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# LEAP NEWS

## Friday 6th March 2026

### SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Los pájaros cantan en la primavera..... *Birds Sing in the Spring.....*

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

## LEAP TRIP TO CINEMA

As part of Spanish week, children in years 3-6 from all four LEAP schools had the exciting opportunity to take part in a special cultural trip to the Rio Cinema in Dalston.

The visit brought our school communities together for a shared cinematic experience, as the children enjoyed a Spanish-language film on the big screen. The event supported their language learning outside the classroom. The children represented their schools brilliantly, showing enthusiasm and excellent behaviour throughout.

*'The environment was enjoyable and exciting. It was nice of the Rio to allow just our schools to watch a movie together.'* **Vivian** - Yr 6 Kingsmead

*'I really liked that I could use my Spanish'* **Isabella** - Grasmere

*'I loved the movie so much, it made me realise you can be yourself and never give up.'* **Sienna** - Grasmere

*'It was absolutely brilliant movie in Spanish'* **Lulu & Taylor** - Mandeville

*'I loved going to the cinema for Spanish Week!'* **Jarrell** Gayhurst.

The trip was a fantastic highlight of Spanish Week to support the learning of new languages and cultures. ¡Qué experiencia fantástica!



## LEAP TRIP TO CINEMA CONTINUED.....



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### HACKNEY SCHOOL OF FOOD

The Hackney School of Food has two new community groups starting up which might be of interest to friends and relatives in the local area:

#### Gardening for Wellbeing Club



#### Who it's for:

Adults aged 18+ in Hackney experiencing mental or physical health challenges or social isolation. No previous gardening experience is required—just enthusiasm and a willingness to get stuck in.

#### What it offers:

10 therapeutic gardening sessions led by an expert garden

facilitator, involving food growing, garden maintenance, and skill-building.

**When & where:** Our productive garden at Hackney School of Food, Oswald Street, **third Wednesday of every month**, (first session Wed 18th of March) 10am–12.30pm.

**Cost:** Free for participants, with an expectation to attend at least the first 5 sessions. Only last few places available now.

To express interest, please ask interested participants to fill out [this form](#).

#### Mornings in Motion

Gentle, low-impact movement sessions aimed at older adults and people who have fewer opportunities to be active, paired with healthy breakfasts, aimed at improving physical wellbeing and social connection.

These will take place on **Saturday mornings once a month, over ten months.**

Find out more [here](#) and please ask interested participants to express interest [here](#).



### POETRY @ LEAP CONTINUES...



## LondonVerse

Our recent poet visits have really captured our love for poetry. LondonVerse is a city-wide celebration of poetry spanning all 33 London boroughs.

Marking the National Year of Reading 2026 - why not share your voice, tell your story, and be part of something extraordinary?

You can take part in LondonVerse by following the instructions below:

#### How It Works

##### 1. Write Your Poem

Create an original poem inspired by London, your community, or any theme that moves you.

##### 2. Submit Online

Use our simple submission form. Select your age category and borough.

##### 3. Review & Selection

Library staff review all submissions. Selected poems are featured on our website.

##### 4. Celebrate

Featured poets may be invited to special events throughout 2026.

Find out more [here](#).

One budding Gayhurst Poet has made it onto the features page with a poem about Gayhurst. You can find his poem here: [LondonVerse – Poetry Across London](#)

### LEAP SPRING HOLIDAY CAMPS



A four day Spring Holiday camp will be running at **Gayhurst**, for **Gayhurst** and **Grasmere** children and at **Kingsmead** for **Kingsmead** and **Mandeville** children on **Monday 30th March through to Thursday 2nd April**. The camps

will run from 10– 2pm and will be staffed by school staff running a range of fun activities including sports and games, art activities, gardening sessions and more. The holiday camps will be for children from Reception class to Year 6.

Each school will be sharing further information about the camps and how to register your child today or Monday next week.



## SPRING TERM 2026

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 POINTS	Class	Points	TOP ATTENDANCE
Phase 1 (EYFS)	Rabbit/	128	Ocean 98.1% Mars 98%
Phase 2	Ocean	104	
Phase 3	Mercury	92	



## WEEKLY CLASS AWARDS

**Rabbit class** (2-3 Nur) Liyana Imran  
**Hedgehog class** (3-4 Nur) Josiah  
**Squirrel class** (Rec) Nolan  
**Owl class** (Rec) Eliana  
**Ocean class** (Yr 1) Violetta & Jamal

**River class** (Yr 2) Mason & Sully  
**Jupiter class** (Yr 3) Taj & Millie  
**Mercury class** (Yr 4) Xia & Basma  
**Mars class** (Yr 5) Jayden & Ameerah  
**Venus class** (Yr 6) Adam & Amirah

## WORLD BOOK DAY

Mandeville celebrated an absolutely amazing and wonderfully creative World Book Day this year, with staff and children filling the corridors as a whole host of storybook characters. From every Harry Potter imaginable to fairy-tale favourites like Cinderella and Jack, the school was alive with colour and imagination. We were also thrilled to see characters from books with heroes such as The Gruffalo's Child, Amari and the Night Brothers, Hair Love, Anansi the Spider, and The Last Bear. Adding even more excitement, every child had the chance to choose two books to take home and enjoy, sparking thoughtful browsing and animated discussions about new stories to explore.

