



# LEAP NEWS

## Friday 7th November 2025



### SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Necesito una bufanda y guantes..... *I need a scarf and gloves .....*

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

## ODD SOCKS AND PYJAMAS!

Next week is **Anti-Bullying Week** across the UK. The theme for this year is **THE POWER OF GOOD**.



The theme of Power for Good has come about following consultation with teachers and pupils by the Anti-Bullying Alliance which coordinates Anti-Bullying Week every year in England, Wales



and Northern Ireland. Teachers and children wanted a theme that empowered them to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes. Assemblies & class discussions will be taking place across **Grasmere, Gayhurst, Mandeville &**

**Kingsmead** next week to empower children to think about how they can use the Power of Good to help stop bullying.

### Wear Odd Socks on Monday 10th November



To launch Anti-Bullying week **all four of our schools** are taking part in Odd Socks Day. We're encouraging children and staff to wear Odd Socks to school on **Monday**.

Odd Socks Day is an annual event that takes place during Anti-Bullying week, that encourages people to wear mismatched socks as a way of celebrating diversity and promoting inclusion.

### PJ's for Children in Need on Friday 14th November



At the end of Anti-Bullying week, next Friday we are also supporting Children in Need Day. We're inviting **children and staff at all**



**four LEAP schools** to join in by wearing pyjamas to school and contributing a suggested donation of **£1** if they can, to support this fantastic cause. It's always a fun and cosy day, and most importantly, it helps raise vital funds for children and families in need across the UK. All monies raised will go to Children In Need.

Let's show that together we can make school a safe, happy place for everyone and help those who need it most!

## HELPING HACKNEY SCHOOL OF FOOD

Hackney School of Food has a favour to ask of the LEAP schools community which needs to take place **before 15th November**.....see the message from Zoe, the School of Food's Managing Director;

*Hello LEAP community*

*Hackney School of Food is part of the @Coopuk Local Community Fund. We get an extra £50 for anyone who signs up to a COOP card using our unique link. We would REALLY appreciate if you can spare 5 mins to help with this... all you need to do is:*

*Download the Co-op App, become a member and choose our cause.*

*USE OUR UNIQUE LINK BELOW TO DO THIS: <https://coopapp.onelink.me/ftOk/4nms8smy>*



*THANKS SO MUCH IN ADVANCE!!*

## HACKNEY'S 10x10 OFFER

The 10x10 programme, which Hackney Education have created, aims to support every child in Hackney to achieve 10 activities by the age of 10 to help improve their emotional physical and social wellbeing.



They have created a map of Hackney to help families find where to access activities in our community. Find out more about what is on offer on the [10x10 website](#).

## FREE CHESS WEBINARS FOR CHILDREN AGED 8+

From Mon 17th November 2025, CSC (Chess In Schools & Communities) will be running a series of **free** chess webinars. These are aimed at children aged 8-13 who know the basic rules of chess and are ready to take the next steps towards learning tactics and strategies. There are three levels of webinar to choose from: beginner, intermediate and advanced. To join the beginner webinar, children need only know the basic rules of chess. They can choose which level to attend. You can find out more [here](#).

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### FELIX PROJECT: EMPLOYABILITY OFFER



The Felix Project, the fantastic food waste charity who provide us with produce for our weekly free food shops that run across LEAP, have contacted us with a great new employability training programme they're offering for parents who want support getting into work.

Here's some information from the Felix Project about the programme.

**Ready Set Go!** The Felix Project is committed to providing training and support to individuals through our Employability Programme.

The programme will be delivered in Poplar, East London, for 2 days per week (Tuesdays and Thursdays) across 8 weeks, during which we will help you build the skills employers want to see in a friendly working environment.

Our aim is to provide practical experience and a solid foundation to increase motivation and build your confidence to enable you to gain employment, volunteering opportunities, or progress on to further education.

We will support you throughout to improve your career skills and give you real work experience that helps prepare you for the next stage in your journey into employment.

You will practice a lot of skills whilst at The Felix Project and can gain work experience in the following areas:

**Warehouse assistants, Felix Green Scheme** (collecting & distributing surplus food), **Driver & Co Drivers, Kitchen Assistant, Office Experience.**

You can also gain certificates in:

- Food & Hygiene Level 2
- Food Allergen Awareness Level 2
- Manual Handling training
- COSHH (Control of Substances Hazardous to Health)

#### Referral & Eligibility Process:

To join the programme you need to be:

- Aged 18+
- Unemployed
- Have Permission to Work

If you meet the above requirements you can self refer.

