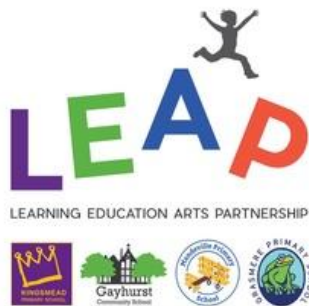




LEAP NEWS

Friday 16th October 2026

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

las hojas caen de los árboles..... *The leaves fall from the trees....*

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

CELEBRATING OUTSTANDING RESULTS ACROSS OUR LEAP SCHOOLS!

We are delighted to share some wonderful news about how well our children across the four LEAP schools performed in last summer's Year 6 SATs tests. The results show that all four of our schools are among the highest-performing primary schools in Hackney, with achievements well above both borough and national averages.

Across LEAP, an impressive 88% of children achieved the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths combined, compared with 73% across Hackney and 63% nationally. That means almost nine out of every ten children across our federation reached the expected standard in all three subjects!

There were some particularly fantastic achievements:

Grasmere achieved 90% in Reading, Writing and Maths combined, placing it joint top in Hackney.

Gayhurst achieved 89%, placing it joint second in the borough, with an exceptional 96% of children reaching the expected standard in Maths.

Mandeville achieved 86%, including an outstanding 96% of children reaching the expected standard in Reading.

Kingsmead achieved 83%, with 90% of children reaching the expected standard in Maths.

We are particularly proud that all four schools performed so strongly, reflecting the benefits of working together as a federation, sharing expertise and maintaining high expectations for every child.

Helping Every Child Achieve Their Best

It isn't just the number of children reaching the expected standard that makes these results so impressive. We also have exceptionally high numbers of children achieving the higher standards in their tests and assessments, showing that we are successfully challenging and stretching children to achieve their very best.

At Kingsmead, an extraordinary 76% of children achieved the higher standard in Reading — the highest percentage of any Hackney primary school! Grasmere also achieved outstanding results, with 63% reaching the higher standard in Reading and 50% in Maths. At Mandeville, 29% achieved the higher standard in Reading, Writing and Maths combined, while Gayhurst achieved an impressive 42% at Greater Depth in Writing.

Across all four schools, the proportion of children achieving the higher standard in Reading, Writing and Maths combined was above the Hackney average.

LEAP RESULTS CONTINUED....

Success for All Our Children

One of the things we are especially proud of across LEAP is our commitment to ensuring that every child has the opportunity to succeed, whatever their individual needs or starting point.

Our results show that children eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) are achieving exceptionally well, with outcomes significantly above those of similar pupils nationally. At Kingsmead, children from disadvantaged backgrounds consistently achieve in line with, and sometimes better than, their classmates. At Mandeville, an impressive 86% of disadvantaged pupils achieved the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths combined, with almost a third also achieving the higher standard.

We are equally committed to ensuring that children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) receive the support and challenge they need to flourish. At Gayhurst, for example, outcomes for children with SEND compare favourably with those of children with similar needs across Hackney.

These achievements reflect something we believe very strongly across LEAP: inclusion and high academic expectations go hand in hand. We want every child to feel valued, supported and challenged, and to experience the pride and confidence that comes from achieving their best.

Strong Foundations from the Very Beginning

Success in Year 6 doesn't happen overnight. It is built on the learning, encouragement and support children receive throughout their primary school years.

Our youngest learners are also doing brilliantly. In the Year 1 phonics assessments, which check children's early reading skills, all four LEAP schools achieved results above both Hackney and national averages, with between 86% and 93% of children reaching the expected standard.

These strong foundations help children develop the confidence and skills they need as they move through school.

So Much More Than Test Results!

Of course, we know that a great primary education is about much more than SATs results. We want our children to be happy, curious, creative and confident, to enjoy learning, develop friendships and discover new

LEAP RESULTS CONTINUED....

interests and talents.

We believe that high academic standards and a rich, exciting and inclusive education go hand in hand. Our children benefit from interesting, creative and challenging teaching throughout their time with us, and these results are one important reflection of that work.

Behind every percentage is a child who has worked hard, overcome challenges, made progress and grown in confidence. These achievements are also a real credit to our wonderful staff, whose dedication, expertise and teamwork make such a difference every day.

A huge congratulations to all our children and staff across Gayhurst, Grasmere, Kingsmead and Mandeville. We are incredibly proud of everything you have achieved together!

And a big thank you to our families for the encouragement and support you give your children throughout their learning journey.

THE FAMILY COACH SERVICE WELLBEING WALKS

These walks are for parents of children with special educational needs and disabilities. No need for a formal diagnosis or EHCP to joining the group. If you'd like to take part email familycoach@hackney.gov.uk



Family Coach Service

Term 1 Wellbeing Walks 2026/27*

For parents of children with
special educational needs and disabilities.

No formal diagnosis or Educational Health Care Plan necessary.



Friday 13th of November
10 - 11 am

A walk to focus

New River Cafe, Clissold Park



Thursday 3rd of December
12:30 - 1:30 pm

A walk to calm

London Fields Lido

To sign up please email us with the walks you'd like to attend:

familycoach@hackney.gov.uk

Can't make the walks but still want to be part of the community?

Please email us to be sent the walks to complete in your own time.

