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# LEAP NEWS

## Friday 1st May 2026

### SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Me gusta jugar al aire libre, es genial en primavera..... *I like to play outside, it's great in the Spring.....*

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

## NEW OFSTED FRAMEWORK & THE INSPECTION THIS WEEK AT GRASMERE SCHOOL



As you may be aware from the news the school inspection service OFSTED have changed the way they do school inspections. All schools are now inspected every

4 years. As you know we all work closely together in the LEAP federation, which is a group of schools that have chosen to work together for the good of all the children in our schools and we are all state maintained schools. Under our shared leadership model previously Gayhurst, Kingsmead and Mandeville have all been graded as Outstanding, which is something we are very proud of for our schools.

Grasmere had its first OFSTED since joining the federation this week and although we can't share the outcome with you until the report is officially published in a few weeks' time, we can tell you we are very happy with the outcome which we think fairly reflects where the school is currently.



Thank you to all the Grasmere parents who completed surveys, which were overwhelmingly positive about the school and how happy your child is there.

Under the new National Framework, schools are no longer given a one-word judgement for their overall effectiveness but are judged on six areas as explained in this short video.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/understanding-ofsted-report-cards-and-grades>

So you can better understand how schools are now inspected and how this will affect your child's school and staff, please take 5 minutes to watch the video.

## CHESS EVENT AT GRASMERE

Grasmere's PTA, FROGS, are holding their annual chess event at Grasmere school on **Friday 15th May**.

Children and families from across **all the LEAP schools** are warmly invited to this event. It will run until 6pm - come when you can!

Tickets are on sale now from the Frogs shop <https://www.friendsofgrasmere.com/shop>

## GRASMERE SCHOOL'S CHESS TOURNAMENT 2026

FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY 3:45-6PM

### CALLING ALL CHESS PLAYERS!

This is your chance to compete (solo or as part of a team) against our very own International Chess Master, Ruth Sheldon, who can play up to 12 teams at once.

Places are limited, so secure your ticket now on [FRIENDSOFGASMERE.COM/SHOP](https://www.friendsofgrasmere.com/shop)

TOURNAMENT TICKET: £5  
CAKES AND DRINKS - CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES - GREAT PRIZES!



## LEAP GO WILD!

### TO CELEBRATE SIR DAVID ATTENBOROUGH'S 100th BIRTHDAY

Next **Friday 8th May** we are inviting the children to dress up as their favourite animal or insect to celebrate David's Attenborough's 100th birthday.

You could dress up in an animal costume, come with a home made mask, or with face paint of your favourite animal, or with a T-shirt featuring an animal or insect you love.

Sir David Attenborough is a writer, broadcaster and naturalist, who was born on 8 May 1926. For the past 70 years he has brought the natural world into our living rooms and classrooms through award-winning natural history programs such as Life on Earth, The Private Life of Plants and The Blue Planet. He has over 40 animals and plant species named after him, and a constellation, he has explored uncharted land and met the remotest people on Earth, inspiring viewers with an interest in the natural world.



# GAYHURST NEWS



## SUMMER TERM 2026

1st half of term: 13.04.26 - 22.05.26

Half term: 25 - 29 May 2026

2nd half of term: 02.06.26 - 17.07.26

**INSET days** - Mon 1 June &  
Mon 20 July

GREEN TOKEN	Class	Tokens
Rec, Year 1 & 2	2L	96
Year 3 & 4	4V	185
Year 5 & 6	5/6D	215



## GOLDEN AWARDS

NH - HUDSON  
RPG - ALVO  
RS - SIENNA

1A - CLIO  
1M - FREDDIE  
2L - ENES  
2S - ULY

3J - SANTIAGO  
3E - STERLING  
4V - AUGUST  
4RA - ANOUK  
4RT - WINNIE

5E - MIRAY  
5F - HANNA  
5/6D - MUHAMMED  
6J - STANLEY  
6C - RUDY

## STEM FAIR

### A Celebration of Curiosity and Creativity

We were delighted to welcome children, families and staff to our recent STEM Fair, which celebrated learning in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths across the school. The event showcased the children's curiosity, creativity and problem-solving skills, and we are incredibly proud of their enthusiasm and achievements.

Each class worked hard in the lead-up to the fair, developing projects that explored real-world problems and scientific ideas. From investigating forces and materials, to designing simple machines and creating sustainable solutions, children demonstrated impressive teamwork and perseverance.

Highlights included hands-on experiments, interactive displays and practical challenges that encouraged children and adults alike to ask questions and think scientifically. It was wonderful to see children supporting one another, celebrating successes and learning from ideas that did not work as planned, an important part of the STEM learning process.

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended and supported the event, and to staff for their time, creativity and organisation. Your encouragement makes a real difference to the children's confidence and enjoyment of learning.



