



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



LEAP NEWS

Friday 8th May 2026

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Las flores son bonitas..... *The flowers are beautiful.....*

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



LEAP GO WILD!

To celebrate Sir David Attenborough's 100th Birthday today, children and staff dressed up as their favourite animal or insect today and what an amazing array of animal life we had on show. Happy Birthday David Attenborough and thank you for all you have done for the animal and natural world in your long career!

LEAP GO WILD CONTINUED....



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LEAP CENTRAL TEAM NEWS

There are some organisational changes taking place behind the scenes across the federation. As you know, Grasmere joined the federation this financial year, and from April we have now fully incorporated Grasmere into the combined LEAP budget.

We are really pleased to share that all four schools have been able to set individual in-year balanced budgets. All income for individual schools is spent on the children in that school but by having consolidated budgets we can make great savings on time, purchasing and specialist provision.

Even more encouragingly, our pupil numbers are going against the wider Hackney trend. Numbers have increased over the past year and continue to rise, with all schools operating waiting lists. This is a significant achievement, particularly at a time when many schools locally are seeing numbers fall well below their published admissions. This is a testament to children, parents and staff all working together to ensure our schools continue to be great places of learning and true community hubs.

As part of our continued development as a federation, we are pleased to let you know that **Mel Burrows**, School Business Manager at Grasmere, will now be working across all four schools, overseeing Business Operations. Mel will take on a key role leading on procurement, IT spending, premises compliance, health and safety, and kitchen and catering provision.

Mel will join our team alongside **Louise** (Executive Head) **Parveen** (Finance), **Camilla** (HR), and **Jatin** (Business consultant) and **Emma** (Communications lead). Mel is a fantastic addition to the central team and brings many years of experience in managing these areas across schools in Islington and Hackney. Mel will continue to be mainly based at Grasmere, and Parveen at Mandeville, Emma at Kingsmead with Louise and Camilla moving between schools.



Louise



Mel



Parveen



Camilla



Emma

HACKNEY SCHOOL OF FOOD ON TOUR: A SUFFOLK ADVENTURE!

This June, the Hackney School of Food are packing up our aprons and taking our "Soil to Spoon" ethos on the road! We are incredibly excited to announce that Chef Tom is heading into the heart of the Suffolk countryside for a very special collaboration at Shimpling Park Farm. On **Saturday, 6th June**, the Hackney School of Food will be on tour, joining forces with an amazing collective of regenerative growers, micro-bakers, and local producers for the inaugural **Soil to Feast** event.

The day is designed to be a total immersion into the life cycle of our food. Rather than just watching from the sidelines, you'll be stepping directly into the process. Chef Tom will be leading a series of hands-on cookery classes where guests help craft the very menu we'll enjoy later that evening. You might find yourself mastering a specific dish under Tom's guidance, learning the patient science of sourdough fermentation from onsite baker Dom Biddle or heading out into the fresh air to harvest the micro-greens with Lara from Skool Beans crisp salads, and fragrant herbs that will garnish our plates. And if that wasn't enough, you'll be doing citizen science in the fields and getting creative with soil-based paint and plant-inspired ceramics!

It is a true celebration of the journey from the earth to the dinner table. You'll work alongside fabulous local suppliers to understand how healthy soil creates nutrient-dense food, culminating in a spectacular community banquet at the end of the day—a feast created entirely by the guests themselves.

Whether you are 8 or 80, this is a wonderful opportunity to swap the pavement for the pasture and gain a deeper connection to what we eat. Thanks to generous local funding, tickets are just £25 for adults and £15 for those aged 8–16, covering all your food, materials, and activities. We want this day to be accessible to everyone; if the cost is a barrier for your family, please reach out to Alice at alice@shimplingparkfarm.co.uk to enquire about the limited bursary vouchers.

We have also been speaking to a local transport company who may be able to run a bus from our local train station and back which would mean if any of your kids and their families wanted to come to the farm for the day..... it is possible!

Here is info on which train station to travel to and train times

OUT Liverpool Street 11.36 arrives Sudbury 13.21

RTN Sudbury 20.26 arrives Liverpool Street 22.14

Pack your curiosity (and some sturdy boots) and join us at **Shimpling Park Farm from 1.30pm to 7.30pm** for a day of growing, harvesting, and eating together! More info and booking can be found [here](#).