*We need a minimum of 3 parents attending to be able to go ahead. If we don't have at least 3 parents sign up, we may cancel the session the day before. Anyone who has signed up will be notified via email

HACKNEY SCHOOL OF FOOD AUTUMN TRAIL

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.

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](#).



HACKNEY SCHOOL OF FOOD

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,

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

BOOK NOW

£8.50 Adults
£4 Children

Halal & nut free kitchen!

100 free tickets!



GRASMERE NEWS



GOLDEN AWARDS

Nur:	Emilia	Yr 3:	Maaziah
Rec:	Raphael	Yr 4:	Fatmir
Yr 1:	Roman	Yr 5:	Ediz
Yr 2:	Ela	Yr 6:	Maya

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

YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL

Year 6 Take on Kench Hill – What an Adventure!

What a week! Our Year 6 pupils swapped their classrooms for the great outdoors as they headed off to Kench Hill in Tenterden, Kent, for a residential adventure filled with excitement, laughter, challenges and unforgettable memories!

From testing their survival skills through shelter building to discovering fascinating creatures during pond dipping, there was never a dull moment! Pupils also tried their hand at archery, with plenty of determination as they aimed for that all-important bullseye!



Our adventures took us beyond Kench Hill, with a visit to the magnificent Bodiam Castle, where pupils stepped back in time, & a trip to the beautiful Camber Sands beach, where fresh sea air and sandy shoes were all part of the experience!



Back at Kench Hill, the competitive spirit was unleashed during the Kench Hill Olympics, with pupils putting their teamwork, sporting skills and determination to the test. There was also plenty of friendly competition around the pool and table tennis tables. Evenings were just as enjoyable, with a cosy video night, games night and the chance to become budding chefs as the children made their very own pizzas!



YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL CONTINUED.....

Among all the excitement, pupils found time each day to write in their reflection diaries, recording their adventures, achievements and favourite memories. It was lovely to see their confidence, independence and friendships grow as the week progressed.

We couldn't be prouder of our Year 6 pupils. They embraced every challenge, supported one another and represented Grasmere Primary School brilliantly. Well done, Year 6! You certainly made Kench Hill an adventure to remember!



PHONICS PARENT WORKSHOPS

Year 1 & 2 Parent workshop reminder

A reminder to all parents and carers of children in Year 1 and Year 2 that our Phonics and Reading Parent Workshop will take place on **Wednesday 21st October at 9:10am.**



The workshop will provide an opportunity to learn more about how we teach phonics and develop reading skills in school, as well as sharing practical tips and strategies to help you support your child's reading journey at home. We hope you will be able to join us for this session!

Reception Parent workshop

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Reception Phonics Parent meeting this week. All materials shared in the meeting have been uploaded [here](#) on our school website.



COLLECTION AFTER CLUBS & HOPPERS

From Monday 2nd November, we will be asking parents & carers to collect your children from clubs and Hoppers. This will mean that between 4:30 and 6pm no Year 5 or 6 children will be allowed to walk home alone. We will continue to do this every year at this point in the year as the evenings get darker earlier.





GREEN FLAG AWARD!

Last year, Grasmere began an exciting new chapter in its journey towards becoming a more environmentally conscious, globally aware school by applying for the Eco-Schools Green Flag Award.

Eco-Schools is an international, child-led initiative that helps schools embed sustainability into everyday life. Our first step was to form an Eco Committee, inviting children to apply to become Eco Ambassadors. We were overwhelmed by the response, reflecting our children's passion for the natural world & their desire to protect it.

The Green Flag accreditation involves seven stages, including an action plan focused on three key areas: Biodiversity, Global Citizenship and Waste. After submitting our application in July, we returned in September to the fantastic news that Grasmere had achieved Green Flag status with distinction!

This achievement reflects the dedication of our children and staff. We now have an air-source heat pump and after renovating the school kitchen we have helped make Grasmere gas-free — one of only four schools in the borough to have achieved this so far.

Our journey continues. We aim to develop our front garden, deliver engaging assemblies and workshops, and inspire our community to embrace sustainable living. At the heart of our work is a simple belief:

what is good for the planet is good for us all. Below are some quotes from the report we received:

"Grasmere's commitment to biodiversity has created wonderful opportunities for pupils to care for their school environment. With over 40 pupils applying to be Garden Monitors, alongside gardening clubs, seedling sales and bug hotels, pupils are developing responsibility, teamwork and practical skills while supporting local wildlife".



FROGS AUTUMN JUMBLE SALE



A big thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Autumn Jumble Sale such a success. The sun was shining, and it was great to bring together Grasmere families and the wider community. Together, we raised over **£1,900** for FROGS and gave

hundreds of pre-loved items a new home – a brilliant result all round!

We're incredibly grateful to all the volunteers who gave up their time on Friday and Saturday, from baking cakes and sorting donations to setting up, running stalls and packing everything away.

FROGS JUMBLE SALE CONTINUED....

Thanks also to everyone who donated items, came along to browse and shop, and helped spread the word.

Events like this are a wonderful reminder of what we can achieve as a school community. Every penny raised helps FROGS fund enriching experiences and opportunities for all our children. This includes enrichment activities like upcoming KAPLA workshop and Apollo Music initiative as well as things like playground equipment that our children enjoy every day. A big thank you to everyone for playing your part!



KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

- 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