

LEAP NEWS

Friday 4th September 2026

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Bien venidos a la escuela *Welcome to School....*

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

NEWSLETTER WELCOME

Welcome to the first LEAP newsletter of 2026/27. For those who are new to our schools, the LEAP federation sends out a weekly newsletter to all our families, which is made up of two sections:

- **LEAP NEWS** celebrates stories and events from across our schools which we think all our families would enjoy reading about and shares information that may be relevant or useful to all our families.
- **GAYHURST/ MANDEVILLE/ KINGSMEAD/ GRASMERE NEWS**, which carries stories and information that is specifically relevant to each individual school, including a Key Dates section.

Further information about each of the schools in our federation can be found on each school's dedicated website:

Gayhurst - www.gayhurst.hackney.sch.uk

Mandeville - www.mandeville.hackney.sch.uk

Kingsmead - www.kingsmead.hackney.sch.uk

Grasmere - www.grasmere.hackney.sch.uk

LEAP SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMPS

A huge thank you to the staff teams who ran the Kingsmead & Mandeville and Gayhurst & Grasmere Summer Holiday camps for the first three weeks of the summer break. These were very successful, with children enjoying a wide range of different sports and creative activities, including lovely sessions cooking and gardening at the Hackney School of Food.

At Kingsmead and Mandeville's camp, the cycling sessions that were offered two days a week, led by qualified cycling instructors, were very popular, as were the ice skating trips and sessions at the Olympic Park Adventure Playground.

At Gayhurst and Grasmere children enjoyed swimming at London Fields Lido and ice skating trips as well as all the creative and sports activities that were on offer.

Special mention to the Summer Camp kitchen team based in Kingsmead's school Kitchen, (**Shernnett, Ana, Sulania, Elliot and Shugri**) who prepared delicious lunches everyday for the children at both Summer Camps.

LEAP SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMPS CONTINUED.....





AUTUMN TERM 2026

1st half of term: 03.09.26 - 23.10.26

Half term: 26 - 30 October 2026

2nd half of term: 02.11.26 - 18.12.26

INSET day - Weds 2 Sept 26

CROWN WINNERS

Nursery		Year 3	
Reception		Year 4	
Year 1		Year 5	
Year 2		Year 6	

TOP ATTENDANCE

EYFS & KS1	
KS2	



GOLDEN AWARDS

No Golden Awards were issued this week - but watch this space for the first Autumn Term awards next week

WELCOME BACK!

It was lovely to see all the children return to school on Thursday, looking well and relaxed and many of them much taller than when we last saw them!

We've been very impressed with how calm and focused the children have been during their first two days back and with how well our new Reception and Nursery children are settling in. The school has been buzzing with a positive energy and happy atmosphere.

SOME HELLOS

We have some new faces on the staff team at Kingsmead this year, who we're sure our families will join us in extending a warm welcome to.



We are delighted to welcome **Meret** back to Kingsmead following her maternity leave. Meret joins us as Deputy Headteacher and brings with her a wealth of experience as a senior leader. She is incredibly excited to return to Kingsmead and looks forward to working alongside

the children, staff and families. Please come and say a big hello to Meret on the school gate.



We also welcome **Shenaz** to the Senior Leadership Team in her new role as Assistant Headteacher. As an experienced and dedicated Year 6 teacher, she is excited to embrace the opportunities of her new role and is looking forward to becoming even more involved in all aspects of school life across all year groups.



Chloe is our new SENDCo. She joins us having worked for 13 years at Mandeville as a class teacher, so she is already very familiar with LEAP's systems and ethos. She is really looking forward to getting to know the Kingsmead families and working with them to support their children.



A big welcome to **Elif** who joins Kingsmead as our new Reception Teacher. She is excited about her new role and the opportunity to work in Early Years at Kingsmead.

SOME HELLOS CONTINUED.....

Joseph joins our Year 3 class as an additional teacher, coming from Mandeville where he was working last year and **Viki** joins Hang in Year 1 as an additional teacher.



