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LEAP NEWS

Friday 8th May 2026

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

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

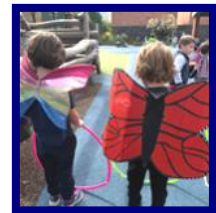
Kingsmead, Gayhurst, Mandeville & Grasmere Primary Schools working in partnership



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](#).





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)	Rabbit/	78	River 98.3% Mars 99.4%
Phase 2	River	106	
Phase 3	Venus	154	



WEEKLY CLASS AWARDS

Rabbit class (2-3 Nur)	Jesse & Evalina
Hedgehog class (3-4 Nur)	Johnny
Squirrel class (Rec)	Dilara
Owl class (Rec)	Amayia -Rae
Ocean class (Yr 1)	Whole class

River class (Yr 2)	Salma & Ahmet
Jupiter class (Yr 3)	Ayaaz & Resharn
Mercury class (Yr 4)	Ibrahim & Jayden K
Mars class (Yr 5)	Darragh & Ariam
Venus class (Yr 6)	Taeyah-Mae & Teylan

YEAR 3 ENJOY DAY AT HSOF

Our children recently enjoyed a fantastic hands-on cooking experience at Hackney School of Food, kindly supported by Tesco, who provided a wonderful selection of fresh and delicious fruit.

During the session, the children worked collaboratively in small groups to prepare a savoury dish and a sweet treat. They made courgette, sweetcorn and sorrel fritters, developing a wide range of cooking and preparation skills including chopping, grating, peeling and mixing. It was wonderful to see the children confidently using these skills and supporting one another throughout the process. The children also created a colourful fruit salad using a variety of seasonal fruits, learning about the importance of fresh ingredients and balanced diets. They particularly enjoyed exploring new flavours and combinations.

As part of the learning, pupils were introduced to new ingredients and concepts, including herbs such as sorrel and the origins of spices like paprika. This sparked lots of curiosity and discussion about where food comes from and how it is used in different cuisines.

Throughout the session, the children demonstrated excellent teamwork, taking turns, sharing resources and encouraging each other. We were incredibly proud of their enthusiasm, cooperation and dedication.

Everyone absolutely loved the experience, and it was a joy to see such engagement with healthy eating and cooking. A huge thank you to the School of Food and Tesco for making this memorable opportunity possible!

'I love cooking because it's so much fun' - **Christy**

'We get to work with people you don't normally work with and when you cook together you can become friends' - **Jahkhel**

'It's exciting and I know it's going to taste so nice' - **Taj**

'I mixed the courgette and onions and garlic and the onion made me cry, it was so funny' - **Destiny**

'I learnt all about how to strip the leaves from the thyme' - **Ayaaz**

'We had the challenge of making sure we didn't touch our eyes after touching the onion because it would burn' — **Esila**

YEAR 3'S DAY AT HSOF CONINUED...

'We did quite a lot of cutting, chopping and we grated the courgette carefully and used scissors for the sorrel. That was the first time I'd ever seen or heard of sorrel. It was all really fun because I love cooking' - **Taylor**

'I love the school of food because it's really fun & spending time together somewhere different to the classroom is nice. The garden is so nice too' - **Helen Marie**





YEAR 1 CLASS ASSEMBLY

The Snail and the Whale

A huge well done to Year 1 for their outstanding class assembly, where they delivered a fantastic retelling of The Snail and the Whale by Julia Donaldson. The children performed with confidence and enthusiasm, taking the audience on a magical journey across icy icebergs, towering trees, vibrant rainforests and even the sky.

Their performance was beautifully enhanced by their central song, What a Wonderful World by Louis Armstrong, which perfectly captured the spirit of their adventure. Through their storytelling, Year 1

shared important messages about friendship, teamwork and courage.

It was a joy for Mandeville to watch such a wonderful showcase of talent, creativity and hard work. We are incredibly proud of all the children — well done, Year 1!



YEAR 6 FUN RUN

Year 6 pupils at Mandeville Primary School laced up their trainers for an exciting Fun Run to raise money for their upcoming school residential! Pupils challenged themselves to run as many laps as they could in just 20 minutes, showing determination, teamwork, and plenty of school spirit. As a class, they ran over 400 laps!!! If you would like to and are able to donate then please do so using the QR code below. All support will make a huge difference in helping Year 6 create lasting memories on their residential trip.

Thank you for supporting our amazing runners!



YEAR 6 SAT's NEXT WEEK

Next week, from **Monday 11th May-Thursday 14th May**, Year 6 will be completing their SATs. Our Year 6 pupils have worked extremely hard all year and they are well prepared for these upcoming statutory tests. To enhance their preparation we are offering free Y6 special breakfast club places for every year 6 pupil from Monday 11th May-Thursday 14th May. We will have a warm and nutritious breakfast, refreshments and a calm and supportive atmosphere - children can come along anytime from 8:10am.

It is especially important that ALL CHILDREN are in school by 8.50am latest. Please make sure Year 6 children get lots of sleep 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 reward trips and fun activities in the forthcoming weeks.

KEY DATES THIS TERM

- Mon 11 - Thurs 14 May** Yr 6 SATs
- 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**