



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



# LEAP NEWS

## Friday 12th September 2025

### SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Estamos felices con nuestros amigos.....*We are happy with our friends .....*

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

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR COMPETITION WINNERS!

Congratulations to our talented pupils for their creative contributions to this year's RE Calendar Competition!

**Pandora** (Yr 3, Gayhurst)

**Mustapha** (former Yr 6, Kingsmead)

**Ayza** (former Yr 6, Kingsmead)

Their artwork has been selected as winning entries and will feature in the Hackney 2025/26 RE and Worldviews SACRE Calendar. These are distributed to every Hackney school.

The theme this year was Festivals and Celebrations, giving pupils the chance to explore and express the diversity of traditions and beliefs celebrated around the world.

Well done to our winners for their imagination and hard work – we are proud of you!



**Pandora**



**Mustapha**



**Ayza**

## LEAP SCHOOLS FREE FOOD SHOPS

Since the first Covid lockdown in Spring 2020 Kingsmead, Mandeville and Gayhurst schools have been running a weekly Free Food Shop for any of the LEAP schools families who need this support. This was initially to help families through the very difficult lockdown periods but has continued, with the cost of living crisis, which we know continues to impact many in our communities.



The Free Food shops run every week on:

**Monday late mornings at Kingsmead**

**Monday after lunch at Mandeville**

**Monday afternoons from 3 – 3.30pm at Gayhurst**

Reminder texts are sent out on the day. We ask that all attending the Free Food Shops bring their own shopping bags and are mindful that the food needs to be shared amongst many and to not take more than their share.

Now that Grasmere are part of the LEAP Federation, Grasmere families are able to access the free shops at any one of the other schools: at **Gayhurst E8**, **Mandeville E5** or **Kingsmead E9**. We will send the times out by text. This is because Felix project at not able to add Grasmere to their delivery list as yet, but we are working on it! Please note these food shops are open to everyone, no questions asked!

The Free Food Shops are possible thanks to our close partnership with the food redistribution charity **The Felix Project**. The Felix Project work across London fighting food waste and hunger. They rescue good, surplus food from the food industry that cannot be sold and would otherwise go to waste. They collect or receive food from over 539 suppliers, including supermarkets, wholesalers, farms, restaurants and delis. They then sort and deliver this food to almost 1000 front-line charities, primary schools and holiday programmes in London, including three of our LEAP schools.

You can find out more about the Felix Project [here](#) and if you would like to volunteer with the Felix project at one of their depots, you can find more information [here](#).



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PROJECT

GOOD FOOD FOR GOOD CAUSES



# GRASMERE NEWS



## GOLDEN AWARDS

Nur: **Arlo** Yr 3: **Can**  
 Rec: **Ares** Yr 4: **Miles**  
 Yr 1: **Jonty** Yr 5: **Marnie**  
 Yr 2: **Gerard** Yr 6: **Antonia E**

## AUTUMN TERM 2025

1st half of term: **02.09.25 - 24.10.25**  
 Half term: **27 — 31 Oct 2025**  
 2nd half of term: **03.11.25 - 17.12.25**  
**INSET days:** Mon 1 Sept 2025,  
 Thurs 18 & Fri 19 Dec 2025

## NURSERY & RECEPTION

### CLASS NEWS

Our Nursery and Reception children have had a great two weeks, settling in to their new classes. They've been busy exploring their new classrooms, making friends, and getting to know the everyone there to help them. It's been lovely to see them enjoying stories together and having their first forest school experience.



Lunchtimes have already become a big highlight of the day – the children are trying new foods and enjoying chatting with their friends over a meal.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have already sent over photos for our planned display, that share a little bit more about our Reception children and their families!



### SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION CONTINUED.....

from each class from Year 1 – 6. Our School Council aims to encourage our children to:

- Develop confidence and responsibility and make the most of their abilities
- Prepare them to play an active role as citizens within a community
- Develop healthy, safer lifestyles
- Develop good relationships and respect the differences between people
- To have a 'voice' and to share their opinions and ideas with others.

Below is the timeline for the school council election process:

**Monday 15th** – school council speeches in class. Teachers will give children the opportunity to present their speeches in class. After hearing all of the speeches, teachers will shortlist to two girls and two boys.

**Thursday 18th** – school council voting. All classes (Year 1-6) will have an opportunity to vote for one girl and one boy to be part of the school council.

**Friday 19th** – our new school council will be announced in our afternoon assembly and newsletter.

Reminder, if children have been a school councillor before, they can't run again. Please keep an eye out for other pupil voice roles available!