Viki also has plenty of previous experience having worked in a Walthamstow primary school in Year 1 for the last four years,.



Finally welcome to **Anthony** who is our new Premises Manager. He has lots of previous experience having worked as Premises Manager at a University in Elephant & Castle.

SWIMMING THIS TERM

Year 4 are starting their swimming lessons this term on **Wednesday 9th September**. Please remind your child to bring their swimming kit to school with them every Wednesday.

KEY DATES THIS TERM

- w/c Mon 7 Sept** Breakfast club & playcentre start
- w/c Mon 21 Sept** After School Clubs start this week
- Thurs 1 Oct** Parent Coffee Morning with Hannah (our EMHP) on Supporting Your Child with Big Emotions 9—10am
- Fri 9 Oct** World Mental Health Day - Hello Yellow - option to wear something yellow to school
- Thurs 22 Oct** Kingsmead's International Evening
- Mon 26—Fri 30 Oct** Half term break
- Fri 13 Nov** Children in need day—option to wear PJs
- Mon 16 Nov** Anti-Bullying Week starts—option to wear odd socks to celebrate difference
- Friday 18 Dec** Last day of Autumn Term

School closes early at 1.30pm for children

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BREAKFAST CLUB, PLAYCENTRE & AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Kingsmead's Breakfast club and Playcentre will be starting from **Monday 7th September**.

Free Breakfast club 8—8.50am

Entrance to our free breakfast club is from 8am—8.30am every morning. Breakfast club is open to all children from Reception to Year 6. Please be aware that food is only served between 8—8.30am at breakfast club so you **MUST** arrive before 8.30am to have food. Children arriving after 8.30 will not be admitted to Breakfast club and will need to wait by the playground gate which opens at 8.50am.

Early Start Breakfast club

We also offer an early start breakfast club for all ages on Monday to Fridays from **7.45 - 8am** for parents who need to get to work. Our Early Start breakfast club costs **£1 per child**. For families who are registered for Free School Meals the cost is only 50p per child. Please book in advance by letting the school office know either by phone call or by emailing admin@kingsmead.hackney.sch.uk

Playcentre

For working families needing longer regular after-school childcare we offer an after school play centre for children in all year groups, on Mondays - Thursdays from 3.30 - 5.30pm, staffed by Kingsmead staff.

The cost is £5 per hour - so £10 if your child stays from 3.30 - 5.30pm. Children who attend an after school club from 3.30 - 4.30pm are welcome to attend the Kingsmead Playcentre from 4.30 - 5.30pm for a cost of £5.

To book your playcentre place, please call the school office or come to speak to Debs or Michelle. Payment must be made in advance.

Autumn Term After school clubs

After school clubs will be starting from **w/c Mon 21st September**.

After school clubs run on Mondays to Thursdays from 3.30—4.30pm and for Autumn term they will be offered to children in Years 1 - 6. These clubs are booked for a whole term block (10 weeks) at a cost of £30 per club per child. You will receive a letter outlining what clubs are available next week, asking for your child's preferences. Once your child has been allocated their clubs the school will let you know and you can then pay for them using Arbor.

Children who are registered for Free School Meals are eligible to apply for one weekly free club.

You can find out more information on the [Wraparound Care page](#) of the Kingsmead school website.

SANCTUARY RESIDENTS SURVEY



HELP SHAPE KINGSMEAD MIDDLES!

Have your say on how this space is used

SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW TO TAKE
OUR SHORT SURVEY (2 MINUTES)



We're planning a one-year pilot of activities in the green space on your estate. Your feedback will help decide what happens here.

We want a space that works for everyone — your views and concerns matter.

The survey will close on **30 September 2026**

If you prefer, you can pick up a paper copy (in large print format or alternative languages at Kingsmead Community Centre) or request a copy by emailing us at Londonpartnerships@sanctuary.co.uk



HAVE YOUR SAY – IN A WAY THAT WORKS FOR YOU

Our online survey has lots of accessibility options to help you complete the survey, your way.

1. Scan the QR code
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- ✓ Change text size (larger or smaller)
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