



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



LEAP NEWS

Friday 12th September 2025

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR COMPETITION WINNERS!

Congratulations to our talented pupils for their creative contributions to this year's RE Calendar Competition!

Pandora (Yr 3, Gayhurst)

Mustapha (former Yr 6, Kingsmead)

Ayza (former Yr 6, Kingsmead)

Their artwork has been selected as winning entries and will feature in the Hackney 2025/26 RE and Worldviews SACRE Calendar. These are distributed to every Hackney school.

The theme this year was Festivals and Celebrations, giving pupils the chance to explore and express the diversity of traditions and beliefs celebrated around the world.

Well done to our winners for their imagination and hard work – we are proud of you!



Pandora



Mustapha



Ayza

LEAP SCHOOLS FREE FOOD SHOPS

Since the first Covid lockdown in Spring 2020 Kingsmead, Mandeville and Gayhurst schools have been running a weekly Free Food Shop for any of the LEAP schools families who need this support. This was initially to help families through the very difficult lockdown periods but has continued, with the cost of living crisis, which we know continues to impact many in our communities.



The Free Food shops run every week on:

Monday late mornings at Kingsmead

Monday after lunch at Mandeville

Monday afternoons from 3 – 3.30pm at Gayhurst

Reminder texts are sent out on the day. We ask that all attending the Free Food Shops bring their own shopping bags and are mindful that the food needs to be shared amongst many and to not take more than their share.

Now that Grasmere are part of the LEAP Federation, Grasmere families are able to access the free shops at any one of the other schools: at **Gayhurst E8**, **Mandeville E5** or **Kingsmead E9**. We will send the times out by text. This is because Felix project at not able to add Grasmere to their delivery list as yet, but we are working on it! Please note these food shops are open to everyone, no questions asked!

The Free Food Shops are possible thanks to our close partnership with the food redistribution charity **The Felix Project**. The Felix Project work across London fighting food waste and hunger. They rescue good, surplus food from the food industry that cannot be sold and would otherwise go to waste. They collect or receive food from over 539 suppliers, including supermarkets, wholesalers, farms, restaurants and delis. They then sort and deliver this food to almost 1000 front-line charities, primary schools and holiday programmes in London, including three of our LEAP schools.

You can find out more about the Felix Project [here](#) and if you would like to volunteer with the Felix project at one of their depots, you can find more information [here](#).



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FELIX
PROJECT

GOOD FOOD FOR GOOD CAUSES



AUTUMN TERM 2025

1st half of term: 02.09.25 - 24.10.25

Half term: 27 — 31 Oct 2025

2nd half of term: 03.11.25 - 17.12 25

INSET days: Mon 1 Sept 2025,
Thurs 18 & Fri 19 Dec 2025

CROWN WINNERS

Nursery		Year 3	88
Reception		Year 4	90
Year 1	92	Year 5	95
Year 2	75	Year 6	86

TOP ATTENDANCE

EYFS & KS1	Lea 99%
KS2	Avon 99.6%



GOLDEN AWARDS

Ouse class (Nur) *No awards*
Lea class (Rec) *first week*
Lagan class (Yr 1) Ryan
Tyne class (Yr 2) Annabel

Severn class (Yr 3) Shayma
Ness class (Yr 4) Bilise
Fowey class (Yr 5) Charlie
Avon class (Yr 6) Nathaniel

NURSERY & RECEPTION NEWS

We are delighted to see how well our Nursery and Reception children have settled into their new classes and routines, getting to know the adults in their classrooms and making friends with the other children. Here's a short report from both classes about what the children have been getting up to in their first weeks of school.

Nursery:

The children have settled into Nursery really well and have been amazed & fascinated by all the

fruits and vegetables that have grown in the Nursery playground area over the summer. We've looked at, picked, drawn and then tasted some of them. The children especially liked the yellow raspberries, grapes and tomatoes. They were delicious!

