

LEAP NEWS

Friday 11th September 2026

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Estamos felices con nuestros amigos.... We are happy with our friends....

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

LEAP PUPIL IS A WATERWAYS DESIGN CHALLENGE WINNER!

Last term children were invited to take part in the Mayor of London's Clean and Healthy Waterways Design Challenge.

This creative competition encouraged 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. The design challenge encouraged 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 was 'River of Life', and winning designs would be painted onto picnic benches and placed in four London boroughs, including Hackney.

We are incredibly proud to celebrate the fantastic achievement of Kingsmead's former Year 6 pupil, **Ali Ulger**, who created one of the winning designs in the Mayor of London's Clean and Healthy Waterways Design Challenge!

Ali's creative entry impressed the judges, who particularly loved his vision of nature and people coexisting together and imagining a thriving future for London's waterways.

Even more excitingly, Ali's winning design is now being transferred onto a bench, bringing his artwork to life and allowing others to enjoy his creative vision.

We are so proud of Ali's creativity and imagination and look forward to seeing his winning design on the finished bench.



Ali's design

YEAR 6 SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN EVENTS

A reminder to all Year 6 parents and carers to make sure you visit as many secondary schools as possible, before making your secondary school choices. You can find a list of Hackney's Secondary school open events and their dates [here](#).

Please note **City Academy** have just released two additional open morning dates due to high demand:

Thursday 22nd & Friday 23rd October, 2026

Both from 9:00am to 10:30am

HACKNEY FOODBANK OPEN DAY

Ever wondered about the logistics of feeding hundreds of people every week?

For the first time, Hackney Foodbank is opening the doors to its Homerton HQ with warehouse tours, a chance to meet the team, games, a bouncy castle, crafts and a cake sale. The Open Day (on **Saturday September 26th** between **10am and 3pm**) is free, with any donations of **long-life food gratefully received!**

Guests can also book to take part in the food bank's legendary Supermarket Sweep Challenge, which sets off at 10am.

Jenna Fansa, Head of Fundraising at Hackney Foodbank, said: "Feeding hundreds of people every week takes a lot of organising and we'd love the chance to show people around. Our caseworkers will be there talking about the work they do and the difference that makes and we'll have some lovely activities for children.

"The Open Day is free, but we'd welcome any donations of long-life food. We're also inviting guests to sign up for our Supermarket Sweep challenge. Working in teams of up to six people, they'll head to the Supermarket with trolleys and shopping lists and will compete to bring back the most food with a £100 budget. There are other challenges along the way and bonus points on our fun inflatables at the end. The winner will walk away with our coveted supermarket trolley trophy!"

Places for the Sweep are limited and can be purchased by clicking on this link.

The Open Day takes place at the **Wally Foster Community Centre, Homerton Road, Hackney, E9 5QB.**





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	80	Year 3	81
Reception	91	Year 4	93
Year 1	123	Year 5	86
Year 2	90	Year 6	85

TOP ATTENDANCE

EYFS & KS1	Yr 2
	98.8%
KS2	Yr 5
	99.2%



GOLDEN AWARDS

(Nur) Aisha
(Rec) Zainab
(Yr 1) Neve
(Yr 2) Elijaah

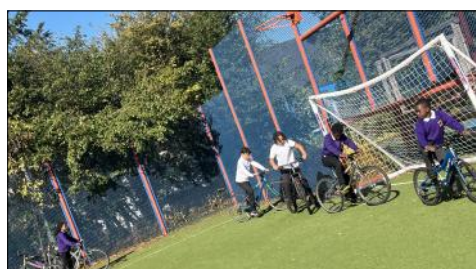
(Yr 3) Ire
(Yr 4) Calisa
(Yr 5) Serine
(Yr 6) Bilisan

YEAR 6 TAKE ON BIKEABILITY!

Our Year 6 children have been busy developing their cycling skills through Bikeability, the national cycle training programme that helps children build the confidence and skills they need to ride safely and independently, which is being delivered this week and next week, by two cycling instructors.

Over the course of their training, the less able children will be mastering their basic cycling skills and the more able riders will be learning how to ride safely on the road, understand traffic and make sensible decisions while cycling. They have shown great enthusiasm and determination as they have put their skills into practice.

It is great to see our Year 6 children growing in confidence and becoming more independent cyclists.



CITIZENS ADVICE SUPPORT CONTINUED.....

You can book a FREE 1:1 advice session which is totally independent and confidential, with the Citizens Advice advisor. If you are unable to attend in person you can book a phone advice session.

