



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



LEAP NEWS

Friday 15th May 2026

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

¿Puedo rellenar mi botella de agua? *Can I refill my water bottle?.....*

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

BBC NEWSROUND EXPERIENCE AT GRASMERE!



Last week, **Teddy Reid** (Year 6) and **Sienna Freeman** (Year 5), from Grasmere had a once-in-a-lifetime adventure. BBC Newsround needed two children to

interview the stars of the new Stars Wars film and also attend the premiere at Leicester Square, so both Teddy and Sienna took part in this exciting opportunity.

The excitement began with an invitation to attend the new Star Wars film premiere, where they both caught their first glimpse of the new Star Wars movie. The following morning, they both travelled to Claridge’s Hotel in London, and were BBC Newsround reporters for the day. They were given the extraordinary opportunity to interview the film’s stars, **Pedro Pascal** and **Sigourney Weaver**, hearing first-hand what it’s really like to be part of the Star Wars universe.

For both Teddy and Sienna, it was an unforgettable experience from movie premieres, five-star hotels and Hollywood stars — all in the space of 24 hours.

Teddy said: *“It was so amazing; Pedro Pascal was really funny. The director even gave us a special ‘crew only’ gift to take home, it was very special”.*

Sienna said *“I loved going to the premiere of the movie! I felt like a celebrity”.*



Meeting actress Sigourney Weaver



The children meeting film star Pedro Pascal

PTO

HACKNEY SCHOOL OF FOOD

CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY FEAST

on **Thursday 21 May from 6.30—8.30pm** at Hackney School of Food

Hackney School of Food is hosting a community feast, a welcoming evening of generous sharing plates and cultural connections. Chef Lara Luck who specialises in Caribbean cooking and family friendly meals is serving a Caribbean-inspired seasonal menu full of bold flavours.

Sit and enjoy the meal, gather around our fire pits and meet neighbours around the table. Families welcome

Tickets: Hackney School of Food is offering pay-what-you-can tickets. Get yours via this link:

<https://www.ticketsource.com/hackneyschooloffood/tjxxojdx>

MAY HALF TERM COOKING CLUB

We're pleased to invite families who have previously booked supported spaces in our school clubs or family cooking to join our May Half Term programme at Hackney School of Food.

Dates: **Tuesday 26th, Wednesday 27th, Thursday 28th and Friday 29th May**

Location: **Oswald Street, London E5 0BT**

Time: **10:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

[Book here](#)

Each day children will take part in hands-on cooking, gardening, and creative outdoor learning. Across the 26th to 28th May, children will split their time between the kitchen and garden, exploring how food grows, taking part in seasonal gardening activities, and cooking fresh, seasonal dishes. They will also enjoy a homemade lunch prepared together each day.

On Friday 29th May, the session will be slightly different in focus. Children will take part in a special workshop day sponsored by Aqua de Madre exploring

MAY HALF TERM COOKING CLUB CONTINUED....

fermentation, cooking, and food-based creativity. Activities include making kimchi, exploring natural food dyes, cooking lunch together, and creating a tie-dye t-shirt to take home. Parents are invited to join at 2:15pm for a short showcase at the end of the day.

[Book for Friday here](#)

Due to high demand for supported places, we are currently able to offer one free place per child on one day only. If additional spaces become available closer to the dates, we will contact families on this list.

If you would like to book, please email us back at this email address hello@hackneyschooloffood.com with informing us which day you would like to book (26th, 27th, 28th or 29th May) and the number of children in your household you would like to book for.

Please note that supported tickets are only available to children who are eligible for Free School Meals. If you are not eligible, you are welcome to book a standard place at £40 per day.

We look forward to welcoming your children to May Half Term at School of Food.

LONDON FIELDS LIDO HALF TERM SWIMMING LESSONS

For more information and to book session please click on [this link](#) or scan the QR code on the poster below.



MONDAY 25TH MAY - FRIDAY 29TH MAY

MAY HALF TERM CHILDREN'S SWIMMING LESSONS

BOOST YOUR CHILD'S SWIMMING SKILLS WITH MAY HALF TERM SHORT COURSES WITH SOLA AT LONDON FIELDS LIDO!

FOUNDATION AGE 4+ 9.00-9.30

DEVELOPMENT 15M+ 9.30-10.00

SCAN TO BOOK

BOOK NOW VIA BETTER UK APP OR WEBSITE



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)	Owl	172	Ocean 98.5% Mercury 98.8%
Phase 2	Ocean	168	
Phase 3	Venus	251	



WEEKLY CLASS AWARDS

Rabbit class (2-3 Nur)	Evalina
Hedgehog class (3-4 Nur)	Celestina
Squirrel class (Rec)	Enea
Owl class (Rec)	Eliana
Ocean class (Yr 1)	Rafferty & Zoya

River class (Yr 2)	Kalel & Issa
Jupiter class (Yr 3)	Sabrina & Helen Marie
Mercury class (Yr 4)	Dave & Malu
Mars class (Yr 5)	Alias & Sh'mya
Venus class (Yr 6)	Whole Class

YEAR 4's POLLINATOR COURSE

Year 4 have been taking part in a series of workshops this half term with a team from Eco-active. The aim has been to inspire the class and teach them how to care for our local environment as well as to learn about the amazing pollination that takes place due to our bee's.

"Without bees, we wouldn't have loads of flowers or fruit." - **Ellie-May**. We even plan to install an observational bee box in our playground in order to learn more about the life-cycle of an independent bee throughout the year.

"I want to see the bees making their homes." - **Kassain**.

Some children have been lucky enough to practice their planting skills in our school playgrounds and we all investigated what other plants we have growing there.



WELL DONE YEAR 6!

A huge well done to our Year 6 children for the fantastic way they approached SATs week. They showed real determination, maturity and resilience throughout the week and should feel incredibly proud of themselves after many months of hard work and preparation.

The calm, positive attitude they brought to each day was lovely to see and they represented Mandeville brilliantly. After the half-term break, they will be heading off on their residential trip to Kench Hill during the week beginning 1st June, which I know will be a fantastic experience for them all. We are also looking forward to an exciting final half-term together, with plenty of memorable learning opportunities, trips and celebrations as our Year 6 children prepare for the next stage of their journey.



HACKNEY MOVES RACE

Mandeville Primary School — HACKNEY — **HACKNEY MOVES FESTIVAL**

SUPPORT TEAM MANDEVILLE!

Mandeville Primary School community are taking part in this year's Hackney Moves Festival and we are looking for your support!

- We have a group of children from the school taking part in the Hackney Schools Challenge.
- This **SATURDAY 16 MAY**
- The MDV Helping Hands have set up a fundraising page for those taking part. Please feel free to share with friends or family.

All support appreciated whether through donations or coming to cheer the team on the day.

Every cheer makes a difference!

You can support our team here:
<https://www.goodhub.com/go/mdv-helping-hands-209250>

KEY DATES THIS TERM

- Thurs 21 May** Y2 class assembly 3pm
- 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
- Tues 2 -Fri 5 June** Y6 Residential trip
- Thurs 11 June** Y3 class assembly 3pm
- Thurs 9 July** Summer BBQ 4.30—7.30pm
- 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**