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 RESULTS	Class	Tokens
Rec, Year 1 & 2	1A	44
Year 3 & 4	3E	190
Year 5 & 6	6J	192



GOLDEN AWARDS

NH - **BEATRICE**
RPG - **ADIL**
RS - **ANYA**

1A - **AMY**
1M - **XANDER**
2L - **MELODY**
2S - **NINA**

3J - **WHOLE CLASS**
3E - **HENDRICKS**
4V - **ELIAS**
4RA - **BO**
4RT - **FELIX**

5E - **VIKTORS**
5F - **JUAN PABLO**
5/6D - **GABRIEL C**
6J - **KAELA**
6C - **MATILDA**

3J's CLASS ASSEMBLY

This week, Class 3J proudly performed their class assembly, taking the audience through "A Week in the Life of 3J." The children showcased their learning across the curriculum, including English work on Tales of Wisdom and Wonder, fractions in maths, and their recent STEM project creating bird feeders. The assembly was full of energy, humour and confidence, with the children particularly enjoying acting out their roles and sharing their talents. All of the children demonstrated excellent teamwork, clear speaking and great enthusiasm throughout. Well done 3J!



FOOTBALL NEWS CONTINUED.....

A huge well done to all the players, and a big thank you to the staff and coaches who have supported and encouraged the team throughout. You are all true role models and have made our school community very proud!

We look forward to cheering you on again soon keep up the fantastic work!



YEAR 6 SATs NEXT WEEK

Next week, from **Monday 11th to Thursday 14th May**, Year 6 will be completing their SATs. Our Year 6 children have been working really hard in preparing for the upcoming statutory tests. To support their preparation, we are encouraging all Year 6 children to attend our SATs Breakfast next week from 8.00am. This is a really lovely opportunity for the children to be together before the start of the day, to enjoy a good breakfast and have time outside. We strongly recommend that all children attend.

It is very important that ALL CHILDREN are in school by 8:55am. Please make sure Year 6 children get lots of sleep and go to bed early so they are rested and ready to reach their full potential.

We are all very proud of all their hard work and preparation and we are looking forward to many exciting reward trips and fun activities in the upcoming weeks.

DOUBLE DELIGHT FOR OUR FOOTBALL STARS!

We are incredibly proud to celebrate two of our Gayhurst football teams, who have achieved an outstanding double victory this season! **John, Sam, Connor, Raph, Jasper, Acai** and **Anouk** played in the Berger boys football tournament and won! **Miray, Lara, John, Sam, Connor, Raph Jasper** and **Acai** played in the Skyway Charity Cup Mixed Girls and Boys and won!

In a fantastic display of teamwork, determination and sportsmanship, our players secured two brilliant wins in their recent matches, showing real resilience and skill from start to finish. Every child gave their all on the pitch, supporting one another and representing our school with pride.

The matches were filled with exciting moments, great goals and excellent defending, all cheered on enthusiastically by staff and supporters. It was wonderful to see the children putting into practice everything they have been learning in training.

YEAR 6 PICNIC ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON

On Friday afternoon Year 6 will be having a picnic in the park to celebrate finishing their SATs. Please remember to bring a packed lunch.

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COGS WINE TASTING SESSION



The recent sparkling wine tasting evening at Gayhurst was a lively and memorable success, bringing together supporters for a fun-filled fundraiser. Organised by CoGS (Community of Gayhurst School), the event welcomed around 30 attendees who gathered to enjoy an evening dedicated to all things bubbly.

Led by James Lockett, a parent at the school and an experienced wine expert, the tasting focused on a delightful range of sparkling wines. From crisp and refreshing styles to richer, more complex varieties, guests were taken on an engaging journey through the world of fizz. James's warm and approachable style kept the atmosphere light and entertaining, whilst sharing his expert knowledge.



As well as being a thoroughly enjoyable event, the evening raised **over £800** for the school, an excellent result and a testament to the generosity and spirit of everyone involved.



ROYAL ACADEMY YOUNG ARTISTS' SUMMER SHOW

Congratulations to **Rosa Turner-Jones (2L)** and **Kit Wilson (6J)**! They both submitted art work which has been successful in making it into the Young Artists' Summer Show 2026 online exhibition. Look out for their work online from July 9th!



KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

- Mon 11 - Thurs 14 May** Yr 6 SATs
- Fri 15 May** Yr 6 Picnic (bring a packed lunch)
- 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)