



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



# LEAP NEWS

## Friday 15th May 2026

### SPANISH PHRASE of the week

¿Puedo rellenar mi botella de agua? ..... *Can I refill my water bottle?.....*

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

## BBC NEWSROUND EXPERIENCE AT GRASMERE!



Last week, **Teddy Reid** (Year 6) and **Sienna Freeman** (Year 5), from Grasmere had a once-in-a-lifetime adventure. BBC Newsround needed two children to

interview the stars of the new Stars Wars film and also attend the premiere at Leicester Square, so both Teddy and Sienna took part in this exciting opportunity.

The excitement began with an invitation to attend the new Star Wars film premiere, where they both caught their first glimpse of the new Star Wars movie. The following morning, they both travelled to Claridge's Hotel in London, and were BBC Newsround reporters for the day. They were given the extraordinary opportunity to interview the film's stars, **Pedro Pascal** and **Sigourney Weaver**, hearing first-hand what it's really like to be part of the Star Wars universe.

For both Teddy and Sienna, it was an unforgettable experience from movie premieres, five-star hotels and Hollywood stars — all in the space of 24 hours.

**Teddy** said: *"It was so amazing; Pedro Pascal was really funny. The director even gave us a special 'crew only' gift to take home, it was very special"*.

**Sienna** said *"I loved going to the premiere of the movie! I felt like a celebrity"*.



Meeting actress Sigourney Weaver



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The children meeting film star Pedro Pascal

### HACKNEY SCHOOL OF FOOD

#### CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY FEAST

on **Thursday 21 May from 6.30—8.30pm** at Hackney School of Food

Hackney School of Food is hosting a community feast, a welcoming evening of generous sharing plates and cultural connections. Chef Lara Luck who specialises in Caribbean cooking and family friendly meals is serving a Caribbean-inspired seasonal menu full of bold flavours.

Sit and enjoy the meal, gather around our fire pits and meet neighbours around the table. Families welcome

Tickets: Hackney School of Food is offering pay-what-you-can tickets. Get yours via this link:

<https://www.ticketsource.com/hackneyschooloffood/tjxxojdx>

### MAY HALF TERM COOKING CLUB

We're pleased to invite families who have previously booked supported spaces in our school clubs or family cooking to join our May Half Term programme at Hackney School of Food.

Dates: **Tuesday 26th, Wednesday 27th, Thursday 28th and Friday 29th May**

Location: **Oswald Street, London E5 0BT**

Time: **10:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

[Book here](#)

Each day children will take part in hands-on cooking, gardening, and creative outdoor learning. Across the 26th to 28th May, children will split their time between the kitchen and garden, exploring how food grows, taking part in seasonal gardening activities, and cooking fresh, seasonal dishes. They will also enjoy a homemade lunch prepared together each day.

On Friday 29th May, the session will be slightly different in focus. Children will take part in a special workshop day sponsored by Aqua de Madre exploring

### MAY HALF TERM COOKING CLUB CONTINUED....

fermentation, cooking, and food-based creativity. Activities include making kimchi, exploring natural food dyes, cooking lunch together, and creating a tie-dye t-shirt to take home. Parents are invited to join at 2:15pm for a short showcase at the end of the day.

[Book for Friday here](#)

Due to high demand for supported places, we are currently able to offer one free place per child on one day only. If additional spaces become available closer to the dates, we will contact families on this list.

If you would like to book, please email us back at this email address [hello@hackneyschooloffood.com](mailto:hello@hackneyschooloffood.com) with informing us which day you would like to book (26th, 27th, 28th or 29th May) and the number of children in your household you would like to book for.

Please note that supported tickets are only available to children who are eligible for Free School Meals. If you are not eligible, you are welcome to book a standard place at £40 per day.

We look forward to welcoming your children to May Half Term at School of Food.

### LONDON FIELDS LIDO HALF TERM SWIMMING LESSONS

For more information and to book session please click on [this link](#) or scan the QR code on the poster below.



MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MAY - FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MAY

## MAY HALF TERM CHILDREN'S SWIMMING LESSONS

BOOST YOUR CHILD'S SWIMMING SKILLS WITH MAY HALF TERM SHORT COURSES WITH SOLA AT LONDON FIELDS LIDO!

FOUNDATION AGE 4+ 9.00-9.30

DEVELOPMENT 15M+ 9.30-10.00

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## 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	81	Year 3	108
Reception	95	Year 4	92
Year 1	102	Year 5	78
Year 2	79	Year 6	160

## TOP ATTENDANCE

EYFS & KS1	Tyne 98.8%
KS2	Avon 100%



## GOLDEN AWARDS

**Ouse class (Nur)** Ayah  
**Lea class (Rec)** Dayyan  
**Lagan class (Yr 1)** Tallulah-Bell  
**Tyne class (Yr 2)** Jovan

**Severn class (Yr 3)** Hana  
**Ness class (Yr 4)** Evan  
**Fowey class (Yr 5)** Bilisan  
**Avon class (Yr 6)** Whole class

## NURSERY NEWS

Ouse class have been looking at the life cycle of different mini-beasts and recognising different mini-beasts. We looked at images of different spiders and using clay for the body and head and pipe cleaners for the legs created our own spiders. We also gave our spiders stripes and spots using different tools for clay. Next week when they are dry we are going to paint them.

**Amir:** My spider has eight yellow legs.

**Mabel:** I liked the clay; it was soft and tomorrow we can paint our spiders when it gets hard.



## RECEPTION CLASS NEWS CONTINUED...



They have also been exploring the life cycle of a butterfly with their own butterflies in class. When the class first got them they were tiny caterpillars and then they made a cocoon. It was so interesting to watch them make a cocoon! After a week the cocoons opened up and our five butterflies started flying around the net. The children gave them water and fruits and will let them free at the end of the week!



**Charlie** - "Chloe, the butterflies are flying!"



**Waliyah** - "I like this one hanging upside down"

**Ollie** - "How are there so many now?"



## RECEPTION CLASS NEWS

Reception class have been having gymnastics lessons with our fabulous teacher Autumn! They have been practising their balancing skills and improving their core strength. They have also been learning to do forward rolls safely on the mat. These sessions are so fun and are helping the children to develop their gross motor skills.



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### REMINDER TO THOSE IN CARS

#### No parking on zig zags

It is really important that parents & carers dropping their children off in the mornings or collecting them at the end of the day by car, **do NOT park on the yellow zig zags** by the school playground entrance. Parking on the zig zags affects the safety of children crossing the road as they cannot see oncoming traffic clearly and they also cannot be seen by oncoming traffic. So for the sake of children's safety on the road **DO NOT PARK** on the zig zags.



#### Please do not drive up the school drive

A few parents have been driving their cars up the school drive to drop off or collect their child. We kindly ask that parents and carers **do NOT drive their car up the school drive. This is for use by school staff and deliveries only.** Parents will need to park their car in the street and walk their child up to the school office entrance if they are dropping them to breakfast club or are arriving after the playground gate has closed.

### WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK



Next week is Living Streets' Walk to School Week and we encourage children to travel actively every day, whether that's through walking, wheeling, cycling, scooting, or using Park and Stride. This year's themes focus on mental health & wellbeing, sustainability, community & inclusion.

### WELL DONE YEAR 6!

We would like to say a huge well done to our Year 6 children for the incredible effort they showed during SATs week. They approached each test with such calm determination and resilience after many months of hard work. Next they will be heading off on Mon 8th June on their residential trip to Kench Hill and are looking forward to a fun-filled final half of the Summer term with plenty of exciting learning opportunities, trips and celebrations.



### WORLD BEE DAY!

World Bee Day is on **Wednesday 20th May**. You can help celebrate this day by discussing the importance of bees to the environment and humankind and explain the importance of bees as pollinators and explore some of the threats they face.



### CAKE & ICE CREAM SALE

Reminder that next Friday 15th May, it will be **Year 4's** turn to provide the treats for the cake & ice cream sale after school.

### KEY DATES THIS TERM

- w/c Mon 18 May Walk to School Week
- 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**