



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



# LEAP NEWS

## Friday 16th January 2026

### SPANISH PHRASE of the week

¿Tienes algún propósito de Año Nuevo?... *Do you have any New Year 's resolutions? ...*

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

## ROYAL ACADEMY YOUNG ARTISTS SUMMER SHOW



It's time again for LEAP children to start getting creative and enter the competition to have their art work selected for the **Royal Academy of Arts Young**

### Artists Summer Show.

Now in its eighth year, the Young Artists' Summer Show is a free, open submission exhibition for students aged 4–18 studying in the UK. Artworks are judged by a panel of artists and arts professionals, with selected artworks displayed online and on-site at the Royal Academy of Arts.

Last year we had three LEAP pupils who were successful in getting their work selected, which was fantastic given that there were over 23,000 entries nationwide!

There is no theme so the children can do any piece of art work that they want. Children can submit a drawing, painting, photograph, collage or sculpture—the only restriction is that all artworks must be original pieces so please encourage children NOT to copy other famous artworks as they won't get chosen for the exhibition.

The children will need a parent or carer to submit the work. Please visit the link below for more information and to instructions on how to submit your artwork.

<https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/get-involved>

If you have difficulties submitting work, please speak to your child's class teacher.

The deadline for submissions is **4 March 2026**

Judging then commences in May and any successful artists will have their work displayed in this years Summer Show at the RA in July and August.



## BAGS OF TASTE IN HACKNEY

This fun free cooking course with ingredients provided is run by the charity Bags of Taste and is open to anyone on benefits to apply.

It is particularly aimed at those needing support around food and/or cooking. All skill levels welcome

**Save money and cook better than the takeaway**

**JOIN OUR FREE FUN COOKING COURSES**

...all you need is a kitchen and a phone!

Exciting meals can be quick, fun, easy and cheap to cook with our **FREE** (ingredients included), flexible, home-based short courses

**Free, fun cooking courses AT HOME**  
Cook great food in just two weeks!  
Impress friends and family

**CHANA MASALA**    **ITALIAN PASTA SAUCE**    **MIDDLE EASTERN PILAF**

**To register**  
Phone or text/Whatsapp 07701 304 555  
or email: [hackney@bagsoftaste.org](mailto:hackney@bagsoftaste.org)  
or you can sign up online:  
<https://bagsoftaste.org/students>

parochial charities  
**HPC**

**Are you worried about the rising cost of food and how to eat healthily on a tight budget?**

Then join one of our free, fun cooking courses. Learn how to make delicious, healthy meals from all over the world whilst saving money.

All you need is a kitchen and a phone!

### About the course

- **FREE**, ingredients included\*
- Cook tasty, healthy meals, cheaply
- Get tips on how to budget and save money when you're shopping
- Learn how to waste less

### How does it work?

- We deliver three step-by-step recipes and all the ingredients you need, straight to your door
- Your personal mentor will support you by phone or WhatsApp with lots of tips and advice along the way
- At the end you'll get a free gift of wallet-friendly recipes

### What do I need to do?

- All we ask is that you cook the three recipes and send us photos of your lovely food!

### How long does it take?

- About two weeks but you can work at your own pace

### How do I join?

- Register online: <https://bagsoftaste.org/students>
- Call/WhatsApp **07701 304 555**
- Email [hackney@bagsoftaste.org](mailto:hackney@bagsoftaste.org)

Once we've confirmed your registration we'll contact you to arrange your delivery

**LEARN TO COOK**    **EAT LESS TAKEAWAYS**    **SAVE MONEY**    **IMPROVE HEALTH**    **HAVE FUN**

\*For qualifying participants only



1st half of term: 05.01.26 - 13.02.26

Half term: 16 - 20 Feb 2026

2nd half of term: 23.02.26 - 27.03.26

GREEN TOKEN	Class	Tokens
Rec, Year 1 & 2	1A	111
Year 3 & 4	3J	240
Year 5 & 6	5F	145



