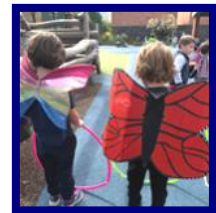
Kingsmead, Gayhurst, Mandeville & Grasmere Primary Schools working in partnership



LEAP GO WILD CONTINUED....

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To celebrate Sir David Attenborough's 100th Birthday today, children and staff dressed up as their favourite animal or insect today and what an amazing array of animal life we had on show. Happy Birthday David Attenborough and thank you for all you have done for the animal and natural world in your long career!



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LEAP CENTRAL TEAM NEWS

There are some organisational changes taking place behind the scenes across the federation. As you know, Grasmere joined the federation this financial year, and from April we have now fully incorporated Grasmere into the combined LEAP budget.

We are really pleased to share that all four schools have been able to set individual in-year balanced budgets. All income for individual schools is spent on the children in that school but by having consolidated budgets we can make great savings on time, purchasing and specialist provision.

Even more encouragingly, our pupil numbers are going against the wider Hackney trend. Numbers have increased over the past year and continue to rise, with all schools operating waiting lists. This is a significant achievement, particularly at a time when many schools locally are seeing numbers fall well below their published admissions. This is a testament to children, parents and staff all working together to ensure our schools continue to be great places of learning and true community hubs.

As part of our continued development as a federation, we are pleased to let you know that **Mel Burrows**, School Business Manager at Grasmere, will now be working across all four schools, overseeing Business Operations. Mel will take on a key role leading on procurement, IT spending, premises compliance, health and safety, and kitchen and catering provision.

Mel will join our team alongside **Louise** (Executive Head) **Parveen** (Finance), **Camilla** (HR), and **Jatin** (Business consultant) and **Emma** (Communications lead). Mel is a fantastic addition to the central team and brings many years of experience in managing these areas across schools in Islington and Hackney. Mel will continue to be mainly based at Grasmere, and Parveen at Mandeville, Emma at Kingsmead with Louise and Camilla moving between schools.



Louise



Mel



Parveen



Camilla



Emma

HACKNEY SCHOOL OF FOOD ON TOUR: A SUFFOLK ADVENTURE!

This June, the Hackney School of Food are packing up our aprons and taking our "Soil to Spoon" ethos on the road! We are incredibly excited to announce that Chef Tom is heading into the heart of the Suffolk countryside for a very special collaboration at Shimpling Park Farm. On **Saturday, 6th June**, the Hackney School of Food will be on tour, joining forces with an amazing collective of regenerative growers, micro-bakers, and local producers for the inaugural **Soil to Feast** event.

The day is designed to be a total immersion into the life cycle of our food. Rather than just watching from the sidelines, you'll be stepping directly into the process. Chef Tom will be leading a series of hands-on cookery classes where guests help craft the very menu we'll enjoy later that evening. You might find yourself mastering a specific dish under Tom's guidance, learning the patient science of sourdough fermentation from onsite baker Dom Biddle or heading out into the fresh air to harvest the micro-greens with Lara from Skool Beans crisp salads, and fragrant herbs that will garnish our plates. And if that wasn't enough, you'll be doing citizen science in the fields and getting creative with soil-based paint and plant-inspired ceramics!

It is a true celebration of the journey from the earth to the dinner table. You'll work alongside fabulous local suppliers to understand how healthy soil creates nutrient-dense food, culminating in a spectacular community banquet at the end of the day—a feast created entirely by the guests themselves.

Whether you are 8 or 80, this is a wonderful opportunity to swap the pavement for the pasture and gain a deeper connection to what we eat. Thanks to generous local funding, tickets are just £25 for adults and £15 for those aged 8–16, covering all your food, materials, and activities. We want this day to be accessible to everyone; if the cost is a barrier for your family, please reach out to Alice at alice@shimplingparkfarm.co.uk to enquire about the limited bursary vouchers.

We have also been speaking to a local transport company who may be able to run a bus from our local train station and back which would mean if any of your kids and their families wanted to come to the farm for the day..... it is possible!

Here is info on which train station to travel to and train times

OUT Liverpool Street 11.36 arrives Sudbury 13.21

RTN Sudbury 20.26 arrives Liverpool Street 22.14

Pack your curiosity (and some sturdy boots) and join us at **Shimpling Park Farm from 1.30pm to 7.30pm** for a day of growing, harvesting, and eating together! More info and booking can be found [here](#).





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	145	Year 3	84
Reception	93	Year 4	75
Year 1	89	Year 5	81
Year 2	79	Year 6	97

TOP ATTENDANCE

EYFS & KS1	Lagan 98.7%
KS2	Ness 99.4%



GOLDEN AWARDS

Ouse class (Nur) Khalid
Lea class (Rec) Zaire
Lagan class (Yr 1) Andrea
Tyne class (Yr 2) Zepheniyah

Severn class (Yr 3) Azariah
Ness class (Yr 4) Charlie
Fowey class (Yr 5) Assya
Avon class (Yr 6) Eliza

TREE OF LIFE WORKSHOP

Year 4 students have begun taking part in the Tree of Life Project led by Kingsmead's Education Mental Health Practitioner, **Hannah**. The project started with children exploring their own "Tree of Life," thinking about their roots, family, culture, experiences, strengths and the important people who help shape who they are.

Through creative activities and thoughtful discussions, pupils have been encouraged to celebrate what makes them unique, build confidence and reflect on the positive support around them. It has been wonderful to see the children sharing their ideas so openly and respectfully as they learn more about themselves and each other.



PARENT & CHILD GARDENING SESSION



On **Wednesday 10th June**, our school gardener Lidka is holding a parent and child gardening session at school from 3.30 - 4.30pm. Please call the office to secure your place.

YEAR 6 SATs NEXT WEEK

Next week, from **Monday 11th to Thursday 14th May**, Year 6 will be completing their SATs. Our Year 6 children have been working really hard in preparing for the upcoming statutory tests. To support their preparation, we are encouraging all Year 6 children to attend our free breakfast club next week from 8.00am.

It is very important that ALL CHILDREN are in school by 8.55am. Please make sure Year 6 children get lots of sleep and go to bed early so they are rested and ready to reach their full potential.

We are all very proud of all their hard work, positive attitude and preparation for the tests and we are looking forward to exciting trips and fun activities in the upcoming weeks.

CAKE & ICE CREAM SALE

Reminder that next Friday 15th May, it will be **Nursery's** turn to provide the treats for the cake & ice cream sale after school.

KEY DATES THIS TERM

- Mon 11 - Thurs 14 May** Yr 6 SATs
- 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 + Parent & Child Gardening Session 3.30 - 4.30pm
- 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
- 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**