

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Bien venidos a la escuela *Welcome to School...*

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

NEWSLETTER WELCOME

Welcome to the first LEAP newsletter of 2026/27. For those who are new to our schools, the LEAP federation sends out a weekly newsletter to all our families, which is made up of two sections:

- **LEAP NEWS** celebrates stories and events from across our schools which we think all our families would enjoy reading about and shares information that may be relevant or useful to all our families.
- **GAYHURST/ MANDEVILLE/ KINGSMEAD/ GRASMERE NEWS**, which carries stories and information that is specifically relevant to each individual school, including a Key Dates section.

Further information about each of the schools in our federation can be found on each school's dedicated website:

Gayhurst - www.gayhurst.hackney.sch.uk

Mandeville - www.mandeville.hackney.sch.uk

Kingsmead - www.kingsmead.hackney.sch.uk

Grasmere - www.grasmere.hackney.sch.uk

LEAP SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMPS

A huge thank you to the staff teams who ran the Kingsmead & Mandeville and Gayhurst & Grasmere Summer Holiday camps for the first three weeks of the summer break. These were very successful, with children enjoying a wide range of different sports and creative activities, including lovely sessions cooking and gardening at the Hackney School of Food.

At Kingsmead and Mandeville's camp, the cycling sessions that were offered two days a week, led by qualified cycling instructors, were very popular, as were the ice skating trips and sessions at the Olympic Park Adventure Playground.

At Gayhurst and Grasmere children enjoyed swimming at London Fields Lido and ice skating trips as well as all the creative and sports activities that were on offer.

Special mention to the Summer Camp kitchen team based in Kingsmead's school Kitchen, (**Shernnett, Ana, Sulania, Elliot and Shugri**) who prepared delicious lunches everyday for the children at both Summer Camps.

LEAP SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMPS CONTINUED.....





GRASMERE NEWS



GOLDEN AWARDS

Watch this space for first Golden Awards of Autumn Term, next week

AUTUMN TERM 2026

1st half of term: **03.09.26 - 23.10.26**

Half term: **26 - 30 October 2026**

2nd half of term: **02.11.26 - 18.12.26**

INSET day - Weds 2 Sept 26

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to a new school year at Grasmere! We have had a fantastic start to the term, with children settling very well into their new classes, especially welcoming our new Nursery and Reception children. At the heart of everything we do is our commitment to ensuring every child feels happy, safe, valued, and inspired to learn. We know that children achieve their very best when school and home work together, and we are grateful for the trust, encouragement and support you provide each day.

This year we would like to welcome two new members of staff, **Elif** who is our new Year 1 teacher and **Josie** who will be working alongside Danny in Year 4.



Elif



Josie

We have an upcoming 'Meet the Teacher' session on **Thursday 17th September** from 3:30 – 4pm. For more information on this see article overleaf.

As always, members of the leadership team will be at the gates during drop-off and collection. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak with us directly or email info@grasmere.hackney.sch.uk to pass on messages to staff.

Further down in this newsletter, you'll find key dates for the term, which are updated weekly with any new additions, please do check this regularly. Thank you for your continued support as we begin another exciting year at Grasmere.

TRIPS CONSENT FORM

Each year we send out an online trips consent form, where parents/carers give consent for children to attend all school trips from September 2026 - July 2027. This means you won't receive paper permission slips to sign for each school trip your child attends. We will email you a week in advance with the details of the trip so you are aware and give you the opportunity to support on the trip, if needed. For trips which fall outside of school hours, are outside of London or involve extreme activities, we will still send home written individual consent forms. If your child is in Nursery, then we will still require written parental consent for all trips.

TRIPS CONSENT FORM CONTINUED.....

We ask that parents provide their children with a healthy packed lunch for any school trip that requires a lunch off site. If you are unable to provide this and your child needs a packed lunch, please let the class teacher know in advance.

Please can you complete this trips consent form by **Friday 11th September**.

