LEAP NEWS

Friday 4th September 2026

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Bien venidos a la escuela ….. *Welcome to School….*

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

NEWSLETTER WELCOME

Welcome to the first LEAP newsletter of 2026/27. For those who are new to our schools, the LEAP federation sends out a weekly newsletter to all our families, which is made up of two sections:

- **LEAP NEWS** celebrates stories and events from across our schools which we think all our families would enjoy reading about and shares information that may be relevant or useful to all our families.
- **GAYHURST/ MANDEVILLE/ KINGSMEAD/ GRASMERE NEWS,** which carries stories and information that is specifically relevant to each individual school, including a Key Dates section.

Further information about each of the schools in our federation can be found on each school's dedicated website:

Gayhurst - www.gayhurst.hackney.sch.uk
Mandeville - www.mandeville.hackney.sch.uk
Kingsmead - www.kingsmead.hackney.sch.uk
Grasmere - www.grasmere.hackney.sch.uk

LEAP SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMPS

A huge thank you to the staff teams who ran the Kingsmead & Mandeville and Gayhurst & Grasmere Summer Holiday camps for the first three weeks of the summer break. These were very successful, with children enjoying a wide range of different sports and creative activities, including lovely sessions cooking and gardening at the Hackney School of Food.

At Kingsmead and Mandeville's camp, the cycling sessions that were offered two days a week, led by qualified cycling instructors, were very popular, as were the ice skating trips and sessions at the Olympic Park Adventure Playground.

At Gayhurst and Grasmere children enjoyed swimming at London Fields Lido and ice skating trips as well as all the creative and sports activities that were on offer.

Special mention to the Summer Camp kitchen team based in Kingsmead's school Kitchen, (**Shernnett, Ana, Sulania, Elliot** and **Shugri**) who prepared delicious lunches everyday for the children at both Summer Camps.

LEAP SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMPS CONTINUED…..













GAYHURST NEWS

Gayhurst Community School

AUTUMN TERM 2026

1st half of term: **03.09.26 - 23.10.26**

Half term: **26 - 30 October 2026**

2nd half of term: **02.11.26 - 18.12.26**

INSET day - Weds 2 Sept 26

GREEN TOKEN RESULTS	Class	Tokens
Rec, Year 1 & 2		
Year 3 & 4		
Year 5 & 6		

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GOLDEN AWARDS

Watch this space next week, to find out who is given the first Golden Awards for this term

WELCOME BACK GAYHURST!

A very warm welcome back to all our children, families and staff as we begin another exciting school year together.

We hope you have enjoyed a happy, restful summer break and have created many special memories with family and friends. It has been wonderful to see our children return to school with smiling faces, enthusiasm and a readiness to learn.

We would like to extend a particularly warm welcome to the families joining our school community for the first time and our new Reception children. We look forward to getting to know you and working in partnership to support your children's learning, wellbeing and success.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Strong home-school partnerships play a vital role in helping children thrive and we value the positive relationships we share with our families.

We wish everyone a fantastic start to the term and look forward to a successful and enjoyable year ahead.

WELCOME TO NEW STAFF MEMBERS

We are delighted to welcome a few new colleagues to Gayhurst this year. We know they will make a valuable contribution to the life of our school and help our children to thrive. Please join us in giving them a very warm welcome!



Katie - Yr 3 teacher



Jamal - Teaching Assistant

WELCOME TO NEW STAFF MEMBERS CONTINUED.....



Jonathan – Additional teacher in class 5/6R



Chris – Additional teacher in class 4E

KEY DATES THIS TERM

Mon 7 Sept Breakfast Club & Extended Day starts + Meet the teacher 3.45 - 4.45

Tues 8 Sept Gymnastics lessons start for **RS, 1A, 2S, 4E & 4R**

Thurs 9 Sept Yr 5 & 6 swimming lessons start

Fri 10 Sept Drumming & Dance lessons start for **RH, 1G, 2L, 3K & 3J**

Mon 21 Sept Specialist Clubs begin

Wed 7 Oct **4E** class assembly at 3pm

Thurs 8 Oct International Evening 4.30 - 6.30pm

Fri 9 Oct World Mental Health Day - Hello Yellow - option to wear something yellow to school