Amir: *The tomatoes are juicy.*

Mabel: *I love raspberries, yummy!*

Ishaq: *More grapes please!!*



Reception class:

The children have been having lots of fun getting to know their new class! They have been playing in their new classroom and our outside area. They are especially enjoying using the playdough, playing in our home corner and reading books. Outside has a mud kitchen that they love too!

"I like playing in the sticking area" **Neve**

"I like to be outside" **Oliver**

"I put my coat on my peg in the corridor!" **Zaire**



RECEPTION NEWS CONTINUED.....



SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Next week will be holding our new school council elections. The role of the school council gives children the opportunity to make their voices heard and feel part of the whole school community. The school council is made up of two children from each class from Yr 1—Yr 6.

Below is the timeline for the school council election process:

Mon 15th & Tues 16th – school council speeches in class. Teachers will give children the opportunity to present their speeches in class. After hearing all of the speeches, a shortlist of nominations will be drawn up..

Thurs 18th – school council voting. All classes (Year 1-6) will have an opportunity to vote for one girl and one boy as their class' school councillors.

Fri 19th – our new school council will be announced in our whole school assembly and newsletter.

Reminder, children who have been a school councillor in the last two years, can't run in this year's election.

KEY DATES THIS TERM

w/c Mon 22 Sept After School clubs start
Wed 24 Sept Yr 6 class assembly 3pm
Wed 1 Oct Yr 5 class assembly 3pm
Wed 8 Oct Yr 4 class assembly 3pm
Wed 15 Oct Yr 3 RE assembly 3pm
Thurs 23 Oct Kingsmead's International Evening
Mon 27—Fri 31 Oct Half term break
Wed 19 Nov Yr 2 class assembly 3pm
Wed 26 Nov Yr 6 RE assembly
Wed 10 Dec Yr 1 RE assembly
Wed 17 Dec Last day of Autumn term -

school closes early at 1.30pm for children

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citizens advice

CITIZENS ADVICE 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.

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.

The CAB adviser will be at the school **every fortnight on a Thursday**. The next session is on **Thursday 18th September 2025**.

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.

CYCLE CONFIDENT TRAINING

Over the last week, some of our Year 6 pupils have been taking part in exciting cycling training sessions with Cycle Confident instructors. The children began by practising their skills in the safety of the school grounds before progressing to real roads in small, supervised groups.

Through this experience, pupils learned essential road safety, signalling, and awareness skills — all while building their confidence on two wheels. The sessions were not only informative but also incredibly enjoyable, with many pupils now feeling more independent and road-ready.

Nylah shared, *“I feel much more confident riding on the road now.”*

Zahcai said, *“I enjoyed learning how to signal properly to keep safe.”*

Harry added, *“It was fun and I feel ready to cycle on my own.”*

CYCLE CONFIDENT TRAINING CONTINUED....

Next week the remaining Year 6 children will take part in the cycling sessions along with a few Year 5 children.

A huge thank you to the Cycle Confident team for their expert guidance and to our Year 6 children for showing such enthusiasm and focus. We’re proud of all our new street-smart cyclists — keep pedalling safely!



FREE FOOTBALL SESSIONS

The free football session for 8 - 11yr olds (5 to 6pm) and 12- 16yr olds (6 to 7.30pm) at Kingsmead school start again next week on **Wednesday 17th September**. See more info below.



KINGSMEAD ESTATE FOOTBALL

Free ‘just turn up and play’ football sessions for the local community. Come along and meet new people, make new friends and develop your skills!



ACTIVITIES

- ✓ Fun games and matches
- ✓ Tournaments & competitions
- ✓ Accredited courses
- ✓ Workshops

OPPORTUNITIES & PATHWAYS

- ✓ Leyton Orient Matchday Experience
- ✓ Play against CCO Kicks teams
- ✓ Coaching & Volunteering
- ✓ College Study Programme

WEDNESDAY

5:00pm - 6:00pm
6:00pm - 7:30pm

AGE GROUPS

→ 8-11 years old
→ 12-16 years old

KINGSMEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL, E9 5PP
Entrance via Kingsmead Way
3G Astroturf pitch



Registration Link:
forms.office.com/e/2AxLbP3eeY

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