The fun didn't stop there: members of the senior leadership team were mysteriously nowhere to be seen, but in their place the full cast of Little Red Riding Hood was spotted roaming the school! Fantastic staff outfits added extra magic to an already brilliant day. We loved seeing everyone embrace the joy of reading and storytelling so wholeheartedly. Well done to all our pupils and staff for making World Book Day at Mandeville such a vibrant, inclusive, and memorable celebration!

*'As teachers, we were so moved by the excitement for stories—World Book Day wasn't just a celebration; it was a reminder of how powerful and inclusive reading can be and thank goodness Little Red Riding Hood wasn't eaten by the Wolf!'*

**Lisa**

*'Celebrating the power of reading fuelled everyone's imaginations. World Book Day is just the best!'*

**James**

*'There was such a great atmosphere all day; everywhere you turned, children were sharing favourite books, spotting characters, and reminding us why reading brings our whole school community together.'*

**Ellie**

*'It was brilliant, and so comforting to know we have so many superheroes in our community!'*

**Curtis**



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### POP UP BOOK SHOP

Thanks to the Children's Book Project charity, Mandeville was delighted to be able to create a pop up book shop this week. The charity provided a stunning collection of beautifully printed resources, along with donated books, to help us host a fun, inclusive, and memorable gifting event. Our hall was transformed into a vibrant book haven, with shelves filled with a full range of genres—from fascinating non-fiction science texts to gripping adventure stories, inspiring footballer biographies, historical tales, and so much more. The project created a wonderfully inviting space where every child could explore and discover books that truly excited them.

Throughout the day, children from Nursery all the way up to Year Six had the chance to browse the collection and choose two books each to take home and keep, completely free of charge. The atmosphere was buzzing with chatter, curiosity, and joy as pupils compared their finds and recommended favourites to one another. To make the occasion even more magical, the event fell on World Book Day, so our shelves were explored by a host of wizards, superheroes, animals, and storybook characters! A huge thank-you goes to our wonderful Reading Champions, whose help in organising and running the event made the day run smoothly and added to the excitement for everyone.

*'Watching every child browse, discuss, and select their own books was a true highlight—World Book Day gave them a sense of ownership and joy that was fantastic to witness.'* **Marc**



### JRSO TRAINING

Our Junior Road Safety Officers recently had an exciting and inspiring day at the TfL Explorers seminar, where they learned all about how to encourage safer, more active, and independent travel within our school community. Throughout the day, they took part in a range of workshops and discussions led by TfL staff, exploring creative ways to promote road safety and active travel to their peers. The seminar gave them the chance to work alongside JRSOs from other schools, sharing ideas and learning new strategies to bring back to Mandeville.

The children threw themselves into every challenge and task set, from planning awareness activities to problem-solving real-life travel scenarios. Their enthusiasm, teamwork, and commitment shone through as they represented our school with confidence and pride. By the end of the day, they had gathered a wealth of ideas to help make journeys to and from school safer and more sustainable for everyone. We are incredibly proud of their participation and hard work—well done, JRSOs!



### SAVE THE DATE: MANDEVILLE'S INTERNATIONAL EVENING

Tickets will go on sale next **Wednesday 11th March**, for Mandeville's International Evening which takes place **on Wednesday 25th March, 4:30–7pm.**

Adults £2 | Children £1 (Free ticket if you bring a dish to share or perform.)

Your ticket includes a plate of delicious nibbles and small bites from different cultures, prepared by members of our school community. Come and celebrate the many cultures and heritages that make up our community. We hope to see you there!

### KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

**Thurs 12 March** Yr 1 phonics screening meeting for parents 4-4.30pm

**Wed 18 March** Parent & Carer consultations — **school closes early at 1.30pm for children**

**Wed 25 March** Mandeville's International Evening 4.30 - 7pm

**Fri 27 March** Last day of Spring term - **school closes early at 1.30pm for children**

**Mon 30 March to Thurs 2 April** - Mandeville & Kingsmead Spring Holiday camp 10 - 2pm daily