



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



LEAP NEWS

Friday 30th January 2026

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Me propongo beber más agua..... *I intend to drink more water ...*

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

SCIENCE AT LEAP

This half term, science across the LEAP Federation is bursting with hands-on exploration and exciting new learning. **Year 6** pupils are investigating light, exploring how it travels, how shadows form, and how we see the world through reflection and refraction. **Year 5** are journeying through space, discovering planets, gravity, and the vast scale of the solar system. **Year 4** are experimenting with sound and electricity, building circuits and exploring how vibrations help us hear. **Year 3** are delving into rocks, comparing rock types, studying fossils, and learning how rocks are formed. Our **Year 2** children are observing seasonal changes, focusing on the characteristics of winter. Meanwhile, **EYFS** children are exploring materials and their properties, investigating how objects look, feel, and change when handled.

"My favourite part was discovering that we can only see objects when light reaches our eyes. It's like the world needs light to show itself!" - **Nylah** yr 6 Kingsmead



"I really enjoyed creating a class mnemonic to remember the planets (My Very Enjoyable Mother Just Sipped Up Nesquik)" - **Marley** yr 5 Mandeville

"I loved being the Earth in our class reinactment of exploring how the earth rotates around the sun. Did you know it takes a whole year for the Earth to get all the way around?!" - **Labelle** yr 5 Mandeville



"I have learnt so much about all the different planets like Mercury, Saturn and of course the largest of them all...JUPITER!!" - **Martin** yr 5 Mandeville



SCIENCE AT LEAP CONTINUED....

"I liked learning about shadows because it felt like doing magic with a torch!" - **Jahziah** 5/6D Gayhurst

"I didn't know light travels in straight lines. Now I keep spotting it everywhere." - **Jax** 5/6D Gayhurst



"The sound was way louder when we used our animal ears." - **Rei**, yr 4 Grasmere

"I really enjoyed making the animal ears" - **Jesse**, yr 4 Grasmere



HALF TERM COOKING CLUB

This February Half Term, Hackney School of Food is opening its kitchen for a week of hands-on cooking fun!

From **Monday 16th to Friday 20th**

February 2026, children aged 7+ can spend the day chopping, stirring, and baking seasonal dishes, then sit down together to enjoy the lunch they've made. The club runs **10am-3pm** each day. Places are £40 per day, with free spots available for children eligible for Free School Meals - email

hello@hackneyschooloffood.com or click [here](#).

SPRING AFTER SCHOOL COOKING CLUB

If your child wants to keep cooking beyond the holidays, they can join our Spring After School Cooking Club **every Tuesday, 3:45-5:15pm**, until 24th March 2026. Each week explores new global flavors and seasonal produce. A half term costs £80, with reduced-cost places available.

For bookings or more info, visit our website or email us at hello@hackneyschooloffood.com - we'd love to hear from you!





GRASMERE NEWS



GOLDEN AWARDS

Nur: **Otis** Yr 3: **Jewel**
 Rec: **Whole class** Yr 4: **Rei**
 Yr 1: **Remy** Yr 5: **Lily**
 Yr 2: **Naomi** Yr 6: **Bell**

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**

POETRY PERFORMANCE

Over the past few weeks, the children have been immersed in the magic of storytelling through poetry as part of the Justin Thompson Project. We were delighted to welcome **Desree**, a poet from The Poetry Society, who worked creatively with children from Years 1 to 6, helping them discover their voices and shape their stories.

Each year group explored storytelling in a unique way. Year 1 created a shared class story and performed it together with Desree, celebrating teamwork and imagination. Year 2 and Year 3 wrote poems inspired by the things they value most and how they keep those treasures close to them. Pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 used their senses to explore storytelling, reflecting on how their environments have contributed to the stories of their lives.

During the performance, Desree also shared one of her own poems about her time in Grasmere, giving the children an insight into how poets draw inspiration from place and experience.

The final performances were a wonderful showcase of confidence, creativity and thoughtful expression. Teachers and parents thoroughly enjoyed the event and were impressed by the many different ways the children expressed themselves. It was a memorable celebration of poetry, storytelling and imagination.

'It was lovely to see how confident the children were.' - **Abigail** (Parent)

'Year 5 poetry was not only amazing but the performances were outstanding.' **Danny** (Teacher)

'I loved performing with my class.' - **Liam** (Year 1)



CAMHS WORKER IN SCHOOL



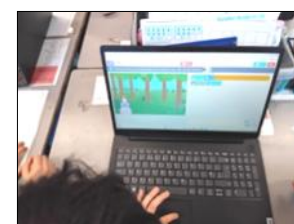
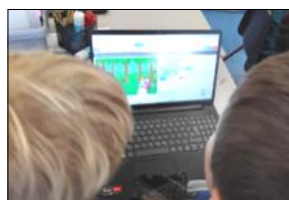
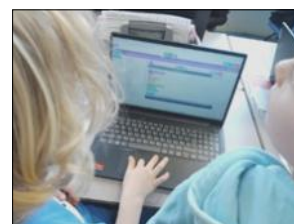
Hello, I'm Nina,
 I'm Grasmere's CAMHS Worker in School, part of the WAMHS service.
 I support and promote wellbeing across the school by helping staff and parents develop a deeper understanding of students' mental health needs, and by strengthening their skills, knowledge, and confidence in supporting them.

I am in school on alternate Tuesdays . This term I will be in on **Tuesday 10th Feb** and **Tuesday 3rd March**
 If you would like to speak with me, please contact Bianca.

YEAR 2 & COMPUTING

This week in Computing, Year 2 had an exciting time exploring algorithms and coding! The children became junior programmers as they created their own code to help aeroplanes take off safely in the correct direction from the runway. They learned how giving clear, step-by-step instructions is essential to make things work properly and enjoyed testing their programs.

We also explored collision detection using The Princess and the Frog program. The children coded the two characters so that they would stop moving when they met each other, helping them understand how computers can respond to events on screen. There was lots of enthusiasm, problem-solving and proud moments as their code worked successfully. A fantastic lesson full of creativity, teamwork and computing skills!



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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.

RECEPTION CLASS ASSEMBLY

Our Reception children delighted everyone this week with a wonderful class assembly all about Traditional Tales. The children retold some familiar stories including the 'Three Little Pigs', 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' and 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. Unfortunately the story characters got all muddled up and relied on Jack to help them get back to their stories. The children also made their parents some delicious gingerbread biscuits to have after the performance. Well done, Reception – you were amazing!

'I liked when we had our gingerbread man' - **Fiadh**
'I liked when we were baking our gingerbread man' - **Ines**
'I liked when we ran around' - **Vincent**



PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL

To help keep all our children safe at drop-off and pick-up times, we ask parents not to park immediately after the zebra crossing outside school. When cars stop too close to the crossing, it blocks sight lines, making it difficult for drivers to see children stepping onto the road. Thank you for helping us keep our school community safe.

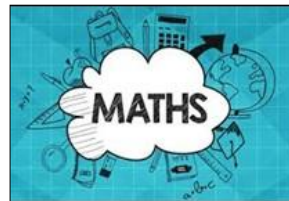


CRICKET TRIP

We were very proud of the children who went to Lords yesterday to take part in the cricket semi – final. They played as part of a team and represented Grasmere brilliantly, well done all.



REMINDER: MATHS WORKSHOP FOR YEAR 1 & 2 PARENTS



There will be a Maths Workshop for Year 1 and Year 2 parents on **Friday 6th February 9:10-09:45**. During the session we will explore how early maths skills are taught at Grasmere and share simple, fun ways you can support your child's learning at home. Look forward to seeing you there!

KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

- 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