



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



LEAP NEWS

Friday 9th October 2026

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

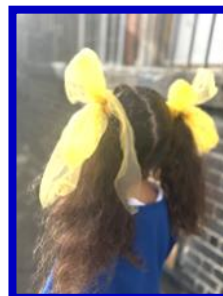
El otoño es muy bonito..... *Autumn is very pretty....*

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

HELLO YELLOW AT LEAP

LEAP turned yellow today, to highlight World Mental Health Day, which takes place tomorrow Saturday 10th October. The aims of World Mental Health Day are to raise global awareness, reduce social stigma, and ensure people feel understood, supported, and less alone when facing mental health challenges.

HELLO YELLOW AT LEAP CONTINUED.....



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CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS AT SCHOOL

We know how exciting birthdays are for our children, and we love seeing them enjoy these special moments with their friends at school. We want every child to be able to take part in birthday celebrations while also making sure that we are doing everything we can to keep children with allergies safe.

In line with the Department for Education's new Allergy Safety in Schools guidance, we would like to remind families of our arrangements for bringing in birthday food. We ask that any food, cakes or treats brought in for a child's birthday **must be brought to school by parents at the end of the school day and shared by parents**. Please do not leave any birthday food or cakes at the school reception for staff to share.

Please make sure **all allergy information** is available for all food items brought in, so that parents can check for any allergies. We know that these arrangements may be slightly different from what families have done in the past, but they are an important step in making sure we have an allergy-aware and safe environment for everyone. Our aim is to make sure children can still enjoy celebrating their birthdays with their friends while making sure we are clear on our food allergies systems.

Thank you.

AUTUMN PUMPKIN TRAIL AT SCHOOL OF FOOD

Friday 6 November 2026, 4.30–7pm

The School of Food's much-loved annual Autumn Pumpkin Trail is back! Tickets sell out fast, so book early to join us for an evening of glowing pumpkins, firelight and good food in our kitchen and garden.

Follow the pumpkin trail after dark, vote for your favourite carving, settle in for storytelling by the fire and get creative with nature crafts. There'll be sparklers, freshly made pizza, cakes, mulled wine and cider, plus HSoF honey and preserves to take home.



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AUTUMN TRAIL

at Hackney School of Food

**FRIDAY NOVEMBER
6TH 4:30-7PM
OSWALD ST E5 0BT**

Join us for a fire-lit family friendly evening at the School of Food. Follow our pumpkin trail through our gardens with fire pits.

BOOK NOW

£8.50 Adults
£4 Children

Halal & nut free kitchen!

Pumpkin trail!
Free soup & bread!
Homemade pizza!
Sparklers & firepits!
Arts and crafts!

A warming bowl of pumpkin soup and fresh bread is included with every ticket.

Whether you're a regular visitor or have never been through our kitchen door before, bring your family, friends or neighbours and come and explore Hackney School of Food.

Tickets are £8.50 for adults and £4 for children. We also have 100 pay-what-you-can/free tickets so that more local families can join us.

Money raised from the evening supports our cooking and growing activities for children and families across Hackney.

You can book your ticket using the QR code on the poster or [on this link](#).

THREE FREE FAMILY COOK-A-LONG SESSIONS

If you are in receipt of means-tested support you can book to join the three FREE family cook a long sessions being run at the School of Food, in October, November and December—see dates and times on the poster. Scan the QR code or email



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FAMILY COOK-A-LONG SERIES

For families in receipt of means-tested support

15:45-17:45
THURSDAY
15TH OCT, 12TH NOV, 10TH DEC

hello@hackneyschooloffood.com to express interest in joining.



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Join us for 3 x free, hands-on family cooking sessions and learn to make healthy, affordable meals using just 5 key ingredients.

SCAN THE CODE TO EXPRESS INTEREST
or email hello@hackneyschooloffood.com

At Hackney School of Food
Oswald Street, E5 0BT
Phone: 07395 747 296



GRASMERE NEWS



GOLDEN AWARDS

Nur:	Armand	Yr 3:	Ayden M
Rec:	Rudy	Yr 4:	Eadn
Yr 1:	Valentin	Yr 5:	Karima
Yr 2:	Zac	Yr 6:	Whole class

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

GRASMERE SCHOOL COUNCIL

We recently held elections for this year's Grasmere School Council and we are delighted to introduce our new School Councillors for this academic year!



A huge well done to all of the children who put themselves forward and shared their ideas. It was wonderful to see so many children showing confidence and enthusiasm for the role.

