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LEAP NEWS

Friday 1st May 2026

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Me gusta jugar al aire libre, es genial en primavera..... *I like to play outside, it's great in the Spring.....*

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

NEW OFSTED FRAMEWORK & THE INSPECTION THIS WEEK AT GRASMERE SCHOOL



As you may be aware from the news the school inspection service OFSTED have changed the way they do school inspections. All schools are now inspected every

4 years. As you know we all work closely together in the LEAP federation, which is a group of schools that have chosen to work together for the good of all the children in our schools and we are all state maintained schools. Under our shared leadership model previously Gayhurst, Kingsmead and Mandeville have all been graded as Outstanding, which is something we are very proud of for our schools.

Grasmere had its first OFSTED since joining the federation this week and although we can't share the outcome with you until the report is officially published in a few weeks' time, we can tell you we are very happy with the outcome which we think fairly reflects where the school is currently.



Thank you to all the Grasmere parents who completed surveys, which were overwhelmingly positive about the school and how happy your child is there.

Under the new National Framework, schools are no longer given a one-word judgement for their overall effectiveness but are judged on six areas as explained in this short video.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/understanding-ofsted-report-cards-and-grades>

So you can better understand how schools are now inspected and how this will affect your child's school and staff, please take 5 minutes to watch the video.

CHESS EVENT AT GRASMERE

Grasmere's PTA, FROGS, are holding their annual chess event at Grasmere school on **Friday 15th May**.

Children and families from across **all the LEAP schools** are warmly invited to this event. It will run until 6pm - come when you can!

Tickets are on sale now from the Frogs shop <https://www.friendsofgrasmere.com/shop>

GRASMERE SCHOOL'S CHESS TOURNAMENT 2026

FRIDAY 15TH MAY 3:45-6PM

CALLING ALL CHESS PLAYERS!

This is your chance to compete (solo or as part of a team) against our very own International Chess Master, Ruth Sheldon, who can play up to 12 teams at once.

Places are limited, so secure your ticket now on [FRIENDSOFGASMERE.COM/SHOP](https://www.friendsofgrasmere.com/shop)

TOURNAMENT TICKET: £5
CAKES AND DRINKS - CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES - GREAT PRIZES!



LEAP GO WILD!

TO CELEBRATE SIR DAVID ATTENBOROUGH'S 100th BIRTHDAY

Next **Friday 8th May** we are inviting the children to dress up as their favourite animal or insect to celebrate David's Attenborough's 100th birthday.

You could dress up in an animal costume, come with a home made mask, or with face paint of your favourite animal, or with a T-shirt featuring an animal or insect you love.

Sir David Attenborough is a writer, broadcaster and naturalist, who was born on 8 May 1926. For the past 70 years he has brought the natural world into our living rooms and classrooms through award-winning natural history programs such as Life on Earth, The Private Life of Plants and The Blue Planet. He has over 40 animals and plant species named after him, and a constellation, he has explored uncharted land and met the remotest people on Earth, inspiring viewers with an interest in the natural world.





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GOLDEN AWARDS

Nur: **Harald**
Rec: **Remi**
Yr 1: **Bailey**
Yr 2: **Niamh**

Yr 3: **Jewel**
Yr 4: **Karima**
Yr 5: **Janessa**
Yr 6: **Moussa**

SUMMER TERM 2026

1st half of term: **13.04.26 - 22.05.26**
Half term: **25 - 29 May 2026**
2nd half of term: **02.06.26 - 17.07.26**
INSET days - Mon 1 June & Mon 20 July

LITTLE VETS WORKSHOP

Nursery and Reception classes were delighted to welcome a special visit from HelloVet, a new local veterinary practice, to our school last Friday. During the visit, children had the chance to explore real animal x-rays, learn how to care for animals (and how some, like guide dogs, care for us), discover veterinary tools, and get a glimpse into a day in the life of a vet. It gave children a fascinating insight into the world of veterinary medicine and helped them understand the role vets play in keeping animals healthy. The children also had the opportunity to explore the equipment as part of their 'Animals' topic. We're grateful to the Hello Vet team for giving their time and expertise, and we're sure the children came away feeling inspired and curious.



'I liked wearing the stethoscope and listening to my heart beat' - **Fiadh** Reception

'I liked learning how to put a bandage on the dogs leg' - **Leo** Reception

'I liked looking at the X-rays and guessing the animals' - **Raffe** Nursery

LITTLE VETS WORKSHOP CONTINUED.....



HACKENY YOUTH ORCHESTRA

Belle has been learning the double bass for the past 5 years and has recently joined the Hackney Youth Orchestra. She started out her musical journey by attending Colour Strings and taking part in a singing group. Now, she goes to weekly practice sessions at Bridge Academy to further her skills and love for playing the double bass. We are very proud of her and her musical achievements!

Belle, *"I find it really exciting learning new pieces and I'm really excited for my first performance as part of the Hackney Youth Orchestra"*.



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REMINDER: JOINT SCHOOL & FROGS PROJECT DAY

If you can volunteer, please let FROGS know, we would greatly appreciate any support. Also, if you have any gardening tools (shovels, wheelbarrows, trowels, spades, etc) please do bring them along. We will have light refreshments available.



The event requires some volunteers, please sign up here if you can share an hour or two that afternoon.

volunteersignup.org/C4XQT

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NEXT FROGS MEETING

Advance notice of the next Frogs meeting - **Friday 22 May, 9am**, at school - open to all Grasmere parents, carers and staff.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

A photographer will be visiting school on **Thursday 7th May**, to take individual and class photos. Information on how to purchase the photos will be sent shortly after that date.

KEY DATES THIS TERM

- Thurs 7 May** School photographer in today
- Fri 8 May** LEAP Go Wild: Dress up as animal or insect for David Attenborough's 100th Birthday!
- Sat 9 May** FROGS & school team project day
- Fri 15 May** FROGS Chess contest 3.45-6pm
- Fri 22 May** FROGS meeting open to all 9am
- Mon 25 - Fri 29 May** Half term break
- Mon 1 June** INSET day- school closed to children
- Tues 2 June** Children return to school
- Fri 12 June** Supporting transitions to Secondary parent workshop at 9:10am + FROGS Enterprise Fair 3.30pm
- Fri 19 June** FROGS Nursery & Reception cake sale
- Weds 24 June** Sports day
- Fri 26 June** Supporting transitions for neurodiversity parent workshop at 9:10am
- Fri 3 July** FROGS Year 6 Ice lolly Sale + Grasmere Summer BBQ
- Wed 8 July** FROGS meeting open to all 8pm (location tbc)
- Sat 11 July** FROGS Summer Fair
- Mon 13 July** Year 6 End of Year performance 14:30
- Tues 14 July** Drumming and Dance Performances Years 1, 3 & 5 at 14:00 Years 2, 4 & 6 at 14:45
- Weds 15 July** Year 6 Leavers assembly- 3pm + Year 6 disco - 5pm-7pm +
- Fri 17 July** Last day of Summer Term - **school closes early for children at 1.30pm**

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