



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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FELIX
PROJECT

GOOD FOOD FOR GOOD CAUSES

GAYHURST NEWS



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

GREEN TOKEN	Class	Tokens
Rec, Year 1 & 2	1M	154
Year 3 & 4	3E	141
Year 5 & 6	5E	119



GOLDEN AWARDS

NH - WILLOW
RPG- ARIYAH
RS - ZEBEDEE

1A - FATOU
1M - ABE
2L- STORM
2S- NAMIKO

3J - SHOSHIE
3E - FINBARR
4A - EDITH
4RA- ALIA
4RT- MIYA

5E - MALAKAI
5F - ANNIETH
5/6D - ANGEL
6J- EMMELINE
6C - AAMIRA

RECEPTION CLASS NEWS

It's been joyous to watch our new Reception children settle in this week and last, they have exceeded our expectations!

Phoebe, George, Sophie, Maxine and Serina have been amazed at how well the children have come in, begun to learn the routines, started developing friendships and taken to the curriculum and opportunities with excitement and curiosity.

We are incredibly proud of them all and cannot wait to support them continuing to thrive this year.



FOREST TALES

Nursery and Reception children have begun forest school again this term and are having a wonderful time exploring the natural world and the creatures that live around our school. Children in Nursery, Reception and

FOREST TALES CONTINUED.....

Year One have Forest School sessions on London Fields, with Rod our Forest School Leader. Over the year we will share more of their Forest School adventures.



PARENT CARER WORKSHOPS

Every term we offer a range of different Parent & Carer workshops to help families understand how we teach different subjects in school and the various ways they can support their child's learning at home. Please see new dates for parent carer workshops in the Key Dates below.

KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

- Thurs 11 Sept** Football Team Trials – Year 5/6 Girls
- Mon 15 Sept** Specialist Clubs Start
- Mon 22 Sept** Phonics workshop for Yr 1 parents 9.15am
+ Meet The Teacher 3.45- 4.45pm
- Tues 30 Sept** Phonics workshop for Reception parents 9.15am
- Thurs 2 Oct** 6J Class Assembly 3pm
- Fri 3 Oct** International Evening Coffee Morning 9am
- Wed 8 Oct** Maths workshop for Yr 3 & 4 parents 9am
- Wed 15 Oct** Maths workshop for Yr 6 parents 9am
- Thurs 16 Oct** 5E Class Assembly 3pm
- Thurs 23 Oct** 6C Class Assembly 3pm
- Mon 27—Fri 31 Oct** Half term break
- Tue 4 Nov** Writing workshop for Rec & Yr 1 parents 9.15am
- Wed 17 Dec** Last day of Autumn term -
school closes early at 1.30pm for children

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WELCOME TO COGS

CoGS (Community of Gayhurst School) extends a big welcome to all new Reception Parents and Carers!

CoGS is a volunteer-led charity which raises funds for

extracurricular arts and sports activities to benefit all Gayhurst's children.

Our approach is to combine fundraising with accessible, useful, and community-oriented initiatives and events.

These comprise the weekly Fri-Yay bake sale, which sees a different year group each week bring and sell home-made and shop-bought offerings for 50p each; the second-hand uniform rail with washed and organised items sold for 50p each; and the large Summer and Winter Fairs each year.

Through 2025, new events were trialled including a wine tasting event, kids disco and parents and carers running the Hackney Half marathon on behalf of the schools.

All of these activities in combination have raised over £14,000 already this calendar year, meaning we are on-track to reach our stretch target of £20,000 with the Winter Fair remaining. This exceeds last year's target of £18,000 and is a huge credit to the Gayhurst community's contributions.

If you'd like to find out more about CoGS and how to get involved, the team will be in the lower hall at the same time as the Meet the Teacher event on **22nd September** so come and say hi! You can also reach us by email at gayhurstcogs@gmail.com.

GATES AND THE PLAYGROUND AT THE START & END OF THE SCHOOL DAY

It's been great to see so many of you during the first weeks of term dropping off and collecting your children. A reminder about gate times: Gates open at 8:55am and are closed at 9:10am. At collection, gates open at 3:25pm and close at 3:40pm. Please make sure the you have left the playground by 3:40pm. We store a huge amount of children's bikes and scooters. We ask if you bring them to school, that they are collected each day; this helps with the over-crowding issue in the sheds. Adults bikes of parents cannot be in the playground at any time. The playground is a busy place and there is simply not enough space. Please do not be offended if staff remind you to lock your bikes outside of school. Thank you for your help in managing the busy times of our day.

OUR NEW GROWING AREA

We are excited to share that our new school growing area is nearly up and running. Over the past few months **Darren** and **Lidka** have been working hard to prepare the space, ready for planting and learning.

The growing area will give our children the chance to:

- Plant and care for fruit, vegetables, and flowers.
- Learn about where food comes from and how plants grow.
- Spend time outdoors, exploring nature in a hands - on way.

Each class will have the opportunity to use the space, and we are already looking forward to seeing what we can grow together this year. From tiny seeds to tasty harvests, it will be wonderful for the children to see the results of their care and teamwork.

We will be having an official launch event so watch this space and we'll keep you updated with photos and news as the garden develops. If any families would like to get involved, either with donations of plants or by lending a hand, please let us know, we'd love your support.

Here's to a year of growing, learning, and blooming together!