## SAD NEWS



We are sad to share that a former colleague and member of our Grasmere community **Julia Hunt**, has sadly passed away. Julie was a teacher and Assistant Head for more than ten years at Grasmere. She leaves a lasting memory not only for the children she taught but also for the

families she supported and the many colleagues who treasured her kind heart. She will be missed by many and we send our condolences to her husband and family. A wonderful and inspirational teacher who was loved by the children she taught.

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## SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION

Next week is the start of democracy week and we will also have our new school council elections. The role of the school council gives children the opportunity to make their voices heard and feel part of the whole school community. The school council is made up of two children

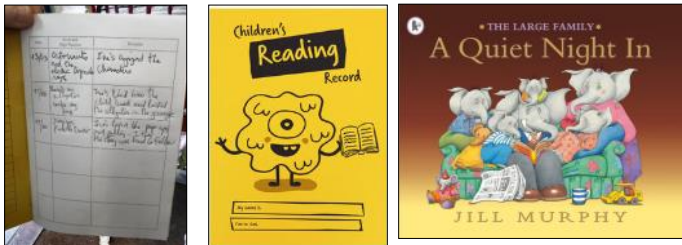
Please remember to inform the main office of any changes to your contact details i.e: home number, mobile phone number, address, or if your child has a medical condition.

### READING AT GRASMERE

Diving into a book with your child is more than just reading words on a page; it's an adventure into new worlds, an exploration of wild imaginations, and a journey through stories that can last a lifetime. Children who read at home regularly are more likely to be successful learners at school. Reading at home is a precious opportunity to enjoy reading with your child and support them towards fluency.

From next week, your child will bring home a new book every Tuesday. Please bring the bookbag to school every day.

Parents can write notes to the teacher in the yellow Reading Record. These will be checked by staff to ensure a strong link between home and school and help to promote good reading outcomes and a love of reading.



#### Home reading in Nursery:

Children in Nursery will bring home a book chosen from the book corner. Please set time aside at home to read aloud to your child. Reading to children at this age will improve their vocabulary and prepare them for learning to read on their own. Try to read to your child for 10 minutes each day. If that is not possible, remember that five minutes a day is better than none!

#### Home reading in Reception:

Children in Reception will start the year by bringing home a story book. Parents should read this book to their child, encouraging them to help with turning pages, finishing sentences and enjoying lots of discussion. Children will also bring home the sound that that are learning in their daily Phonics lesson so you can see what sounds have been taught already. Ask your child to read the sound and tell you any words they know.

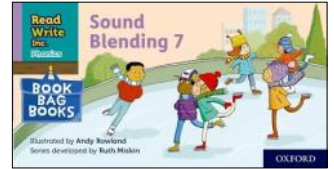
#### Year 1 and 2:

Children really benefit from an opportunity to read aloud daily at home. Through Year 1 and some of Year 2, they will bring home a phonics book which gives an opportunity to practise the sounds they have been taught. This may be a familiar book - the aim is for fluency, which comes through repetition. When they reach fluency, children will bring a small novel from the library or book corner.



### READING AT GRASMERE CONTINUED....

Reminder to parents & carers— please take good care of these books, they are precious resources for children's learning. Thank you.



#### Year 3-6:

In years 3 - 6, children will bring a novel or other book home of their choice. The choice will be guided by the teacher with the aim that it is matched to your child's reading ability. Generally, if a child can read 90% of the words accurately and can understand the text, the book is a good match for them. Please indicate in the reading record if the book is too easy or tricky and your child can return it and select another one.

If you have any questions around the books your child is reading, please do speak to your child's class teacher.



### MEDIA PERMISSIONS

We love to celebrate the amazing things our children do at Grasmere, and photos and videos are a big part of how we share these moments with our school community. From classroom learning and assemblies to special trips and performances, capturing children's experiences helps us keep parents connected and showcase the rich life of the school.

This year, we are moving to a simple online media consent form. By giving consent, you allow us to share your child's achievements in:

- School newsletters
- The Grasmere School website
- School and Federation social media (e.g. Instagram)
- Educational websites approved by the school

These photos and videos highlight the joy of learning and help children feel proud of their work and school. They also allow parents, carers, and the wider community to celebrate successes together.

Please take a moment to complete the media consent form by **Friday 19th September**. Your support makes it possible for us to capture and share the many special moments of the school year.