Our new School Councillors are:

Year 6 - **Kate & Eliyah**

Year 5 - **Harrison & Lily**

Year 4 - **Fatmir & Marissa**

Year 3 - **Felix O & Georgina**

Year 2 - **Jonty & Eliza**

Year 1 - **Vincent & Eyla**

Our School Council plays an important role in our school community. The councillors will meet with Jacqueline weekly, they will listen to the ideas and views of their classmates, share these at School Council meetings and work together to help make our school an even better place to learn.

We are looking forward to hearing their ideas and seeing the positive changes they help to bring about this year.

PARENT TRIP VOLUNTEERS

We would like to say a huge thank you to all of the parents and carers who generously give their time to volunteer on our school trips. Your support allows us to offer our children so many wonderful experiences beyond the classroom, and we simply wouldn't be able to go on as many trips without your help. We know that volunteering often means taking time out of your own busy schedules, and we are grateful for the time and support you give.

This week we emailed out our Parent Volunteer Guidelines, which we ask all parents and carers to read before volunteering on a trip. It contains some important information about the role of a volunteer and the expectations we have when supporting children away from school. We will also ask all volunteers to sign a copy of the

PARENT TRIP VOLUNTEERS CONTINUED.....

guide on the day of the trip, confirming that they have read and understood the guidance. Thank you again for everything you do to support our school trips.

YEAR 1'S TRIP TO V&A

Year 1 had a fantastic time last Friday on their trip. They went to the Young V&A Museum as part of their history topic on 'Toys in the Past'. The children loved exploring toys from the past and present and had lots of fun getting the chance to play with some of them too!

'It was good because we could build things.' **-Elliott**

'It was nice because we could play with blocks.' **Ares**

'It was cool because there was lots of stuff that we hadn't seen before.' **Mia**

'We saw old toys from in the past.' **Fifi**

'It was brilliant because we got to see old-fashioned toys and clothes.' **Alex**



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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.



PARENT WORKSHOP REMINDERS

RECEPTION PHONICS

Phonics

A reminder that our Reception Phonics Parent Workshop will take place on **Wednesday 14th October at 9:10am**.

The workshop will provide parents and carers with a helpful insight into how we teach phonics in school and how you can support your child's reading and phonics development at home.

We would love to see as many parents and carers as possible. It is a great opportunity to find out more about our approach, see some of the resources we use and pick up some practical ideas to support your child at home.



MATHS IN YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6

We are pleased to invite parents and carers of children in Years 3 to 6 to our upcoming Maths Parents' Coffee Morning on **Friday 16th October** at 9:10am. The session will provide an opportunity to find out more about how we teach mathematics in KS2 and, most importantly, how you can support your child with maths at home. During the morning, we will introduce two online resources that your child can use to practise and develop their mathematical skills: **Times Tables Rock Stars** – a fun and engaging way for children to build their fluency and confidence with multiplication and division facts.

Mathletics – an interactive platform that provides opportunities to practise a wide range of mathematical skills, including calculation, fractions, decimals, problem-solving and more. We will demonstrate how both platforms work, explain how they support learning in school, and share some practical ideas for helping your child practise maths at home without it becoming stressful or overwhelming (for either of you!) There will also be an opportunity to discuss how you can best support your child in maths. We look forward to seeing you there!

UNDERSTANDING BEHAVIOURS

We are hosting an Understanding Behaviours workshop on **Tuesday 20th October at 9:10am**, 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!



FROGS NEWS

We are looking forward to seeing lots of you at the Frogs Jumble Sale tomorrow, **Saturday 10th October**.



KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

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| Sat 10 Oct | FROGS Jumble Sale 10.30-12.30 |
| Wed 14 Oct | Reception parents Phonics Workshop 9.10am |
| Fri 16 Oct | Year 3—6 Maths parent workshop 9.10am |
| Tues 20 Oct | Understanding Behaviours Parent Workshop 9-10am |
| Wed 21 Oct | Yr 1 & 2 parents Phonics/Reading workshop 9.10am |
| Mon 26 – Fri 30 Oct | Half Term Break |
| Sat 31 Oct | Deadline for Secondary School admissions |
| Wed 4 Nov | Year 3—6 Parent Reading workshop 9.10am |
| Fri 6 Nov | Yr 6 Brain Buddies Parent Workshop 9- 9:45am |
| Tues 10 Nov | Managing Challenging Behaviours parent workshop 9-10am |
| 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 |
| Tues 24 Nov | Supporting Children to Build Confidence and Resilience parent workshop 9-10am |
| Thurs 26 Nov | International Evening (No hoppers or Specialist clubs) |
| 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 |
| Tues 8 Dec | Nina CAMHS Worker in school drop in session for Parents 9-10am |
| 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 |