



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



# LEAP NEWS

## Friday 9th January 2026

### SPANISH PHRASE of the week

¡Feliz Año Nuevo!..... Happy New Year! .....

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

## LEAP FEDERATION KS2 OUTCOMES 2024/25

We are extremely proud of the outcomes achieved by pupils across the LEAP Federation in last year's Key Stage 2 tests, which reflect the high expectations, strong teaching and inclusive ethos that characterise all four of our schools. These outcomes have now been validated by the DfE and so we are able to share them with you.

Across the federation, Reading, Writing and Maths combined (RWM) outcomes were strong, with between 78% and 90% of pupils meeting the expected standard in individual schools. Two of our schools achieved RWM outcomes close to or above 90%, placing them among the strongest performers locally, while all four schools performed securely and consistently above national averages.

In Reading, outcomes were particularly impressive, with between 81% and 92% of pupils reaching the expected standard across the federation. Mathematics results were also very strong, ranging from 84% to over 90%, reflecting pupils' secure understanding and confidence in problem-solving. Writing outcomes, traditionally the most challenging area nationally, were also positive, with between 75% and 84% of pupils achieving the expected standard across our schools.

The percentage of children achieving Greater Depth (highest attaining scores) was much higher than average demonstrating the work we have done as a federation to ensure that children of higher ability are stretched academically. Children with SEND also perform higher than their peers nationally and so do children who are entitled to Free School Meals.

Overall, LEAP Federation outcomes in Reading, Writing and Maths were consistently above national averages, demonstrating the impact of strong teaching, inclusive practice and effective collaboration across our schools. These kind of results are not achieved easily and reflect the focus on delivering high quality, interesting, relevant and creative teaching at all stages of a child's primary school journey.

### KS2 Outcomes at a Glance (LEAP Federation)

Subject	Federation Range
Reading	81% – 92%
Writing	75% – 84%
Mathematics	84% – 90%+
Reading, Writing & Maths combined	78% – 90% (this means the children achieved the standard in all 3 subjects)

### LEAP FEDERATION KS2 OUTCOMES CONTINUED.....

These results highlight not only high attainment, but also the strength of shared leadership and professional learning across the federation. We are proud that children in all four schools leave primary education confident, capable and well prepared for the next stage of their learning.

## HACKNEY ENGLISH LANGUAGE FAIR

The Hackney English Language Fair will take place on **Thursday 22nd January 2026 from 10.30am - 1pm, at Homerton Library**, Homerton High Street, E9 6AS. This is a Fair for adults whose first language is not English, and it provides information on English language courses and other supportive opportunities and organisations.

There will be different providers sharing information on:

- ESOL English classes
- Adult education
- Employability support
- Volunteer opportunities
- Health and wellbeing
- Advice

[Click here](#) to register for this free event please

Come and speak to all providers in one place, and find a suitable class/opportunity!

## REC & YEAR 6 PARENTS

### Help improve children's wellbeing

University College London are calling all parents and carers of Reception & Year 6 children to take part in the SHINE (Studying Happiness, self-Image and Nutrition and Eating in children) Parent & Carer Survey. The survey will help them understand the health and wellbeing of children in **Reception (4-5 years)** and **Year 6 (10-11 years)**. The survey is open to parents and carers of children in these year groups. By sharing your experiences, you will help to make changes at both local and national levels to support children's well being.

As a thank you for taking part, you can enter a prize draw to win one of four £50 shopping vouchers, awarded to parents and carers in your local community. The information you provide will only be used only for research purposes and will be kept completely confidential. Complete the survey [here](#).

If you have any questions or want a paper version of the survey please send an email to [shine@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:shine@ucl.ac.uk)



# GRASMERE NEWS



## GOLDEN AWARDS

Nur: **Raffie**      Yr 3: **Reuben**  
 Rec: **Kashvi**      Yr 4: **David**  
 Yr 1: **Reuben**      Yr 5: **Ilse-Mai**  
 Yr 2: **Ayden M**      Yr 6: **Ava**

## SPRING TERM 2026

1st half of term: **05.01.26 - 13.02.26**  
 Half term: **16 - 20 Feb 2026**  
 2nd half of term: **23.02.26 - 27.03.26**

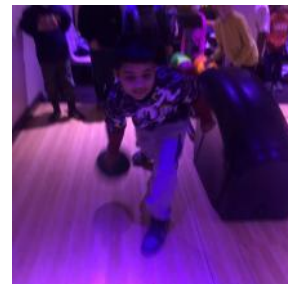
## WELCOME BACK

It's been lovely to see the children returning to school refreshed and energised this week. We have a busy term ahead full of exciting activities and learning. Keep an eye on upcoming events by checking the **KEY DATES** section of this weekly newsletter.

