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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 15TH 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 [FRIENDSOFGRASMERE.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.





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 POINTS

Class	Points	TOP ATTENDANCE
Phase 1 (EYFS)	Squirrel	65
Phase 2	Ocarn	82
Phase 3	Jupiter	391
		River 97.9%
		Venus 98.7%



WEEKLY CLASS AWARDS

Rabbit class (2-3 Nur) Coskun
Hedgehog class (3-4 Nur) Ibrahim
Squirrel class (Rec) Mya
Owl class (Rec) Theo
Ocean class (Yr 1) Elif & Zoya

River class (Yr 2) Dejhari & Lilian
Jupiter class (Yr 3) Millie & Jonathan
Mercury class (Yr 4) Marley & Iqra
Mars class (Yr 5) Merita & Ali
Venus class (Yr 6) Damilare & Nevaeh

STEM FAIR

Our STEM fair took place this week, with a strong focus on sustainability. EYFS children explored bubbles by making their own lava lamps, while also investigating ice and how it forms. Year 1 children proudly presented their recycled planters for growing plants, and in Year 2, pupils designed and built their own bug hotels. Year 3 created bird feeders to place in the school garden. In Year 4, children showcased their wind turbines to families, explaining which blade design harnessed the wind most effectively. Year 5 pupils designed and constructed flood-resistant houses, and Year 6 worked collaboratively to build a model sustainable city.

This year, it was particularly notable how meticulous the children were in both their planning & construction, resulting in work of an exceptionally high quality. Staff were especially proud of the interpersonal skills demonstrated throughout the week, including resilience, teamwork, & interdependence.



The children confidently shared their learning with visitors, & families also enjoyed exploring other



STEM FAIR CONTINUED.....

investigations such as extreme chemical reactions and how refraction works.



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MANDEVILLE'S DUCKLINGS

Two weeks ago, Mandeville welcomed five duck eggs, and what followed captured the imagination of the entire school. Over the days that followed, children eagerly observed each stage of development, sharing a real sense of awe and wonder as the ducklings hatched before their eyes.



From Nursery through to Year 6, every child had the opportunity to engage with and care for our five fluffy visitors before they moved on to their new home. This special experience inspired curiosity about the natural world, encouraged a sense of responsibility, and created meaningful, hands-on learning that will stay with the children long after the ducklings have gone.



YEAR 5'S SPORTS TRIP

Unfortunately, our Year 5 trip to UEL was unable to go ahead due to transport strikes. However, that didn't stop Mars Class from enjoying a fantastic day out packed with fun and activity!

As a brilliant alternative, we headed to Hackney Marshes, where the children took part in football matches, handstand competitions, gymnastics and dance activities, as well as a whole-class game of kick rounders. We also enjoyed our packed lunches together during a lovely whole class picnic. Although we didn't make it to UEL, it was still a wonderful school trip and a memorable day out for everyone!



NEW LITTLE SEEDLINGS ON HACKNEY MARSHES

Join the Garden Classroom every Tuesday morning (10-11:30am) for our Little Seedlings sessions at the beautiful River Lea Place, for **pre-school children**.

It's the perfect place to enjoy outdoor play and meet fellow local families in a space encouraged specifically for nature to thrive all thanks to our collaboration with Renature.

For more information or if you're struggling to find the location then please contact

Cat : cat.jones@thegardenclassroom.org.uk

LITTLE SEEDLINGS

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Nature Connection for Under 5's and their parents/carers in Hackney

Join us for Little Seedlings River Lea Place at Hackney Marshes on Tuesdays. We'll be in the woodland off the main path, a 5 minute walk from Hackney Marshes Centre (E9 5PF), follow the blackboard signs!

Tuesdays 10-11:30am (Free, no need to book!)

April 21st, 28th
 May 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th
 June 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th
 July 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th

Hackney MAYOR OF LONDON TGC The Garden Classroom



IRISH-INSPIRED COOKING WORKSHOP

We had such a lovely time hosting an Irish-inspired cooking workshop at the Hackney School of Food, right here at Mandeville Primary School. It was great to see so many families come along to cook, learn something new, and enjoy time together. Everyone got stuck in making a traditional Irish stew and baking fresh soda bread from scratch, using simple, natural ingredients. The atmosphere was really warm and welcoming, with families cooking side by side, sharing skills, and having fun along the way. Once everything was ready, we all sat down to eat together in the sunshine, making the most of the beautiful weather. It was a really special moment – full of laughter, conversations, and (of course) some very tasty food. Thank you Chef Yvonne for leading the session. The workshop was part of the Justin Thompson Project (JTP), which helps bring families together through shared experiences like this. We are thrilled that so many families took part and are already looking forward to the next event.

Here's what some of our parents and children had to say:

"It's so nice for the Irish Traveller community to get involved with the school, we really enjoyed this project."

Geraladine, Jonathan's mum

"It is nice to have our community get involved, so you can understand us better and we feel very welcome."

Helen, Paddy's mum
"I loved cooking with my mum, it was so much fun."

"The Justin Thompson Project is so important because it creates opportunities like this for families to come together."



IRISH-INSPIRED COOKING WORKSHOP CONTINUED.....

Seeing parents, carers and children getting involved, cooking, and enjoying time together really helps strengthen that sense of community around the school."

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KEY DATES THIS TERM

- Mon 4 May** Bank holiday
- Thurs 7 May** Y1 class assembly
- Fri 8 May** LEAP Go Wild: Dress up as animal or insect for David Attenborough's 100th Birthday!
- Thurs 21 May** Y2 class assembly
- Mon 25 - Fri 29 May** Half term break
- Mon 1 June** INSET day– school closed to children
- Tues 2 June** Children return to school for second half of Summer Term
- Thurs 11 June** Y3 class assembly
- Thurs 9 July** Summer BBQ
- Mon 13 July** Drumming & dance performance (timings TBC)
- Tues 14 July** Sports Day for Rec to Y6
- Weds 15 July** Y6 production, 5pm
- Thurs 16 July** Y6 leavers disco (after 3.30, exact timings TBC)
- Fri 17 July** Last day of Summer Term - **school closes early for children at 1.30pm**