



LEAP NEWS

Friday 5th June 2026



SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Me gusta mirar las mariposas *I like to watch the butterflies*

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

BLUE PETER BOOK CLUB EXPERIENCE FOR KINGSMEAD

Four Kingsmead pupils, **Aisha, Apollo, Teddy and Nylah**, were recently chosen to take part in a special Blue Peter Book Club feature, reviewing *The Adventures of Rap Kid* by MC Grammar. The programme aired on CBBC and is currently available to watch on BBC iPlayer. You can see the section featuring the children [here](#).

As part of the experience, the children met MC Grammar, who visited Kingsmead to lead an exciting rap workshop. Inspired by the book, the children worked together to create and perform their own original raps, developing their creativity, confidence and performance skills.

The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the filming and were fantastic ambassadors for their school throughout the project.

Teddy (yr 6) said, *"It was the best experience of my life."*

Nylah (yr 6) said, *"I really enjoyed recording our rap, it was so much fun."*

Aisha (Yr 6) said, *"It felt surreal filming for Blue Peter."*

We are incredibly proud of Aisha, Apollo, Teddy and Nylah for representing Kingsmead school so brilliantly. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate reading, creativity and self-expression, and one they will remember for many years to come.



BLUE PETER BOOK CLUB CONTINUED.....



JTP PARENT SURVEY

As this year's Justin Thompson Project draws towards an end, we would very much appreciate parent and carer feedback on their experience of participating in the project. Here's a short reminder of some of the elements of the project that you might have been involved in since September last year:

My Name - discussions with your child about the story of their name and why you chose it.

My Story - sharing elements of your families' story, your childhood memories, creating My Story posters using photos from your past, children's work with visiting poets, story jars, story stones etc

Story Exchange - child and parent cooking sessions at School of Food, sharing family recipes, phrases, favourite songs, multi-generational interactions and sharing of stories.

My Future Story - children thinking about their hopes and dreams.

Please do take a minute to complete this short online questionnaire so we can gather feedback from LEAP families about the project. Thank you.

JTP Parent Feedback 25-26





GRASMERE NEWS



GOLDEN AWARDS

Nur: **Kerod**
Rec: **Mia**
Yr 1: **Isola**
Yr 2: **Olivia H**

Yr 3: **George**
Yr 4: **Maliq**
Yr 5: **Isabella**
Yr 6: **Ebi**

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

YEAR 6'S RESIDENTIAL TRIP

At the end of last half term, our Year 6 children enjoyed an unforgettable residential visit to Kench Hill, an inspiring outdoor education centre set in the heart of the beautiful Kent countryside.

The stunning grounds provided the perfect setting for a wide range of exciting activities and new experiences. During their stay, the children made their own pizzas, fed the farm animals, took part in archery, enjoyed a lively quiz night, and shared bedrooms with their friends, helping to build independence and strengthen friendships.

Kench Hill offers much more than outdoor adventure. The centre incorporates a variety of cross-curricular themes throughout the visit, including PSHE, citizenship, healthy living, and sustainability. These important values are woven into daily activities, providing a truly holistic learning experience for our children.

The children embraced every opportunity on offer, from pond dipping and bug hunting to orienteering and a long countryside walk and a visit to Bodiam Castle in Sussex. One of the highlights for many was gathering around the campfire to listen to and share stories together.

The residential was a fantastic success, providing memories that will last a lifetime while helping the children develop confidence, resilience, teamwork, and independence. We are incredibly proud of the way they represented our school throughout the visit.

'The experience was fun, thrilling and amazing- I would definitely go again' - **Elif**

'The food was exquisite; the activities were fun but challenging and the staff were really friendly! Overall, the perfect trip' - **Lara**



YEAR 6'S RESIDENTIAL TRIP CONTINUED.....

'Kench Hill was super. It was my favourite trip, I hope I can go back' - **Nancy**

'I enjoyed my trip to Kench Hill; it was so much fun! My favourite parts were; the trip to the beach, shelter building and pizza making. It's a wonderful place that I would love to visit again in the future' - **Kais**



PARENT WORKSHOP REMINDERS

Understanding Behaviours Workshop

We are hosting an Understanding Behaviours workshop on **Tuesday 9th June at 9:10**, led by our CAMHS worker in school, Nina. This is a wonderful opportunity to gain insight and practical strategies around understanding children's behaviours.

We hope to see you there!

Supporting Transition to Secondary School Workshop

A reminder that our Supporting Transition to Secondary School workshop is coming up next **Friday 12th June at 9:10**, led by our Educational Mental Health Practitioner, Renissa.

This session is open to both parents and their children, and is a fantastic chance to explore the transition to secondary school together. We warmly encourage parents to attend alongside their children!

We look forward to seeing you there!

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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.

FROGS NEWS

FROGS ENTERPRISE FAIR

We're looking forward to seeing you at next week's Enterprise Fair after school on **Friday 12th June**.



GRASMERE'S TRANSITION TO CARBON NEUTRAL

We had the opportunity to engage with the RAFT team (Retrofit Action For Tomorrow), who visited the school on Tuesday, delivering an assembly and workshop. We started the morning with an assembly where it was explained to years 1-6 that we are one of four schools chosen as part of a pilot to transition to carbon neutral. We are one of a handful of schools in the country who have had an air source heat pump fitted in a commitment to move away from using fossil fuels like gas. The meaning of this was clearly explained by the team. A smaller group, taken from gardening club and our eco ambassadors, took part in a workshop. RAFT were very impressed with all the students, their willingness to learn more and their enthusiasm and engagement during the sessions. The group were shown where the new Air Source Heat Pump, LEDs and Garden installations were, and learned how these are used, and discussed their impacts and the benefits to the school. Pupils left the session inspired and confident to share their new knowledge and quick wins with their families and wider community!



GRASMERE'S TRANSITION TO CARBON NEUTRAL CONTD...



KEY DATES THIS TERM

- Tues 9 June** Understanding Behaviours Parent workshop at 9.10am
- Thurs 11 June** Nursery class assembly 3pm
- Fri 12 June** Supporting transitions to Secondary parent workshop at 9:10am + FROGS Enterprise Fair 3.30pm
- Fri 19 June** JTP Coffee Morning 9am + FROGS Nursery & Reception cake sale
- Tues 23 June** Nursery Sports Day 9.30—10.30am
- Weds 24 June** Sports Day (Rec to Yr 6) 9.45am - 3pm
- Fri 26 June** Supporting transitions for neurodiversity parent workshop at 9:10am
- Fri 3 July** FROGS Year 6 Ice lolly Sale + Grasmere Summer BBQ 5- 8pm
- Wed 8 July** FROGS meeting open to all 8pm (location tbc) + EYFS Graduation 2pm
- 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**