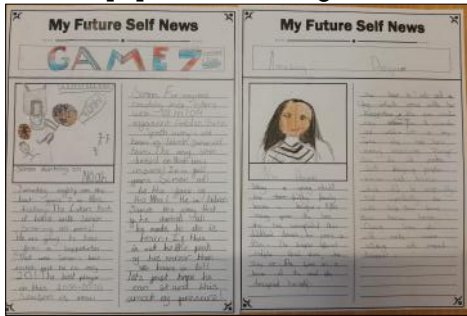


JTP UPDATE CONTINUED...

KINGSMEAD

Year 4 have created newspaper articles of something the children might have achieved in the future. eg. 'George scores the winning goal for England world cup' 'Ayla Ahmed, first pilot from Hackney!'

Year 5 imagined a newspaper article being written about them in their future. They thought about their aspirations for their future selves and wrote as if this had happened and was being reported on.



JTP PARENT SURVEY

If you have not yet done so, we would very much appreciate parents and carers completing a short survey on the Justin Thompson Project so we can gather feedback on their experience of participating in the project. Here's a short reminder of some of the elements of the project that you might have been involved in since September last year:

My Name - discussions with your child about the story of their name and why you chose it.

My Story - sharing elements of your families' story, your childhood memories, creating My Story posters using photos from your past, children's work with visiting poets, story jars, story stones etc

Story Exchange - child & parent cooking sessions at School of Food, sharing family recipes, phrases, favourite songs, multi-generational interactions and sharing of stories.

My Future Story - children thinking about their hopes and dreams.

Please do take a minute to complete this short online questionnaire so we can gather feedback from LEAP families about the project.

You can use the QR code or this link to the questionnaire:

[JTP Parent Feedback 25-26 - fill in form](#)



GRASMERE OFSTED REPORT

We are pleased to share with you a link to the Grasmere school OFSTED report. <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/21/100252>

GRASMERE'S OFSTED REPORT CONTINUED....

Grasmere was inspected in April and the report has been going through a QA process until now.

The report shows that Grasmere achieved a Strong Standard in every one of the new six areas that OFSTED inspect under their new framework.

In OFSTED's words a Strong Standard means "excellent, consistent educational practice that genuinely improves children's outcomes". We are of course delighted with this outcome and are grateful to everyone across the federation including staff, parents and governors who contributed to this great outcome.

CLEAN & HEALTHY WATERWAYS SCHOOLS CHALLENGE

We are inviting children to take part in the Mayor of London's Clean and Healthy Waterways Schools Challenge 2026. This creative competition encourages young people to think about the future of our environment.

London's waterways are part of what makes our city special. From the Thames to canals, wetlands and smaller rivers, these spaces connect communities, support wildlife, and help people enjoy nature close to home. This challenge encourages children to explore what rivers and waterways mean to them—from wildlife and adventure to wellbeing, community, and the future of our city.

The theme is 'River of Life', and children are invited to create designs inspired by:

- Life in, on, or beside London's waterways
- Wildlife and plants that live in rivers, canals, and wetlands
- Memories or experiences near water
- Hopes for cleaner, greener waterways in the future

All entries should:

- ◇ Be hand-drawn
- ◇ Be colourful and creative
- ◇ Use materials such as coloured pencils, paints, or felt-tip pens(please do not attach additional materials such as glitter, sequins, or buttons)
- ◇ Be created on the school template

Winning designs will be painted onto picnic benches and placed in four London boroughs, including Hackney. This is a fantastic opportunity for our children to be creative, reflect on environmental responsibility, and have their work recognised across London.

If you would like to take part, please use the template provided at school and return it to the school office by **Thursday 25th June.**





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	102	Year 3	122
Reception	90	Year 4	81
Year 1	82	Year 5	90
Year 2	85	Year 6	72

TOP ATTENDANCE

EYFS & KS1	Ouse 99.2%
KS2	Avon 100%



GOLDEN AWARDS

Ouse class (Nur) Ishaq
Lea class (Rec) Charlie
Lagan class (Yr 1) Elijah
Tyne class (Yr 2) Amayah

Severn class (Yr 3) Hana
Ness class (Yr 4) Serine
Fowey class (Yr 5) Asmah
Avon class (Yr 6) Jamal

NURSERY CLASS ASSEMBLY

Ouse class performed their assembly "The Gingerbread Man" this week. In front of the whole school and many family members they retold the story and sang The Gingerbread Rap, which they had learnt off by heart.