Programme dates:

**Tuesday 2nd December - Thursday 5th February**



### FELIX PROJECT EMPLOYABILITY OFFER CONTINUED

Deadline for to apply – **Friday 21st November 2025**

Information and Assessment Sessions will be taking place during November 25

**For more information and to apply please contact Lizzy Lay, Felix Employability Coach**

**Lizzy.Lay@thefelixproject.org** mobile: **07554 297 024**

You can find out more about the Felix Project [here](#).

### UNIVERSAL FREE SCHOOL MEALS EXTENDED!

The Mayor of London Sadiq Khan, has recently announced that his funding investment in a universal free school meals offer for ALL primary aged pupils in London's state funded schools will be extended onwards for a further three years, into the 27/28 academic year, meaning children in Nursery & years 3 to 6 will also continue to receive Free School Meals, in addition to the children in Rec to Year 2.

This is fantastic news for families, saving them over £1,000 over the two years per child, in the midst of the ongoing cost-of-living crisis.

### FAMILIES STILL NEED TO KEEP REGISTERING FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Please remember that it is still **vitaly important** for us that LEAP families still register for Free School Meals if they are in receipt of state benefits, as this is how a school's funding is calculated by the Government and affects how much money all of our schools receive.

If you need any help registering for Free School Meals or are unsure if you are eligible speak to someone in your school's office and they will help you.

All four of our schools offer great benefits that come with registering for Free School Meals including the following:

- A free school jumper (for Kingsmead, Mandeville & Gayhurst)
- The offer of one funded after school club every week.
- Subsidised rates for a range of activities including breakfast club/playcentre, school journeys and some trips etc.
- £100 grant for secondary school uniform for Yr 6 children.
- Free places at LEAP Holiday camps
- Supermarket food vouchers to cover school holiday periods.
- Discounted prices or sometimes no charge for school events & Hackney School of Food events



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	<b>2L</b>	124
Year 3 & 4	<b>3J</b>	278
Year 5 & 6	<b>6J</b>	122



### GOLDEN AWARDS

NH - **SOPHIA**  
RPG - **CRUZ**  
RS - **IRA**

1A - **KHALISAH**  
1M - **ELLIOTT**  
2L - **FABIAN**  
2S - **KUZEY**

3J - **FREDDIE**  
3E - **OLIVE**  
4A - **D'NAEYAH**  
4RA - **AZRA**  
4RT - **ROMI**

5E - **ERIN**  
5F - **CALLIOPE**  
5/6D - **SABIHA NAZ**  
6J - **SZAFFI**  
6C - **SIGRID**

## ART HOPPERS IN YEARS 5 & 6

Claire has started to work with the children in Year 5 and 6 on the latest Art Hoppers project. This project is linked to our work on The Story of My Name. The children produced some intricate stencils of their names in preparation for the work which will be displayed in the Gayhurst Art Gallery later this month. Children in 5E, 5F and 56D had their sessions this week. 6C and 6J will have their sessions next week.



*"It was tricky to cut the shapes with the stanley knife but we did it,"*  
Alessandro.

*"I liked making the stencil."* Adelaide.

We look forward to inviting the parents and carers of those in year 5 and 6 to the #TAG opening on **Thursday 27th Nov 4:30-6pm.**



## TERM TIME HOLIDAY REQUESTS

We've had many term time holiday requests, attached to the Christmas break. We cannot authorise holiday in term time.

Our break begins on **Wednesday 17th December** and we do not return until **Monday 5th January**, which allows a good amount of time travel. With family overseas, it is understood that some families may want longer, but this cannot be authorised, with summer breaks being an ideal opportunity to go. We appreciate your understanding and support with this.

## START OF THE SCHOOL DAY



The gates open at 08:55am to ensure that all children are able to come into school **just before 9am** to begin the school day. Please ensure that your children are on time to school. Lateness has begun to increase this term, and we want to make sure all children get their full school day.