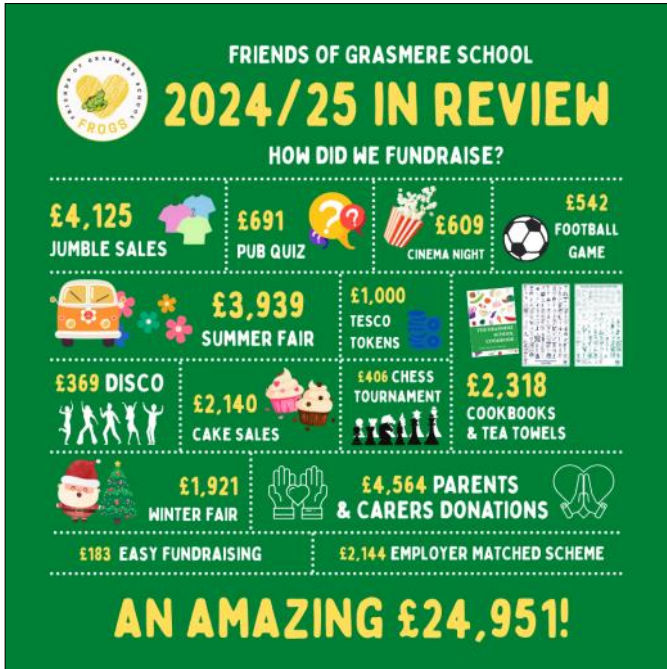
<https://forms.office.com/e/HG4TCrsspX>



### FROGS NEWS



Huge thanks to all parents and carers, volunteers, donors and sponsors: last year our charity raised just under **£25,000** for Grasmere Primary School. What a brilliant result for such a small school!



### FROGS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our AGM is coming up and we're looking for new committee members. We'd love the committee to reflect the whole school community, with all backgrounds, voices and experiences welcome.

You don't need lots of free time or previous experience, just an interest in shaping the school environment for our children.

### FROGS NEWS CONTINUED.....

If you'd like to join the committee, help organise an event, or send suggestions and ideas, please email [frogs.grasmere@gmail.com](mailto:frogs.grasmere@gmail.com) or get in touch with your class rep.

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE FROGS AGM**  
**FRIDAY 19 SEPTEMBER**  
 SCHOOL HALL 9 AM EVERYONE WELCOME

**PARENT POWER** VISIT FRIENDSOFGRASMERE.COM/PASTPROJECTS TO SEE WHAT DIFFERENCE FROGS HAS MADE TO YOUR KID'S SCHOOL IN THE PAST FEW YEARS

**FROGS STORE MANAGER NEEDED!** CAN YOU SORT OUR LIFE OUT? WE NEED A VOLUNTEER OR TWO TO ORGANISE OUR STORAGE SPACE AND KEEP STOCK OF WHAT WE HAVE - IN THEIR OWN TIME

**VOLUNTEER WITH FROGS** DO AS LITTLE OR AS MUCH AS YOU WANT. EVERY LITTLE HELPS! A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO USE YOUR TALENTS, OR LEARN NEW SKILLS

**DONATE TO FROGS** ONE-OFF OR MONTHLY DONATIONS VIA PAYPAL, KINDLINK OR WORKPLACE MATCHED GIVING. SEE FRIENDSOFGRASMERE.COM/DONATE

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### KEY DATES THIS TERM

- Mon 15 Sept** Specialist clubs start
- Wed 17 Sept** Meet the teacher 3.45—4.45pm
- Fri 19 Sept** FROGS AGM 9am
- Mon 22 Sept** Phonics workshop for Yr parents 9.15am
- Thurs 25 Sept** Yr 5 class assembly 3pm
- Fr 26 Sept** Yr 6 cake sale
- Mon 29 Sept** Phonics workshop for Rec parents 9.15am
- Tues 7 Oct** Year 6 residential meeting 5:30pm
- Fri 10th Oct** Introduction to Mental Health coffee morning
- Sat 11 Oct** FROGS Jumble Sale
- Thurs 16 Oct** Yr 6 class assembly 3pm
- Fri 17 Oct** Yr 5 cake sale
- Mon 27—Fri 31 Oct** Half term break
- Fri 7 Nov** FROGS Autumn Disco
- Thurs 20 Nov** Yr 3 class assembly 3pm
- Fri 21st Nov-** Supporting Emotional Regulation coffee morning
- Fri 21 Nov** Yr 4 cake sale
- Thurs 27 Nov** International Evening & FROGS 40th Anniversary Event 4.30—6.30pm
- Wed 3 Dec** Parent & Carer consultation evening **school closes early at 1.30pm for children** (Hoppers still available)
- Fri 5 Dec** FROGS Winter Fair
- Wed 17 Dec** Last day of Autumn term - **school closes early at 1.30pm for children**