



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



LEAP NEWS

Friday 13th February 2026

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Necesito mi abrigo y mi sombrero.... *I need my coat and hat.....*

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

ROYAL ACADEMY'S YOUNG ARTISTS SUMMER SHOW REMINDER

A reminder to families that the deadline for submitting children's artwork to the Royal Academy's prestigious Young Artists Summer Show is **4th March 2026**.

Half term could be the perfect opportunity for your child to get creative and produce some artwork to submit to the Royal Academy's Young Artists show with the chance of it getting selected for the online or physical exhibition later this summer.

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.

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.



LEAP STAFF GOVERNOR ELECTED

We are delighted to share that we have a newly appointed staff member on our LEAP Governing Body. After members of staff nominated themselves for the role, an election was carried out to decide on our new staff member. **Winnie Cox** has been successfully appointed to this position. Winnie is currently a Year 6 teacher at Grasmere, and has previously been a teacher at Gayhurst

LEAP STAFF GOVERNOR ELECTED CONTINUED.....

for twenty years. Being such a dedicated member of our LEAP team, showing such commitment to our children and families, we know that Winnie will be an asset to our Governance team, as we continue in our strategic work for the federation.



FREE HALF TERM FAMILY ACTIVITIES AT HACKNEY LIBRARIES

There are a range of different drop in family activities being offered across Hackney's libraries this half term for children aged 5–11 including:

- Making Your Own Book at the Stamford Hill Library on **Tues 17 Feb at 2– 4pm** and Woodberry Down Library on **Wed 18 Feb from 3—4.30pm** for ages 6+
- Collage Your Favourite Books activity at Dalston CLR James Library on **Mon 16 Feb at 11am - 12** for ages 5+
- Make a Hiccup-inspired Shield at Homerton Library on **Mon 16 Feb at 4-5pm** for ages 6+
- Plant a Beanstalk at Clapton Library on **Tues 17 Feb at 11am-12** for all ages
- Share your Love of Books by creating a poster at Hackney Central Library on **Tues 17 Feb at 4-5.30pm** for ages 6+
- The Magic Book Circle - an interactive storytelling event on **Thurs 19 Feb at 3-4pm** for ages 5-11
- Children's Classic Storytime storytelling session on **Fri 20 Feb at 3-4pm** for ages 6+

You can find out more information on all these workshops [here](#).



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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/	68	Ocean 98.4% Jupiter 99%
Phase 2	Ocean	202	
Phase 3	Jupiter	331	



WEEKLY CLASS AWARDS

Rabbit class (2-3 Nur) Evalina
Hedgehog class (3-4 Nur) Whole class
Squirrel class (Rec) Whole class
Owl class (Rec) Whole class
Ocean class (Yr 1) Whole class

River class (Yr 2) Halima and Safwan
Jupiter class (Yr 3) Christy & Dallas
Mercury class (Yr 4) Kaitlyn and Ismael
Mars class (Yr 5) Jahvari & Aliza
Venus class (Yr 6) Ayhan & Zain

CREATIVITY WEEK AT MANDEVILLE

Creativity Week has been a truly enjoyable and engaging experience for all our pupils, filled with a wonderful variety of artistic skills, media, and techniques. The children have absolutely loved every second and demonstrated fantastic teamwork throughout each activity. We are incredibly proud of every class for their enthusiasm, imagination, and dedication. We cannot wait to see the final displays brighten our school corridors!

'I carved a pattern' - Enea, Reception class

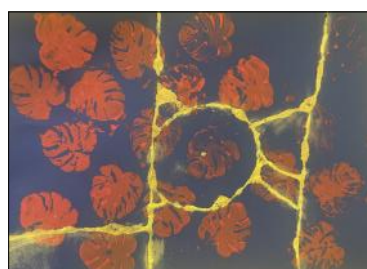
'I used stars on my dragon' - Reuben, Reception class

'I am going to print my leaf three times' - Rihanna, Yr 1

'Adding the beads at the end was really fun' Findlay G, Yr 1

'I loved using the gold paint to add detail to my pattern' - Jesse, Yr 2

'I love my mask! I used pink because it's my favourite colour' - Diamond, Yr 2



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CREATIVITY WEEK CONTINUED....



RECEPTION CLASS ASSEMBLY

Our Reception class assembly celebrating The Lunar New Year was fantastic! The children performed with such confidence and enthusiasm. It was amazing to welcome so many families who came to support and celebrate with us, making the occasion even more special.



RECEPTION CLASS ASSEMBLY CONTINUED.....

We are so proud of all the children for their brilliant performance, well done!

"Thank you to the reception team and staff for putting on such an amazing performance. The children were confident and they made us all smile." - Reception parent

"I had so much fun. The dragon was the best." - Jeremiah, Squirrel class



MEADOW SOWING SESSION IN HALF TERM WITH HACKNEY BUZZLINE

Hackney Buzzline will be sowing wildflower meadows along the railings of **Ashbourne Court, Mandeville Street, on Monday Feb 23rd from 3pm**. Families are very welcome to come and join in and help sow some seeds, to create a pollinator friendly meadows for the Spring and Summer. Meet at Ashbourne Court 3pm.



KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

- Mon 16—Fri 20 Feb** Half term break
- Thurs 5 March** World Book Day
- 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