## NETBALL SUCCESS

Congratulations to the Gayhurst netball team for their fantastic achievement in winning the netball competition! Your hard work, teamwork, and determination have truly paid off, and you should all be incredibly proud. Well done!

**Chanelle, Maya, Sofia, Frida, Frederick, Chidi, Szaffi, Thea,** we're so proud of you.



## KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

- Mon 10 Nov** Odd Socks Day + School lunch parent visit for Rec & Yrs 1 & 2 parents at 2.30pm (booking required)
- Fri 14 Nov** Pyjama Day - come to school wearing your PJs with a coin to donate to Children in Need
- Thurs 20 Nov** International Evening 4.30—6.30pm
- Thurs 27 Nov** #TAG exhibition Private View for yr 5 & 6 friends & family 4.30—6pm
- Sat 6 Dec** COGs Winter Fair 12—4pm
- Mon 8 Dec** Yr 1 Nativity performances:  
1M at 11am and 1A at 2pm in middle hall
- Wed 17 Dec** Last day of Autumn term - **school closes early at 1.30pm for children**

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## INTERNATIONAL EVENING

### Important Information

We are really looking forward to our International Evening on **20th November 4.30-6.30 pm**. Please support us by donating a dish using [this link](#).



This special event celebrates the rich diversity of our school community with food, music, and cultural activities from around the world.

Due to the overwhelming popularity of previous years, tickets will be limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please make sure to secure yours early to avoid disappointment—they will be on sale **after school from Wednesday 12th November**.

Adults: £2.00

Children: £1.00

Concession Adults: £1.00 Concession Children: Free

This year in order to maximise our fundraising we will be charging £3.00 per plate of food for adults. Children's plates will be free.

### Important reminders for the evening:

Children must be supervised at all times by a parent or guardian.

No buggies or pushchairs will be allowed inside the venue due to space restrictions.

Please bring your ticket with you for entry.

We look forward to sharing this wonderful evening with you and celebrating the many cultures that make our community so special!

## COGS WINTER FAIR 2025

### We Need YOU!

The countdown is on! The Community of Gayhurst School (CoGS) Winter Fair is happening on Saturday **6 December, from 12-4 pm**, and we're calling on all hands to help make it magical.

### We Need PEOPLE!

This beloved event is packed with festive fun—stalls, games, and activities for all ages. It's a brilliant way to connect with the school community and spread some seasonal cheer. We're looking for volunteers who can spare just a couple of hours to help run activities. No experience needed—seasoned helpers will show you the ropes!

Sign up here: Community of Gayhurst School Winter Fair 2025 – Fill in form . Choose where you'd like to help and be part of something special.

### We Need THINGS!

To make the fair a fundraising success, we're collecting donations over the coming weeks. Every item helps us raise more for the school!

Here's what we're looking for:

- **Mulled Wine Supplies:** Any old or inexpensive bottles of red wine—perfect for brewing up festive cheer.
- **Tombola Prizes:** New or unused kids' items—think birthday gifts, mini games, toys, art kits, books, sweets, or chocolate. Higher-value items like Lego, Minecraft, or Labubu-themed goodies are especially welcome.
- **Children's Clothes & Accessories:** Good condition, second-hand items for ages 6-11 (no stains or holes, please).

Drop donations at reception in the labelled boxes. More updates and requests will be shared via year-group and school-wide WhatsApp channels.

Let's make this year's Winter Fair unforgettable—thank you for your support!

## WINTER FAIR RAFFLE

### Fabulous Prizes Await!

Get ready to win! The CoGS Winter Fair Raffle is packed with fantastic prizes generously donated by parents, carers, and local businesses. From treats to treasures, there's something for everyone.

Tickets are just £1 and can be purchased via this link: <https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/raffle/gayhurst-winter2025>

Winners will be notified by email—so keep an eye on your inbox!

Support the school, join the fun, and you might just be one of our lucky winners!



Gayhurst School Winter Fair

Saturday 6 December 2025 12-4 pm

Activities, Food & Drink, Music, Raffle, Stalls, Prizes, Grotto

£1 Entry adults  
Kids go free and receive £2 Gayhurst pounds to spend at the fair\*  
\*excluding Food and Drink.

Scan for Raffle tickets!!!

Contact gayhurstcogs@gmail.com