Susan - Nursery Officer said 'They did very well and I'm really proud of them'.

Ben -Class teacher said 'What a fantastic performance! A special mention for Ishaq who was the gingerbread man and didn't stop running and Zion who was a very cunning fox. Well done everyone, I'm so proud to be your teacher'



Kavaughn "I liked dressing up and having a moustache."

Zion "I liked being the fox and eating Ishaq".

Thank you to all the parents & carers who attended and were such a supportive audience!



YEAR 5 REFUGEE WORKSHOP

On Tuesday Year 5 went to Dalston Library to attend a fantastic workshop as part of Refugee Week. Our children explored the contents of old battered suitcases to try and work out who they had belonged to, before reading all about the real people who had moved to Hackney as child refugees. We learned about a Jewish girl from Austria, a boy fleeing the Biafran war in Nigeria, a boy from Cyprus and a girl (Linh) who fled in a small boat from Vietnam in the 1970s. We were in for an amazing surprise at the end of the workshop when the very same Vietnamese lady (Linh) appeared before us to answer questions about her experience.



Simon 'My favourite part was when we opened all the suitcases.'



Shaniya 'I was really shocked to see Linh at the end and we got to ask her so many questions.'



San'aa 'I absolutely loved it because it was really helpful because I loved all the stories and to hear that it is absolutely real was really cool.'

David 'I felt bad for Linh because she went through all those things.'



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KINGSMEAD'S SUMMER CARNIVAL

Kingsmead's celebrated Summer Carnival is happening soon! Save the date - **Thursday 2nd July 4—6pm!** Raffle tickets will be on sale in the playground from Monday 22nd June, with lots of great prizes and vouchers to win and as usual, all money raised goes to supporting the school. Bring change - £1 per strip of 5 tickets.



Face Painting Bouncy Castle
BBQ Steel Pans Raffle
DJ Refreshments

It's our Summer Carnival, come in your party clothes and have fun!



Come and join us for a celebration

Fabulous raffle prizes including:

Air fryer, £100 & £50 Amazon vouchers, original Arsenal kit prizes including various jackets, t-shirts, shorts and socks, World Cup football, tablet with games games, 2 tickets to Hercules Disney musical, Tenpin bowling voucher, Family Swim vouchers, Cinema tickets, Hackney Empire Panto tickets, Food hamper, Beauty items and much more.....

**Raffle tickets on sale in the playground:
£1 per strip of 5 tickets**

Children need to come with an adult

FREE ENTRY

RUTH IS RETIRING!

We wanted to let families know that at the end of the Summer Term, Ruth, Kingsmead's wonderful Deputy Headteacher & SENDCo will be retiring. We will be doing a bigger 'Farewell to Ruth' piece, celebrating all she has done for the Kingsmead community, in an upcoming newsletter before the end of term, but thought we should let parents & carers know now, as children may start mentioning Ruth's retirement as we prepare her farewell cards in school.



Details of who will be replacing Ruth's different roles from September, as Deputy Headteacher and as SENDCo, will follow in a later newsletter.

Please do take the opportunity to say goodbye to Ruth at our Summer Carnival.

2026/27 RECEPTION FAMILIES WELCOME EVENT

It was lovely to met lots of new Reception children who will be joining us in September and who attended the Reception Welcome event with their parents this week. We had many familiar faces from Kingsmead Nursery attending, who will be moving up to Reception & some new families to welcome to Kingsmead. The children all happily went off to get busy with the resources and activities that were out for them to enjoy, while the parents meet key staff members and heard all about life in Reception class . Thanks to all the families who came along.



CAKE & ICE CREAM SALE

Reminder that the next cake & ice cream sale will take place on Friday 26th June when, it will be **Year 6's** turn again to run the Cake & Ice Cream stall but we are asking for everyone to donate the treats!

KEY DATES THIS TERM

- 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—6pm
- 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** 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**