### STEM FAIR CONTINUED.....



## PLAYGROUND RESOURCES

We are looking to enhance our playground area and would be very grateful for any donations of: magnetic letters, board games for 7-10 yr olds and any small world figures (e.g. sea creatures, safari, insects, dinosaurs) that you may no longer need.

These items will help create a more engaging and comfortable environment for our pupils during playtime. If you do have any of these items to donate, please leave them at the main office.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and continued support.

## WE NEED YOU!

Calling parents and carers, we are in need of your recipes!

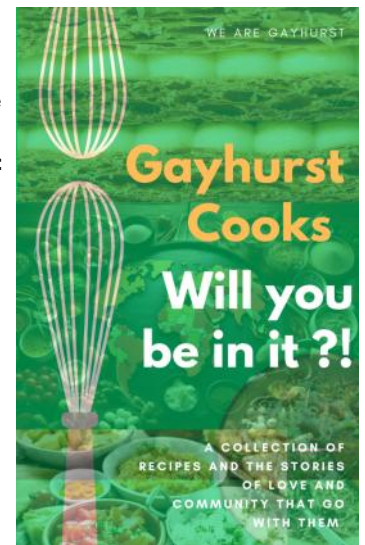
As part of the JTP story project: **Story Exchange: Connecting Cultures Connecting Generations**, we are collating recipes from staff & families to create a Gayhurst Cookbook, which we are going to publish.

It's a lovely way to celebrate who we are as a community and to raise some much needed fund for the school!

Email your recipe to [admin@gayhurst.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:admin@gayhurst.hackney.sch.uk), find paper forms at the office or follow the link below:

[Gayhurst Recipes - Fill in form](#)

We really do appreciate your help.



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### YEAR 4 APPLE STORE TRIPS

Year 4 travelled to Covent Garden this week to take part in a make your own emoji workshop at the Apple Store. The session started with a guess the emoji game, which the children really enjoyed. After that the children were given the opportunity to speak in front of their peers, with a microphone, to explain what their favourite emoji was and why. Finally, they were guided on how to make their own emoji. The children loved the opportunity to be creative and use an apple pen. They experimented with different brushes and colours to create an emoji that was uniquely theirs. The children came up with a wonderful range for emojis, from aliens to koalas.

*"It was fun drawing the emojis."*

**Jessie 4V**

*"It was really fun because we got to be creative!"* **River 4V**



### REC CITY FARM VISIT

This week Reception visited Hackney City Farm. We walked from school through London Fields. When we arrived we had our snack in a beautiful garden with lots of edible and scented plants growing. We really enjoyed the lavender and we saw a blackbird calling from a tree. Next we explored the farm. We saw a pig, lots of sheep and lambs, ducks, chickens sitting on fresh eggs and two donkeys! We pretended we were in the story of Farmer Duck and said some of the lines from the



### REC CITY FARM TRIP

story like, 'How goes the work?' We also met a real farmer called Lola who was cleaning out the muck from the donkeys. Finally we ate our packed lunch and spotted newts in the pond. We had a great day!



### KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

- Mon 4 May** Bank holiday
- Thurs 7 May** 3J class assembly at 3pm
- Fri 8 May** LEAP Go Wild: Dress up as animal or insect for David Attenborough's 100th Birthday!
- Thurs 14 May** RPG class assembly at 3pm
- Tues 19 May** Nursery Sports day am  
Reception, Y1 & Y2 Sports day pm
- Thurs 21 May** 4RA class assembly at 3pm
- Mon 25 - Fri 29 May** Half term break
- Mon 1 June** INSET day- school closed to children
- Mon 1 June - Fri 5 June** Y6 Residential trip
- Tues 2 June** Children return to school for second half of Summer Term
- Thurs 4 June** EYFS & Y1 & Y2 # TAG event 4.30-6pm
- Thurs 11 June** 1M class assembly at 3pm
- Thurs 18 June** RS class assembly at 3pm
- Wed 24 June** Y5 & 6 Sports day pm
- Mon 29 June** Y3 & 4 Sports day pm
- Sat 4 July** COGS Summer Fair
- Mon 6 July** Y6 production at 5pm **6C & 5/6D** group
- Tues 7 July** Y6 production at 5pm **6J & 5/6D** group
- Wed 8 July** Gayhurst Summer BBQ 5—8pm
- Tues 14 July** Gymnastics performances:  
2.30pm for **1A, 4RA & 5/6D** 3pm for **5F & 5E** +  
Y6 Disco 5—6.30pm
- Wed 15 July** Y6 Leavers' assembly at 2.40pm
- Thurs 16 July** Meet the teacher (Rec—Y6) +  
Class parties
- Fri 17 July** Last day of Summer Term—  
**school closes early for children at 1.30pm**  
(no clubs or extended day)