- Citizens Advice can provide advice on:
- Welfare Benefits
- Debt
- Housing
- Employment
- Immigration (up to level 1)
- Education
- Consumer
- Relationships

Further help includes form filling, applying for charitable grants, food and fuel bank vouchers, budgeting & energy efficiency advice.

Many of the Kingsmead families who have sought support from our dedicated Citizen's Advice case worker have said how helpful it has been.

The CAB adviser will be at the school every fortnight on a Monday. The next session is on **Monday 28th September 2026**.

To book an appointment please call CAB on 0203 880 2266 and leave your name and contact number, and state that you are a Kingsmead parent. They will then call back to book an appointment.

CITIZENS ADVICE SUPPORT AT KINGSMEAD



We are incredibly fortunate to have a Citizens Advice advisor from Citizens Advice East End office, attending Kingsmead school every fortnight to support Kingsmead families who need help.

START OF THE SCHOOL DAY

The playground gates opening at 8.50am and will close at 9am. We have had a great start to the new term getting children in on time. Lets keep this momentum going!

We are encouraging children to be independent and go into the school building on their own. If parents need to speak to the office please can they walk round to the main Reception area through the carpark and not through the school - this also supports our safeguarding systems and ensures we always know which adults are in the building.

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AFTTER SCHOOL CLUBS

The new Autumn Term Afterschool clubs starts on **Monday 21st September** and run for 10 consecutive weeks until Thursday 3rd December from 3.30—4.30pm. All families from Reception to Year 6 should receive an application form today where they can state their child's preferences for clubs. These forms need to be returned to school by **Thursday 17th September**. You will be contacted by the school to confirm which club/s your child has a place in.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Badminton Yrs 1, 2 & 3	Multi-sports Yrs 1, 2 & 3	Running Club Yrs 3, 4, 5 & 6	Creative Construction Yrs 3, 4, 5, 6
Basketball Yrs 3, 4, 5 & 6	Yoga Yrs 4, 5 & 6	Football Team Yrs 3, 4, 5, 6	Lego & Board Games Yrs 3, 4, 5 & 6
Drawing Skills Yrs 1, 2 & 3		Crafts & Early Sewing Yrs 1, 2 & 3	Drawing & Creativity Yrs 1, 2 & 3

After-school Clubs will cost £30 per term per club. Families eligible for Pupil Premium will qualify for ONE free After-school Club each term. The school office will be able to let you know if you are eligible for a free club, if you are unsure. Payment for Activity Hour clubs must be paid in advance of the club starting.

KINGSMEAD TRIPS PARENTAL CONSENT

As part of our curriculum offer we arrange trips across London to various museums, galleries, theatres, places of worship, fieldwork and sporting events. We are moving away from individual consent forms in a bid to help the environment and relieve parent pressure to return permission slips on time. By signing this consent form, you are giving your permission for your child to attend all trips for the academic year Sept 2026 to July 2027.

Written parental consent will not be requested from you for the majority of off-site activities offered by the school – for example, year-group visits to local amenities – as such activities are part of the school's curriculum and usually take place during the normal school day. You will be sent information about any upcoming school trips via text and/or email with all relevant information beforehand, but will no longer need to respond.

For trips which fall outside of school hours or are outside of London or involve extreme activities, we will still send home written individual consent forms.

[Kingsmead Trips Parental Consent Form – Fill in form](#)

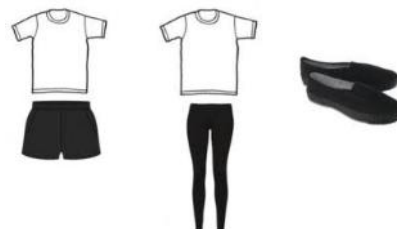
KINGSMEAD TRIPS PARENTAL CONSENT CONTINUED....



PE KITS

You will receive information about your child's PE days—please can you make sure you are providing a PE kit for your child for them to change into:

- white t-shirt (no logo's or football shirts)
- black / grey tracksuit bottoms/ leggings or shorts.



KEY DATES THIS TERM

- w/c Mon 21 Sept** After School Clubs start this week
Mon 28 Sept Citizens Advice session -must be booked
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
Mon 12 Oct Citizens Advice session -must be booked
Thurs 22 Oct Kingsmead's International Evening
Mon 26—Fri 30 Oct Half term break
Mon 9 Nov Citizens Advice session -must be booked
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
Mon 23 Nov Citizens Advice session -must be booked
Mon 7 Dec Citizens Advice session -must be booked
Friday 18 Dec Last day of Autumn Term
School closes early at 1.30pm for children