## YEAR 6 SWIMMING WEEK

Year 6 have had a thoroughly enjoyable week of swimming. Throughout the week the children showed real enthusiasm, resilience, and positive attitudes as they participated in each session. One of the highlights for many of them was venturing into the deeper swimming pool. This allowed them to challenge themselves and develop greater confidence and water awareness. Year 6 even took part in a special session where then got to swim in their pyjamas! This is a fundamental water safety skill that helps children understand how clothing affects movement in water.

## YEAR 5'S BOWLING TRIP CONTINUED.....



## GYMNASTICS AT GRASMERE

The children across the school, had a fantastic start to their gymnastics this week. They had a great first session and showed great enthusiasm, focus, and confidence. Our gymnastics teacher, **Autumn**, has already made a wonderful impression, and the children thoroughly enjoyed learning new skills and routines.



It was lovely to see children of all ages eagerly trying new movements, developing their balance and co-ordination, and supporting one another throughout the lesson. Gymnastics plays an important role in developing strength, flexibility, and confidence, and we are looking forward to seeing their progress over the coming weeks.

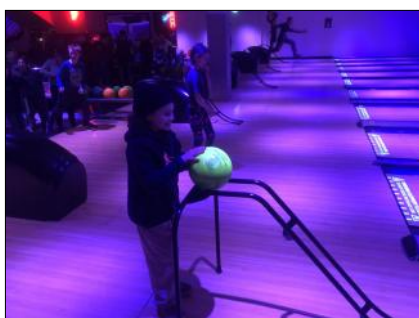


## YEAR 5'S BOWLING TRIP

Year 5 ended December with a bang, winning the school-wide Golden Token competition for autumn term. Their reward? A special trip to go bowling! Many of the Year 5 children were very confident as they made our way there (quite a few were predicting very high scores for themselves.) Everyone was split up into groups and then they all started bowling. The level of play was breathtaking; spares and strikes being registered across the 3 lanes at an impressive rate. It was the perfect way to end a term full of hard work. Well done Year 5 - keep it up!

**Janessa** - "I loved bowling, it was such a fun day!"

**Roman** - "Lots of us hit all the pins down and scored a strike!"



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Please remember to inform the main office of any changes to your contact details i.e: home number, mobile phone number, address, or if your child has a medical condition.

### MUSEUM OF THE HOME TRIP

#### Huff, Puff and Off to the Museum!

This week Reception have enjoyed learning all about The Three Little Pigs, and exploring different types of homes and discussing what they are made from. As part of their learning they had a fantastic time visiting the Museum of the Home, where they enjoyed a workshop of building their own homes and looking at how homes have changed.

The children have also been busy making wanted posters to catch the Big Bad Wolf, who had left some clues in the classroom.

*'I liked the old hoovers!'* - Vincent

*'I liked looking for the wolf!'* - Isabella

*'I liked cutting the food for my house'* - Sidney

*'I liked looking at the telephone'* - Martina



### INTRODUCING MICHELLE



Michelle Miller is LEAP's Education Welfare Officer. She has been a member of the LEAP staff team for many years, and will be supporting with attendance here at Grasmere. She will be here on Wednesdays, contacting parents and supporting our families to make sure that our attendance and punctuality is as good as it should be. You will also see Michelle on the gate on Wednesday mornings.

### SEND PARENT WORKSHOP

The Hackney SEND Parent Carer Forum will be leading a coffee morning at our school on **Wednesday 14th January at 9:00am**. This session is for parents and carers of children with SEND and offers an opportunity to chat, ask questions, and access support in an informal setting.



### KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

- Wed 14 Jan** SEND parent & carer workshop 9am
- Thurs 15 Jan** FROGS meeting in school hall 9am
- Tues 27 Jan** Years 1—6 Poetry performances:  
Yrs 1, 3 & 5 at 2pm Yrs 2, 4 & 6 at 3pm
- Thurs 29 Jan** Rec class assembly 3pm
- Fri 30 Jan** FROGS Cinema night 3.30—6pm  
(Hoppers will still be running)
- Fri 6 Feb** Year 1 & 2 Maths parent workshop 9am +  
FROGS Yr 3 cake sale
- w/c **Mon 9 Feb** Creativity Week
- Mon 16—Fri 20 Feb** Half term break
- Fri 6 March** Year 1 & 2 Phonics parent workshop 9am
- Thurs 12 March** Year 4 class assembly 3pm
- Fri 13 March** FROGS Yr 2 cake sale
- Thurs 19 March** Parent & Carer consultation evening  
**school closes early at 1.30pm for children**
- Fri 20 March** Last day of specialist clubs
- Wed 25 March** Gymnastics performances
- Thurs 26 March** Year 2 class assembly 3pm +  
FROGS Easter Egg Hunt
- Fri 27 March** Last day of Spring term -  
**school closes early at 1.30pm for children**