### GOLDEN AWARDS

NH - ANAND-RAI  
RPG- AYAZ  
RS - WILLOW

1A - ELLIOT  
1M - SAGA  
2L - CLEMENTINE  
2S- ELIZABETH

3J - WINNIE  
3E - SIENNA  
4A - VIVIEN  
4RA- EKOW  
4RT- ARRON

5E - AMYRA  
5F - SINEAD  
5/6D - FRIDA  
6J- AXEL  
6C - ARU

## POET VISIT INSPIRES OUR YOUNG WRITERS

This week, our school was delighted to welcome **Rakaya Fetuga**, an acclaimed children's poet and spoken word artist, for an exciting day of creativity and imagination linked to the JTP our My Story project.

Throughout the day, classes took part in interactive workshops, exploring rhythm, rhyme, and story-telling. Pupils had the chance to craft their own poems, experiment with language, and express their ideas in fun and original ways. The energy and enthusiasm in the classrooms were incredible, and the children produced some truly inspiring pieces.

Rakaya is going to be with us for a total of 6 days over the coming weeks and we look forward to sharing some of the children's poems.



### POET VISIT CONTINUED.....



## GAYHURST'S PROUD CLOUD

At Gayhurst we live our school rules, particularly;

**Give people a reason to be proud of you.**

It represents how we choose to behave every day.

Across classrooms, the playground, and shared spaces, children are showing what this rule looks like in action. We see kind words being used, safe choices being made, and children taking responsibility for their learning. Whether it's helping a friend, lining up sensibly, or having learning tools ready, these small actions make a big difference.

When children have made people proud they get a proud token to go on our proud wall.

Our proud cloud is full of proud moments.



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### GAYHURST GIRLS FOOTBALL

Well done to the Gayhurst girls football team for not only winning their fixture against Mossbourne Parkside, but keeping a clean sheet in the process, in a 1-0 win. The winning goal was a wonderful free kick scored by **Chanelle** from the edge of the box.



### SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

This week the School Council met to discuss writing. The aim of their latest project is to capture pupil voice about their enjoyment of writing.

The School Council started by giving their own feedback about writing. Some thoughtful responses included: *'I love writing when I am completely in the writing.'* **Ziggy**, 5F and **Chidi**, 6C said *'I enjoy writing when I know I'm successful and I receive praise'*. It was great to get some initial feedback from the School Council.

They will now be taking the survey to classes to find out their views.



### SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS CONTINUED....



### DRUMMING & DANCE PERFORMANCE NEW DATE

Drumming and Dance performances will be on the last day of term, at the following times:

**Friday 27th March\***

10am: **4V, 2S, 6C**

11:30am: **5E, 1A**

\*This is a change from the previously planned date which was for the week before (Friday 20th March) due to the performances clashing with Eid.

### KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

- Thurs 22 Jan** 2L class assembly 3pm
- Thurs 29 Jan** 5F class assembly 3pm
- Thurs 5 Feb** 4RT class assembly 3pm
- w/c **Mon 9 Feb** Creativity Week
- Mon 16—Fri 20 Feb** Half term break
- Thurs 26 Feb** 4V class assembly 3pm
- Thurs 5 March** World Book Day +  
3E class assembly 3pm
- Thurs 12 March** 5/6D class assembly 3pm +  
Y3 & 4 #TAG opening 4:30-6pm
- Thurs 19 March** Parent & Carer Consultations 1:50-7pm  
**School closes at 1:30pm for all children**  
**No clubs or Extended Day**
- Fri 20 March** Comic Relief Fundraising +  
Additional Parent & Carer Consultations  
for NH 1:30-3:30pm
- Tues 24 March** Gymnastics Performances:  
2:40pm-1M & 2L and 3pm- 3E & 6J
- Fri 27 March** Drumming & Dance Performances:  
10am- **4V, 2S & 6C** and 11.30am-**1A & 5E** +  
Last day of Spring term -  
**school closes early at 1.30pm for children**