Thurs 15 Oct **3J** class assembly at 3pm

Wed 21 Oct **2S** class assembly at 3pm

Mon 26—Fri 30 Oct Half term break

Thurs 12 Nov **6C** class assembly at 3pm

Fri 13 Nov Children in need day—option to wear PJs

Mon 16 Nov Anti-Bullying Week starts—option to wear odd socks to celebrate difference

Thurs 19 Nov **5L** class assembly at 3pm

Thurs 26 Nov Parent & Carer Consultation 1.50 - 7pm

School closed at 1.3p for all children
No clubs or Extended Day

Thurs 10 Dec **5/6R** class assembly at 3pm

Fri 11 Dec Drumming & Dance performances 1.45pm for **1G** & **2L**, 2.45pm for **3J** & **3K**

Tues 15 Dec Gymnastics performances: 2.30pm for **2S** & **1A**, 3pm for **4R** & **4E**

Fri 18 Dec Last day of term

School closed at 1.3p for all children
No clubs or Extended Day

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Please remember to inform the main office of any changes to your contact details i.e: home number, mobile phone number, address, or if your child has a medical condition.

WRAPAROUND CARE

It has been lovely to see the children return to Breakfast Club and Extended Day this week. Specialist activity clubs will begin on **Monday 22nd September**. Bookings are made via Arbor parent portal and must be booked in advance. We will accommodate emergency situations wherever possible.



Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club runs from 7.45am to 9am each day. A reminder that there is **no entry** to breakfast club **after 8.30am.** The cost is £4.50 per child. Children enjoy a healthy breakfast of fruit, toast and cereal. They can take part in a wide range of sports activities run by our trained sports coaches, they also have access to arts, crafts and games. Breakfast club must be booked in advance before the start of each session, bookings cannot be made after 7:45am for the same day.

Extended Day

Extended Day runs from 3.30pm to 6pm Monday to Thursday. Friday sessions run until 4:45pm. Children have a range of activities to choose from, including free play, arts and crafts, board games and sports. There are three options available:

Option 1	**3.30 - 4:45pm** Extended Day	£7	**Year 1, Reception & Nursery* children** are collected from the Nursery
Option 2 *Mon – Thu only*	**4.45 - 6pm** Extended Day after Specialist club *Collection is from 5:45pm and the school gate is closed at 6pm*	£7	**All children** collected from the small side gate by RH classroom on **Gayhurst Road**
Option 3 *Mon – Thu only*	**3.30- 6pm** Full Extended Day *Collection is from 5:45pm and the school gate is closed at 6pm*	£10	**All children** collected from the small side gate by RH classroom on **Gayhurst Road**

* Nursery children are only allocated a place at Extended Day following approval from the Early Years Lead (Lisa Clarke). Please email **clubs@gayhurst.hackney.sch.uk** to arrange an appointment to discuss.

WRAPAROUND CARE CONTINUED…….

Children may bring fruit or other healthy snack to eat at the start of their session (crisps, chocolate and sweets are not permitted). Please remember that we are a nut safe school, so snacks cannot contain nuts. Children should also bring a bottle of water.

For more information, see the school website Gayhurst Community School - Wraparound Care or email **clubs@gayhurst.hackney.sch.uk**

All children should be collected promptly at the end of their session or will incur late collection fees. Children not booked into clubs will incur a late booking fee.





SAFE COLLECTION PROCEDURES

The safety of our children is always our highest priority. To help ensure that children are collected safely, each child attending Wraparound Care or Specialist Activity Clubs will be allocated an individual three-word collection password. Parents and carers will be asked to provide this password when collecting their child at the end of a session. Passwords will be sent to families next week.

To support a safe and orderly dismissal, every child must be signed out by the adult leading the session before they leave. We therefore ask parents and carers to be patient at collection times and to form an orderly queue at the collection gate while children are checked off and dismissed.

If there is any uncertainty regarding collection arrangements, or if the collecting adult is unable to provide the child's password, staff will need to verify collection details before the child can be released. In these circumstances, we may ask the adult to wait while checks are carried out, which could mean waiting until all other children have been safely dismissed. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as these procedures are in place to safeguard all children.