[Grasmere Trips Parental Consent Form 2026/2027 – Fill in form](#)

KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

Thurs 10 Sept	Year 6 Residential meeting at 5:30pm
Mon 14 Sept	Specialist clubs start
Thurs 17 Sept	Meet the Teacher 3:30- 4pm
Weds 23 Sept	Nursery & Reception Parent lunch start
Fri 18 Sept	FROGS AGM in school hall
Thurs 24 Sept	Year 5 Class assembly at 3pm
Fri 25 Sept	FROGS Welcome Garden Party
Fri 2 Oct	FROGS Year 6 cake sale
Fri 9 Oct	World Mental Health Day - Hello Yellow - option to wear something yellow to school
Sat 10 Oct	FROGS Jumble Sale
Mon 12 & Tues 13 Oct	Kapla Workshop
Mon 26 – Fri 30 Oct	Half Term Break
Fri 13 Nov	FROGS Year 5 cake sale + Children in need day—option to wear PJs
Mon 16 Nov	Anti-Bullying Week starts—option to wear odd socks to celebrate difference
Thurs 19 Nov	Year 6 Class Assembly at 3pm
Thurs 26 Nov	International Evening (No hoppers or Specialist clubs)
Fri 27 Nov	FROGS Year 4 cake sale
Weds 2 Dec	Parent & Carer consultations
	School closes early at 1.30 for children (Hoppers available - No Specialist clubs)
Fri 4 Dec	FROGS Winter fair
Mon 14 Dec	Drumming and Dance Performances 1:45pm- Years 3 & 5, 2:30pm- Years 2, 4 & 6
Friday 18 Dec	Last day of Autumn Term
	School closes early at 1.30pm for children

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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.



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JOIN US FOR LUNCH!

We'd love to invite Nursery and Reception parents to come and enjoy lunch with their children on the days shown below. The Nursery sessions will take place 11:30-12:00 and the Reception sessions will take place 12:00-12:30. It's a lovely chance to share the lunchtime experience together and see a part of their school life! If you'd like to join us, just pop into the school office to book your place.

Wednesday 23rd September

Thursday 24th September

Tuesday 29th September

Wednesday 30th September



MEET THE TEACHER

Our 'Meet the Teacher' session will take place on **Thursday 17th September** from 3:30 – 4pm. This informal drop-in is a chance for parents to visit their child's classroom, meet the teacher and see the learning environment.



BREAKFAST CLUB & HOPPERS

Breakfast club runs from 8 to 9am each day. The daily cost is £3 per child. All children from age 3 - 11 years are welcome. Children enjoy a healthy breakfast of fruit, bagels & cereal. The children have access to arts, crafts and games inside out dedicated space. A reminder that last entry to breakfast clubs is at 8.30am. Booking in advance is not essential. Parents can pay via Arbor parent portal.

BREAKFAST CLUB & HOPPERS CONTINUED.....

HOPPERS runs Monday - Thursday each week from 3:30pm - 6pm. On Fridays only Short Hoppers runs from 3:30pm - 4:45pm. Children from Nursery (when they are ready) to Yr 6 are welcome to attend. Parents can book via Arbor parent portal in advance, or up to 12pm on each day. Tax-free childcare vouchers can be used. There are a number of options available each day:

Option A 3.30 - 4:30pm Short Hoppers £9.50

Option B 4.30 - 6pm* After Club Hoppers (fruit & wraps available) £9.50

Option C 3.30- 6pm* Long Hoppers (fruit & wraps available) £14.50

Parents should collect children booked in for Short Hoppers which runs from 3.30 - 4.30 promptly at 4:30pm.

You can find out more about all our Wraparound Care offers and how to book them [here](#)

AFTER SCHOOL SPECIALIST CLUBS

Grasmere's Specialist clubs go on sale on **Wednesday 9th Sept** via Arbor. Specialist clubs will be starting from **Monday 14th Sept**.

After School Club	Year Group
Monday	
Hoppers	N - 6
Urban Forest Club	Rec
Choir	1 - 6
Boys football	5 & 6
Lego Club	Rec, 1 & 2
Tuesday	
Hoppers	N - 6
Urban Forest Club	1 - 2
Boys football	2- 4
Dance	3 - 6
Wednesday	
Hoppers	N - 6
French	Rec, 1 & 2
Martial Arts	2 - 6
Girls football	2- 4
Chess	3 - 6
Thursday	
Hoppers	N - 6
Mixed football	Rec & 1
Gardening club	4 - 6
Science	2 - 6
Girls football	5 & 6
Friday	
Hoppers Disco	N - 6